

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday, 12/29/24**  
10 AM: 123

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**12/29/24**  
General Fund: \$58,843.14  
December Mission Emphasis  
Morgan Cares: Total: \$3,474.02

**Financial Giving:** It is an honor to do God's ministry together. Please make checks payable to "Madison FUMC." Madison FUMC also offers online payment options through the church website - [www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com).

## Happening this Week

Sunday, January 5th	Location
8:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast Mtg	Epworth Youth Center
10 AM Traditional Worship Service	Wesley Building
5 PM Women's Book Club	E:202
Monday, January 6th	
6 PM Cub Scout Pack 5391: Den Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
6 PM SE District Epiphany Party	Wesley Building
Wednesday, January 8th	
1 PM Dominos	Epworth Youth Center
6 PM YogaFaith: Gentle Yoga	Wesley Building
7 PM Chancel Choir practice	Asbury Building
7:30 PM Praise Band practice	Wesley Building

A nursery is available for small children and a Children's Church program for ages 3 years to 2nd Grade during worship; the greeters can direct you to these programs if you are interested. Children are equally welcome to stay with their parents during the worship service.

### BECOMING A MEMBER

If you are considering becoming a member of Madison First United Methodist Church, please email Pastor Zack at [zack@madisonfumc.com](mailto:zack@madisonfumc.com) or call the church office: 706-342-3325. You may join by transferring your membership from another United Methodist church or from another denomination or on Profession of Faith. Any Sunday is a great day to join!



### Have you downloaded the Instant Church Directory App?

This App is a great tool to get to know your congregation. If you haven't done so, submit your email address to the church office, so that you can have access to the directory. For more details, contact the Church office at 706-342-3325.

**January 5, 2025**



*The Altar Flowers today are  
in loving memory of Henry Wheaton  
given by his family.*

### 2025 Flower Calendar

The flower calendar is available online to sign up for altar flowers in 2025. Go to [www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com), click on Calendars & Events or call the church office to sign up.

### Save the Date for a Church Wide Retreat January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am - 3 pm

You're invited to join our church leadership and staff for our second annual church-wide retreat on Saturday, January 25th 9am to 3pm in the Wesley Building. At the beginning of the year, we gather as a church to plan strategic ministry priorities for the upcoming year. Together, we will take time to prayerfully consider what we would like to strengthen, change, or leave as is in our church programming. Examples include, changes to worship services, education opportunities, nurture programs and mission work. We will also discuss our campus buildings and grounds maintenance structure. Come and be a part of this creative and focused work session! A complimentary soup and sandwich lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 19th so we can be prepared for you. Call 706-342-3325 to RSVP or email [debbie@madisonfumc.com](mailto:debbie@madisonfumc.com).

### Disciple Fast Track - The New Testament

Join Rev. Zack Martin in a 12-week study and dive into the books of the New Testament. This "fast track" version is ideal for busy people who want to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their schedule. Whether you are a long time Bible reader or it's your first time diving in, this study is for you! Orientation meetings are Wednesday January 22nd at 10AM or Monday January 27th at 5:30PM in the Asbury Gathering Room. You can purchase your books online and scholarships are available! Scan the QR code here or visit our website to register today!



**MADISON FIRST**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### WELCOME

It is a joy to worship with you today. If this is one of your first visits to Madison First United Methodist Church, please fill out a Communication Card and place it in the Offering plate or give to staff person.

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

9 AM Contemporary ~ Wesley Building  
11 AM Traditional ~ Asbury Building  
Senior Pastor ~ Rev. Zack Martin

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 AM - 4 PM

Monday-Thursday

Church Office: 706-342-3325

296 South Main Street

Madison, GA 30650

[www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com)



For our guests, new members and current members— let us know how we can help you! Scan the QR code to complete a communication card today! This will help us connect and get you plugged into the life of the church! Or simply use this to let us know how we are doing, drop a song request or suggestion!

**Epiphany Sunday ~ January 5, 2025**

**Pianist:** Lenae Rose **Organist:** Alexandra Dunbar

**Acolytes:** Eliza Stewart and Copeland Yinger

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 10 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NUMBER 219 *“What Child Is This”*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NUMBER 881 *“The Apostles’ Creed”*

\*THE GLORIA PATRI NUMBER 70

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

ANTHEM *“Joy”*

\*THE DOXOLOGY NUMBER 95

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*\*\*CHILDREN’S CHURCH for children 3 years old through 2nd grade*

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Matthew 2:1-12

*“The Word of God for the people of God.”*

Response— **“Thanks be to God.”**

SERMON "What Gift Can I Bring" by Rev. Zack Martin

WESLEYAN COVENANT LITURGY

HOLY COMMUNION pages 12 and 17

\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 254 *“We Three Kings”*

\*BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

\*Those that are able please stand.

**FIRST KIDS FOR CHILDREN**

3 years old up to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Jen Zappa, Director of Children’s Ministry and Preschool

Jen@madisonfumc.com • 404-451-7380

**First Kids | Sundays | 5 pm - 7 pm**

Next First Kids will be January 12th!

**First Kids Friend Day | February 2nd**

Bring a friend to church today!

**YOUTH GROUP**

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

**Youth Polar Plunge ~ January 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 5 pm - 7 pm**

Hosted by Joe and Kathryn Cardwell

**Youth High School Devotion ~ January 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 am**

Meet at Chick-fil-a!

**Youth Spiritual Retreat ~ Coming in March**

**Details coming soon!**

**Parent Meeting for Youth and Children**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 5 pm**

**First Kids & Nursery Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to volunteer with our First Kids program on Sunday nights, be added to the children's Sunday School teacher rotation or the Nursery rotation please reach out to Jen Zappa.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS!**

The preschool has openings in the Threes and Pre-K classes for the current school year. School starts again on January 7th. Contact Jen Zappa to enroll at Jen@madisonfumc.com.

**Listen Devices Available**



Listen Devices for hearing assistance are available in the Asbury building for worship services. Please see Brandon Rose on Sunday mornings in the sound booth to pick one up.

**Financial Update:**

In December we pushed for tithes and offerings for a “Race to the Finish”. Our goal was to raise \$130,000 in the entire month to balance our budget. We are pleased to announce we raised just over \$164,000! This was an extremely strong finish!

However, we don’t just stand at the finish line admiring where we’ve been. We continue through the finish line, hustling into another year of ministry work together.

**Need a Prayer?**

The holiday season can be a joyous time in your life, full of praises! It can also be a time of hardship if you are missing or worried about a loved one. Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is here to receive your prayer requests and lift your concerns up to the Lord. You can submit a prayer request online, place a card in the offering plate or contact Sarah Burbach or Ruth Bearden directly.



MORGAN CARES CENTER

**January Mission Emphasis: Morgan Cares Center**

The Morgan Cares Center was created to bring area churches together to lessen the burden of independently taking care of people in our community in crisis.

This group plans to provide many tangible resources, not just monetary handouts to people asking for help. Along with monetary support, they also need weekly volunteers to help on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 am—noon. If you are interested in volunteering contact Cindy Tingle at ctingle@bellsouth.net, Laree Zant at llzant@yahoo.com or Toni Joiner at fivejoiners@gmail.com.

**Women’s Book Club**

TODAY ~ 5 pm ~ Epworth Youth Center Rm 202  
*Not a Silent Night - Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem*  
by Adam Hamilton

For more information contact Jami Yinger at jnicole2911@msn.com

**Active Adults Group Meeting**

**Next Meeting in February**

**Details coming soon!**

Leaders of Active Adults Group: Kathy Edwards, Karen and Alan Murray, Mary and Bill Simmons

For more information contact Karen Murray at 404-229-1295.