

ATTENDANCE
Sunday, 11/24/24
9 AM: 114
11 AM: 62

STEWARDSHIP
General Fund: \$8,134.50
November Mission Emphasis
Oct-Nov total: \$15,441.00

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.

Happening this Week

Sunday, December 1	Location
9 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Wesley Building
10 AM Sunday School for everyone	All Buildings
11 AM Traditional Worship Service	Asbury Building
5 PM First Kids: Clover Craft Outing	Clover Craft Studio
5 PM Youth Fellowship	Epworth Youth Center
5 PM Women's Book Club	E:202
5 PM Wesley Heritage Tour Information Mtg	Asbury Gathering Room
Monday, December 2	Location
5:30 PM Disciple Fast Track Bible Study	Asbury Gathering Room
6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 5391: Den Mtg	Epworth Youth Center
Tuesday, December 3	
7 PM Finance Meeting	E:Meeting Room
Wednesday, December 4	
10 AM Disciple Fast Track Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center
1 PM Dominos for ALL	Epworth Youth Center
5 PM First Kids: A Night with Santa	Wesley Building
6 PM Faith in Friends Bible Study	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
Thursday, December 5	
10 AM Ladies Bible Study	Epworth Classroom
12:30 PM Prime Timers Meeting	Wesley Building
6 PM GriefShare Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
Friday, Dec. 6 & Saturday, Dec. 7	
10 AM Madison Tour of Homes	Asbury Building

The Longest Night Service Thursday, December 19th at 6PM

This Advent and Christmas season can be painful to some to endure due to difficult experiences in the past year. Maybe you've experienced the death of a loved one and are not looking forward to Christmas. Or perhaps you're facing life after divorce, coping with the loss of a job or living with an incurable disease that puts a question mark over the future. We will gather together as kindred spirits and pray, sing, and lean into God's promises of healing and hope. Rev. Zack Martin will be preaching, and Rev. Courtney Pittman will share the liturgy. Join us at a community worship service that focuses on finding our way after a hard season of life at Madison Presbyterian Church.

December 1, 2024

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeting
Opening Song "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
Welcome and Announcements
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Advent Wreath Lighting by
Carey, Ginger, David & Thomas Vaughan
Children's Moment
Praise Set and Giving of Tithes and Offerings
"King of Kings" "Hope Has Come (Behold Him)"
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Liturgical Dance
Sermon "The Gift of the Nutcracker: Clara-Waiting for Christmas"
by Rev. Zack Martin
Holy Communion
Closing Song "Love Came Down"
Passing of the Peace
Benediction



Christmas Season at
Madison First UMC

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
& REGISTER FOR
CHILDREN'S EVENTS!

Church Security Information Meeting Sunday, December 8th 4:00pm Asbury Gathering Room

A few weeks ago we had a great presentation on Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events. About 60 people attended the meeting and several wanted to help improve safety around the church campus. Michael Cobb, a church member and an experienced law enforcement officer has agreed to coordinate our efforts. Join us for an information session to talk about best practices that are practical to implement as well as receive feedback on safety from church members.



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.

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.

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



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!

1st Sunday of Advent ~ December 1, 2024

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

Acolytes: Cardin Watkins and Banks Buzbee

THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING by Parker, Sara Beth & Jep Nowviskie

*OPENING HYMN NUMBER 196 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

*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

*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 ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

Response- *“Thanks be to God.”*

LITURGICAL DANCE

SERMON *“The Gift of the Nutcracker: Clara-Waiting for Christmas”*
by Rev. Zack Martin

HOLY COMMUNION pages 12 and 17

*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 211 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Those that are able please stand.

Wesley Heritage Tour ~ England ~ May 2025

Pastor Zack will have an informational meeting
TODAY at 5pm in the Asbury Gathering Room.

FIRST KIDS FOR CHILDREN

3 years old up to 5th graders

Jen Zappa, Director of Children’s Ministry and Preschool

Jen@madisonfumc.com • 404-451-7380

First Kids | Sundays

TODAY: Meet at 5pm and pick up at 7pm

at Clover Craft Studio.

\$10 per child.

YOUTH GROUP

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

Sundays ~ 5pm-7pm ~ Epworth Youth Center

Supper, Activity, Bible Study, Recreational Games

Epworth Youth Center

High School Morning Devotion Meeting

December 3rd ~ 7 AM ~ Dunkin Donuts

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”

Volunteers are needed to help make costumes and decorate the set for the play. Contact Jen Buzbee if you can help!

Advent and Christmas Season Activities

The Gift of the Nutcracker Sermon Series

December 1st - 24th

A Night with Santa

Wesley Sanctuary | December 4th | 5-7 PM

Madison Holiday Tour of Homes

Friday-Saturday, December 6-7 | Friday Candlelight Tour

Town Holiday Parade

Downtown Madison | December 14th | 4 PM

Christmas Cantata Worship

Asbury Sanctuary | December 15th | 11 AM

Join us for breakfast at 10 AM | Epworth Youth Center

First Kids Live Nativity

Asbury Lawn | December 15th | 6 PM

Youth presents: “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever”

Asbury Sanctuary | December 22nd | 5 PM

Christmas Eve Services

Asbury Sanctuary | 5 PM & 7 PM

Jazz Band | Wesley Sanctuary | 9 PM

Hurricane Disaster Relief Opportunities: TOY DRIVE

The Morgan County Area Disaster Relief Group is putting together a Toy Drive to provide Christmas joy to children in Western North Carolina, Southeastern Georgia & our own community here in Morgan County. You can donate NEW toys for all ages (baby - 18 years old) in the Epworth Building donation bin or drop off at the group's donation center at the Old Middle School.



MORGAN CARES
CENTER

**December 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. These resources may include counseling, resume building, help applying for jobs, budgeting and locating other resources already in place. The charity is in final stages of becoming a legal non-profit and hopes to begin work officially in January. Please consider giving to this exciting new organization in your year end tithing. 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 cltingle@bellsouth.net or Laree Zant at llzant@yahoo.com

Women’s Book Club | TODAY ~ 5 pm:

Half Truths by Adam Hamilton

January's Book:

Not a Silent Night - Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem

by Adam Hamilton

For more information contact Jami Yinger

at jnicole2911@msn.com

Dear Madison First United Methodist Church Members and Friends,

As we are in the season of Advent and Christmas, we would like to give you the opportunity to thank our wonderful ministry staff for their dedication and ministry work throughout this year. Our staff members exceeded expectations this year providing excellent service to our church family the community. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the “Staff Love Offering” by placing a donation in the offering plate or online at www.madisonfumc.com/give/. Please note your contribution as *“Staff Love Offering” on the memo line of your check.*

Thank you and Merry Christmas,

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee

Project Angel Child 2024:

Gifts are due back tomorrow, December 2nd. Please put gifts in the Gathering Room in the Asbury Building.