

**ATTENDANCE****Sunday, 12/8/24**

9 AM: 158

11 AM: 94

**STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund: \$39,478.00

December Mission Emphasis

Total: \$350.00

Weekly Budget needed: \$17,689.00

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

**Happening this Week****Sunday, December 15**

10 AM Breakfast fellowship

11 AM Traditional Worship Service

5 PM Youth Fellowship

5 PM First Kids for Children

6 PM First Kids present the Live Nativity

**Monday, December 16**

5:30 PM Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 5391: Pack Mtg

6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 91 Meeting

**Wednesday, December 18**

10 AM Preschool Christmas Program

1 PM Dominos for ALL

6 PM Faith in Friends Bible Study

6 PM YogaFaith ~ Gentle Yoga

7 PM Chancel Choir practice

7:30 PM Praise Band practice

**Thursday, December 19**

10 AM Preschool Christmas Program

6 PM Longest Night Service

**Location**

Epworth Youth Center

Asbury Building

Epworth Youth Center

Wesley Building

Asbury Building

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Asbury Gathering Room

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Epworth Youth Center

**Location**

Wesley Building

Epworth Youth Center

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Wesley Building

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Madison Presbyterian Church

**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 15, 2024**

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY

*"Angel Carol Medley"***Hymn 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;**With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***Hymn 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"***Angels from the realms of glory,**wing your flight o'er all the earth;**Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:**Come and worship, come and worship,**Worship Christ, the newborn King.***Hymn 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"***Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,**And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***Thank you to our guest Orchestra:**

Piano ~ Angie Dollar

Flute ~ Jackson LaBarre

Oboe ~ Emma Gordon

Violin ~ Bryce Spann

French Horn ~ Marianna Schwark

Cello ~ William Davis

Thank you for your generous donations over the past 4 weeks to the Angel Tree & Community Toy Drive. We were able to sponsor over 20 children on Morgan County's Angel Tree program this year. Thank you to Anelle Argo and Kathy Edwards for organizing this year! We have also collected dozens of new toys for our community toy drive that will be distributed to South GA, Western NC & here in Morgan County. We have a congregation of generous and giving hearts!



**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.

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](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!

**3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 15, 2024**

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

**Acolytes:** Copeland Yinger and Cal Simmons

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING by Ora and Jacob Bailey, Nancy, Ryver & Margaret

\*OPENING HYMN MEDLEY *“Angel Carol Medley”*

\*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*

CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Scripture Reader: Nancy Bailey  
Narrator: Leigh Martin

*“A Thrill of Hope”  
“A Gift of Love”  
“A Prayer for Peace”  
“A Song of Joy”*

\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 245 *“First Noel”*

\*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 | 5pm-7pm**

First Kids meet at 5 pm to get ready to present their

LIVE NATIVITY at 6pm on the Asbury lawn!

**YOUTH GROUP**

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

**Youth Fellowship | Sundays | 5pm-7pm**

The Youth will help with the Live Nativity.

**Youth Spaghetti Dinner ~ Sunday, Dec. 22nd ~ 5pm-7pm**

The Youth are hosting a dinner for all the Youth parents!

**Youth Polar Plunge ~ January 1st**

Details coming soon!

**Advent and Christmas Season Activities**

**First Kids Live Nativity**

Asbury Lawn | TODAY | 6 PM

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Asbury Sanctuary | 5 PM & 7 PM**

Traditional Style Christmas Worship

**Wesley Sanctuary | 9 PM**

Worship Service featuring Jazz music, Coffee and Dessert

**Women’s Book Club**

January 5, 2025 ~ 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

**Disciple Fast Track—New Testament**

Join Rev. Zack Martin in a Bible study of the New Testament. This class is for long time readers of the Bible as well as people who don’t know much about the Bible. This deep dive into the New Testament helps you put together the pieces of your Christian faith. Orientation meeting on Sunday, January 22nd at 10am or Monday, January 27th at 5:30pm. Both classes are held in the Asbury Gathering Room. Cost of the book is \$15.00.

Scholarships available! Contact Pastor Zack at zack@madisonfumc.com for more information.

**Financial Update:**

Historically, December is our strongest month of giving. Thank you for helping us make tremendous progress toward supporting our ministry programs; paying for building maintenance; and funding our fair share of apportionments. We still have some distance to go to reach the finish line for our budget. Please remember your Church in your year end giving so we can finish strong in 2024.



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](mailto:cltingle@bellsouth.net) or Laree Zant at [llzant@yahoo.com](mailto:llzant@yahoo.com)

**Staff Love Offering**

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/](http://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