

ATTENDANCE**Sunday, 12/1/24**

9 AM: 126

11 AM: 60

STEWARDSHIP

General Fund: \$18,519.00

December Mission Emphasis

Total: \$250.00

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.

Happening this Week**Sunday, December 8**

7:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast/Mtg

9 AM Contemporary Worship Service

10 AM Sunday School for everyone

11 AM Traditional Worship Service

12 PM Youth Outing

4 PM Church Security Information Mtg

5 PM Women's Book Club

5 PM First Kids for Children

Monday, December 9

5:30 PM Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 5391: Den Mtg

Tuesday, December 10

5 PM Trustee's Meeting

6 PM Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

10 AM Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

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 12

10 AM Ladies Bible Study

6 PM GriefShare Meeting

Saturday, December 14

5 PM Madison Christmas Parade

Location

Epworth Youth Center

Wesley Building

All Buildings

Asbury Building

Church Vans

Asbury Gathering Room

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Wesley Building

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Epworth Youth Center

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Epworth Youth Center

Wesley Building

Asbury Building

Wesley Building

Epworth Classroom

Epworth Youth Center

Epworth Youth Center

Downtown Madison

December 8, 2024**9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

Greeting

Opening Song *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Advent Wreath Lighting by Jim and Mary Mack Jones

Children's Moment

Praise Set and Giving of Tithes and Offerings

"Hope Has Come (Behold Him)" "What A Beautiful Name"

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:68-79

Liturgical Dance

Sermon *"The Gift of the Nutcracker: Drosselmeir-A Godfather's Love"*

by Rev. Zack Martin

Closing Song *"Manger Throne"*

Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Church Security Information Meeting**TODAY ~ 4:00pm Asbury Gathering Room**

We recently 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.

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.



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

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!

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ December 8, 2024

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

Acolytes: Coalson Hayes and Sam Cobb

THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING by Judy Mauran and Kathy Edwards

*OPENING HYMN NUMBER 220 *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

*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 ~ Luke 1:68-79

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

Response- *“Thanks be to God.”*

LITURGICAL DANCE

SERMON *“The Gift of the Nutcracker: Drosselmeir-A Godfather's Love”* by Rev. Zack Martin

*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 216 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Those that are able please stand.

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 | 5pm-7pm

Dinner and Christmas Caroling at the Madison House

Parents, Make sure you sign your child up to ride on the Christmas parade float!

YOUTH GROUP

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

Sunday, 12pm ~ Youth Christmas Shopping

We will leave directly after the 11 AM Worship Service.

Youth Polar Plunge ~ January 1st

Details coming soon!

Advent and Christmas Season Activities

The Gift of the Nutcracker Sermon Series

December 1st - 24th

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

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 ctingle@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

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/. 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