

ATTENDANCE**Sunday, 4/7/24**

9 AM: 121

11 AM: 85

STEWARDSHIP

General Fund: \$19,361.90

April Mission Emphasis

Monthly total: \$500.00

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, April 14	Location
9 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Wesley Building
10 AM Sunday School	All Buildings
11 AM Traditional Worship Service	Asbury Building
3 PM First Kids "Little Lambs"	Wesley Building
5 PM First Kids for Children	Wesley Building
5 PM Youth Fellowship	Epworth Youth Center
Monday, April 15	
6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 5391 Den Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
Tuesday, April 16	
10 AM Active Adults Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
Wednesday, April 17	
7 AM Dunkin Devo for High Schoolers	Dunkin Donuts
1 PM Dominos for ALL	Epworth Youth Center
6 PM YogaFaith: Gentle Yoga	Wesley Building
6:30 PM Faith in Friends Bible Study	Brooks/Cecily Pennington's Barn
7 PM Chancel Choir practice	Asbury Building
7:30 PM Praise Band practice	Wesley Building
Thursday, April 18	
10 AM Ladies Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center
Friday, April 19	
10 AM Tour of Homes	Asbury Building
5 PM Jammin with Josiah	Wesley Building
Saturday, April 20	
10 AM Tour of Homes	Asbury 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 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!

April 14, 2024

9 AM Contemporary Worship ServiceOpening Song "*Shake It Off*"

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer & Greeting

SPRC Announcement

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Worship in Song "*Living Hope*"*"No Longer Slaves"*

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Scriptures: Proverbs 29:25; Galatians 1:10; Matthew 5:9-11

Sermon "Shake It Off" by Rev. Zack Martin

Closing Song "*Lord I Need You*"

Benediction

*The Altar Flowers today are in memory of**Helen Rotyliano, Joe Rotyliano's mom**given by Joe and Janet Rotyliano.***April Mission Emphasis:
Madison First UMC Youth Program**

Our Youth Program is a vital part of the mission and ministry of our church. The lessons and fellowship of a quality youth program are tremendously important to the spiritual growth of our adolescents, and as a church we want to support that growth in any way we can. You may recall we adopted a reduced budget this year to balance out our anticipated giving. To help balance the budget, we reduced the Youth Program budget 50% from \$26,650 in 2023 to \$12,550 in 2024. Jen manages program expenses very well for her program that serves our students. Jen is planning big events for our students this year as well as a new look to the Youth space.

Your mission donations this month will support her work of making disciples of Jesus Christ among these future leaders in the church.

Casserole Ministry

Our freezer is running low! Please consider dropping off a casserole, soup or dessert in the Epworth Kitchen chest freezer this month. While you are there, check one out to deliver to someone you know in need!

**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.

Madison First United Methodist Church is located in the center of downtown Madison, Georgia on Main Street. We're at the center of serving our community in multiple ways; we're at the center of hospitality to people who come in our door. First to serve our community, service to others, and welcoming you – are at the center of who we are too!

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

3rd Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024

Acolytes: Abbey Sikorski and Hampton Tucker

THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

SPRC ANNOUNCEMENT

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NUMBER 369 *"Blessed Assurance"*

*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 *"Shake It Off"*

*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 ~ Proverbs 29:25; Galatians 1:10; Matthew 5:9-11

"The Word of God for the people of God."

Response- **"Thanks be to God."**

SERMON "Shake It Off" by Rev. Zack Martin

*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 451 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those that are able please stand.

Staff Parish Relations Committee News: We are happy to report

that we have hired Dr. Lenae Rose for our Choir Director position.

Dr. Rose began teaching in Rockdale County Public Schools in 2001 and is the choral and theatre director for Morgan County High School since July of 2018. She earned a bachelors and master's degree in music education from The University of Georgia. Her Doctorate in Educational Leadership is from Liberty University. Lenae has taught chorus, musical theatre, drama, show choir, and AP music theory over many years.

She is currently the Program Director and Co-Artistic Director for the Oxford Singers through the Newton County Arts Association. Lenae is very active in the arts community in Georgia and lives in Madison with her husband, Brandon, and two children, Sora and Stuart.

Please welcome her to this new position.

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

Sundays ~ 5pm-7pm ~ Wesley Building

Bible lessons, crafts, yoga/games and supper

"Little Lambs" ~ TODAY ~ 3 PM

Babies and parent(s) are invited to fellowship together, while their little ones explore, craft, and play with friends.

Light snacks served. Meet upstairs in the Wesley Building.

"Zip into Youth" for 5th Graders

May 19th ~ leaving at 11 AM

All 5th Graders (rising 6th Graders) are invited to "Zip into Youth" with Mrs. Jen Zappa and Mrs. Jen Buzbee Zipping lining at Treetop Quest Gwinnett.

YOUTH

Middle & High Schoolers

Jen Buzbee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jenb@madisonfumc.com • 404-434-3766

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION ~ Sundays ~ 5 pm-7 pm

Supper, Activity, Bible Study, Recreational Games

Epworth Youth Center

April 17th: Dunkin Devo ~ Monthly devotion for High Schoolers

Meet at Dunkin Donuts at 7 am.

April 21st: Putt-Putt and Hiking ~ Hard Labor Creek State Park

4 pm—7 pm Meet at the Church. \$5 per student

May 19th: Twilight Kayaking ~ Hard Labor Creek State Park

5 pm—8:30 pm Meet at the church ~ \$15 per person



**Save the Date ~ May 19th
Graduate Sunday**

High School and College Graduates will be recognized at both worship services. The United Methodist Women will host a brunch during the Sunday School hour in the Epworth Youth Center.

Please call the church office to confirm your graduates name to be recognized. Please give their plans for college or college degree they are receiving.

Our 2024 Graduating High School Seniors:

Sloane Balicki ~ Lofton Cathey ~ Harrison Cribbs ~ Sydney Fish

Emily Hilsman ~ Mary Cate Strickland ~ Caroline Thomas

ADULT PROGRAMMING

New Active Adults Group

**Join us for fellowship, growth and connection at our
Spring Mingle**

April 16th ~ 10 am—11 am ~ Epworth Youth Center

**Leaders: Kathy Edwards, Karen and Alan Murray,
Mary and Bill Simmons**

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

**"He Gets Us" Series ~ Friends in Faith
Begins Wednesday, April 17th ~ 6 pm ~ Epworth Youth**

A Pop-culture Bible study of the "He Gets Us" commercial campaign. You may remember these commercials from your social media feed or, more notably, seen them during the last two Super Bowls. The "He Gets Us" commercials feature modern pictures/scenes overlaid with Gospel messages. The point of these commercials is to humanize Jesus to a modern audience.

Come ready for food, fellowship, and good faith-building discussion. Childcare is provided in the Wesley Building. The Friends in Faith Small group is co-ed and non-denominational, consisting of singles and couples in their late 20's to early 40's. Contact Cecily Pennington at 706-474-1349 for more information.

Jammin' with Josiah

Do you love live music? Have a secret talent or passion you've been hiding? Join us FRIDAY, APRIL 19th at 7PM in the Wesley Building for our "Jammin' with Josiah" night of music! Musicians (and audience members) of all skill levels are invited to come out and just JAM—no need to practice, prepare, or worry. We'll be rockin' out with everything from The Beatles to Led Zeppelin. Come hangout, listen to tunes, make some friends, and enjoy some music with us! If you have any questions, please feel free to text or call Josiah Pye at (850-264-7145).

**MEG ~ April 21st ~ 5-7pm ~ Asbury
Madison First UMC Marriage Enrichment Group
Led by Revs. Zack and Leigh Martin**

MEG is a monthly gathering of couples who care about their marriage and participate in short, meaningful couple activities. It's preventive maintenance for your marriage relationship. It is not marriage therapy!

Emmaus Walk Reboot with Pastor Zack

Many of us at Madison First UMC went on a Walk to Emmaus retreat in the past and it was meaningful. Now, perhaps, we feel a little disconnected from the energy and connection we once had.

I'd like those of you who attended a Walk in the past to gather together for a short meeting to gauge our interest and energy in "rebooting" this ministry. Join your fellow pilgrims for an Emmaus Walk Group Reboot discussion. Let's meet in the Asbury sanctuary at 4:00 pm on April 28th to reconnect and think about our future.