

**ATTENDANCE****Sunday, 4/14/24**

9 AM: 136

11 AM: 76

Sunday School: 100

**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).

**STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund: \$12,517.00

April Mission Emphasis

Monthly total: \$950.00

**Happening this Week**

<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>Location</b>
9 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Wesley Building
10 AM Sunday School	All Buildings
11 AM Traditional Worship Service	Asbury Building
4 PM Youth Outing: Putt-Putt/Hiking	Hard Labor Creek, Rutledge
5 PM First Kids for Children	Wesley Building
5 PM Marriage Enrichment Group	Asbury Building
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	
6 PM Cub Scouts Pack 91 Pack Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	
10 AM Active Adults Meeting	Epworth Youth Center
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	
1 PM Dominos for ALL	Epworth Youth Center
6 PM YogaFaith: Gentle Yoga	Wesley Building
6:30 PM Faith in Friends Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center
7 PM Chancel Choir practice	Asbury Building
7:30 PM Praise Band practice	Wesley Building
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	
10 AM Ladies Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center
12:30 PM Prime Timers Lunch Meeting	Wesley Building
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	
9 AM First Kids: Camp Glisson	Church Parking lot

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!

April 21, 2024

**9 AM Contemporary Worship Service**

Opening Song "Love Story"

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer &amp; Greeting

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Worship in Song "God So Loved"

*"Reckless Love"*

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Scriptures: John 15:9-13

Sermon "Love Story" by Rev. Zack Martin

Closing Song "Love Came Down"

Welcome New Members

Benediction

*The Altar Flowers today are in honor of**Anelle and Jim Argo**given by Carolyn and Andy Ainslie***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](http://www.madisonfumc.com)

**4th Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024**

Acolytes: Marleigh Summers and Copeland Yinger

**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 384 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

\*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 *“Love Story”*

\*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 ~ John 15:9-13

*“The Word of God for the people of God.”*  
Response- **“Thanks be to God.”**

SERMON *“Love Story”* by Rev. Zack Martin

\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 292 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Those that are able please stand.



**May 12, 2024**

**Confirmands:**

*Susie Freyer  
Phelps Herring  
Ruth Simmons  
Katy Stewart  
Gianna Zappa*

Please save the date for Confirmation Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12th. Our Confirmands have been growing in their faith and learning more about becoming members of our church throughout the year. We will recognize this commitment in their faith at both services. Be sure to congratulate these young members and their families!

**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

**Sundays ~ 5pm-7pm ~ Wesley Building**

Bible lessons, crafts, yoga/games and supper

**“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 OUTING TODAY**

**Putt-Putt and Hiking** ~ Hard Labor Creek State Park

Meet at the Church @ 4pm. Arrive back at church by 7pm.

\$5 per student

**May 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 ~ Peyton Fortson ~ Emily Hilsman  
Mary Cate Strickland ~ Caroline Thomas*

**Our 2024 College Graduates:**

*Sarah K. Gregory, BSEd Degree & ASL, UGA  
Nicolas Seymour, Sports Management Degree, UGA  
Rev. Hannah Pye, Masters Degree, Candler School of Theology*

**ADULT PROGRAMMING**

**MEG ~ TODAY ~ 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!

**New Active Adults Group**

**Gardening with Warren!**

Wear appropriate clothing and bring gardening gloves.  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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  
WednesdayS ~ 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.



**Softball Practice Meet & Greet**

Saturday, April 27 at 10AM  
Morgan Co Rec Department, field TBD.  
Call or text Josh Horton for any questions:  
706-521-1613

**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.