

April 28, 2024

9 AM Contemporary Worship Service

Opening Song "Roar"

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer & Greeting

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Worship in Song "Amazing Grace"

"The Blessing"

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon "The Depths of Love" by Rev. Zack Martin

Closing Song "Graves into Gardens"

Benediction



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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 4/21/24

9 AM: 128

11 AM: 80

Sunday School: 97

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.

STEWARDSHIP

General Fund: \$11,497.00

April Mission Emphasis

Monthly total: \$6,700.00

1st Quarter Financial Update from the Finance Committee: John Hayes, Chair

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget, Actual. Rows: Income, Expenses.

Happening this Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Location. Rows: Sunday, April 28; Monday, April 29; Tuesday, April 30; Wednesday, May 1; Thursday, May 2.

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!



The Altar Flowers today are in honor of our son, Jack Judson Carroll's, fourth birthday, given by his parents, Mary Frances and Brent Carroll.

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!

**5th Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024**

Acolytes: Coalson Hayes 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 *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NUMBER 139 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

\*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 *“Where There is Love”*

\*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 ~ 1 John 4:7-21

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

SERMON *“The Depths of Love”* by Rev. Zack Martin

\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 557 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Those that are able please stand.

**Staff Parish Relations Committee News**

We are happy to report that we have hired Dr. Alexandra Dunbar as our new Organist. Dr. Dunbar most recently served the congregation at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Athens for the past four years. She comes from a very musical family and studied at the Manhattan School of Music (BM), and the Juilliard School (MM, DMA). She plays violin, piano, and organ. Her postgraduate degrees are in harpsichord and piano. Dr. Dunbar performs often at solo and chamber recitals and has soloed with orchestras in venues from New York City, Italy and Prague. She has six musical siblings as well and has performed in Carnegie Hall with her sister, Maggie Snyder, as a sister duo called Allemagnetti. Please welcome Dr. Dunbar at our 11:00 traditional worship services.

**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

**Wonderfully Made Preschool Camp**

June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ~ 9 am—12 pm

For ages 3 (potty-trained) to rising Kindergarten

\$10 per child ~ Register online at [www.madisonfumc.com](http://www.madisonfumc.com)

**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

**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:**

*Drew Cribbs, Applied Biotechnology Degree, UGA*

*Garrett Cribbs, Applied Biotechnology Degree, UGA*

*Sarah K. Gregory, BSEd Degree & ASL, UGA*

*Brendan Ianelli, Forestry Degree, UGA*

*Nicolas Seymour, Sports Management Degree, UGA*

*Rev. Hannah Pye, Masters Degree, Candler School of Theology*

**ADULT PROGRAMMING**

**Women’s Book Club**

**TODAY ~ 5pm - 7 pm ~ Epworth Rm: 202**

*“No Cure For Human Being”*, by Kate Bowler.

All are welcome. For more information contact

Jami Yinger, [jnicole2911@msn.com](mailto:jnicole2911@msn.com)

**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 TODAY** to reconnect and think about our future.

**“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.

**Active Adults Group**

**May 7 ~ Athens Botanical Gardens ~ 10 am**

Guided tour with 10 in each group ~ cost \$5.00 per person

• Need a ride? • Meet up at the Gardens?

• Lunch afterwards at Hilltop Grille?

• Please RSVP to Kathy Edwards:

404-925-7281 or email [mkee1051@gmail.com](mailto:mkee1051@gmail.com)

**Leaders: Kathy Edwards, Karen and Alan Murray,**

**Mary and Bill Simmons**

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

CONFIRMATION  **May 12, 2024**

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!

**Confirmands:**

*Susie Freyer*

*Phelps Herring*

*Ruth Simmons*

*Katy Stewart*

*Gianna Zappa*