

April 7, 2024

**ATTENDANCE**

**Good Friday: 72**  
**Sunday, 3/31/24**  
7 AM: 62  
9 AM: 238  
11 AM: 148

**STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund: \$16,794.00  
March Mission Emphasis  
Monthly total: \$1,400.00

**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, April 7	Location
7:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast/Mtg	Epworth Youth Center
9 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Wesley Building
10 AM Sunday School	All Buildings
11 AM Traditional Worship Service	Asbury Building
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	
12:30 PM Prime Timers Lunch and Bingo	Epworth Youth Center
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	
6 PM Trustee's Meeting	The Meeting Room
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	
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
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	
10 AM Ladies Bible Study	Epworth Youth Center

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!

**Upcoming Sermon Series featuring the music of Taylor Swift! April 14<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>st</sup>**

You're invited to dive deep into the lyrics and pop culture phenomenon that is Taylor Swift, and learn something powerful about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Zack will share some insights into Jesus' teaching and how a couple of Swift's songs mirror his ways. So, *Shake It Off* and let's learn about the best *Love Story* ever told. Wear your Taylor merch and sing a long with our band and choir when they perform her songs in worship.

9 AM Contemporary Worship Service

Opening Song "I Thank God"  
Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer & Greeting  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
Worship in Song "Run To The Father"  
"Gratitude"

Prayers of the People  
Children's Moment  
Scriptures: John 20:19-31  
Sermon "Peace to the Doubters" by Rev. Zack Martin  
Communion  
Closing Song "Build My Life"  
Welcome New Members  
Benediction

**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.

**New Active Adults Group**

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

**April 16<sup>th</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.



**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

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**2nd Sunday of Easter ~ April 7, 2024**

Acolytes: Coalson Hayes and Banks Buzbee

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD ~ 11 AM**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NUMBER 371 *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*

\*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 *"Amazing Grace/Pachabel's Canon"*

\*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 20:19-31

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

SERMON *"Peace to the Doubters"* by Rev. Zack Martin

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\*CLOSING HYMN NUMBER 310 *"He Lives"*

\*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 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Jen Zappa, Director of Children's Ministry and Preschool

Jen@madisonfumc.com • 404-451-7380

**NO FIRST KIDS THIS EVENING! Enjoy Spring Break!  
See everyone back for First Kids on Sunday, April 14th!**

**"Little Lambs" ~ Sunday, April 14th ~ 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.

Email Jen@madisonfumc.com to signup and for more information!

**"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

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**NO YOUTH OR CONFIRMATION THIS EVENING!  
Enjoy Spring Break! See everyone back on April 14th!**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>: Dunkin Devo** ~ Monthly devotion for High Schoolers  
Meet at Dunkin Donuts at 7 am.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>: Putt-Putt and Hiking** ~ Hard Labor Creek State Park  
4 pm—7 pm Meet at the Church. \$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  
Emily Hilsman ~ Mary Kate Strickland ~ Caroline Thomas*

**Emmaus Walk Reboot with Pastor Zack**

I went on the North Georgia Walk to Emmaus #27 when it was relatively new—32 years ago! I moved around a lot and had some life changes within a few months of that retreat that caused me to lose touch with my reunion group in seminary. Like many retreat programs, the enthusiasm and energy from a religious experience wanes over time. It's not unusual!

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.

**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).

**"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. For example, a paraphrased story of Mary's pregnancy is overlaid with pictures of single moms coping with pregnancy. The calling of the disciples is overlaid with pictures of outcast young men and women looking like potential followers. A charming montage of children being children points to Jesus' reminder that we must be like children to enter the kingdom of Heaven. The point of these commercials is to humanize Jesus to a modern audience.

Come ready for food, fellowship, and good faith-building discussion on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm in the Epworth Youth Center. 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.

**Attention all High School Seniors of the Class of 2024:**  
The **Asbury & Elizabeth Baldwin Scholarship** is available for YOU to apply. Go to the church's website and click the link for the application from the bottom of home page or stop by the church office to pick up the application form. **Deadline is April 8, 2024!**