

## United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ September 14, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A professionally staffed **nursery** is located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary. Our nursery is available for children and infants through age 3. **Restrooms** are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

#### **ENTRANCE**

#### The Chiming of the Hour

#### The Words of Gathering & Invitation to Worship

The Rev. Harriet Bryan

**The Prelude** "Prelude in G"

Frank Ferri, Guitar

J.S. Bach (1685-1750); arr. Stanley Yates

#### **+The Call to Worship** (+Indicates stand as you are able)

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." **People: But we come today to seek the living God.** 

Leader: Without God, life falls apart.

People: With God, life is renewed and made whole. Leader: Come, let us worship the One who searches for us. People: We will worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

#### +The Processional Hymn No. 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

**LEONI** 

The cross leads the procession as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Word of God and savior of humanity, is at the center of our worship.

The acolytes light two candles on the altar to symbolize the dual nature of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

#### +The Opening Prayer

Lucretia Campbell

Searching God,

You look for us even when we turn away.

You call us back when we wander, and you rejoice when we are found.

In a world that forgets your ways,

help us remember that you are our refuge and our joy.

Center our hearts in your love,

that we may live with wisdom, walk in grace,

and share in the joy of your mercy. Amen.

#### Act of Praise

"The Lord is My Shepherd" John Rutter (1945) Madison Steet Choir

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (Psalm 23)

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### The Old Testament Reading

The Rev. Bo Myers

Psalm 14

#### +The Gospel Lesson

Rev. Myers

Luke 15:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

#### Third Grade Bible Previous Recipient

Eva Orange

#### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Brooke Knight

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We pray that we will all learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

#### Next Gen Kids Moment

Rev. Bryan

After the Next Gen Kids moment, children ages Pre-K through Grade 5
will be dismissed to Kids Core to worship in an exciting, child-oriented way!

At the conclusion of worship, dismissal locations are: Pre-K: Rm. 305, Kindergarten: Rm. 308, Grades 1-5: Rm. 307

Pre-K – Kindergarten Topic: God Made the World Grades 1 – 5 Topic: The Exodus

+Hymn No. 340

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

The Sermon

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Bryan

#### Point to Ponder & Questions to Consider

"When the Creator is not honored, creaturely life disintegrates and degenerates. The end result is a life filled with terror. There are no guards, limits, or boundaries, but everything is continually at risk." - Walter Brueggemann

If I really believed I am God's beloved, how might that change the way I live this week?

Where in my life am I living as if God doesn't matter—and how might God be inviting me to be found there?

+The Affirmation of Faith No. 881

"The Apostles' Creed"

The Rev. Tim Sharp

#### The Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Rev. Sharp

If you have a prayer request to share with our pastors, please email us at prayer@madisonstreetumc.org or fill out a prayer card found in the R.O.W. books and place in the offering plate.

#### The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world.

To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving or scan the QR code located on the green online giving card.

To give from your phone, text GIVE2MSUMC to 73256.

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

+The Doxology No. 94

#### SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 381

+The Benediction

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**BRADBURY** 

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

"Great God of Wonders" arr. Harold DeCou

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

The acolytes lead us into the world carrying the light of Christ as a reminder that God sends each of us into the world to share Christ's light with others.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God provided by Jane Amstutz in loving memory of Blake Williams, son of Brad & Julie Amstutz.

To donate flowers in September, contact Sherri Harvill: (931) 206-5355 or Denise Greenwood: denisegreenwoodmd@gmail.com.

#### Worship Leaders in Today's Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor The Rev. Bo Myers ~ Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp ~ Pastoral Associate for the Arts

Brooke Knight ~ Next Gen Director

Ashley Menard Lucas Amstutz~ Technical Team Taylor Walter & Noah Greenfield ~ Acolytes Eva Orange ~ Third Grade Bible Speaker

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist Frank Ferri ~ Guitarist Madison Street Choir

#### Today's Recipients of Third Grade Bibles:

Olivia Baggett Evie Johnson Caden Reyes Ember Coleman Lexis Kroll Lillian Wells Theo Drake Ryleigh Liberatore Bobby Williams

Foster Myers Tinley Jackson

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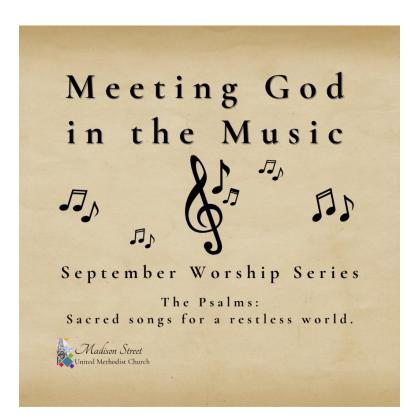
To contact a staff member, please email *firstname@* madisonstreetumc.org (ex. lucretia@madisonstreetumc.org).





#### Save the Dates 2025

All Saints Day	November 2
Charge Conference	November 9
Holiday Market	November 15
Winter Baroque	November 23
Messiah	December 4
Christmas for Kids	December 6
101st Airborne Band	December 11
Festival of Christmas	December 14
Blue Christmas	December 21
Christmas Eve Worship	December 24





# This Week at Madison Street

Sunday,	September 14

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8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Choir Makeup Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. − 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
During Worship	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation (Sanctuary)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (MSUMC)

#### Monday, September 15

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11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.r	m. Adult Fellowshi	р ци	nencon (	Fellowshi	р нап)

#### Tuesday, September 16

#### Wednesday, September 17

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Bible Study (Rm. 107)
6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Healing Harp Circle (Library)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Laudate Handbells Rehearsal (CLC Activity Room)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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#### Thursday, September 18

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Group (Library)
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Conference Room)

#### Sunday, September 21

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10:00 a.m. − 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Church, Urban Ministries & Preschool Tour (Meeting in Narthex)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (MSUMC)



Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Starting:

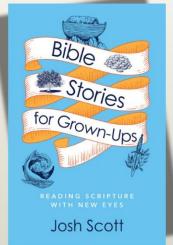
<u>September 17</u>

Everyone Welcome!

Books \$10 each.

Growing in faith, together.





Register at link on madisonstreetumc.org, QR code, or call the church office.



To register for Adult Luncheon, scan the QR code, or call the church office at (931) 647-0221.

To register for Wednesday Bible Study, scan the QR code.



# **MEET THE PASTORS**

Narthex-Following Worship

September 14 (10 mins)



Meet our pastors, learn about Madison Street UMC, and explore what it means to be involved or become a member!

Please note the new date

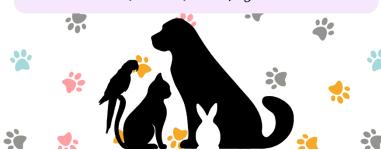
**September 28** - New Member Sunday All are welcome!

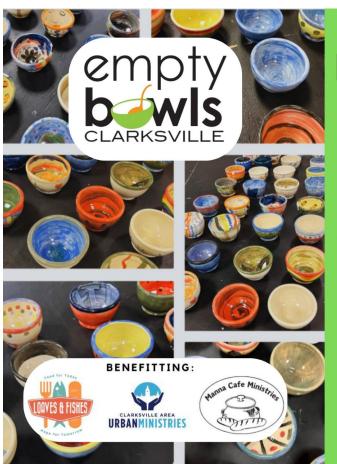
#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

October 5, 2025 ~ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we give thanks for the creatures who share our lives and remind us of God's love! Bring your pets—large or small, furry, feathered, or finned—for an individual blessing.

All animals are welcome.
For everyone's safety, please keep pets
leashed, crated, or safely secured.





# Bowl Painting Party Sunday, Oct. 5

Following
Worship in the
Fellowship Hall

Light Lunch & Childcare Provided

### \$10 per bowl

Register at madisonstreetumc.org or call (931) 647-0221.

To register for Empty Bowls Painting scan the QR code or call the church office at (931) 647-0221.





<u>QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)</u> is a suicide prevention training program designed to teach individuals how to recognize warning signs of suicidal behavior, approach someone in crisis, and connect them with appropriate professional help.

If you need childcare, email <a href="mailto:brooke@madisonstreetumc.org">brooke@madisonstreetumc.org</a> by Wed. Sept. 24.

If you need to talk, call the **988** hotline, or go to **988lifeline.org**, support is available.