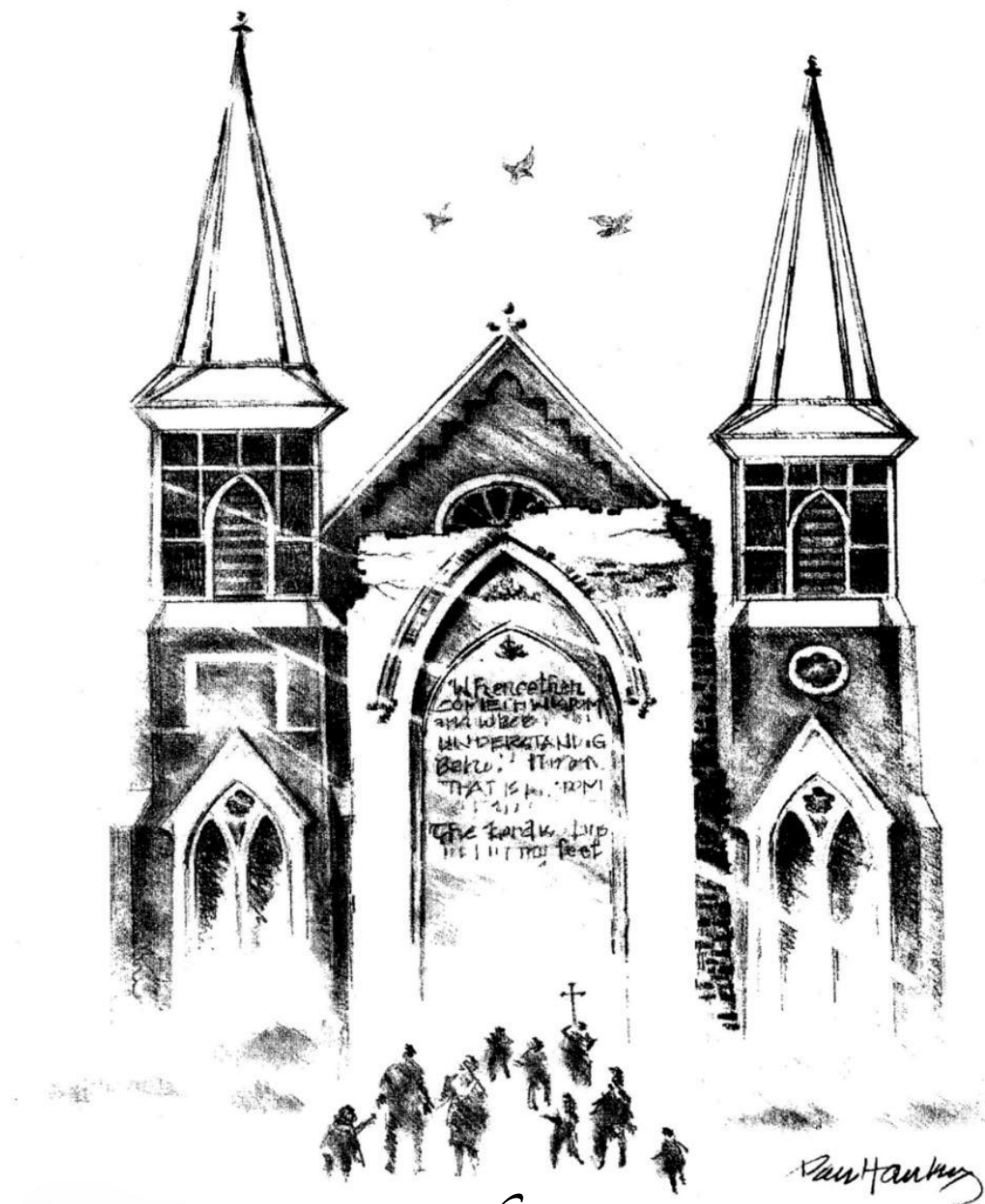




Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ July 26, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Ninth 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

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

arr. Sam Ellson

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

+The Call to Worship (+Indicates stand as you're able)

The Rev. Bo Myers

Leader: Even in wilderness places, God remains present.

People: God meets us in uncertainty and fear.

Leader: Heaven and earth are closer than we often realize.

People: We worship the God who continues speaking hope into our lives.

+The Processional Hymn No. 140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

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

Rev. Myers

Gracious and loving God,

you met Jacob in the wilderness

when he was alone and uncertain.

You revealed your presence

in a place he never expected to become holy.

Awaken us to your grace in our own lives

and strengthen us to trust that we are never alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise

“Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God”

Madison Street Choir

Gordon Young

Now sing we joyfully unto God; We sing so joyfully unto God.

Now sing we happily unto God! So joyfully unto God!

+The Hymn No. 328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

WOLFE

During the singing of the hymn, children are invited to come forward for the scripture reading and lesson.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 28:10–19a

Lucretia Campbell

+The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Lucretia Campbell

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

Thanks be to God.

+The Hymn No. 328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

WOLFE

During the singing of the hymn, 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. 308, Kindergarten Rm. 309, Grades 1-5: Rm. 307

*Pre-K–Kindergarten Topic: **Daniel & the Lions** Grades 1–5 Topic: **The Story of Daniel***

The Sermon

“What Tells the Truth About a Life?”

Rev. Bryan

Point to Ponder

If the truest thing about our lives is our failure, then there is no gospel. If the truest thing about our lives is God's grace, then there is hope for every one of us.

+The Affirmation of Faith No. 883 “The United Church of Canada” The Rev. Dr. 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.*

Mission Moment

Tina Campbell, Missions Chair

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.

The Offertory

“God Will Take Care of You”

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

arr. Cindy Berry

+The Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SENDING FORTH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 129

“Give to the Wings Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

+The Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

“The Glory of God in Nature”

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

L.V. Beethoven

*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 by Carolyn Jones in memory of John R. Jones.

To donate flowers in August, contact Mary Rives, (931) 237-2786 or marygrives@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 of the Arts

Lucretia Campbell ~ Congregational Care

Bruce Anderson & Brayden Meeks ~ Technical Team

Tina Campbell ~ Missions Chair

Theo Drake & John Blevins ~ Acolytes

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist

Madison Street Choir

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONCERNS

We value privacy, and we believe in prayer. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email prayer@madisonstreetumc.org or call the church office.

Ronnie Albright
Rev. Charles Becher
Shirley Blanck
Desi Burdick
Lucretia Campbell
Rita Collett
Christina Creech
Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson
Doris Davenport
Silas Fritts
Sherri Harvill
Kristin Armistead Helms

Emilia Isaacs
Allan Irby
Joe Johnson
Jeff Johnston
Mary Kidd
Joanne Kroll
Ken Kroll
Griffin Myers
Polly Wallace Parker
Chris Patton
Johnny Peay
Carol Pring

Ivan Scholle
Karen Scholle
Molly Shaw
Judy Smith
Morgen Smith
Chris Towe
Rev. Cliff Wright
Elaine Yarzab

Military Families
Suicide Epidemic



This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, July 26

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
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)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Kid's Discipleship Team Meeting (Rm. 107 – Window Room)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)

Monday, July 27

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	UWF/Esther–Rebekah Group (Rm. 103)
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Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CPR and First Aid Training – Staff Only (Fellowship Hall)
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Thursday, July 30

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl (Library)
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ability Avengers (Sarah Mann Building)

Saturday, August 1

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Summer Refresh (MSUMC)
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Sunday, August 2

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
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)
	Back to School Blessings



Summer Refresh

Saturday August 1
8:30 – 11 a.m.

Work together to take care of our church home.
Indoor and outdoor cleaning projects.

Scan to volunteer:



Missions Committee has upcoming volunteer events and we need YOU!

We know schedules are busy, so we are reaching out early to ask for assistance with our upcoming outreach events.

Save
the
Date!



Amazon.com
www.amazon.com

- **FUEL drive is back!**
 - Donate Peanut Butter or Cheese and Cracker boxes
 - This food subsidization program is designed to feed those children whose only food source may be the food they are receiving at school. [Information & Details - Project F.U.E.L. - Fuel For Kids | Clarksville, TN](#)
 - Our church provides weekend FUEL bags to Norman Smith
- **Back to Madison Street: 8/30**
 - We will have an interactive booth set up to pack Blessing Bags for our unhoused guests in the community and stations set up to highlight volunteer opportunities for our upcoming events
 - Blessing bags are available year-round. If you want to donate supplies, scan the QR code for an Amazon supply list that will be updated every few months.
- **Rise Against Hunger: 9/19**
 - Our goal is to pack 15,000 meals.
 - We need 60-70 volunteers and we have jobs for all ages 5+
 - If you would like to donate, we need to raise \$6,400.
 - For more information on the program, visit the website [Rise Against Hunger](#)
- **Christmas 4 Kids: 12/5**
 - This yearly event provides outreach and fellowship to support families with children in our community that need a helping hand around the holidays.

Stop by our Back to Madison Street booth or talk with one of our committee members to learn how you can help.



WELCOME BACK. WELCOME IN.

———— **BACK TO MADISON STREET** ————

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 ♦ 3:30 – 6 P.M.

REGISTER AT MADISONSTREETUMC.ORG

FOOD ♦ MUSIC ♦ MINISTRY FAIR ♦ FUN FOR ALL AGES



Our churchwide community event will include a fried chicken meal, bounce houses, an ice cream contest, activities, and opportunities to learn more about the ministries and groups at Madison Street. Invite a friend, connect, have fun, and find your place to plug in this fall.

Acolyte Training

**All New & Returning Acolytes
3rd - 7th Graders**

Sunday, August 16
Following Worship - 11:30 - 12:30

