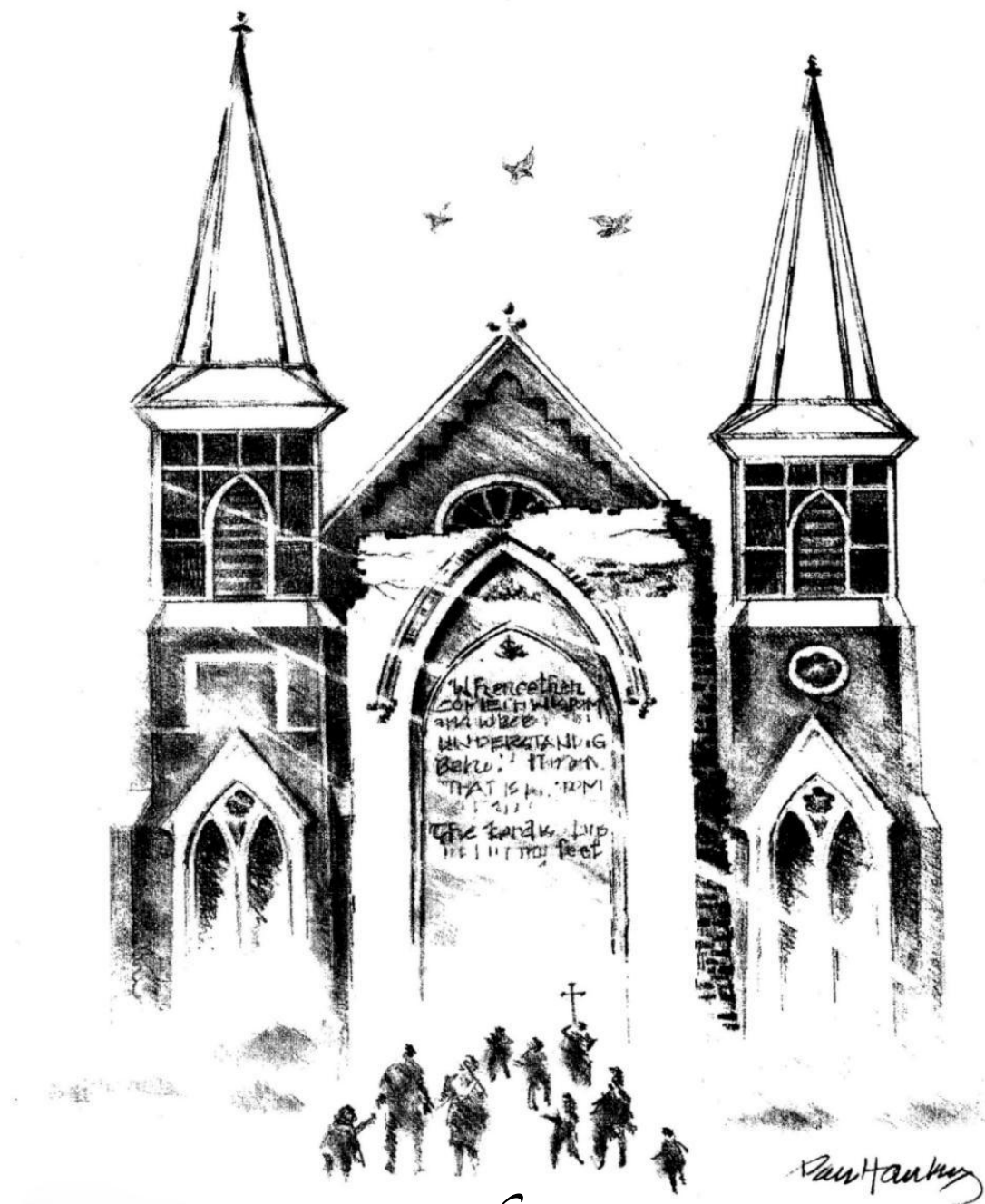




Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ August 9, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Eleventh 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

“Arioso” from Cantata BWV
J.S. Bach

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

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

The Rev. Bo Myers

Leader: God meets us in struggle and does not abandon us there.

People: Through grace, God forms us into new people.

Leader: Even wounded lives can become vessels of blessing.

People: We worship the God who transforms and renews us.

+The Processional Hymn No. 98 “To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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 wrestled with Jacob through the night
and did not let him go unchanged.

You met him in struggle
and blessed him with a new identity.

Meet us in the places where we wrestle and fear
and reshape us through your grace and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise

“Lead Me, Lord”

Madison Street Choir

Samuel S. Wesley (1810–1876)

Lead me, Lord; Lead me in Thy righteousness.

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord; Teach me of Thy righteousness.

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.

Keep me, Lord; Keep me in Thy righteousness.

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord; Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22–31

Rev. Myers

+The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13–21

Rev. Myers

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

Thanks be to God.

Next Gen Moment

Rev. Myers

*After the Next Gen 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–Kindergarten: Rm. 308, Grades 1–2 Rm. 309, Grades 3–5: Rm. 307
Pre-K–2nd Grade Topic: **Joseph & His Brother** Grades 3–5 Topic: **Story of Joseph***

+The Hymn No. 520

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See”

DUBOIS

The Sermon

“There Is No Back to Normal”

Rev. Bryan

Points to Ponder

"The great secret of life is how to survive struggle without succumbing to it, how to bear struggle without being defeated by it, how to come out of the struggle better than when we found ourselves in the midst of it."

"Struggle is the gift of new life in disguise... There is beauty in the dark valleys of life. It is called hope."

Joan Chittister, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*

+The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 “The Apostles’ Creed”

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.*

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

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning”

Dolly Parton

Madison Street Choir

Melody Fish, Soloist

It's been a long dark night , And I've been a waitin' for the morning
It's been a long hard fight, But I see a brand new day a dawning
I've been looking for the sunshine, 'Cause I ain't seen it in so long.
Everything's gonna work out fine, Everything's gonna be alright
It's going to be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning
I can see the light of a brand new day
I can see the light of a clear blue morning
Everything's gonna be alright
It's gonna be okay.

+The Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 525

“We’ll Understand it Better By and By”

BY AND BY

+The Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Sam Ellson

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 in memory and honor of family members with
August birthdays by Mary Ann Hansen.*

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

Taylor Walter & Theo Drake ~ Acolytes

Bruce Anderson & Brayden Meeks ~ Technical Team

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist

Melody Fish ~ Soloist

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

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Rev. Cliff Wright
Elaine Yarzab

Military Families
Suicide Epidemic

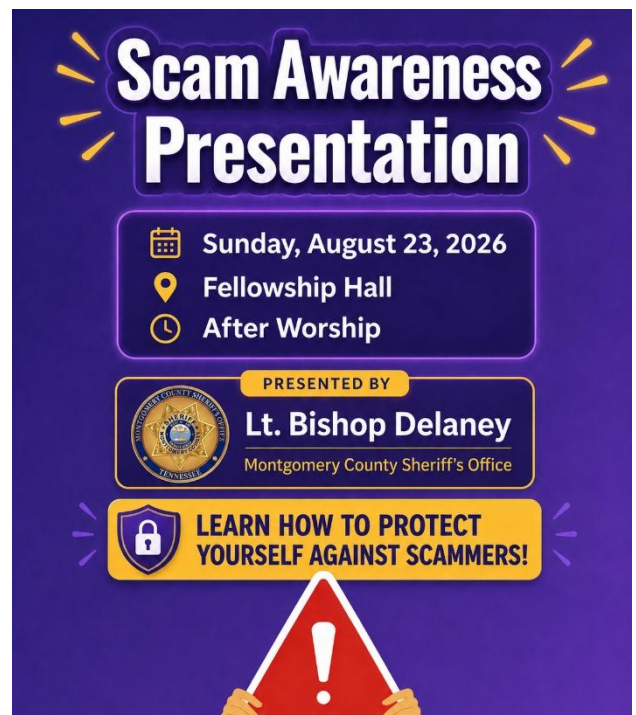


Acolyte Training

All New & Returning Acolytes
3rd - 7th Graders

Sunday, August 16

Following Worship - 11:30 - 12:30



Scam Awareness Presentation

 Sunday, August 23, 2026
 Fellowship Hall
 After Worship

PRESENTED BY
 **Lt. Bishop Delaney**
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

 **LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST SCAMMERS!**



This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, August 9

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)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Promotion Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
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)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)
All Day	Kairos Ministry (Gym Entrance & Showers)

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Teacher Work Day (Rm. 220 – Preschool Office)
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Wednesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Teacher Training (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Safety Awareness Training – Staff Only (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Choir (Sanctuary & Choir Room)

Thursday, August 13

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl (Library)
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ability Avengers (Sarah Mann Building)
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Quilt Posse (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, August 15

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Filipino American int. Association (Fellowship Hall)
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10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
	3 rd Grade Bibles
Following Worship	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	U.M. Youth Fellowship

WELCOME BACK. WELCOME IN.

BACK TO MADISON STREET

REGISTER HERE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
3:30 - 6 P.M.



REGISTER VIA QR CODE OR [MADISONSTREETUMC.ORG](https://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.



Your favorite ice cream contest is returning for Back to Madison Street! This year, entries will be judged by a special panel that includes both a youth judge and a child judge, so be ready to impress!

Sign up today when you sign up for Back to Madison Street, bring your best homemade ice cream, and compete for the Golden Scoop!

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.



Madison Street UMC
319 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN 37040

CLC Room



Wednesday, October 7th
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

SCAN HERE



All donors will receive a 'Game
Changers' T-Shirt when they give
October 1-31!
While supplies last!



BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE LOCAL, SAVE LOCAL.
with Blood Assurance

- Eat a good meal
- Avoid energy drinks
- Bring your ID
- Drink extra water



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