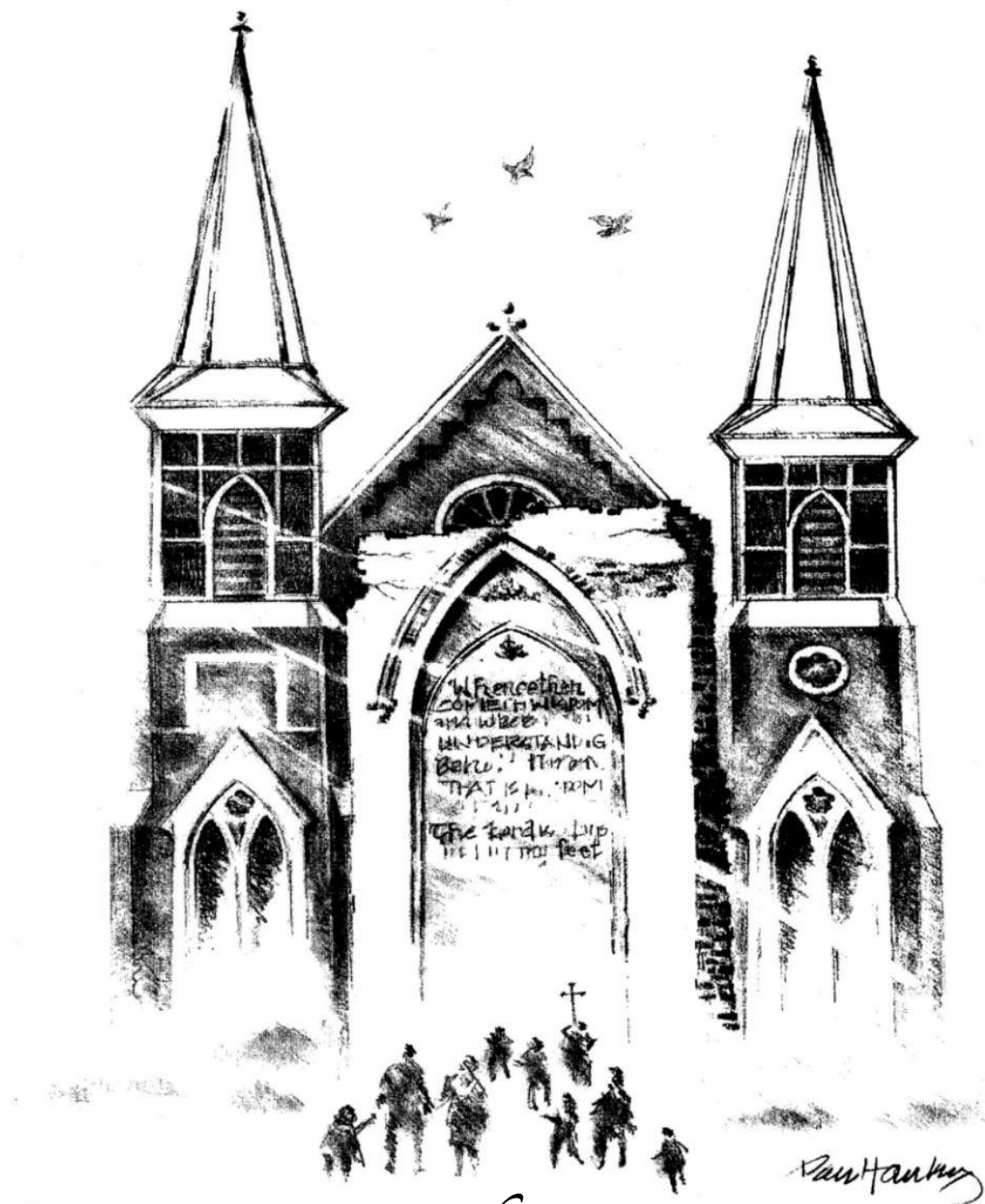




Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ September 27, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Eighteenth 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

“Nun Bitten Wir”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

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

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: In places of abundance and in places of need, God is with us.

People: In moments of certainty and in seasons of questions, God is with us.

Leader: In the wilderness, the Israelites asked, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

People: Even in our questions, God does not abandon us.

Leader: God meets us in the places where our trust runs thin.

People: We will remember the faithfulness of the God who is with us.

+The Processional Hymn No. 731 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

AUSTRIA

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

Ever-present God,

there are times when the wilderness is long

and your presence is difficult to see.

Meet us in our questions and in our fears.

When disappointment makes us forget your faithfulness,
help us remember.

When we cannot see what you are doing,
teach us to trust that you have not left us.

Give us faith for this day
and courage for the journey ahead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise

“Total Praise”

Madison Street Choir

Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills; Knowing my help is coming from You.

Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.

You are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1–7

Madison Frank

+The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23–32

Madison Frank

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

Thanks be to God.

Next Gen Moment

The Rev. Bo 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: **The Wilderness** Grades 3–5 Topic: **The Ark and the Tent***

+The Hymn No. 141

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

The Sermon

“Is God Still With Us?”

Rev. Bryan

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

Rev. Myers

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

Rev. Myers

*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.*

Preschool Recognition

Rev. Myers & Emily Martin

Leader: For fifty-five years of children learning, growing, playing, and discovering that they are loved,

People: We give thanks to God.

Leader: For teachers and staff whose care has blessed generations of children and families,

People: We give thanks to God.

Leader: God of love, bless the children and families of our preschool, its teachers and staff, and all who will become part of this community in the years ahead.

People: Amen.

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

“‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

arr. Cindy Berry

SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 128

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

HE LEADETH ME

+The Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

“O Worship the King”
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 in memory of Tom Malone, from Charlsie & Johnny Halliburton and family.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Brooke Elizabeth Negley, born on September 22, 2026.

*Brooke is the daughter of proud parents James & Beth Negley, sister to Luke & Micah,
and granddaughter to John & Jeanie Negley and Dan & Jeannie Ayers.*

To donate flowers in October, contact Lynda Wyatt-Johnson, (404) 345-6926 or ambrosia@ambrosiaandco.com.

Worship Leaders in Today's Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor

The Rev. Bo Myers ~ Associate Pastor

Lucretia Campbell ~ Congregational Care

Emily Martin ~ Madison Street Preschool Director

Teddy Lee & Noah Greenfield ~ Acolytes

Bruce Anderson & Brayden Meeks ~ Technical Team

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist

Madison Frank ~ Choir Director

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
Rita Collett
Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson
Silas Fritts
Sherri Harvill
Kristin Armistead Helms
Elimia Isaacs
Allan Irby
Joe Johnson

Jeff Johnston
Emily Sharp Kidd
Mary Kidd
Joanne Kroll
Ken Kroll
Fred Landiss
Griffin Myers
Tony Nave
Polly Wallace Parker
Chris Patton
Johnny Peay
Carol Pring

James Pring
Ivan Scholle
Molly Shaw
Sandra Simms
Judy Smith
Morgen Smith
Chris Towe
John Williams
Rev. Cliff Wright
Elaine Yarzab
Military Families
Suicide Epidemic



This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, September 27

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) Pre-K 55 th
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	U.M. Youth Fellowship (Hilldale UMC)

Monday, September 28

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	UWF/Esther–Rebekah Group (Rm. 103)
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Wednesday, September 30

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (Rm. 104)
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)
5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	M3 (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Choir (Sanctuary & Choir Room)

Thursday, October 1

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Women of the Word (Rm. 107 – Window Room)
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ability Avengers (Sarah Mann Building)

Sunday, October 4

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. – 1:30 p.m.	Empty Bowls Painting Party (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals (MSUMC Commerce St. Parking Lot)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	U.M. Youth Fellowship (MSUMC)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4, 2026 ~ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
MSUMC Commerce St. Parking Lot

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.



6 Week Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

Sept. 23 & 30
Oct. 7, 21, & 28
Nov. 4

Everyone Welcome!
Growing in faith, together.

Email Pastor Bo
bo@madisonstreetumc.org
for more information.

Madison Street
United Methodist Church



Madison Street UMC
319 Madison Street
Clarksville, TN 37040
CLC Room

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



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



FOLLOW US FOR STORIES
OF LOCAL IMPACT!

Adult Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the
MSUMC Window Room.

Monday, October 19 ~ CEO Randy Davis on
Vanderbilt Clarksville Hospital

Monday, November 16 ~ Steve Springer
gives tips to prepare for the tax season

Let us know **by tonight** if you are planning on eating with us.

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS**
BEGINS SEPT. 9

M3
at **MADISON STREET UMC**

SERVING LINE OPENS
5:15 P.M.

CHOIRS & PROGRAMMING
6-7 P.M.

Meal • Music • Meaning

Children's Choirs:
Age 3 - 1st Grade
2nd - 5th Grades
6th - 12th Grades
(Nursery for 2 and under)

Adult Offerings:
Games
Free Wifi
Hang Out
Faith, Nation, & Allegiance

Children's Choir Registration



Meal Registration



This Wednesday's Menu:

Asian-Inspired Night
General Tso's Chicken
Lo Mein Noodles
Fried Rice
Tossed Salad
Ice Cream Bar

Kids' Option: Chicken Nuggets, Fries & Fruit

Empty Bowls Painting Party

Sunday, October 4

Following Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

Light lunch will
be provided

\$10 per bowl



REGISTER HERE



or call (931) 647-0221.



Each empty bowl serves
as a reminder of the many
people in our community
and beyond who face
hunger and food
insecurity every day.