

No Fear Here

The Children's Ministry with your help will once again host the annual Halloween alternative for the children of our neighborhood and church family on Oct. 30.

We need the following:

A team to coordinate this great event.

A few people to help the week before.

Bunches of people to serve during the event.

People who are willing to donate candy. You can drop off candy at the bin in the lobby.

If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 or ken.schripsema@madison-squarechurch.org.

Making Room Recommendation

Madison Place is the large, vacant building three doors north of the Square. In coming weeks we'll be considering a Council recommendation to begin renovating it in March 2010. Pray that our discussions, and a November 15 decision, will honor our Owner!

Madison Square Church

United in Christ as a Diverse Community



October 11, 2009

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Our Vision: To build a community of diverse people who are being transformed by Christ.



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◆ Welcome Guests

We're glad you're worshiping with us today. Pick up your welcome gift at the Guest Care desk in the lobby. Questions about Madison? Please call the church office Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 245-7791. For more information go to www.madisonsquarechurch.org.



Sermon Series: In Recovery-In Christ

◆ Worship

Morning

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

“Deceived....Set Free in Christ”

Square teaching by Paula Seales

Ford teaching by Pastor Cisco

Evening

1 Corinthians 2:6-13

“But We Have the Mind of Christ”

Teaching by Pastor Cisco

Worship at 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. at the Square; 10 a.m. at Ford

S.O.A.P. Bible Study “Foolish....Chosen in Christ”

S=Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

O=Observation: What were some of the problems Paul was addressing at the church in Corinth? Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-14 and 2:5-6. Why was the gospel of Jesus Christ thought to be foolishness? Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-23 and 3:14. What is the wisdom of this present world? What is real wisdom? Read 1 Corinthians 1:24-25 and 2:7-12. What is the kind of mind we ought to have and why?

A=Application: Think of how you may have been deceived in believing untruths about yourself and God. How have you been set free in your mind to understand and remain grounded in the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage:

* If you were challenged through this Bible study, go deeper by picking up a daily study guide at the Information Center today to connect further with God's word.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (TNIV)

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived— these things God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ for God has revealed them to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit within? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

◆ Today

Nursery

For newborn through 3 years old at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. downstairs.

Four and Five Year Old Ministry

Downstairs in Room 104-105 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. There is no 11:30 a.m. session.

Children's Church (8:30 and 11:30 a.m.) Sunday School (10 a.m.)

1st through 6th graders meet in the MultiPurpose Room.

Special Needs Ministry

Trained staff provides your child with one-on-one attention in Room 314. Call Ken at 245-7791 ext. 214 for reservations.

High School Sunday School

10 a.m. in Room 203.

Adult Sunday School: All classes start at 10 a.m. For more information, check at the Information Center in the lobby.

Men's Addiction Recovery

Meets at 8:30 a.m. in room 307.

High School Youth Group: 4-8 p.m.

Call Katie at 269-330-4963 by 3 p.m. if you need a ride.

◆ This Week at Madison

Children's Praise Dance: Will not meet this week.

Adult Praise Dance: Will not meet this week.

Madison Girls (for all 2nd thru 6th grade girls.): 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon.

Cadets (for all 2nd thru 6th grade boys): 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues.

Men's Addiction Recovery: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Men's Bible Study: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Fresh Fire Prayer Service: 6 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wed., Noon Thurs.

Madison Moms: 9-11 a.m. Wed.

Midweek Bible Teaching: 7-8:30 p.m. Wed.

Women's Addiction Recovery: 7-9 p.m. Wed.

Middle School Youth Group: Meet at church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 15 for a teaching called "In Your Life, Take a Stand for Christ!" Find out what 1 Corinthians 2 says about taking a stand!

◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>	<i>Sunday School and Nursery</i>
8:30 a.m.	242	19
10 a.m.	375	99
10 a.m. Ford	119	5
11:30 a.m.	369	11
total	1,105	134

Invite a friend or neighbor to our 8:30, 10, or 11:30 a.m. services At the Square or 10 a.m. At Ford. We have plenty of room for new faces.

◆ Our Giving

Year to date giving for General Fund:

Last week: \$8,753 over budget

Year to date: \$5,772 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund 2. Missions' Fund

This evening's offering:

Southeast Community Association

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund 2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

Safe Haven

Ordination

Invitation to Ordination Service for Brian Seifert, 4 p.m. Oct. 17 at Cadillac CRC, 1110 E. Division St., Cadillac, MI. Following the service there will be a Chicken Barbeque Potluck. RSVP to Bev at 231-775-5291 by Oct. 14.

The driving directions are: US 131 North to exit 180 (Lake City - M55 East), turn left (west), first church on the left.

Installation

Madison Square Church and Calvin College invite you to the installation of Rev. Dr. Mary Hulst as College Chaplain of Calvin College at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Calvin College chapel.

Sept. Offering Totals

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Amount Needed</i>	<i>Amount Given</i>
Missions	\$5,325	\$5,598
Christian Education	\$11,084	\$6,919
Deacons	\$6,000	\$3,175
General	\$101,200	\$87,724

◆ Our Ministries

Failure Is Not an Option

“The man who believes he can do something is probably right, and so is the man who believes he can’t.” Nov. 20 is coming. Will you be ready?

Urgent Needs-Youth

Middle School and High School are under way and kids are coming through the doors! We need just a few more hands on deck. Middle School needs one more Sunday School leader and two more female youth leaders. High School needs two male youth leaders and two female youth leaders. Contact Christy at 340-3742.

Children’s standUP!

The children’s standUP! Profession of Faith class begins today at 6 p.m. in room 304. If your 2nd grade through 6th grade child is interested in attending, you can still get in today.

20s and 30s

Please join us at Restorers at 11:30 a.m. today for some coffee, treats, and fellowship. Come meet and mingle with other people from Madison. See you there!

Newcomers’ Class

Would you like to learn about becoming a member? Join us from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct 17 in the Multipurpose Room for our Newcomers’ Class. Brunch and daycare are available. Call Nicole at 245-7791 ext 204 to register.

Ride for Refugees

The Ride for Refugees was a huge success. At our location, 387 people on 24 teams rode for our work in Uganda! We thank and praise God for all of you who got involved. For more information, contact Tim and Angie Sliedrecht at sliedrechts@hotmail.com.

Transportation Needs

We are looking for transportation for a few of our college students who are trying to serve in ministry here at Madison. If you are available to pick up students on Sunday mornings, contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 or ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org.

Exciting Moms’ Ministry

Madison Moms got off to a great start Sept. 23. About 20 moms from different parts of town and various ages came, including eight first-timers. Join us Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. for this exciting ministry.

Get Connected Fair

Find a place to belong, become, and bless by joining a Care Group. Meet in the sanctuary 6 p.m. Oct. 25 to meet new people, hear stories of God’s Grace, and get connected.

◆ Joys and Concerns

Please pray for the Carol and Jerry Snoeyink as they grieve the loss of Carol’s mother who passed away Oct. 2.

Please keep praying for the Ride for Refugees and those traumatized and unreached in Uganda.

Pray for Beincenie Awator’s family back in his country, he would like prayer for his schoolwork and for the lost.

Pray for families and students, for all those trying to adjust to a new fall schedule and the stress that goes with it.

Pray for people dealing with depression. Pray that they hear God speaking over the lies of the enemy.

Pray for our No Fear Here event. Pray that many from our community will serve and attend, and through that, will experience God’s love and grace with a family of believers.

Prayer servants are available after the service at the altar. You may also pray privately in the Prayer Room off the Lobby.

If you have prayer requests for the prayer chain, contact Marty Meyne at meynman@sbcglobal.net or 241-5027.

Prayer Request Form

Please check. I would like to:

- Give my life to Christ
 Recommit my life to Christ

Please Pray for: _____

Do you wish to have your request in:

- The Bulletin
 The confidential Prayer Chain

If you would like us to, how can we best reach you? _____

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Date

Please tear off and place in the offering basket. You may also call Paula Seales at 245-7791 ext. 212.