

## 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.

Thanks for the great response last week, we still need the following:

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@madisonsquarechurch.org](mailto:ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org).

## Make Room for Community

### Potluck

1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

MultiPurpose Room at Madison At the Square

This will be a great time to meet someone new and catch up with old friends. Everyone from Madison At the Square and Madison At Ford is invited. You'll also have an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the upcoming Nov. 15 vote to take a loan, incurring around a 4 year debt, to renovate Madison Place. Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name as shown below.

A-J bring a dessert

K-R bring a main dish

S-Z bring a side dish

# Madison Square Church

*United in Christ as a Diverse Community*



**October 25, 2009**

- ◆ Thanksgiving Baskets
- ◆ standUP! Celebration
- ◆ Make Room for Community Potluck

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



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# Welcome

## ◆ 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](http://www.madisonsquarechurch.org).



Sermon Series: In Recovery-In Christ

## ◆ Worship

### Morning

Isaiah 61:1-3

“Unjust....Empowered”

Square teaching by Pastor Dave

Ford teaching by Pastor Alton

### Evening

James 1:19-20

“Sh Sh Sh Sh”

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 “Unjust....Empowered”

**S=Scripture:** Isaiah 61:1-3

**O=Observation:** Which persons of the Trinity show up in these three verses? In these three verses, what action words are used to describe the effect of this anointing? Look up Luke 4:14-21 and answers these questions: Who is preaching? How does Jesus apply this text? How does the crowd at the synagogue respond to Jesus?

**A=Application:** How is social justice tied to the gospel if grace in these texts? Since we are called Christians (little anointed ones), what is our calling here?

**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.

# Isaiah 61:1-3 (TNIV)

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called mighty oaks, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

## ◆ 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.)

1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 10 a.m. For more information, check at the Information Center.

### Men's Addiction Recovery

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

High School Youth Group: 5-7 p.m. in the MultiPurpose Room. We will have our Photo Scavenger Hunt around town tonight. Please dress warm and be on time so that you don't miss your group! You must have a permission slip turned in to participate in this activity. Call Katie at 269-330-4963 by 3 p.m. if you need a ride.

## ◆ This Week at Madison

Children's Praise Dance: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mon.

Adult Praise Dance: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mon.

Madison Girls: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. for 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

Cadets: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. for 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys

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. and 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: We'll leave at 5:30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, Oct. 29 for Post Family Farm. Pumpkins, hayrides, donuts, corn and hay mazes, apple cider--this trip will be amazing! You will need \$8 and a permission slip to come. You can use Serve to Earn money, too.

## ◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning Services</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>	<i>Sunday School and Nursery</i>
8:30 a.m.	226	26
10 a.m.	342	131
10 a.m. Ford	107	8
11:30 a.m.	339	41
total	1,014	206

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: \$355 under budget

Year to date: \$15,766 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund      2. Deacons' Fund

This evening's offering:

In the Image

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund      2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

Congregations Organizing for Racial Reconciliation

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is coming and we are planning to give away food. We are looking for any non-perishable food items and plastic bags. Please drop off your donations in the food pantry bin located in the lobby at Madison at the Square, we are also in need of volunteers to help make and distribute baskets on Nov. 23 and 24. To sign up to serve, or if you have questions, please contact Nicole Simpson at 245-7791 ext. 204.

## standUP! Celebration

On Sunday morning, Nov. 8, our church family will celebrate the faith commitments of children and teen who want to go public and "standUP! for their faith. We will celebrate at all morning services at the "Square" with testimonies and baptisms. Invite a friend and join us for this great celebration.

## Daylight Savings

Be sure to set your clock back one hour next Saturday, Oct. 31.

## ◆ Our Ministries

### Understanding Racism

As part of Madison's commitment to build a diverse body of believers being transformed by Christ, we will be providing another "Understanding Racism: The Power to Change" 2.5 day workshop on Oct. 29 to 31 at Church of the Servant. For more information contact Kris Vander Stelt at 456-6419 or kvanderstelt@comcast.net.

### 20s and 30s

Are you interested in attending a simple dinner? It's a chance to gather at someone's home and share a meal together on either Nov. 2, 3, or 4. To sign up, email us at madison20s30s@gmail.com.

### It's Coming...

Integrity, vision, passion, humility, accountability, forgiveness, communication – in your home, marriage, as a parent, in your friendships or at work - men, how are we doing? On Friday night, Nov. 20, we'll be addressing some of these issues at Madison Square for a men's only night out. Look for more details in the next few weeks but save the date now!

### Urgent Needs-Youth

Middle School and High School Youth Group 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.

### Ordination

The ordination ceremony for Brad Knetsch as Assistant Pastor of Madison At Ford will take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at Madison At the Square.

### 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.

### Get Connected Fair

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

## ◆ Requested Announcement

### Conference on Education

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, Calvin College will host "The Garden of Delight and Learning from the Stranger: Lectures to Rekindle the Christian Imagination" a one-day interactive conference and will be held in the Bytwerk Video Theater of the DeVos Communication Center. David Smith, Madison member and director of the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning at Calvin College, is the conference's keynote speaker. For more details on the event, see [www.icscanada.edu/events/2009](http://www.icscanada.edu/events/2009) or contact the Kuyers Institute at 616-526-7500.

## ◆ Joys and Concerns

Pray for Ted, Lin and Rachel Borduin on the loss of Lin's father two Sundays ago on her birthday. It has been difficult for the family to attend church on Sunday. Pray for comfort, encouragement and God's grace to give them strength to make it each day.

Pray for our Making Room campaign. Pray that we will make wise decisions concerning Madison Place. Pray that we will have clarity surrounding its use and that many will submit their pledges and other contributions to the fund.

Pray for peace and unity in the body of Christ. Pray that we can grow in the grace and knowledge of God, understanding His will for us as a church and working harmoniously for its accomplishment being empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for No Fear Here, which will be held on Friday. Pray for a time of fun and great community that will draw seekers, youth, and children to faith and to the family of believers here at Madison.

Pray for the homeless as the winter months are here and the weather has changed, that they find a warm shelter.

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.