

WELCOME

Jan. 29, 2012

MORNING WORSHIP

Square: 8:30, 10, and 11:30 am
Ford: 10 am

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

John 21:15-19

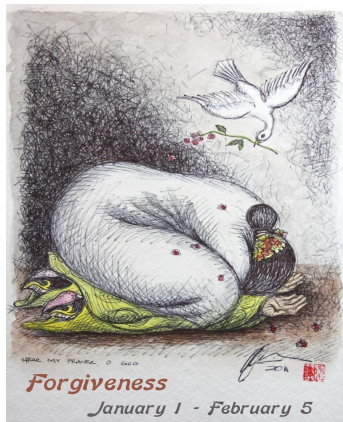
Square: Pastor David Beelen

Ford: John Eigege

OUR GIVING

Today: General Fund, Deacons' Fund

Next Week: General Fund, Christian Education



EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

Moving Forward Concert

Madison's Gospel Choir and Adult Praise Dance

Visual artist Kimari Green

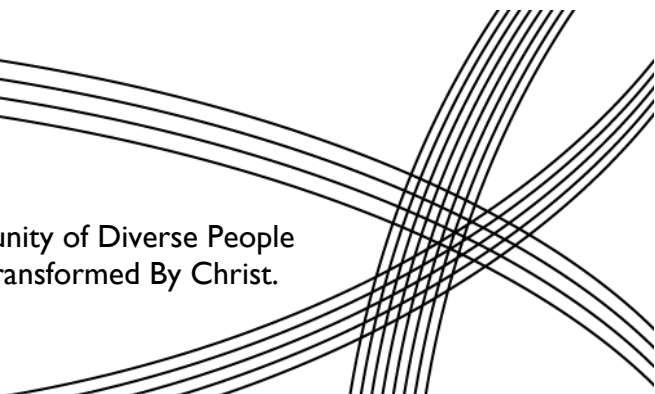
OUR GIVING

Today: In the Image

Next Week: Care for Pastors

Our VISION:

To Build a Community of Diverse People
Who Are Being Transformed by Christ.



Welcome to *Madison Square Church!*

If you are new today, please stop at the Information Center for a gift that will help you get to know us.

We invite you to take advantage of the many ministry opportunities available today. If you would like your children to stay with you during the worship service, the Ushers have a special bulletin for kids. Also, there is a Cry Room available for you to care for your young ones and still see and hear the worship service.

Later on, check out what's happening in our regular ministries during the week or as special events. You can find all this detail in the Ministry Magazine available at the Information Center.

We hope that you see God here today. If you have any questions about us, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Bill Wiarda at 616.245.7791 ext. 215 or bill.wiarda@madisonsquarechurch.org.

SQUARE SUNDAYS

NURSERY: Newborns-3 years old at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 am downstairs

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY: one-on-one attention in Room 314. Call Kristen Buurma at 245-7791 ext. 213 for reservations.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: 8:45 am
2nd Sundays in Room 302

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 8:30 and 11:30 in the Multipurpose Room for kids 1st-6th grade.

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10 am in the Multipurpose Room for kids 1st-6th grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am at Madison Place

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am at Madison Place

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am
Check bulletin boards or Info Center for class listings.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
5 pm at Madison Place

SQUARE WEEKS

Sunday School classes and regular weekday ministries are happening. Check your Ministry Magazine at the Information Center for times, days, and locations.

Worship Notes

Reserve the Date

Reserve the date for our Annual All Church Worship Retreat "Finding our Way Back Home" for a rich time of worship, learning, and growth. When? Friday evening, Feb. 10 and Saturday morning, Feb. 11. Where? Madison Square Church. This retreat is geared toward everyone engaged in worship and all congregants. Register today!"

Platform Design for Forgiveness Series: The Weaving

Life is a complex weaving between our Lord and us. God offers his forgiveness and grace, we sin and disobey, and we struggle to forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as ourselves. These divergent strands weave in and out throughout our life's journey. As you look at the weaving, reflect on the condition of your heart and hear the words of the psalmist: "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope... for with the Lord is full redemption." Psalm 130:5, 7(b).

Lent Sermon Series Feb. 12-April 1

As we focus on Lent, we will do so through an Old Testament lens. The sanctuary will be transformed into a Tabernacle, God's Old Testament tent of meeting with his people. In order to do this, we will remove the flags from the back wall and the large cross for a time. Come Good Friday, however, the cross will be restored in all of its glory as we gather around it and realize anew our sinfulness and Christ's all sufficient sacrifice for us.

Moving Forward Concert

Mark your calendars and invite your friends to our Gospel Choir's winter concert at 6 pm Sunday, Jan. 29. We welcome guest visual artist Kimari Green and our Praise Dance troupe. During the concert, Kimari will be creating a visual response to her worship experience. This concert promises to be a rich time of praise for everyone! Nursery is provided.

Urgent Need in Early Childhood Ministries

Due to a lack of volunteers, the preschool and kindergarten age children have been combined into one class. We will have to start turning children away soon if we do not get more volunteers. We need 3 more teachers and at least 3 more assistants to volunteer for two 10 am services per month. For more details or to sign up, please contact Kate Klynstra at 534-0269 or kate.elizabeth@gmail.com. You can also sign up downstairs on Sunday morning.

Forgiveness/Reconciliation

Sermon Notes

Scripture: Romans 12:17-21, Acts 15:36-41, Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:10

Forgiveness: When do you know that you have begun to forgive? I am beginning to forgive when I can _____ the other person _____ and _____ for them.

Forgiveness and reconciliation:

Word study:

Aphiami: "to send off" "to release"

Luo: "to bathe, to cleanse"

Charizomai: "to give, to be gracious"

Katallaso: "to change, reconcile"

Comparison:

	Forgiveness	Reconciliation
Spiritual gift needed:	grace	courage/wisdom
Characteristics:	solo	duet
Analogy:	release	bridge
Result:	inner freedom/grace	trust, relationship restore

Steps to reconciliation:

God's call

Confirmation

Signs of understanding

Promises made and kept

Accept the limits of _____ and _____.

Biblical example of Paul, Barnabus and John Mark:

Prayer:

God, I need your help along the road of forgiveness. I need your help forgiving _____ . I am being challenged today to extend trust as a bridge in my relationship to _____ .

S.O.A.P. Bible Study

Use **S.O.A.P** Daily:

Week of Jan. 29

SU- I Corinthians 9-10

M- Genesis 48-50

T- I Samuel 11-15

W- Psalms 36-38

TH- Job 25-26

F- Jeremiah 1-6

SA- Mark 5-6

Week of Feb. 5

SU- I Corinthians 11-12

M- Exodus 1-4

T- I Samuel 16-20

W- Psalms 39-41

TH- Job 27-28

F- Jeremiah 7-11

SA- Mark 7-8

Read through the Bible in a year with us using the S.O.A.P. method:

S = *Scripture*— read it

O = *Observe*— what do you notice?

A = *Apply*— take action on it

P = *Prayer*— pray for Transformation

Take your bookmark today and put it in a book or place that will help remind you to SOAP UP!

Prayer Request

Please circle. I would like to:

✝ Give my life to Christ

✝ Recommit my life to Christ

✝ Please Pray for:

Do you wish to send your request to:

✝ 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 x 212.

Staff Updates

Here is some important information regarding the current status of some of Madison staff members.

-  **Missy Flockhart** is on leave from her position as Early Childhood Coordinator after extended bed rest and is now enjoying her new twin girls – Marlo and Malia. Sara DenHartigh (tsdenhartigh@gmail.com) and Kate Klynstra (534-0269 or kate.elizabeth@gmail.com) are serving as Co-Interim Early Childhood Coordinators.
-  **Christy Carlin Knetsch**, Director of Youth Ministries, is on maternity leave after the arrival of Isaiah Justice Knetsch in December. Jasmine Wright and Katie Hickok along with the rest of the Youth Leaders are providing great leadership in the High School Youth Ministry.
-  **Brad Knetsch** is serving as Interim Campus Pastor at the Ford while a search team works on next steps for filling the position of Campus Pastor at Ford.
-  **Paula Seales**, one of our Directors who leads these four major ministries - Freedom in Christ, Prayer, Hospitality, and Adult Sunday School- will not be preaching for the next six months because of a recent agreement between Paula and the Elders that her areas of ministry as Director require more focus and energy from her. Paula's place on the Preaching Team as a Preaching Apprentice is a part-time job that was added to her full-time Director responsibilities. This change will allow her to focus on her Director work more completely.
-  **Nicole Simpson**, Office Coordinator, has recently left the Madison staff to join the Restorers staff. Marisol Rosser and Tiffany ? (**last name?**) are faithfully serving in the office while we develop the next steps in replacing Nicole.

Financial Freedom Class at Restorers

Sign up today

Take control of your finances and experience financial peace by attending Restorers Financial Freedom Class. Spring 2012 class is from 6-8 pm Mondays and runs for 12 weeks from Feb. 13 to May 7 at Restorers, 1413 Madison Ave SE. Cost is \$5 per person for the 12-week class. Register by calling 243-1984.

Coaches Needed

Volunteer Financial Freedom coaches are needed to work with participants each week. Do you love empowering people, have the gift of teaching, encouragement and/or mentoring? Help others as they learn how to budget, save, and get out of debt. Two hours of your time per week can have an effect for a lifetime. Coach orientation/training provided. Call 243-1984 to sign up as a coach.

Sunday School Classes for Adults

We have room for you to get on board at 10 am and reach your divine destination.

Everything You Need to Know about Doctrine but Were Afraid to Ask
Room 302... with Don Huizinga

The Game Plan
Room 301... with Jim Hagerup

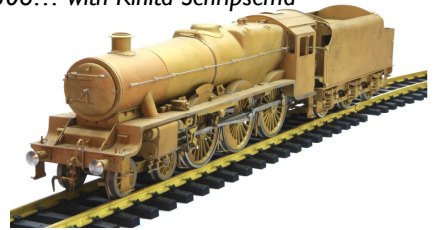
Jewish Roots
En Gedi Center... with Ron Van Valkenburg

Knowing Your Identity in Christ
Room 305-306... with Ken and Claudie Vos

Men's Accountability
Room 304... with Dave Graf

Network: Spiritual Gifts Training
Room 303... with Krista Harmon

Sisters at Heart
Room 307-308... with Kinita Schripsema



Food Pantry

Current Needs for the Food Pantry

Most critical this month are personal care items like: bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels.

Other Items Needed are: Canned fruit/pineapple, fruit cocktail, canned beans, skillet dinners/hamburger or tuna Helpers, canned vegetables, tomato/spaghetti sauce, mushroom and chicken noodle soup, and canned chicken or tuna.



Food Pantry Customer Service

Are you looking for a place to use your God-given talents and skills while helping others? Then Madison's Food Pantry NEEDS YOU to help in the following areas: assisting clients in selecting food items, restocking shelves, repackaging bulk food items into smaller portions, and helping clients load items in their vehicles. Sign up at the Information Center so we can contact you with more info to get involved.

STAY ON TRACK ^{updates}

Attention, Senior Saints

Our next fellowship gathering will be 6 pm Saturday, Feb. 11 at Ron and Mary Boes' home, 2326 Rolling Hill Dr. SE. All 55 years old and older welcome! Call with any questions 975-1363.

Odd Jobs Around the House?

If you have things that need doing, ask our Youth Group students to tackle that task and get it lined up. We're available from 10 am-2 pm Saturdays. Call Dontayre Carlisle at 724-9066 for details.

Refugee Assistance

Our church supports a family in our neighborhood who came here from Togo in West Africa. Current service opportunities include: transportation to/from school, ESL tutoring, driving lessons, and handyman services. Contact Sara DenHartigh at 427-4813 or tsdenhartigh@gmail.com if you can help.

Understanding Racism Workshop

Madison's next Understanding Racism workshop will be held March 11-13 (Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday from 8-6). Sign up at the Info Desk today. Contact Kris Vander Stelt at 456-6419 or kris.vanderstelt@gmail.com for more info.

Youth News

High School Youth Group

"The Lies That Binds" series with Aneeshia Freeman is at 5 pm at Madison Place and goes through Feb. 19. Students will have a chance to win a \$100 cash prize.

Super Bowl Party

Feb 5th we will have a Super Bowl Party for youth group hosted by the Ford TOUGH Men's ministry. Servants arrive at Madison Place at 5 pm. Everyone else is welcome at 6 pm just prior to kick off. Men, bring chili, and ladies, bring a dessert for the contests and to share. Get your invites at Youth Group and bring your family.

GET IN TOUCH!

Madison Square Church

Monday - Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm 616.245.7791

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One Church in Two Locations: Madison at Ford and Madison at the Square

