

# Messenger

## September 10, 2021



**Our purpose is to Praise, Glorify,  
and Love God**

**Our Principles: Humility, Grace,  
Prayer, Love, Service, and  
Compassion**



**Join us this Sunday, September 12, for Rally Day.**

- Bring your backpacks for a special blessing.
- There will be a discussion about worship at UMCM in the Sanctuary following the service. This conversation is open to all who attend UMCM and will help us plan and refine worship here at the church.
- **SURPRISE!** Ice cream truck for **ALL** at 11:30.

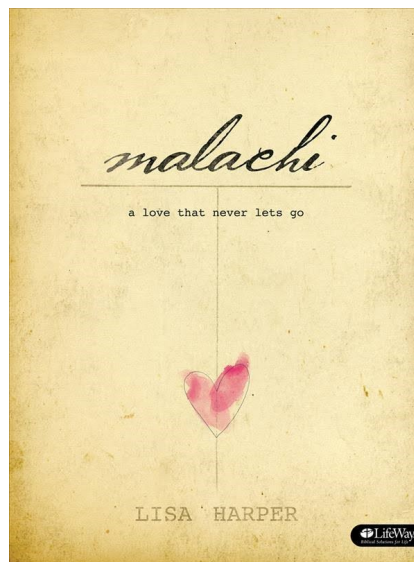


## **Women's Bible Studies at UMC of Macedonia**

Ladies of all ages will have a chance to come together to study God's word in Bible Study this fall. The Study is titled: *Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go* by Lisa Harper. The book of Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament and continues to get us ready for the birth and life of Jesus. The text demonstrates that God won't walk away from us, even on our worst day. God won't leave us. Study with us to explore God's unchanging love and how he loves all His broken people.

The study will be held on Monday mornings at 10:30 am beginning on September 13 and on Tuesday evenings starting on September 14 at 7:00 pm. Both studies will run for 7 weeks and includes a video message from Lisa Harper each week. Both studies will be held in-person at the church. There is a workbook to help guide the study and keep us connected with the text during the week.

If you have any questions or to register for the class, please send call 330-467-3169 or email Jill at [jmarlow@umcofmacedonia.org](mailto:jmarlow@umcofmacedonia.org). The workbook will cost \$13.00.





## **Open M News For Fall**

This month we're again collecting bar soap for the Open M Food Pantry. Bring it to the red wagon in the Holbrook room. We'll do the rest.

Thank you to all our loyal donors to the Open M Fall Gala. We hoped for \$1000; we received \$1070 for sponsorship to the Gala. We won't be attending in person but we're happy, knowing that we've supported this mission. We've been a covenant church for over 50 years and Open M always lets us know they appreciate all we do.

### **OPEN YOUR HEARTS!**

#### **MAKE A SIMPLE COMMITMENT! WE NEED YOU!**

We've been providing 4 or 5 lunches per year for Open M's commitment to the community. They serve lunch for the last two weeks of each month and we always choose the dates we want. Before the pandemic we went down and served to folks inside the building. Years ago it was to 200+ people, then about 130, and now with bagged lunches just dropped off for people outside the building - 30 to 50. Would you - either a couple or a group of friends - be willing to take over this responsibility? There's money for whatever food items are selected and it's your choice as to what is included. It's become pretty simple as we don't see Open M opening up the building for the near future to luncheon guests. We want to pass the torch (or spatula!) to someone new. Please call Althea Marquardt at 330-467-6435 or Carolyn Hansinger at 330-467-1836. We're serving two more days this year: Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 22.



### **Administrative Assistant at UMC of Macedonia**

The United Methodist Church of Macedonia is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant. The tasks of this position involve traditional clerical/administrative duties including preparing the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, maintaining church membership records, correspondence required by the Pastor and other such duties. Knowledge of Microsoft Office software and basic office equipment is required. Send resume to [umcmsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:umcmsecretary@gmail.com) by Sept. 17, 2021. For a full copy of the Job Description, [click here](#).

### **Online Giving**

If you are interested in giving online, or would like to amend your current online giving, there is a new mobile app called **MyVanco** which will facilitate that. You can also give through our website. The online giving page has changed, so go to our website, click Resources, Online Giving to access this. There are two flyers from Vanco posted on the website explaining the new mobile app. I will be sending a separate email with these flyers as attachments.

I encourage everyone to switch to online giving. It's easier than ever and takes the hassle out of remembering to send/bring your donation. If anyone has any questions, please contact me at [jmarlow@umcofmacedonia.org](mailto:jmarlow@umcofmacedonia.org) or call me at (330) 954-0118.  
Jill Marlow

You are invited to join the Radzik Family  
for the Baptism of Oliver James Radzik on  
Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 3:00pm in  
the Sanctuary at The United Methodist  
Church of Macedonia. Please plan to join  
us for this special service with the Rev. Kyle  
Gould preaching and Bishop Tracy S.  
Malone presiding.

### **United Methodist Women**

The UMW is currently seeking donations of like new/gently used purses and jewelry for their accessory sale to be held in November. Donations may be dropped off in the church office. Date and time of the sale will be announced at a later date.



## **Rule of Christ Training**

### **A new Resource for UMC Churches**

At Bishop Tracey Malone's recent annual conference address, she presented a new program to "cultivate congregational health" at all the churches under her responsibility. Currently, she is implementing this training for the churches that had a pastoral change in July. She will assign each church an outside trainer to work with the Staff Parish Relations Committee and other key leaders.

Bishop Malone's goal is to develop healthy churches and to make healthy disciples because healthy disciples transform the world. This training is a six-step tool that is based on Matthew 18, words directly from Jesus Christ, who encourages churches to handle conflict, disagreements and relationships in a positive way that will increase and cultivate the congregational health of our church.

All organizations, including churches, experience changes over its lifetime. In the last 150 years, the UMC of Macedonia is no exception. We have experienced plenty of changes and are the stronger working through them. Change is a natural occurrence in all environments and even our families. Of course, when an organization gets a new CEO, Superintendent or Pastor, there will always be changes to way things are done or the ways things happen. In a church, the one thing that will never change is our focus on God and doing his work not ours, achieving his goals of bringing] disciples to Christ.

At UMC of Macedonia, we are fortunate that our congregational health is doing well and with this new training, we will be able to build on our capacity and "serve, praise and love God" more than we have ever done.

Our church is scheduled for two more trainings, one in September and one in October. I look forward to giving you an update as to our progress.

Peggy Spraggins, Chair UCB



**Sunday, Sep. 12**

9:30 Traditional Worship  
 4:00 Limitless  
 6:00 Boy Scout #882

**Monday, Sep. 13**

7:30 Men's breakfast-  
 Luna's  
 8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 Group  
 10:30 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 7:00 UCB Meeting

**Tuesday, Sep. 14**

6:00 Jazzercise  
 7:00 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 7:30 Serenity Group

**Wednesday, Sep. 15**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 9:30 Congregational  
 Care  
 11:30 Faithful Friends  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 8:00 Open Arms

**Thursday, Sep. 16**

6:30 Kitchen Talk

**Friday, Sep. 17**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 7:00 Come & Get It

**Saturday, Sep. 18**

8:30 Jazzercise

**Sunday, Sep. 19**

9:30 Traditional Worship  
 4:00 Limitless  
 6:00 Boy Scout #882

**Monday, Sep. 20**

7:30 Men's breakfast-  
 Luna's  
 8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 10:30 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 6:00 Jazzercise

**Tuesday, Sep. 21**

6:00 Jazzercise  
 7:00 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 7:30 Serenity Group

**Wednesday, Sep. 22**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 9:30 Congregational  
 Care  
 11:30 Faithful Friends  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 6:00 Clergy Consultation  
 8:00 Open Arms

**Thursday, Sep. 23**

9:00 Nordon Hills CC  
 6:30 Kitchen Talk

**Friday, Sep. 24**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 7:00 Come & Get It

**Saturday, Sep. 25**

8:30 Jazzercise  
 2:00 Private Event—  
 Hanneman

**Sunday, Sep. 26**

9:30 Traditional Worship  
 3:00 Baptism—Oliver  
 James Radzil  
 4:00 Limitless  
 6:00 Boy Scout #882

**Monday, Sep. 27**

7:30 Men's breakfast-  
 Luna's  
 8:15 Bootcamp  
 10:30 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 6:30 Rule of Christ  
 Training

**Tuesday, Sep. 28**

6:00 Jazzercise  
 6:30 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 7:30 Serenity Group

**Wednesday, Sep. 29**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 9:30 Congregational  
 Care  
 11:30 Faithful Friends  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 8:00 Open Arms

**Thursday, Sep. 30**

6:30 Kitchen Talk

**Friday, Oct. 1**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 7:00 Come & Get It

**Saturday, Oct. 2**

8:30 Jazzercise

**Sunday, Oct. 3**

9:30 Traditional  
 Worship  
 4:00 Limitless  
 6:00 Boy Scout #882

**Monday, Oct. 4**

7:30 Men's Breakfast-  
 Luna's  
 8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 Group  
 10:30 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 6:00 Christian  
 Education Bd. Mtg  
 6:00 Jazzercise

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**

6:00 Jazzercise  
 7:00 Women's Bible  
 Study  
 7:30 Serenity Group

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**

8:30 Bootcamp Exercise  
 9:30 Congregational  
 Care  
 11:30 Faithful Friends  
 6:00 Jazzercise  
 8:00 Open Arms

**Thursday, Oct. 7**

11:30 Staff Meeting  
 6:30 UMW Eves  
 6:30 Kitchen Talk  
 7:00 Finance Meeting

**Friday, Oct. 8**

8:15 Bootcamp Exercise  
 10:00 Warm Up  
 America  
 5:00 Groff/Flynn  
 Wedding Rehearsal  
 7:00 Come & Get It

**Saturday, Oct. 9**

8:30 Jazzercise  
 2:00 Groff/Flynn  
 Wedding



## **Barb's Small Group**

### **Men and Women: An invitation to join our Small Group.**

We pray, have music and share our love. We use the Upper Room as a place to start from. Come, give us a try, you will be surprised how much you will learn and enjoy yourself.

We meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 in the church library. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, September 14.

Hope to see you there!

Barb Shellko



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