

April 2026



MAPLES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

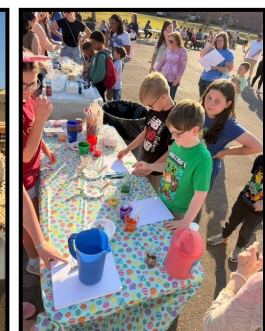


MAPLES ANNUAL EGG HUNT, BONFIRE & PRAYER WALK

On Palm Sunday, Maples held its annual Egg Hunt, Bonfire, and Prayer Walk, bringing together our community and church members of all ages for a joyful time of fellowship and celebration.

A special thank you to the Agape Sunday School class for providing hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy. Children had a wonderful time hunting for eggs, along with enjoying crafts, cookies, and a fun "Guess the Number of Jelly Beans" jar. (Congratulations to the winner, Emma Jefferson)

The Prayer Walk was also a meaningful part of the day, with over 50 people taking time to participate in this special experience of reflection and prayer.



Dates to Remember

April 2..... Maundy Thursday Service
 April 3..... Good Friday/Tenebrae Service
 April 4..... Flowering of the Cross
 April 5..... Easter Sunday
 April 7..... GriefShare begins
 April 9..... Olive Branch Food Pantry
 April 14..... Maples Ladies Ministry
 April 16..... Dip & Devotion Ladies Group
 Mississippi River Chorale Concert
 April 18..... Maples Men’s Ministry
 April 19..... Leadership Team meeting
 Grace & Me Children’s Series begins

Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

March.....\$46,086.00	September.....\$43,636.95
February.....\$76,775.67	August.....\$44,891.45
January 2026.....\$42,709.56	July.....\$42,442.00
December 2025.....\$90,970.35	June.....\$46,200.95
November.....\$45,911.50	May.....\$34,161.99
October.....\$42,350.50	April.....\$43,443.70

Weekly Attendance/Budget Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
March 1.....	54.....	103.....	\$7,585.00
March 8.....	48.....	129.....	\$6,015.00
March 15.....	51.....	133.....	\$7,953.00
March 22.....	53.....	150.....	\$5,190.00
March 29.....	65.....	146.....	\$5,680.00

Sunday Morning Volunteers in April

Traditions Worship Ushers/Greeters:

April 5.....Ushers: Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron Tucker. **Greeter:** Jeanette Wallace. **Acolyte:** Reagan Crain.
April 12.....Ushers: Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat Dorr. **Greeter:** Becky Bright. **Acolyte:** Audrey Barnes.
April 19.....Ushers: Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Rebecca Barnes. **Acolyte:** Cori Rice.
April 26.....Ushers: Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron Tucker. **Greeter:** Elizabeth Sanders. **Acolyte:** Elle Webster.

Prayer Concerns

Home Bound: Carol McOlgan; Margaret Peden.
Military: Jadzia Pacenza; Mary Murphy; Adam Kirchhoff; Connor Tapley; Aaron James; Jimarco White; Ben Vanderburg; Emma Magnuson; Josh Tow; Matthew Roach; Alexandra Raburn.
Other Requests: Rick Locke; Steve Stone Jr.; Rebecca Thomas; Ronnie Kernan; Annelle Rose; Jo Chance; Caroline Strunk; Family of David Smith; Weeks family; Chris Austin; Norma Treadway; Rita & Rick Fink; Katie Eleazer; Audrey Vaughn; Leah DaBall; Robert Waltman; Vivian Vaughn; Amy Bass; April Daily; Stew Church; Misty Hill; Michelle Harkness; Teresa Owens; and Caysee & Allen Sanders; Johnny Eddleman; Joe Chance; Leah DaBell; Bea Ann Pierce; Jerry McOlgan; Michael Parker; Mr. Rice’s family and students; The Knight Family; Jim Alexander & Family; Steve Gaines; Kay Treadway; and Dawn Evans.



April Birthdays!

- April 4:** Ethel McCaughan
- April 5:** Anne Cetto
Kelly Walhood
Caitlin Luke
- April 6:** James Sanders
- April 7:** Colson Fortenberry
- April 9:** Rhett Hannaman
- April 10:** Isaac Bass
Shep Maddox
- April 11:** Kimber Wright
- April 15:** Audrey Barnes
- April 16:** Vivian Vaughn
- April 17:** Amy Jones
Jason Bright
Nicol Pacenza
Darryl Skipper
- April 18:** David Olds
- April 20:** Elizabeth Bailey
Ethan Lott
- April 21:** Kevin Bland
- April 22:** Sue Church
- April 24:** Wendy Lane
Teree Sowell
Jim Suttlemyre
- April 27:** Dave Kirchhoff
Margaet Peden
- April 28:** Meredith Falconello
Michael Pacenza
- April 29:** Colin Robinson


Contact the church office if your name is not on the birthday list.

Memorials Received

In honor of Virginia Miller’s 100th birthday:
 John & Dena Miller
 Elaine Smith




The signup sheet for 2026 altar flowers is available at the information desk. The cost of flowers is \$42.50.



Grace & Me

Sunday evenings at 5pm beginning on
April 19, 2026

In this series, 1st - 5th graders will go through lessons about forgiveness, thankfulness, grace, and God's presence.



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Men's Ministry

ANNUAL GOLF Tournament



Monday, May 18
LUNCH AND REGISTRATION @ 11:30 AM
SHOTGUN START @ 1:00PM

 OLIVE BRANCH COUNTRY CLUB



VBS 2026 SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 8-11
6PM-8PM



Cokesbury Kids
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD



Maples Kids Outing

After completing their Lenten lessons, Maples Kids celebrated with a fun ice cream outing, enjoying time together and marking the end of a meaningful season of learning.



Dr. Joey Lott celebrates 25 years at Maples!

On March 4, 2026, Dr. Joey Lott celebrated 25 years of faithful service and dedication to Maples Memorial UMC. We marked this special milestone with a meaningful Unity Service followed by a church-wide potluck filled with fellowship and gratitude.

Maples is truly proud and blessed to have Joey serve as our Worship Arts Pastor. Here's to many more years of ministry and impact!



Agape Sunday School Class in Action

On March 21st, the Agape Sunday School Class, joined by several of their children, shared a special evening of fellowship and service with the residents of Rolling Hills Community in Olive Branch. The group hosted a BBQ dinner that brought everyone together for a time of food, fun, and connection.

The evening was filled with laughter and joy as residents and volunteers enjoyed a delicious meal, played games, and listened to music. The presence of both adults and children created a warm, family-like atmosphere that made the event especially meaningful.

Moments like these reflect the heart of the Agape class—serving others, building relationships, and spreading kindness within the community. It was truly a memorable time for everyone involved.



Senior Pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell • Worship Arts Pastor, Dr. Joey Lott

Director of Children & Family Ministries, Christi Rice • Director of Youth Ministry, Eason Treadway

Administrative Secretary, Gail Ross • Organist, Allen Sanders • Instrumentalist, Nelson Coile

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Reaching Up...Reaching Within...Reaching Out.