

August 2023



# MAPLES MEMORIAL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### Dates to Remember

**August 1:**.....DCS Teachers' First Day of School  
**August 3:**.....DCS Students' First Day of School  
**August 6:**..... Move Up Day/Blessings of the Backpacks  
**August 10:**..... Olive Branch Food Pantry  
**August 11:**.....Arc Supper Club  
**August 13:**..... Fall Kickoff Sunday  
**August 21:**.....Men's Club

### Monthly Budget Offering Reports

January .....	\$66,162.65	May .....	\$46,693.98
February .....	\$66,322.00	June .....	\$31,370.02
March .....	\$56,384.30	July 1-26 .....	\$138,513.47
April .....	\$40,197.67		

### Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
July 2 .....	29 .....	121 .....	\$109,786.00
July 9 .....	66 .....	142 .....	\$4,041.47
July 16 .....	59 .....	110 .....	\$9,152.00
July 23 .....	49 .....	101 .....	\$1,521.00



**August 1:** Laurie Sprabery, Carol Sharp, William Schell

**August 2:** Pat Dorr, Chad Webster

**August 3:** Leigh Ellen Doddridge

**August 4:** John David Nelson

**August 6:** Marcy Vanderburg

**August 7:** Weston Holloway

**August 10:** Adam Kirchhoff

**August 11:** Curtis Woodward

**August 12:** Anna Ruth Doddridge, Brenda Carter, Carolyn Morgan

**August 13:** Eason Treadway

**August 14:** Zelle Eye

**August 15:** Pam Adams, Noah Nelson, Alison Webster

**August 16:** Jennifer Taylor, Lent Ross

**August 17:** Carol Allen, Trev Sprabery

**August 18:** Anna Smith

**August 20:** Jane Roman

**August 23:** Maxine Stallings

**August 24:** Alex Billions

**August 27:** Becky Bright, Jim Nabors

**August 29:** Jeff Hink

**August 30:** Kimberly Heath, Bryan Holloway

### Special Giving

**Given in Loving Memory of  
Jean & Joe Taylor by:**  
Maxine Stallings

**Given in Loving Memory of  
Barbara Watson by:**  
Carmen Glezer

Scott Mc Williams & Leslie Homra

Lynn Cox

Curtis & Lynn Woodward

George & Pat Joseph

Wanda Weber

Don Webb

Susan Couch

Steve & Rachel Farabee

Daniel & Sue Garver

Virginia Miller

Maxine Stallings

Bill & Lavenia Acree

Ann McClatchy

Maples Mission Circle

Earnestine Turner

Jim & Shannon Suttlemyre

Elaine Smith

Dr. Paul & Marilyn Bullock

Irene Sallay Jones

Gary & Lyndall Snyder

Bonnie Turner

Janet McCammon

The Beatty Family



On November 4th, Minor Memorial UMC in Walls is hosting their annual Fall Festival and we'd like to extend an invitation to our Maples family to come and be a part of it! If you would be interested in setting up a booth, visit <https://www.minormemorial.org/fall-festival-booth-reservation> for more information about procedures and costs. Otherwise, you're invited to have a great time!

Blessings,  
Rev. Sam



### Ministry Opportunities

**Manna House Ministry**  
Manna House Memphis offers hospitality to people experiencing homelessness and others in poverty. Hospitality includes welcoming of guests, and the offering of basic services such as clothing, hygiene items, showers, and serving coffee or other beverages.

**Little Free Pantry**  
Maples' provides this resource to anyone any-time - day or night. You can sign up at [mapleschurch.org](http://mapleschurch.org) to fill the pantry on a particular day or if you are unable to commit to signing up to fill the pantry, please know you are always welcome to swing by and drop off a few items without signing up.

**Matthew 25 Ministries**  
We are currently collecting toiletries, lotion, bug spray and sunscreen for the Matthew 25 Homeless Ministry. You can place your donations in the bin marked "Homeless Ministry" near the nursery desk. No clothes are needed at this time.

**Olive Branch Food Pantry**  
Maples' day to work the Olive Branch Food Pantry is the second Thursday of every month from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. The Food Pantry is located at 10947 Hwy 178.

**Agape Class Food Drive**  
Below is the list of food the Agape class is collecting for high school students with food insecurity over weekends. There is a wire shelf in the Agape classroom for drop off, or donations can be made to Maples, designated Agape food drive.


- Pop tarts • Granola bars • Green beans • Corn • Tuna fish • Vienna sausage • Slim Jims • Beef Jerky • Pickles (bag) • Single serve fruit cups • Peanut butter • Peanut butter crackers • Mashed potatoes (instant, bag) • Single serve mac n cheese

### Prayer Concerns

**Home Bound:** Dot Hays; Margaret Ridley; Phyllis Vanderburg; Margaret Peden; Carolyn Dupree; Joann Potts; Carol McOlgan; Ruth Meredith; Marilyn Owen.

**Military:** Mary Murphy; Adam Kirchhoff; Joe Barton; Connor Tapley; Aaron James; Taylor Downs; Caitlin Brooks; Justin Cobb; David Tessaro; Jacob Murphy; Jimarco White; Ben Vanderburg; Emma Magnuson; Josh Tow; Matthew Roach; Alexandra Raburn.

**Other Requests:** Students and teachers as they return back to school; Stephen Gullet in the loss of his dad, Jim Broome; Mark Marchiso (friend of Mark Wilson); Family of Tyler Cummings; Merri Eddlemon (Christi Rice's step mother); Pat Taylor (friend of Misty Wilson); Central UMC in Wynne, searching for pastor; Lisa Hart (friend of Misty Wilson); Rick Pacenza Sr; Dana Hurst (friend of Kristi Pacenza); Bill & Lavenia Acree; Nick Walker (friend of Lyndall Snyder); Keith Nichols. **Please contact the church office or let a staff member know if you or a family member have any upcoming surgeries scheduled or you know of someone in the hospital.**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Maples Memorial UMC Family,

As your pastor, one of my key priorities is to build strong connections with each and every member of our diverse congregation. I firmly believe that by understanding and embracing the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that make up our church family, we can foster a deep sense of belonging and unity. Today, I would like to share some strategies we will be implementing to strengthen these connections.

One of the most crucial steps in connecting with members of our congregation is to listen actively and attentively. I am committed to making myself available to hear your stories, experiences, and concerns. Through one-on-one conversations, small group discussions, and pastoral care visits, I hope to create a safe and welcoming space where everyone feels heard and valued. Please call the church office and let me know when would be a good time for us to connect.

Pastoral care is an essential aspect of connecting with our unique congregation by providing support that acknowledges and respects individual needs. I am committed to being present in times of joy, sorrow, celebration, and hardship. Through pastoral visits, counseling, prayer, and support groups, we will walk alongside one another, offering comfort, guidance, and love. As always, please contact the church office concerning any pastoral needs for your family or yourself.

Intentional listening and pastoral care serve as a starting point for our shared journey of connection and understanding. Together, we will create a vibrant church and community where people feel seen, valued, and embraced. As we build relationships with one another, let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." Our congregation, with all of its unique gifts and talents, comes together to glorify God.

Blessings,  
Bro. Kerry Powell

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

Maples Memorial United Methodist Church  
8745 Goodman Road  
PO Box 213  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Non-Profit Or.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Olive Branch, MS  
38654  
Permit No. 12

Return Service Requested



Maples Young Adult Sunday School class has been very active. They joined Joy Seekers class to work at the Olive Branch Food Panty. They also enjoyed a night of food and fellowship at Georgia Blue.



Joey, Sam, and Bro. Kerry with Bishop Sharma Lewis at the "Take Jesus to the Streets" block party during the Mississippi Annual Conference.



Maples celebrated 4th of July & welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell and his wife, Jennifer with a good old fashioned fish fry on July 2 following our Unity Service. We fed over 120 people! God is good!

**Senior Pastor,** Rev. Kerry Powell • **Associate Pastor,** Rev. Sam Jones • **Worship Arts Pastor,** Dr. Joey Lott  
**Assistant Pastor of Youth and Worship,** Ben Larsen • **Children's Ministry Resident,** Christi Rice  
**Administrative Secretary,** Gail Ross • **Organist,** Allen Sanders

**Maples Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**P. O. Box 213, Olive Branch, MS 38654**  
**Phone: 662-895-2279**  
**Website: [www.mapleschurch.org](http://www.mapleschurch.org)**  
**Facebook: [facebook.com/mapleschurch](https://facebook.com/mapleschurch)**