

January 2024



**MAPLES MEMORIAL**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Happy  
New Year*  
**2024**

*Great is His faithfulness;  
His mercies begin afresh each morning.*

Lamentations 3:23

## Dates to Remember

January 1:..... New Years Day (church office closed)  
 January 2:..... Rook Club  
 January 11.....Olive Branch Food Pantry  
 January 12..... Youth depart for Elevate Retreat  
 ..... Arc Supper Club  
 ..... DeSoto Central Middle & High School concert  
 January 13:..... Center Hill High School Choir concert  
 January 15:..... Maples Men's Ministry  
 ..... Youth return from Elevate Retreat  
 January 17:..... Youth Connection Groups & Shine resume  
 January 21..... Leadership Team meeting

## Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

January .....	\$66,162.65	July.....	\$141,172.47
February.....	\$66,322.00	August.....	\$37,492.00
March .....	\$56,384.30	September.....	\$33,830.75
April .....	\$40,197.67	October .....	\$38,643.98
May.....	\$46,693.98	November.....	\$46,420.75
June .....	\$31,370.02	December.....	\$103,027.27

## Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
December 3.....	84.....	133.....	\$9,336.00
December 10.....	63.....	155.....	\$14,187.27.00
December 17.....	61.....	135.....	\$43,721.00
December 24.....	.....	129.....	\$12,040.50
..... Candlelight Services.....	184 at 3:30PM.....	53 at 11PM.....	
December 31.....	42.....	108.....	\$11,730.00

## Ministry Opportunities

### Little Free Pantry

Maples' provides this resource to anyone anytime - 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 blankets, hand warmers and adult men's crew socks for the Matthew 25 Homeless Ministry. You can place your donations in the bin marked "Homeless Ministry" near the Information 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

## Special Giving

### *Given in Loving Memory of*

**Tyler Cummings birthday** by:.....Katie Chustz  
**Eugene Hoover** by:.....Mary Jane McDonald  
**Geraldine Barnes** by: .Gary & Lyndall Snyder  
 .....Maxine Stallings  
**Bettie Smith** by: .....Gary & Lyndall Snyder  
 .....Maxine Stallings  
**Keith Nichols** by: ..... Paul & Kelly Peel  
 ..... Bill & Lynndy Travis  
 ..... Larry & Becky Bright  
 ..... David & Betty Olds  
 ..... Jeanette Wallace  
 ..... Jim & Annelle Rose  
 ..... Steven & Rachel Farabee  
 ..... Sonny & Barbara Alderson  
 ..... Susan Johnson  
 ..... Prentiss & Carol Sharp  
 ..... Olive Twigs Philanthropic Group  
 ..... Greg Evans  
 ..... Warren & Vicki White  
 ..... Sadie Herrington  
 ..... Glenn & Judith Soileau  
 ..... Sidney & Martha Vanderburg  
 ..... Clay Vanderburg  
 .....Maxine Stallings  
 ..... Bea Ann Pearce  
 ..... Jack & Anita Scholl

## Prayer Concerns

**Home Bound:** Maxine Stallings; Phyllis Vanderburg; Margaret Peden; Joann Potts; Carol McOlgan; Marilyn Owen.

**Military:** Mary Murphy; Adam Kirchoff; Connor Tapley; Aaron James; Jacob Murphy; Jimarco White; Ben Vanderburg; Emma Magnuson; Josh Tow; Matthew Roach; Alexandra Raburn.

**Other Requests:** Family of Dot Hays; Anne Cetto; Jim Copeland; Keith Copeland (Jim Copeland's son); the mother of a student of Lynn Lott; David James (Nyla Osborn's brother-in-law); 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**

# Happy Birthday!

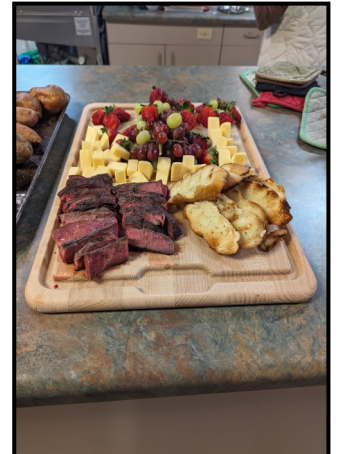
- January 3:** Kelly Peel
- January 5:** Walker Webster
- January 7:** Joann Potts, Laura Meurer
- January 10:** Clay Vanderburg
- January 11:** Cathy Galtelli
- January 14:** Gary Snyder, Annelle Rose, Martile Welch, Bettie Cummings
- January 16:** Rose Tobey
- January 19:** Gina Roman, Allison Braddock
- January 20:** Chaz Tucker, Mike Huffman, Elliott Pacenza
- January 21:** Kay Hardin
- January 22:** Gracie Jefferson
- January 24:** Misty Vanderburg
- January 28:** Jill Sitton
- January 29:** Ben Vanderburg

## Maples Men's Ministry Farewell to Pastor Sam

Maples Men's Ministry had a send off party for Pastor Sam Jones at Central BBQ on December 18. Pastor Sam is now serving as Pastor at Minor Memorial UMC and Horn Lake UMC. Sam, Rosemary, Lydia and Patrick will be greatly missed at Maples. Sam and Rosemary have been faithful leaders, teachers and friends to so many.  
Maples loves you!



# Christmas at Maples



**Maples Youth** were very busy this holiday season. They presented their annual Dinner Theater, served at Toys for Tots and ended the season with a fun Christmas party which included decorating gingerbread houses!



**Maples Kids** had a great time at their special event, Milk & Cookies. The evening included a spaghetti dinner, fellowship, an Advent lesson, a little basketball, cookie decorating, Christmas music, and of course enjoying milk and cookies.



Senior Pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell • 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

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