



WE WISH YOU A

*Happy
New
Year*



Wishing you a year filled with
new **hopes**, new **dreams**,
and new **achievements**.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Dates to Remember

January 1.....	New Year's Day
January 5.....	Youth Nights resume
January 7.....	Rook Club
January 8.....	Elevate meeting
.....	Youth Open Game Night
January 9.....	Olive Branch Food Pantry
.....	Foster Parent Meeting
January 14.....	Maples Women's Group
January 15.....	Youth Open Game night
January 16.....	Hernando High School Choir concert
January 17-20	Youth at Elevate Retreat
January 18.....	Maples Men's Ministry
January 19.....	Leadership Team Meeting

Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

November 2023	\$46,420.75	June	\$45,556.35
December	\$103,027.27	July.....	\$53,403.86
January 2024	\$47,469.34	August.....	\$45,383.40
February	\$53,862.69	September	\$39,787.50
March.....	\$42,510.55	October	\$45,445.00
April.....	\$38,961.10	November	\$51,648.25
May	\$39,142.90	December	\$98,940.66

Weekly Attendance/Budget Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
December 1	54	123	\$12,557.00
December 8	63	156	\$12,926.50
December 15	67	163	\$5,855.25
December 22	65	175	\$12,886.00
December 29	55	100	\$40,240.41

Sunday Morning Volunteers in January

Traditions Worship Ushers/Greeters:

Jan. 5..... Ushers: Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat Dorr. **Greeter:** Elizabeth Sanders.

Jan. 12..... Ushers: Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Jill Sitton.

Jan. 19..... Ushers: Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron Tucker. **Greeter:** Rose Tobey.

Jan. 26..... Ushers: Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat Dorr. **Greeter:** Earnestine Turner.

Prayer Concerns

Home Bound: Phyllis Vanderburg; Carol McOlgan; Margaret Peden.

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

Other Requests: Bobbie Ross; Family member suffering with cancer; Students while on Christmas break; Virginia Miller's daughter, Susan; Jonathan Lott; Michael Stone; Ryan King; Tobey & Rose Tobey; Chris Wallace and Linda Wallace.

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.

January Birthdays

January 3: Carol Massey
Kelly Peel
Shelley Billions

January 5: Walker Webster

January 7: Laura Meurer

January 11: Cathy Galtelli

January 14: Gary Snyder
Annelle Rose
Bettie Cummings

January 16: Rose Tobey

January 19: Gina Roman
Alison Braddock

January 20: Chaz Tucker
Mike Huffman
Elliott Pacenza

January 21: Kay Hardin

January 22: Gracie Jefferson

January 28: Jill Sitton

January 29: Benjamin Vanderburg

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

Ministry Opportunities

Little Free Pantry

Maples' provides this resource to anyone anytime - day or night. You can sign up at 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 hot hands, and new or gently used blankets, hats, coats and gloves for the Matthew 25 Homeless Ministry. You can place your donations in the bin marked "Homeless Ministry" at the nursery desk. No clothes are needed at this time.

Memorials & Honorariums

Given in Loving Memory of Patsy Taylor

By: John & Nancy Hill

Given in Honor of Maples Staff

By: Jane Downs

Larry & Becky Bright

Maples Men's Ministry

Maples Men's Ministry would like to thank all who supported their recent Unity Banquet fundraiser with their hungry appetites, dessert creations, and generous donations. The amount raised was \$3260 and was donated to Maples general fund account. It was a great time of fellowship!



Maples Women's Ministry

For their Christmas project, Maples Women's Ministry collected toys to donate to Toys for Tots which helps disadvantaged children.

Maples Women's Ministry meets the second Tuesday each month at 11:00 a.m. in room 118 (Wesleyan Sunday School classroom) All women are invited to bring a sack lunch and join in. The next meeting will be January 14. If you have any questions you can reach out to Sandra Bland at blansan@comcast.net or contact the church office.

Christmas Eve Services

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service was a beautiful time of prayer, reflection, and worship. As we lifted our hearts in gratitude for the gift of Jesus, His light shone brightly among us.

Thank you to all who came to worship our Newborn King with us here at Maples!



MAPLES Kids

Maples Kids celebrated Christmas with a birthday party for Jesus, complete with a birthday cake!

The signup sheet for altar flowers is available at the information desk.

Be sure to include who the flowers are in honor/memory of.



Welcome New Members

Maples Memorial UMC is thrilled to welcome Jack and Hannah Jo Zwirlein. Hannah Jo comes to Maples from Pine Grove Baptist Church and Jack is transferring from Bridgeway Baptist Church.



Youth Dinner Theater

Maples Youth presented their annual Dinner Theater which included skits, playing Christmas trivia, charades, singing Christmas songs, and a Dad's Joke comedy act. Guests enjoyed a delicious lasagna dinner served by the youth.



Youth Christmas Party

Maples Youth ended the 2024 year of programming in fellowship and fun with a Christmas party!



MAPLES Kids

Maples Kids gathered at the church for pizza and then enjoyed an outing to Olive Branch Light Garden.

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.