

June 2024



MAPLES MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Maples Family,

As I look back on my first year as the pastor at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and joy. This has been a remarkable year, marked by growth, learning, and the deepening of our faith as Christ's church. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and laid a solid foundation for the future.

Each Sunday, our worship services have been vibrant (even with my jokes) and oriented toward spiritual growth. There is a large group of people devoted to praying for the worship service and for its implementation. I cannot praise their talent enough, nor can I express my thanks to God for them adequately. All of these (acolytes, liturgists, praise band members, chancel choir members, the nursery, tech volunteers, and worship leaders) are a gift from God to this community.

Speaking of community, we have strengthened our ties to Olive Branch. While the Fall Fest is always great, the Egg Hunt, Bonfire, and Prayer Walk was so spirit-filled and welcoming! Members of our community fellowshiped with us, worshiped with us, and prayed together with us. Our continued missional emphasis to local ministries only magnifies our commitment to the value of community.

My favorite experience of the year was with the Confirmation Class. The participation of these young people in the life of the church and their desire to know more about their faith is such a blessing. Their mentors continue to pray for them, encourage them, and walk beside them today. The church's reception of them has been spectacular!

Good things are happening all around us at Maples Memorial UMC! Joey, Ben, and Christi continue to be innovative and creative in ministries that draw people of all ages to Jesus Christ.

As we look ahead, our vision is clear and worthy of our gifts: to be a beacon of Christ's love and justice, fostering a vibrant community where faith and action converge to transform lives within and beyond our walls. Our mission, reaching up, reaching within, and reaching out, will guide us as we continue to grow and serve. We are excited about the future, knowing that together, we can achieve great things for God's kingdom. Let us hold onto this with enthusiasm and commitment, confident that with God's guidance, we will make a lasting impact on our church, our community, and the world. The best is yet to come!

Blessings,

Bro. Kerry

Dates to Remember

June 2.....	VBS Volunteer Training & Decorating
June 4.....	Rook Club
.....	Men's Softball Game
June 5:.....	Youth VBS Prep!
.....	VBS Volunteer Training & Decorating
June 6:.....	Men's Softball Game Double Header
June 8.....	VBS Decorating
June 9.....	Leadership Team Meeting
June 9-13:.....	Vacation Bible School
June 11.....	Men's Softball Game
June 16.....	Father's Day
June 19.....	Youth Connection Groups
June 20-22.....	Mississippi Annual Conference
June 22:.....	Maples Men's Ministry
June 23:.....	M28 Meeting
.....	Youth Summer Fun Night
June 26.....	Youth Connection Groups
June 30.....	Unity Service followed by Fellowship Dinner
.....	Youth Summer Fun Night

Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

May 2023	\$46,693.98	December.....	\$103,027.27
June.....	\$31,370.02	January 2024	\$47,469.34
July.....	\$141,172.47	February.....	\$53,862.69
August.....	\$37,492.00	March.....	\$42,510.55
September.....	\$33,830.75	April.....	\$38,961.10
October.....	\$38,643.98	May.....	\$39,142.90
November.....	\$46,420.75		

Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
May 5.....	50	129.....	\$5,990.00
May 12.....	49	140.....	\$5,910.00
May 19.....	60	122.....	\$5,063.00
May 26.....	52	92.....	\$5,955.00

Sunday Morning Volunteers in June

	Greeter	Ushers	Acolyte
June 2	Becky Bright	Ryan Barnes, Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker & Pat Dorr	Audrey Barnes
June 9	Jane Downs	Rick Osborn, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright & Ryan Barnes	Walker Webster
June 16	Earnestine Turner	Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Pat Dorr & Rick Osborn	Bettie Cummings
June 23	Jeanette Wallace	Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright, Ryan Barnes & Eason Treadway	Ben Lane
June 30	Jill Sitton	Ron Tucker, Pat Dorr, Rick Osborn & Ashley Bowlan	Cori Rice

June Birthdays

June 2: Cindy Sage
June 3: Amelia Lane; Jim Meurer
June 4: Hallie Hylander
June 5: Heather Bradham
June 6: Wilson Webster; Ava Joyce Fortenberry
June 7: Ty Hardin
June 10: Joey Lott
June 11: Prentiss Sharp; Faith Hager
June 12: Abby Peacock
June 14: Rachel Farabee; Tanner Walhood
June 15: Cindy McCool
June 18: Chris Rice
June 20: Ronnie Downs; Loren Nelson
June 21: Richard Boone; Read Sprabery
June 23: Meghan Galtelli White
June 25: "Tobey" Tobey
June 26: Jennifer Powell
June 27: Greg Evans

Ministry Opportunities

Little Free Pantry

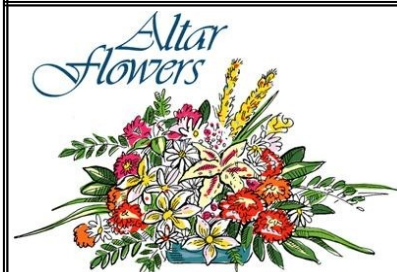
Maples' provides this resource to anyone anytime - day or night. You can sign up at mapleschurch.org to fill the pantry on a particular day or if you are unable to commit to signing up to fill the pantry, please know you are always welcome to swing by and drop off a few items without signing up.

Matthew 25 Ministries

We are currently collecting bug spray 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.



The sign up sheet for altar flowers for 2024 is available at the information desk. Please include who the flowers are in honor/memory of. Cost of flowers is \$42.50.

Prayer Concerns

Home Bound: Phyllis Vanderburg; Margaret Peden; 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: Mary Farabee (Rachel Farabee's sister-in-law); Rev. Mike Dorr (Pat Dorr's brother); Nicole Pacenza; Students on summer break; Rebecca Moore (Audrey Vaughn); Family of Grandma Bonnie (Audrey Vaughn); Matthew Sanders (Allen Sanders' brother). *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.*

Maples Women's Group

Maples Women's Group will not meet during the summer. Meetings will resume September 10 at 11:00 a.m. in room 118. If you have any questions you can reach out to Sandra Bland at blansan@comcast.net, or contact the church office.

Maples Men's Ministry, June 22 at 8AM

Maples Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, June 22, at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited and breakfast will be served.

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss

T.O.P.S. is a weight loss group that meets each Thursday at 10AM in room 118. Anyone is welcome to join! Dues are only \$5 a month. T.O.P.S. can help you reach your weight loss goals by providing you with the tools, information, support, and accountability to be successful. For more information contact Beverly at 662-893-2986 or Jennifer at 901-210-0331.

Maples Mowing Team

During grass cutting season, we put together a team to cut the grass every 1 to 2 weeks. We split up the property into a few sections to help identify what needs to be cut and to be efficient with time. Being part of this team does not mean you have to mow grass or weed eat every time it needs to be cut! You will be part of a group text where we send out a message about needing someone to cut a



section of the property or weed eat an area, and if you are available, you can take it on for that week. We provide a zero-turn "Bad Boy" mower, backpack blower, and a weed eater. Contact Ben Larsen for more info!

Vacation Bible School - Camp Firelight - June 9th - 13th, 6-8PM

The logo for Camp Firelight features a yellow bee with large eyes and wings on the left. In the center is a brown cabin with a red flag on top and a lit campfire on the right. The text "Camp Firelight" is written in a large, stylized font across the middle. Below it, a banner reads "A SUMMER CAMP" and another banner reads "ADVENTURE WITH GOD". The background is a dark blue night sky with a full moon and trees. The logo is set against a red background.

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Psalm 56:3

Save The Date!

Sunday, June 9th - Thursday, June 13th
6pm-8pm

During each assembly session, Campers join first-time camp counselor Sam and Lu (short for Lumen), the lightning bug puppet, and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Sam face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Register Your Children for VBS

It is time to get your children registered for Camp Firelight! Encourage your children to invite their friends and neighbors! You can register on our website at mapleschurch.org or scan the QR code.



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

**-ONE UNITY SERVICE AT 10:00AM
-FOOD & FELLOWSHIP AT 11:00AM
-BRING SIDE DISH AND/OR DESSERT**

JOIN US ON JUNE 30TH!

Fellowship Sunday, June 30

For the 5th Sunday in June, June 30, Maples will have Fellowship Sunday. There will be one Unity Service at 10:00 AM. Following the service we will share a meal together where we can enjoy fellowship time by telling stories of the past and making dreams for the future. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite side dish and/or dessert. Chicken, barbeque and drinks will be provided.

Please make plans to attend!



Coach Meghan



Youngest fan, Clara Ruth

Maples Men's Softball

There are only 3 games remaining this season: Tuesday, June 4, 7:40 p.m., on field 10, and then a double header on Thursday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. on field 11 and the final game of the year will be at 7:40 p.m., on field 12.



2024 Maples Men's Softball Team



Excited Maples fans doing the "wave" cheering on the team!!



Maples Kids

Maples Kids presented this banner to the Wesleyan Sunday School class. They wanted to let them know they were thinking about them and show how much loved them!

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.