

November 2023



MAPLES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Maples Family Fall Fest 2023



Dates to Remember

November 4:.....*Fall Festival at Minor Memorial UMC*
 November 6:.....*Mississippi River Chorale*
 November 7:..... Rook Club
 November 8:..... Rook Club
 November 9:..... *Olive Branch Food Pantry*
 November 10:.....*Arc Supper Club*
 November 12:..... *Leadership Team meeting*
 November 20:..... *Maples Men's Ministry meeting*
 November 23:..... **THANKSGIVING DAY**
*Church office closed Nov. 23 & 24*

Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

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

Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
October 1	56	114	\$7,705.00
October 8	54	118	\$5,692.00
October 15.....	42	99	\$5,320.00
October 22.....	50	99	\$3,403.50
October 29.....	57	120	\$4,687.50

CALLING ALL MEN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Maples Men's Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM (Youth room)

Food and Fellowship

Speaker: Debbie House,
 Director of Destiny Center

**Thank you to these local business for supporting
 Maples Family Fall Fest**

- Side Street Burgers
- The Front Porch Boutique
- Funky Monkey Frozen Treats
- Milano's NY Pizza - Lewisburg
- Huey's - Olive Branch
- Old Towne Vibes
- Rancho Grande

Fall Festival at Minor Memorial

Minor Memorial UMC is hosting their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and wants to invite our Maples family to come and join the fun. Admission is free! There will be various vendors as well as a country café & bake shop and a kids area with inflatables and games.

Special Giving

***Given in Loving Memory of
 Gene Hoover by***.....

- Maree Nauman
- Paul & Karen Varner
- Joe & Denise Pratt
- Clay Vanderburg
- Janet Smith
- William Brown
- John & Martha Hill
- D. M. & Dorgie Nichols

Anne Carver by.....
 Paul & Kelly Peel

Bill Acree by
 D.M. & Dorgie Nichols

Bettie Smith by.....
 Larry & Becky Bright
 Virginia Miller
 Sadie Herrington
 Wesleyan SS Class
 Ronald & Judy Hickey
Nieces & Nephews:
 Debbie, Carole, Pat,
 Susan, Tommy, Pam,
 Gail, Jayne, Liz,
 Bobbie, Jean and Keith

Prayer Concerns

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

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

Other Requests: Jim Copeland; Keith Copeland (Jim Copeland's son); Steve Walston (friend of Ricky Pacenza); Pat Harvey (Sadie Herrington's neighbor); Families of Maine shooting victims; People in war zones; Student of Lynn Lott; Rick Pacenza, and Uncle Wayne (Nicole Hager); Laurie Lorio (Annelle Rose's daughter); Milton Young (Kerry Powell's cousin); Zach & J C Kimball (friends of Ben Larsen); Lynn Cox; Mary Greer (Briana Sanders' grandmother); David James (Nyla Osborn's brother-in-law); Geraldine Barnes; 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.**



Birthdays This Month

November 8: Emma Jefferson

November 14: Lynn Cox

November 15: Carter Dees

November 16: Bill Heinze, Jean Fay,
Ellen Haraway

November 17: Bob McCool, Patrick Jones,
Hudson Bland

November 19: Kevin Doddridge,
Briana Sanders, Blythe Hylander

November 23: Wayne Wallace

November 26: Ida Hylander

November 28: Betty Olds

November 30: Brandon Roman

ELEVATE Retreat 2024

All youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to attend Elevate retreat January 12-15, 2024 in Gatlinburg, TN. Elevate is a Student Ministry Conference that started in 2011 in Gatlinburg. It is a high-energy, relationally-structured weekend that includes speaker, worship, small-group time, and plenty of fun stuff to do. Each youth can choose their free time activity which will determine the cost of the trip. The ski option will cost \$295, snowboard option is \$325, and the non-ski option is \$235. The cost included travel, all conference sessions, 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 days of skiing or snowboarding (depending on the selected package) with lesson and equipment, and tram tickets. Tram tickets are included for non-skiers as well. A deposit of \$115 will reserve your spot and is due no later than Wednesday, November 29th. The second payment will be due January 4, 2024. Please note that payments are non-refundable. Contact Ben Larsen if you have any questions.



Maples Family,

As we step into the month of November, the theme of stewardship will guide us in our Christian walk. This month, we look into three important aspects of stewardship: Leadership and Stewardship in Challenges, Faithful Choices in Stewardship, and Active Stewardship and Multiplication.

● **Leadership and Stewardship in Challenges:**

In Joshua 3, we see how Joshua, as a faithful leader, exemplified stewardship when facing the daunting task of leading the Israelites across the Jordan River. He followed God's guidance, demonstrating trust and unwavering faith. This serves as a reminder that leadership in challenging times requires us to rely on God's wisdom and grace, being good stewards of the opportunities and resources entrusted to us.

● **Faithful Choices in Stewardship:**

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus emphasizes importance of preparedness and wise choices. As stewards of God's blessings, we must be vigilant and make faithful choices in our journey. This parable calls us to be wise and responsible in managing the gifts and talents we've received, knowing that our stewardship matters in the grand scheme of God's plan.

● **Active Stewardship and Multiplication:**

Paul's message to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 5) encourages us to actively live out our faith and multiply our blessings. Through love, encouragement, and edification of one another, we fulfill our role as stewards of God's grace. Our active stewardship not only enriches our own lives but also spreads God's love and light to those around us.

As we consider these themes in worship, let's embrace stewardship as a way of life. Let's lead with faith in challenging times, make faithful choices in managing our resources, and actively multiply the blessings we've received. Together, we can nurture a culture of stewardship that not only strengthens our faith community but also impacts the world around us positively.

May November be a month of deepened stewardship, where our faith and actions align to bring glory to God.

Blessings,

Bro. Kerry Powell

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 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 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



Pumpkin Carving

Maples Youth had great time carving pumpkins at Youth Night. You can see we have some talented pumpkin carvers!



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