

November 2024



# MAPLES MEMORIAL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maples family,

We are thrilled that we began our new worship and stewardship series! Over the next few weeks, we'll explore how worship and stewardship are deeply connected, reflecting our gratitude and trust in God. Here's what you can look forward to on the coming Sundays.

- Nov 3: Embracing New Ways to Praise – As we explore new forms of worship, we'll discuss how our gifts support growth and innovation in ministry, ensuring our church continues to connect with each generation.
- Nov 10: Worshipping Together as a Community – Worship strengthens us as a church family, and through our collective giving, we uphold one another and serve our community.
- Nov 17: Living a Life of Worship – Worship doesn't stop when we leave church; it's part of our daily lives. Stewardship is one way we honor God each day, reflecting a life of faith in all that we do.

Nov. 24: Commitment Sunday — We'll be invited to bring our pledge cards to the Altar. Then, a special prayer of dedication will be offered for the pledges, asking God to bless the generosity of the congregation and to use these gifts to further His kingdom through MMUMC.

Throughout this series, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge. Your financial gifts help Maples Memorial UMC fulfill its mission, maintain our ministries, and continue to be a place of worship and service. Together, our stewardship allows us to make a lasting impact in our church and community. We look forward to seeing you in worship as we grow deeper in our faith and gratitude together.

Blessings,  
Bro. Kerry

## Dates to Remember

November 4.....	Mississippi River Chorale concert
November 5.....	Rook Club
November 11.....	Foster Parent Meeting
November 12.....	Maples Women's Group
November 14.....	Olive Branch Food Pantry
November 16.....	Maples Men's Ministry
November 17.....	Leadership Team Meeting
November 24.....	Hanging of the Greens
November 28.....	Thanksgiving Day

## Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

September 2023 .....	\$33,830.75	April .....	\$38,961.10
October .....	\$38,643.98	May .....	\$39,142.90
November .....	\$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

## Weekly Attendance/Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
October 6 .....	45.....	100.....	\$14,463.10
October 13 .....	54.....	135.....	\$5,506.00
October 20 .....	56.....	118.....	\$6,473.00
October 27 .....	49.....	118.....	\$6,017.50

## Sunday Morning Volunteers in November

### *Traditions Worship Ushers/Greeters:*

**Nov. 3.....Ushers:** Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat .....Dorr. **Greeter:** Jeanette Wallace. **Acolyte:** Bettie Cummings

**Nov. 10.....Ushers:** Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and .....Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Becky Bright. **Acolyte:** Walker .....Webster

**Nov. 17.....Ushers:** Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron .....Tucker. **Greeter:** Elizabeth Sanders. **Acolyte:** Audrey Barnes

**Nov. 24.....Ushers:** Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat .....Dorr. **Greeter:** Jill Sitton. **Acolyte:** Ben Lane

## 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:** Jim Meurer; Angel Pilcher; Fortenberry family, traveling; Himasu Patel; Jamie Dial; Steve & Lisa Hart; Bonnie and Earnestine Turner in the loss of their brother Failon Turner; Chris Wallace and Linda Wallace; Gina Norwood; Gregory Norwood; Al Whittington; Cindy Tullos; Discernment to make good decisions; Derwood Winders; Recovery efforts from recent hurricanes; Tobey & Rose Tobey.

*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 4:** Jane Skipper

**November 5:** Mary Horton Taylor

**November 6:** Jeff Taylor

**November 8:** Emma Jefferson

**November 11:** Garrett Bradham

**November 14:** Lynn Cox

**November 16:** Ellen Haraway

Bill Heinze

**November 17:** Hudson Bland

**November 19:** Kevin Doddridge

Briana Sanders

**November 21:** Betty Phillips

**November 23:** Wayne Wallace

**November 24:** Irma Hassell

**November 26:** Gayle Gates

**November 28:** Betty Olds

**November 30:** Brandon Roman

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](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 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 serves at the Olive Branch Food Pantry the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The pantry is located at 10947 Hwy 178.

## Memorials

**Given in Loving Memory of:**

**Jo Nell Speck** ..... by: Elaine Smith





### House of Grace

The House of Grace was very excited to receive the hygiene kits and kids comfort bags that were put together on Big Serve Sunday. The home had just welcomed a family with seven children and one of them was unable to bring their teddy bear. The counselor said the squishables came at just the right time and will be well loved! Thank you, Maples for your generosity!

### UMCOR Flood Buckets

The flood buckets that were assembled during our recent Big Serve along with hygiene kits were delivered October 16 to UMCOR's Disaster Response warehouse in Decatur, Alabama and will be delivered very soon to areas affected by the recent hurricanes. So many relief kits have been distributed recently that warehouses are depleting their supplies and need to be restocked.



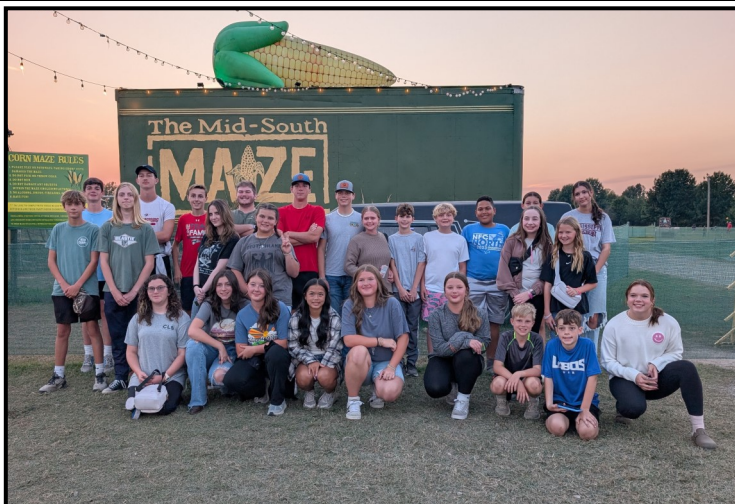
### In the Kitchen with Maples Kids



Maples Kids got together to learn how to make bread for World Communion Sunday. Christi Rice came up with the idea to help the kids understand the importance of faith and their role in it. Christi says, "Children are an important part of the family of Christ. Including them in 'Big Church' roles and practices helps them to understand that though they are young, they are still called by God to serve and love like Jesus".



*The Circuit Rider*, the monthly newsletter for the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church heard about the story and Maples Kids got a full page story in the October issue. Congratulations to Christi Rice and Maples Kids!



### Youth at Mid-South Corn Maze

The Youth Group celebrated fall with an exciting adventure going through the Mid-South Corn Maze!



### Unity Banquet & Dessert Auction

More than 60 people attended and enjoyed a steak dinner at the annual Unity Banquet hosted by Maples Men's Ministry. There were 3 tables of desserts that could be won by either silent or live auction. The live auction was entertaining to say the least!







# FAMILY FALL FEST



**Best Trunk**



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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