

November 2025



MAPLES MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maples family,

As we enter the month of November—with Stewardship Month ahead and All Saints Sunday drawing near—I find myself pausing to reflect on what a year it has been for Maples Memorial UMC. This has been a year of stretching and growing, of deepening roots and widening reach. And above all, it's been a year of *faithfulness*—God's faithfulness to us, and your faithfulness in return.

On **All Saints Sunday**, we'll remember the saints of this church—those who taught us how to pray, how to serve, how to give, and how to walk humbly with God. Their legacy lives on in the ministries we continue today. We don't just remember their names—we carry their witness forward.

Throughout 2025, your generosity has made a difference. We've strengthened our children's and youth ministries. We've supported local families through Big Serve, the Food Pantry, and foster care initiatives. We've worshiped passionately, welcomed new members, and grown in discipleship together. Because of your giving, people in our community have experienced hope, compassion, and the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

Stewardship is more than filling out a pledge card—it's about offering back to God what He has entrusted to us. As Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 9:11**, "*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.*" That's the kind of church I see at Maples—a people whose giving produces gratitude, growth, and Gospel impact.

As we prepare for 2026, I ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to continue this mission—through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Together, we are building something faithful and lasting.

Blessings,

Rev. Kerry Powell

Dates to Remember

November 2	All Saints Day
November 4	Rook Club
November 11	Maples Ladies Ministry
November 13	Olive Branch Food Pantry
November 15	Maples Men's Ministry
November 16	Leadership Team meeting
November 17	Olive Branch High School Choir concert
November 18	Rook Club
November 20	Dip & Devotion Ladies Group
November 23	Advent decorating
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November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 30	Advent Unity Service

Monthly Budget Offering Reports (designated giving excluded)

January 2025	\$46,942.25	June	\$46,200.95
February	\$47,207.41	July	\$42,442.00
March	\$51,311.04	August	\$44,891.45
April	\$43,443.70	September	\$43,636.95
May	\$34,161.99	October:	\$42,350.50

Weekly Attendance/Budget Giving Reports

	Sunday School	Worship Services	Giving
October 5	70	136	\$12,427.00
October 12	41	112	\$3,715.50
October 19	65	143	\$5,745.00
October 26	68	125	\$7,671.00

Sunday Morning Volunteers in November

Traditions Worship Ushers/Greeters:

Nov 2 **Ushers:** Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Jill Sitton. **Acolyte:** Cori Rice.

Nov 9 **Ushers:** Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron Tucker. **Greeter:** Becky Bright. **Acolyte:** Reagan Crain.

Nov 16 **Ushers:** Ryan Barnes, Ashley Bowlan, Larry Bright and Pat Dorr. **Greeter:** Earnestine Turner. **Acolyte:** Elle Webster.

Nov 23 **Ushers:** Eason Treadway, Ron Tucker, Ryan Barnes and Ashley Bowlan. **Greeter:** Jeanette Wallace. **Acolyte:** Audrey Barnes.

Nov 30 Larry Bright, Pat Dorr, Eason Treadway and Ron Tucker. **Greeter:** Elizabeth Sanders. **Acolyte:** Cori Rice.

Prayer Concerns

Home Bound: Carol McOlgan; Margaret Peden.

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

Other Requests: Those affected by hurricane Melissa; Adam, Kim, Olivia and Nate Kraft; Nichols family; Michael Wright; Our community and schools; Dalton family; Renee Voshake; Stew Church; Tobey & Rose Tobey; Anden Jones; Ginger Hunter; Bill Harris; Sandra Bland; Teresa Owens; Audrey Vaughn; Ronnie Downs; Chris Austin; Jeanette Wallace; Dennis Treadway.

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.



November Birthdays

November 4:	Jane Skipper
November 8:	Emma Jefferson
November 11:	Garrett Bradham
November 14:	Lynn Cox
November 16:	Ellen Haraway
November 17:	Hudson Bland
November 19:	Briana Sanders Kevin Doddridge
November 28:	Betty Olds
November 30:	Brandon Roman

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



Handel's Messiah, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Maples Memorial will host the Memphis Symphony Orchestra as they present Handel's Messiah, one of the most beloved and enduring works in the choral and orchestral repertoire. With its soaring "Hallelujah Chorus" and poignant "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," this oratorio is a celebration of hope and redemption. This annual holiday tradition will be a stirring and majestic experience, bringing the timeless beauty of Handel's music to life. We will have 100 tickets available to sell for \$20 each.

Contact the church office or email gail@mapleschurch.org to reserve your ticket!

Memorials Received

In honor of Sadie Herrington by:
Jim & Annelle Rose

In memory of Patrick Suttlemyre by:
G W Byers Saumers

In honor of Maples Staff by:
Jane Downs



Tailgate at DeSoto Central

Maples enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship at a recent DeSoto Central football tailgate! We served up delicious hamburgers and hotdogs and shared prayer cards with fans and families. It was a great time to connect with our community and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.



Youth Fall Outing

A group of twenty-five youth and seven adults from Maples enjoyed a fun and meaningful outing to the Mid-South Corn Maze. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, laughter, and teamwork as they navigated the maze together and celebrated the beauty of the fall season.



Maples Ladies Ministry

Maples Ladies Ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday each month at 11:00 a.m. in room 118. All ladies are invited to come and be part of a time of encouragement, fellowship, and serving together for God's glory.

Dip and Devotion Ladies Group

Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 6PM in Wesley Hall for fellowship, encouragement, and a time of devotion together. Each gathering is simple and fun—just bring your favorite dip to share! Our mission focus is the Spaghetti Sermon, where we package spaghetti, sauce, and bread to share with those in our community experiencing food insecurity. It's a beautiful way to serve together while growing in friendship and faith. Come hungry—for food, fellowship, and the Word!

Maples Men's Ministry

Maples Men's Ministry meets the 3rd Saturday each month at 8AM in room 181 for breakfast, fellowship and spiritual growth. They sponsor two major fundraisers, Maples Golf Tournament and the Unity Banquet and Dessert Auction. Proceeds have helped fund college scholarships, the SOW Project, softball team needs, and Maples debt reduction. If you are looking for a way to serve, we would love to have you join us.

Fall Festival Fun—Rain or Shine!

Even though the rain moved our Fall Festival indoors, it didn't dampen the fun! There were close to 300 people gathered inside Maples to enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and festivities. Families trunk-or-treated through the hallways, decorated cookies, created crafts, and enjoyed warm bowls of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. The cake walk was a hit, and the balloon man brought plenty of smiles to kids and adults alike.



Senior Pastor, Rev. Kerry Powell • Worship Arts Pastor, Dr. Joey Lott

Director of Children & Family Ministries, Christi Rice • Interim Youth Minister, Eason Treadway

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