



## MINOR NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2012

### GREETINGS FROM AMANDA

At the beginning of January as we closed the books on 2011, what a blessing it was to have enough funds in the bank account to pay off 100% of our mission shares (apportionments) to the Mississippi Conference and to the Senatobia District!! Your faithfulness and generosity in giving in 2011 was used to support many ministries at Minor as well as many ministries around our state and world. As your pastor, I am thankful to serve a church that gives faithfully so that I can spend my time focusing on things other than money. Well done, MMUMC! As we continue to serve a generous God, let us continue to be a generous people...giving not only of our time, but of ourselves as well.

As you read this newsletter, my trip to the Holy Land (again, thanks to your generosity) will be just over a week away! As the trip draws closer, I draw more and more excited. Billie Wilhite, Leslie Logan, Adam, and I, along with about 50 other people primarily from the Mississippi Conference, will have the opportunity firsthand to see many of the sights we read about in the Bible. Our itinerary includes seeing the Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Garden of Gethsemane, Qumran, Jericho, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, the Garden Tomb, and many other sights and places. We will fly into Tel-Aviv, Israel and will stay 3 nights in Tiberias, Israel and 4 nights in Jerusalem, Israel. Travel dates are Feb. 8-17.

While I am gone, please call on our Youth Minister, Ryan McGough, for any pastoral needs and if needed, he can call on additional pastors in our area. Magoo will be preaching on Feb. 12 and Cheryl Denley will be preaching on Feb. 19 (I will be here, but was afraid of jet lag!). Also while I am out, Antoinette Bethea, has graciously agreed to lead the Wednesday night adult study on the seven deadly sins. Again, thank you for this opportunity to go on what I know will be a life-impacting experience.

Have a FANTASTIC February!

*Amanda*

### See you Feb. 3rd at the RiverKings game!

Hernando UMC and MMUMC have sold a combined total of 400 tickets and tickets are sold out! What a great way to show our support to Chris and Ashley Camp and enjoy an evening of fellowship!  
**Game time is 7:05 p.m.!**

### LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Each Thursday at noon during Lent, Horn Lake & Hinds Chapel UMC will host a Lenten lunch at Hinds Chapel and they have invited all churches in the area to participate. Bring a brown bag lunch (drinks, chips, desserts provided by the church). Below is the schedule of speakers:

- Feb. 23 - Rev. Anita Lawson  
(Victoria & Red Banks UMC)
- Mar. 1 - Rev. Joe Lawson  
(Greenleaf & Palestine UMC)
- Mar. 8 - Rev. Andy Ray  
(Senatobia District Superintendent)
- Mar. 15 - Rev. Chuck Bursi  
(Love UMC, Hernando)
- Mar. 22 - Rev. Amanda Gordon  
(Minor Memorial UMC)
- Mar. 29 - Rev. Mark Anderson  
(Hernando UMC)



**Are you interested in Mission work?** If so, please attend a meeting on Feb. 5th during the BBQ lunch to discuss short-term trip possibilities for the summer or some point in the future. We will meet in the Education Building. See Nathan Hickerson or Rev. Amanda for more info.



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*“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”*

1 Corinthians 13:13



## NEWS FROM OUR SENIORS

The January meeting was potluck at the church and Lee Murphy was the guest speaker. He spoke to the group about planning ahead and the topic generated much discussion. The February meeting will be potluck at the church on Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.

**New Business:** The group discussed changing the name "Seniors" to one of the following: "Triple L's (Living Long & Loving It) or "Merry Makers." Come prepared to vote or bring other name suggestions for final consideration.

## Senior Adult



## Fellowship

**Please continue to pray for our Seniors.**

**Remember to volunteer to help at Landmark Nursing Home, DeSoto Wellness Center or Wesley Meadows.**

### Proctors Needed



Lake Cormorant Middle School will be giving the Writing Assessment to 7th graders, the MCT 2 Science test to 8th graders, and the MCT 2 to all students on the dates listed below. Volunteers are needed to help on any or all of these dates as proctors. There is a sign-up list in the office.

Thursday, March 1st  
Tuesday, May 1st  
Tuesday, May 8th

Wednesday, May 9th  
Thursday, May 10th

**United Methodist Men will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Next meeting is Feb. 11th at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a meeting. All the men are invited!**

### Special Thanks



*Dear Church family,  
Thank you for your prayers, love,  
and support that you continue to  
shower upon us. There are no  
words!*

*Love,  
Chris, Ashley & Family*

### CONGRATULATIONS...

to Andrew Jolley as he has been accepted to attend a Leadership Summit held July 30—August 8, 2012 in Palo Alto, CA. He will have opportunities to tour Stanford University technology labs, participate in a 10-hour community service project and also have time to see many of the sights in San Francisco. The family will hold a yard sale during Spring Break to help support this wonderful opportunity. Please see Sherry Jolley if you have any items to donate or for further information about this program.

### ZUMBA FITNESS IS HERE AT MMUMC

**When:** Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **Price:** \$3.00 per class (\$1.00 per participant goes to the church) **Where:** MMUMC Fellowship Hall  
**Age Group:** 14yrs and Up **Instructor:** Tiffany Patrick

## FEBRUARY YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>:** Bible Study and Meal
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>:** Super Bowl Party at church at 5 p.m.  
Bring snacks to share
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup>:** Bible Study and Meal
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Council Meeting Following Church  
Final Study in Love small group lesson (Obedience)
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup>:** Bible Study and Meal  
**Payment for MYAC is due**
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>:** Small Groups: Dating for Girls (Guys Fun Night)
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Bible Study and Meal
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup>:** Small Groups: Dating for Guys (Girls Fun Night)
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup>:** MAGOO'S BIRTHDAY!!!!
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup>:** Bible Study and Meal & Parents Meeting for MYAC

**\* Flamingoing will be going on this whole month**



*Flamingoing* is a fundraiser for the youth that is formed on the same premise as our jail at Fall Festival. You may pay the youth and they will put 25 flamingos along with a banner in the yard of your choosing. You may also pay to have insurance which prevents your yard from having flamingos placed in it.

PRICE LIST:

- To Flamingo someone and them not know you did it: \$25.00
- To Flamingo Someone: \$20.00
- Insurance: \$10.00

See you at Youth, **Magoo**

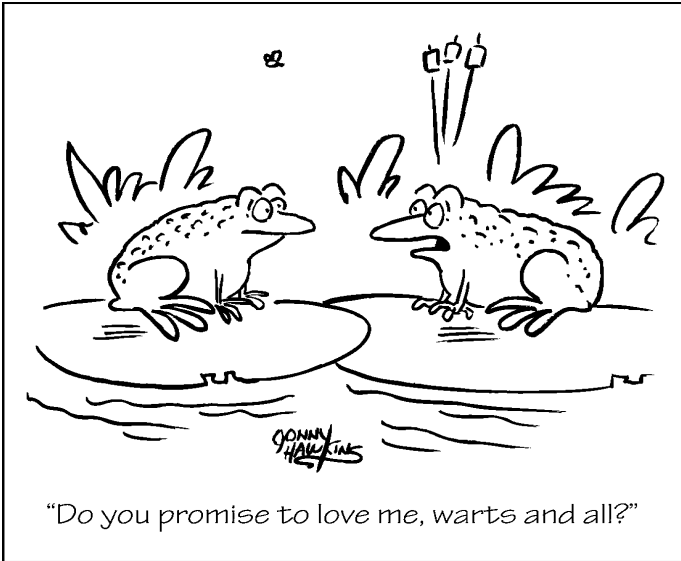
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There still are opportunities to place flowers on the altar for 2012. Please sign up on the flower chart outside the office if you would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday (flowers are not placed on the first Sunday, Communion Sunday). Bring your own arrangement, order from a florist or see Billie Wilhite who will arrange for flowers.



Altar Flowers



**Upcoming Events/Meetings**

- Feb. 3 RiverKings Game 7:05 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Children go to Landmark to make Valentines with residents 1:15 p.m.
- Feb. 5 Scouts BBQ dinner after service in F. H.
- Feb. 5 Mission Interest Meeting during lunch
- Feb. 5 Youth Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 8 - 17 Rev. Amanda on Holy Land Trip
- Feb. 14 Seniors Potluck @ church @ 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 11 UMM meeting 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 11 Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Banquet in F.H.
- Feb. 19 Shut-In Visitation 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Deadline for Newsletter Info
- Feb. 23 Children’s Ministry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 31 Church Council Planning Retreat @ Camp Lake Stephens

**MEMORIALS**

*In Memory of Joy Collier  
Given to the Building Fund  
Pat Ward*



**January 2012 (as of 1/27)**

**Average Sunday School Attendance: 92**  
**Average Worship Attendance: 134**

*(2012 Goal for Average Worship: 200)*

**As of Jan. 27, 2012: Actual**  
Jan. Income 21,164.10  
Jan. Expense 18,592.37  
as of 1/27, month not closed out

2012 Budget: \$ 326,075.32

**NEWS FROM CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TEAM**

All children are invited on Saturday, Feb. 4th to visit LandMark of DeSoto, a local nursing facility, to help make Valentine cards with the residents. The cards will then be sent to a military troop to show support. Please have your child at church by 1:15 p.m. We will return around 4:30 p.m. Permission forms will be there to sign that afternoon of Feb. 4th.



The next Children’s Ministry Meeting will be held Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. For those of you that have children in any of our ministries: Sunday School, Children’s Church, After School Care, or Kidz4Christ, you are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have been wondering what is happening within the children’s ministry here at MMUMC or wanting to help in some way, but don’t know who to speak with, PLEASE attend! We want new perspectives and we will get you plugged in some place!

The annual Easter Breakfast with special guest, the Easter Bunny, will be held Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m.



A light breakfast will be served, with pictures with the Easter Bunny available for \$2.00. Participants need to bring 12 candy filled eggs to church by Sunday, April 1st. Information will be forthcoming as well as the need for volunteers. We will need monetary donations to help cover the costs of the breakfast and additional eggs/candy to be purchased if necessary. Thank you for supporting this fun-filled ministry for our children of the community.



Vacation Bible School: **Babylon, Daniel’s Courage in Captivity.** VBS will be held July 9-13, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will begin organizing VBS very soon and will be requesting volunteers.

Please consider volunteering to help if possible. VBS is one of our biggest outreach to the children in our community and church.

**Volunteer needed for 3rd Sunday’s Children’s Church. If interested contact Karla Lance**



Children’s Moment Volunteers



*Or Current Resident*

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**Minor Memorial United Methodist Church**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Birthdays</b>	2/21 Elizabeth Spencer
2/1 Jennifer Oakley	Madelyn Spencer
Doris Tanner	2/22 Blayche Mixon
2/3 Randy Lance	2/23 Peggy Linton
Amelia Armstrong	2/24 Janice Thomason
2/5 Mandy May	2/25 Josh Funderburk;
Sarah Turner	Louise Hunt
2/6 Sherry Jolley	2/26 Betty Carter
Amy Mixon	2/26 Tom Collier
2/7 Suzanna Simpson	Bill Greenslade
2/8 David Guyer	Jene Rogers
2/9 Ross McMahon	2/28 Ryan "Magoo" McGough
2/10 Riley Tipton	Drew Nance
2/12 David Pounders	
2/16 Blake Jolley	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Gary Schumaker	2/9 Keith & Stacy Childers
2/18 Susan Dunn	Fred & Peggy Foshee
Coy Watson	2/14 Terry & Patty Taylor
2/19 Billie Wilhite	2/20 Rick & Pattie Dunning



We are seeking a quarter-time Music Director. Responsibilities include directing the choir, leading worship on Sunday mornings, assisting with worship planning, and overseeing the overall music ministry of the church. The church is looking for someone who has a desire to use his or her musical talent to serve the Lord. The ideal candidate will have experience in church music and/or a music degree. If interested, please contact Rev. Amanda Gordon at 662-781-1333 or [amandaMMUMC@gmail.com](mailto:amandaMMUMC@gmail.com).



**GUEST PREACHERS & SPECIAL SERVICES  
IN 2012**

- February 12:** Ryan McGough, Preaching
- February 19:** Cheryl Denley, Senatobia District Secretary, Preaching
- February 22:** Ash Wednesday Service 6:15 p.m.
- March 25:** Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Bishop of the Mississippi Conference, Preaching
- August 12:** The Miracles from the Baddour Center perform at 6:00 p.m.