



MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

AUGUST 2026

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

August is bursting with life at Minor Memorial! On Sunday, August 2nd, we'll bless backpacks for students heading back to school and celebrate children and youth as they're promoted into new ministries. Wednesday nights return August 12th with Pastor's Bible Study, "*Parabolē: The Parables and You*," and youth programming. Kids For Christ resumes August 19th for ages 4 through 5th grade, and our youth will gather that evening at 5:00 for fun and fellowship. It's a full house — and a reminder that God's story is still being written, right here among us!

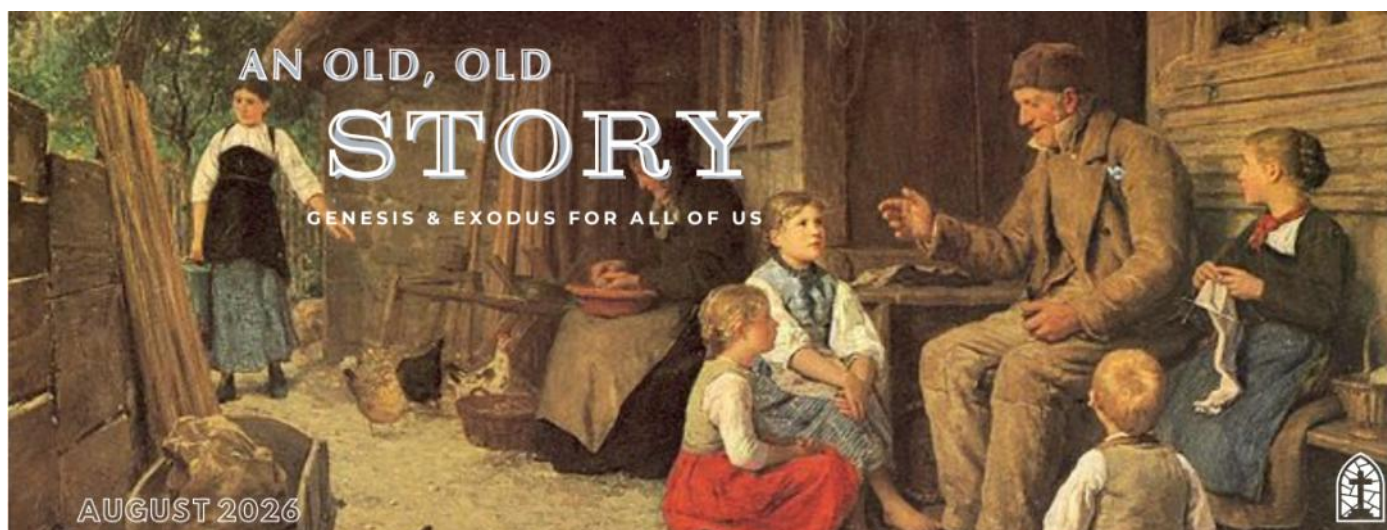
This month's worship series, "An Old, Old Story: Genesis and Exodus for All of Us," walks us through Jacob wrestling at the Jabbok, Joseph's betrayal by his brothers, and their tearful reconciliation. These aren't neat, tidy stories; they're messy, human, and real. Just like us. But God shows up in the wrestling, in the wounds, and in the reunions. As our church community gathers back together after summer, we trust God is doing the same restoring work among us.

We'll close the series with the call of Moses, an ordinary man given an extraordinary mission. This August, God is calling ordinary people at Minor Memorial too — children stepping into new ministries, youth returning for fellowship, adults gathering for Bible study. Every backpack blessed and every child welcomed into Kids for Christ is a sign: God still calls, and God still sends.

As we move through this "old, old story" together, I invite you to ask: where does my story intersect with God's? Maybe you're wrestling like Jacob, healing like Joseph, or being called like Moses. Whatever chapter you're in, know this — God's story continues through us. Come join us this August and bring a friend along for the journey.

In Christ's Name and In God's Service,

Rev. Sam



To Minor Memorial:

I will always keep you in my heart. Thanks for all of your support, friendship, and most important, all the love. I am better because of you.

See you soon!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WOW will be resuming in August. This is a great opportunity to learn more about God while helping the children here at Minor. If God is putting that on your heart by volunteering and leading the kids in worship out in the education building when Rev. Sam dismisses the children to go to WOW. It is on a rotation basis, probably one month on and three months off. As volunteers so far, we have Rosemary Jones, Cathy Bell, Chelsea Aaron, Debra Cox, John Hogan, and Karla Lance. We will have a training in August so let Rosemary or Karla know if you need more info or are interested.

Thank you to all the parents, kids, and volunteers that participated in the Super Saturdays. They were a lot of fun and hopefully the kids learned something about God's love.

There will be a Blessing of the Books and Promotion Sunday on August 2nd during worship. We have three kids going into 3rd grade from Kids for Christ; they are Amelia Pounders, Grisham Wright, and Stella Johnson. This is the day they will be presented their Bibles. All the children will receive backpack tags to let them know the people of Minor care.

Mark your calendars because Kids for Christ will be starting back up on August 19 at 6pm. There will be games, fellowship, and food. It is for 4 year olds through 5th grade. Let's get those kids here on Wednesday nights!

Blessings to All,
Ilene Hogan & Karla Lance

UPCOMING EVENTS



Blessing of the Backpacks
August 2nd

Let's start the 2026- 2027 School Year by surrounding our precious students and staff with prayers and love from our congregation.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
Parabolē
THE PARABLES AND YOU
CHOIR ROOM ROOM 105
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 7:15
ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
COMING AUG. 12TH
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH
GRADES 6TH - 12TH
EDUCATION BUILDING ROOM 202/204



STARTING AUG. 19TH
Kids For Christ
4 yrs. thru 5th Grade
Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:00
Education Building, Room 205

Fall Festival

MMUMC Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3! Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 16 following worship. Please spread the word to your crafting friends that booths are available!

Also, keep an eye out for food and volunteer sign-up sheets coming soon

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday Morning Schedule: Small Groups and Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am (resumes 8/23)						1 ★Darryl Bonner ★Nancy Pounders
2 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS	3 ★Heather Clinkenbeard ★Owen Jolley	4 ★Amy Bent	5 ★Demetria Nelson	6	7	8 ★Vince Cavallo
9 ★Natalia Vanegas Escobar	10	11	12 ADULT AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES RESUME	13 ★Lea Carney ★Bryan Lumpkin	14	15 UMM Breakfast @ 9:00 am
16 ★Betty Park ★Mysse Smith Fall Festival Meeting after Worship	17 ★Ronnie James	18 ★Oliver Hickerson	19 Youth Fun Night @ 5:00 pm Kids for Christ resumes	20 ❤️ Chuck & Sherry Jolley	21	22 Redbirds game @ 6:35 pm
23 UMM Bible Study @ 8:30 am	24 ★Connor Aaron	25 ★Rob Cushman ★Ashlyn Huddleston	26	27	28	29
30 2027 Mission Trip Interest Meeting @ 9:15 am Jams and Jesus after worship	31 ★Patsy Vick					