



MARCH 2025

MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Lent is upon us once again. As many of you know, this solemn Christian observance spans forty days, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It is a season of fasting and denial, a time when we walk with Jesus through His journey in the wilderness, enduring one temptation after another. We will mark the beginning of this season with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads during our Ash Wednesday service on March 5th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year, our Lenten worship focus is titled "The Man Who Did Nothing Wrong," echoing the Gospel writer Luke's account of Jesus during His crucifixion as He is questioned by one of the thieves on the cross (Luke 23:41). Throughout Lent, we will walk with Jesus as He faces temptation, injustice, persecution, and ultimately, crucifixion. You are also invited and encouraged to engage in the spiritual disciplines of fasting and prayer throughout the forty days. This outward practice draws us closer to the suffering servant.

As winter transitions to spring, we are reminded that God is constantly at work, doing new things among us. In response to God's continued faithfulness, I encourage you to deepen your discipleship through reading, study, and prayer. I encourage you to let go of the things that harm us and to embrace a closer walk with Christ.

I also invite you to attend one (or more) of our Lenten lunches, which will be held at Horn Lake United Methodist Church on Thursdays at noon throughout Lent, beginning March 6th. I encourage you to set aside the distractions of the world and focus on Christ in your daily lives. Consider increasing your support and involvement in the many ministries of Minor Memorial, and, most importantly, continue to pray for one another.

Remember, God is counting on each of us to give 100% of our lives to Him. It is the least we can do. After all...

...He did nothing wrong.

In Christ's Name and in God's Service,
Rev. Sam



Lent 2025

MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 6:00PM @ MINOR

MARCH 6 - LENTEN LUNCHES, THURSDAYS 12:00PM @ HORN LAKE
APRIL 10

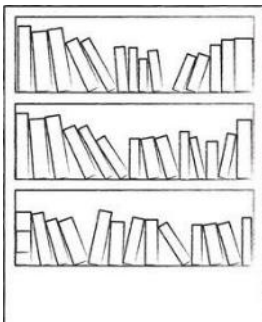
APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 6:00PM @ MINOR
APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE, 7:30PM @ MAPLES
APRIL 19 EASTER EGG HUNT, 10:00AM @ MINOR
HOLY SATURDAY YOUTH PRAYER WALK, TIME TBA

Easter

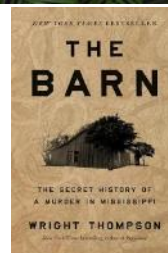
APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNRISE SERVICE, 7:00AM @ HORN LAKE
EASTER SERVICE, 10:15AM @ MINOR
EASTER SERVICE, 11:30AM @ HORN LAKE

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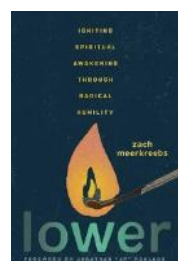
FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOKSHELF



I love to read. I love to read Scripture. I think that reading is important to sustain our growth in various topics surrounding our faith practices. That's why I like to read other books and I thought I would share with you what I'm reading every month. Many of the topics I enjoy are books on theology, Biblical scholarship, histories, biographies, and books on issues of social justice.



The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi by Wright Thompson



Lower: Igniting Spiritual Awakening Through Radical Humility by Zach Meerkreebs

SERVING OTHERS

Feed My Lambs

Greetings, church family!

Exciting things are ahead for Feed My Lambs! Neil Colley announced on his February 19 podcast (The Local Yokel's podcast) a very ambitious project for the 4th annual Feed My Lambs fundraiser, which will be on October 11. He and Randy Hendrickson are collaborating on fully restoring a 1967 C10 Step Side GMC which will be raffled off to raise funds for Feed My Lambs. The tickets are \$100 each and the drawing will be on October 11. The raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning in March.

For those that may not know Neil, he is a local business owner and has been the initiator and organizer of the BBQ/car show fundraiser for Feed My Lambs for the past three years. Neil first learned of Feed My Lambs from his mother, Nancy Colley, who was a dear friend and a volunteer with Pack and Pray until her passing in 2024. Randy Hendrickson, a friend of Neil's, is also a local business owner and he and his team have done all the cooking and serving of the delicious barbecue we have enjoyed at the fundraisers. Both men have a real passion for service to our community and the ministry of Feed My Lambs. I hope you will listen to the podcast. It's been shared on Minor Memorial's Facebook page and it also can be found on YouTube and Spotify. You will be blessed by listening to their interview and getting to know them and their hearts.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped get the bags packed and delivered to the schools Friday, February 21. With the inclement weather that week, it looked like the children would not receive their bags for the weekend. As soon as it was announced that school would be in session that Friday, the volunteers rallied and got it done! Thank you for always helping as needed!

Other opportunities in March to spread awareness of Feed My Lambs include the March 13 Lenten luncheon at Horn Lake UMC, where the topic will be Feed My Lambs; and the March 22 Spring Craft fair at the Olive Branch Senior Center where there will be a booth raising funds for and representing Feed My Lambs.

If you would like to share information in the community or in your workplace about Feed My Lambs, there are flyers available in the Narthex. The flyers can also be texted or emailed to you if you prefer that format for sharing (request through Sandy Marbry or the church office). Feed My Lambs also has a dedicated page at www.minormemorial.org/lambs. If you need more information, please contact Sandy Marbry, Billie Wilhite or Patsy Vick.

Thank you for your continued faithful support of Feed My Lambs!

Sandy Marbry

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE
SUPPER**

\$10: ADULTS
\$7: CHILDREN 10 & UNDER
\$30: FAMILY 4+

March 4th
5:30-8:30PM

Brown Bag Lunch
Chips, Tea, and Dessert Provided!

HORN LAKE UMC
PRESENTS
THE 2025
LENTEN LUNCHESES
THURSDAYS AT NOON
Beginning March 6th

6890 CENTER STREET EAST
HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI

**WINTER
JAM 25**

SKILLET ANNE WILSON KB
COLTON DIXON NEWSONG MICAH TYLER

Attention Youth!
(And Young at Heart!)

Winter Jam is back! It will be at Landers Center on Sunday, March 16. The cost is \$15. Doors open at 3:55, and the concert start at 5:00.

EXPERIENCE & SPEND TIME WITH GOD

As a spiritual discipline, consider praying for those on our prayer list and praying for each person on their birthday (and couple on their anniversary).

Prayer Concerns

2/2 Bridget Adams (daughter of Patsy Vick); Kerry Nance (cousin of Jerry Nance); Taylor Champion; Candace Connerly (niece of Randy and Karla Lance); Darlene Smith (sister of Randy Lance); Micah Davis (friend of Christopher Medcalf); Barbara Long (sister-in-law of Ann Jolley)

2/9 Jim Dunn; Rita Cavallo; Gabby Samson; Barbara Brady (sister-in-law of Collin Mayfield)

2/16 Jan Garner; Brad Randall; Daman Hughes (friend of Andrew Jolley)

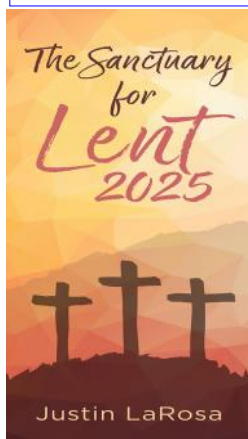
2/23 Missy & Tommy Kelley (friends of Patti Champion); Stephen Petty (friend of Heather Clinkenbeard); Winnie Williams (Great niece of Anna Holland); Denise Peyton (cousin of Sherry Jolley)

In Sympathy

Barbara Marrable (friend of Judith Nance); Jerry Winston (friend of Judith Nance); Garry Winsett (friend of Judith Nance); Dale Jolley (sister-in-law of Ann Jolley); Anne Warren

Joys

Birth of Priscilla Samson, daughter of Gabby Samson and great granddaughter of Billie Wilhite, was born February 13



Lenten Devotional Books

Be sure to pick up your copy of our special Lenten devotional! *The Sanctuary for Lent 2025* contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Books are available in the Narthex. Please contact the office if you need one mailed.

The Upper Room Books

The March/April issues of *The Upper Room* are available in the Narthex and church office. If you need one delivered or mailed, please let the office know.

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITES

Friday Night Community Group

The Friday Night Community Group will be continuing through the month of March. If you are not a part of this small group, we would love to have you join us. We meet at 7:00 pm on Friday nights at the Lance's home (2080 Red Apple Drive, Horn Lake) for our get-togethers.



the WESLEY challenge
21 DAYS TO A MORE AUTHENTIC FAITH

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:00 - 7:15
EDU BLDG
ROOM 202
OR ON ZOOM

KIDS FOR CHRIST
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
4 year old through 5th grade
Education Bldg, Room 205
A time of Bible learning, games, crafts, songs, and more!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT = YOUTH!
6TH - 12TH GRADE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> Joy Class 9:15 am Caring Peeps 9:15 am Stepping Stones Class 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am</p>			<p><u>Wednesday Schedule:</u> Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm</p>			1 ★ Calie Moore
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 5:30 pm	5 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:00 pm	6 Lenten Lunch at HLUMC @ noon ★ Eric Nye	Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
★ Ann Jolley ♥ David & Anita Guyer	♥ Rob & Brooke Brown		Spring Break No Evening Activities	13 Lenten Lunch at HLUMC @ noon	Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	★ Jimmy Cavallo ♥ Tim & Tina Patrick
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Winter Jam at the Landers Center	★ Lisa Sayle	★ Alicia Butler ★ Bruce Hall		20 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am Lenten Lunch at HLUMC @ noon ★ Joe Mason Leadership Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	★ Kathy Bynum ★ Judy James
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		★ Karrie Hall	★ Braxton Butler	27 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am Lenten Lunch at HLUMC @ noon ★ Ron James ★ Sam Jones	Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	
30	31					
★ Stephen Patrick	★ Rita Cavallo					