



MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

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

This July, our nation celebrates a truly remarkable milestone — 250 years as the United States of America. On July 4, 1776, a group of ordinary people dared to believe they were called to something greater than themselves. They put their names to a declaration that would change the course of history — not because they had everything figured out, but because they believed they were sent. Sent with a purpose. Sent with a vision. Sent with a hope for something better. Two and a half centuries later, we pause to honor that legacy. America's story, with all of its complexity and struggle, is at its heart a story of people who answered a call. And as we gather this July — in our sanctuary, in our homes, and around our tables — we at Minor Memorial are reflecting on a call that is older and deeper than any nation. It is the call of God himself.

This month, we are diving into an exciting new worship series called "Sent!" At the very heart of this series is one of the most powerful verses in all of Scripture. In Isaiah 6:8, the prophet hears the voice of the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And without hesitation, Isaiah answers: "Here am I; send me!" Those four words — "Here am I; send me!" — echo across the centuries and land right in our laps today. Isaiah heard the voice of God and responded with an open heart and willing hands. And just as America was called into existence with a sense of purpose and mission, God is calling each one of us — you, me, and our whole congregation — to rise up and say, "Here am I, Lord. Send me." The parallel is striking, isn't it? A nation founded on a sense of calling. A church built on a sense of sending. Both are stories of ordinary people answering an extraordinary invitation.

Throughout this series, we will journey through Scripture together and meet some familiar and beloved faces — ordinary people who were sent by God for extraordinary purposes. We will walk with Joshua, who led a frightened people through uncertainty and into a promised land. We will stand alongside Elisha, who quietly and faithfully followed the calling placed on his life. We will explore the faithful in the fiery furnace—people who held onto their faith even when everything around them said to do otherwise. And we will be moved by Mary, who said yes to God when it would have been so much easier to say no. Each of these stories remind us of something beautiful and freeing — God does not call the perfect. God calls the willing. And when we say yes, God does something remarkable through us that we never could have done on our own.

At Minor Memorial, we believe we are not just a church — we are a church on mission together. Every Sunday when we gather to worship, every prayer we lift to heaven, every act of kindness we show to our neighbors here in Walls and beyond, all of it is an expression of our calling as a sent people. Perhaps you are a longtime member who has been part of this community for many years. Or perhaps you are brand new, still finding your footing, and quietly wondering if there is really a place for you here. I want you to hear this good news today: there is. You are welcome here. And more than that — you are needed. God has sent you to this place, to this community, for such a time as this.

One of the most exciting ways we are living out our "sent" calling this summer is through Vacation Bible School! On July 18th, Minor Memorial will join hands with our dear friends at Horn Lake UMC for a wonderful VBS experience. This year's theme is "Waves of Abiding Love," and we cannot wait to welcome children and families into a space filled with joy, laughter, and the love of Jesus. VBS is a living, breathing picture of what it looks like to be a sent church. We are opening our doors, stepping toward our community, and saying to every child and every family: you are loved, you are welcome, and God has a purpose for your life. If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please reach out to the church office. We would love to have you be a part of it!

As we celebrate this July — America's 250th birthday, the launch of our "Sent!" series, and the excitement of VBS — my prayer for each of you is simple: may you hear God's voice calling your name this month. May you have the courage to look up and say, "Here am I, Lord. Send me." And may you discover the deep and lasting joy that comes from living a life on mission — together with this community, and for the glory of God. Whatever your story, whatever your background, whatever your age or season of life — you are sent. Now go.

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

Rev. Sam





WOW will be taking a break this summer, but will resume in August. The nursery will remain open.

Summer Music

The choir will be on break during July and August, but that doesn't mean the music stops! We need solos, duets, trios, and small ensembles of any kind: vocal and/or instrumental. So dust off that clarinet, tune up that guitar, and contact Alicia Butler to share your gift with the congregation while praising the Lord! If you have friends or relatives that sing or play, they are welcome to share their talents as well!

The Upper Room Devotional Books

The July/August 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.

Fall Festival

MMUMC Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3! Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 12 following worship. Please spread the word to your crafting friends that booths are available!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Staff Luncheon at Lake Cormorant Middle School * Tuesday * July 28 *
be ready to serve by 11:30 a.m.**



Monetary Donations can be made to MMUMC or see Sherry Jolley to contribute food items.



Menu (staff of 85):

- Sub sandwiches (Turkey, Ham)**
- Potato Salad * Macaroni Salad * Fruit Tray**
- Assorted Chips * Assorted Cookies (treats)**
- Gallons of Tea * Bottled Water**



BREAKFAST Club

Calling all casseroles/breakfast items

Minor is hosting breakfast for the staff at Walls Elementary on Wednesday/July 29, 2026.

Prep those breakfast casseroles. {Please} **Requesting**



- 7 casseroles ** 2 pans of cinnamon rolls
- Fruit: grapes /apple slices / etc.
- 1 gal white & 2 gal chocolate milk
- 6 containers Orange juice
- Bagels: 1 pkg plain & 2 pkg Blueberry
- Cream Cheese Spread



Thanks in advance for your continued support of our local school staff.
--Sherry Jolley



July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sunday Morning Schedule: Small Groups and Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am </div>						
5 Reception for Natalia after Worship	6	7 ★ Debbie Randall ★ Cindy Wright	8	9	10 ★ Linda Payne ★ Blake Pretti	11
12 Fall Festival Meeting after Worship	13 ★ Taylor Williams ♥ Bryan & Kelly Lumpkin	14 Worship Committee Meeting @ 11:00 am	15	16 ★ Mary Bonner	17 ★ Destinee Martin ★ Karissa Clinkenbeard	18 YES at Horn Lake UMC 9:00 am-3:00 pm <i>Bridal Shower for Mikenzie Wright @ 11:00 am</i>
19	20	21 Leadership Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	22 ♥ Bruce & Karrie Hall	23	24	25 Kid's Back to School Party 2:00—4:00 pm at the home of Randy and Karla Lance
26 UMM Bible Study @ 8:30 am ★ Zane Huckaby	27 ♥ Rob & Alena Cushman	28 Teacher Lunch at LCMIS	29 Teacher Breakfast at WES ★ Bradley Clinkenbeard ★ Christian Helms	30 ★ Lauanna Beasley	31 ★ Savannah Clark ♥ Gary & Sue Schumaker	