



JUNE 2024

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!

Have you noticed that when you go outside, perspiration begins to form on your brow? Have you heard the screech of the cicadas beginning to break the silence of those southern afternoons? Are you ready to volunteer for VBS? If the answer is “yes,” then that can only mean one thing: Summer is here!

Summertime is always an unusual time of year in the life of the church. Our schedules and ways of life begin to shift with the rising temperatures. Vacations, outings, poolside playdates, and the making of new memories are the things that are always important this time of year. Rest and relaxation are good things for our souls. But what about our heart for God? Do you still feel that desire to be in God’s presence? Can you still hear the music of resurrection playing in the background?

The heart can be a tricky thing. Take what happened to Samuel for instance. Samuel was one of God’s most faithful servants. He did all that God commanded. But when God told Samuel to find a king from among the sons of Saul, he assumed Eliab (who was really tall and had many similar features of his father) would be the next in line. God gives Samuel a powerful reminder that God does not look at any physical feature, but rather the heart of the believer.

God knows our hearts. He knows why they are guarded, hardened, or otherwise. It matters not who it is that others think we ought to be. It matters who we are and, most importantly, who we want to become. The heart matters!

For the month of June, our worship focus will be geared towards our “heart condition.” During this month, we will examine what it is that drives us to the things we do, feel the things we feel, and what can be done to strengthen the condition of our hearts. We will examine how we can be more merciful, more loving. We will look at how we can turn our hearts toward God in the experience of weekly & daily worship. Perhaps we’ll be able to answer this question: How can we be more attuned to gearing our hearts towards what God wants for us?

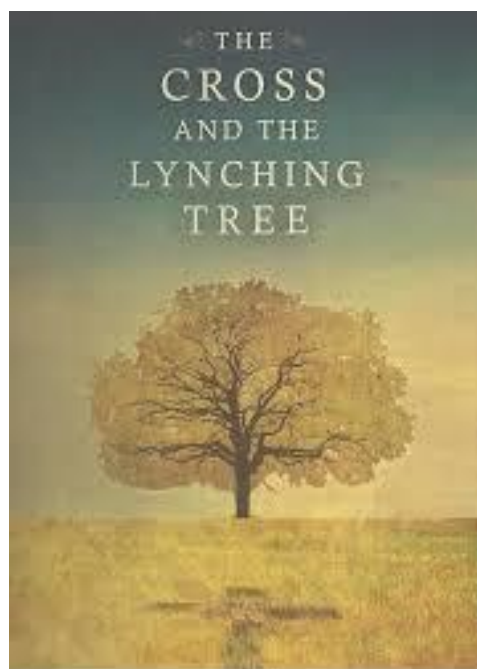
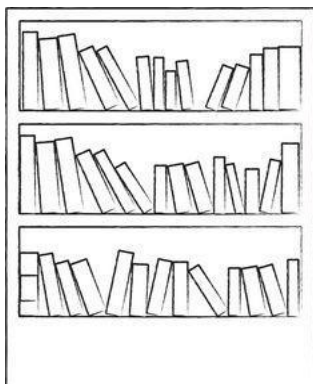
Let’s join together every Sunday in the month of June as we take our “Kingdom pulse” and truly develop a strong heart condition for God.

In Christ’s Name and in God’s Service,

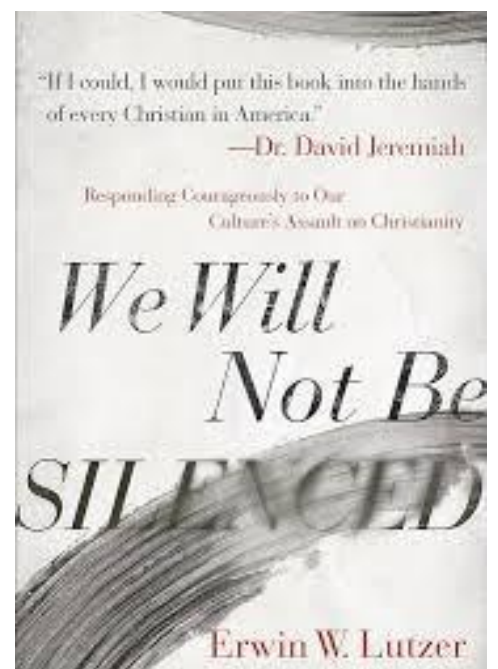
Rev. Sam

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.



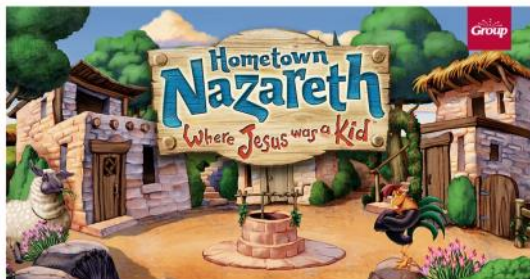
The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone



We Will Not Be Silenced by Erwin W. Lutzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School



June 10-13, 9:00 am - Noon

Let's go on a Holy Land adventure and learn about Jesus at "Hometown Nazareth" Vacation Bible School 2024. This is an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and share Jesus. Come and be a part of this wonderful ministry and let God use you for His glory.

- For kids 4 years old-5th grade
- Limited number of spots
- Must preregister in order to use God's resources wisely
- Registration forms are on the church website, www.minormemorial.org or by calling the church office



Fall Festival



Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 pm.

Youth Ministry

June Schedule:

Sundays:

Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Wednesdays:

@ 6:00 pm

Help with VBS

June 10-13

M28

June 28-July 1



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

Worship Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever wondered how to volunteer to serve communion or how you could lead the Call to Worship? Perhaps you'd like to help run the computer or sound board? Or maybe serve as an usher?

We need folks of all ages to help in these areas of worship. Please contact the church office if you'd like to volunteer.

Summer Music

The choir will be on break during July 7 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!

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 of the Past Month

4/28 Tom Collier; General Conference

5/5 Dixie Arnold (aunt of Brad Clinkenbeard)

5/12 Bill Russell; travel mercies for Lydia Jones and Cora Harris

5/19 Tom Collier

5/26 Jim Dunn; Wesley Kicker (father of Chuck Jolley's coworker)

In Sympathy

Robert Cook (friend of the community); Cathy Schingle Mitchell (sister-in-law of Stacey Schingle); Amanda Brown (friend of Judith Nance); Clarice Hellums; Tom Brumbelow (neighbor of Ray & Ann Jolley)

Joys

Teacher Appreciation Meals; Elliott Patrick's scans are clear and now only has to get them done once a year—5 Years cancer free! Tom Collier has moved to Senatobia Rehab; Class of 2024; 3 new confirmands; Caden Cushman made LCHS baseball team; semester-end cookout



Dear Minor Memorial United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for love and support you have provided to our family during this difficult time. We appreciate the fellowship and how you cared for our precious mother and grandmother. She loved y'all so much! We are so grateful.

*With love,
The family of Clarice Hellums*

Greetings from the Finance Committee

2 Timothy 3:14:16¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

I read this scripture in *The Upper Room* about Following Instructions. I flagged it for myself because it was such a good reminder to me to follow God's instructions daily. God provides everything I need to grow in faith; I just need a willing and open heart. I pray that all of us keep that willing and open heart live our lives as God as designed accepting in all circumstances.

When you give your Tithes and Offerings, we are following God's instruction.

I pray that we are always following God's instruction.

After the month of June closes, we will print/deliver mid-year giving statements to everyone. We are sharing to ensure our records are accurate and up to date. We hope to have them available by mid-July.

I will always say "Thank you" in each newsletter to everyone who thru their tithes, offering and gifts are supporting Missions and Ministries here at Minor Memorial. As a member of Minor Memorial, we are all called to support our Mission and Ministries as we Guide and Encourage people to take their next steps following Christ.

Thank you all for your faithful support of Minor Memorial.

Ilene Hogan

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Vernon Gordon

John & Ilene Hogan
(General fund)

In Memory of Clarice Hellums

Jimmy & Peggy Linton
(Feed My Lambs fund)

Peggy Dixon
(General fund)

SERVING OTHERS

Matthew 25 Ministry

This summer we are collecting white socks, sunscreen, and bug spray for our unsheltered brothers and sisters. A box has been set up in the Narthex for donations.

Feed My Lambs – feeding His children

Greetings, church family! We have completed the 12th year of our Feed My Lambs ministry! This school year ended with us serving a total of 131 children weekly. Just think of all the lives we've impacted and what a difference we've made in their fight against hunger!

There are so many people to thank. I'll start with our volunteers – the Pack and Pray group (Lajuanna Beasley, Gale Campbell, Rita Cavallo, Vince Cavallo, Nancy Colley, Paula Funderburk, Sandy Marbry, Erica Massey, Darlene McGee, Drew McGee, Jim Nunnolley, Patsy Vick and Billie Wilhite); the Billett family for loading the cart weekly; Randy and Karla Lance for making the weekly deliveries to the schools; and Lajuanna Beasley and Trindie Billett for shopping.

We've also had some very successful fundraisers. Thank you to Savannah Billett for the many crocheted cross bookmarks she made; and to Ann Jolley for the beautiful, handmade afghan we raffled at the fall festival.

The 2nd Annual Feed My Lambs BBQ/car show was a huge success! Thank you to Neil Colley for his enthusiasm for this ministry and the countless hours he spent pre-selling butts and organizing/promoting this event. The Feed My Lambs T-shirt made its debut at the BBQ and was a hit! Thank you to Dawn Wilkinson for designing and making the shirts. By the way, plans are well underway for the 3rd annual Feed My Lambs BBQ/car show which will be September 28! Be watching for information on that – Neil has some exciting things planned!

Finally, I want to thank you, church family, for your support of this ministry. It would not be possible without your ongoing donations, either through direct giving or supporting the fundraisers. Food costs have skyrocketed, and it currently costs about \$6.00 per week to buy food for each child -- \$180.00 per school year for each child.

Pack and Pray will resume September 5, and the first delivery for school year 2024-2025 will be September 6. Please consider sponsoring a child for the year or making a donation of any amount. You can donate by cash, check, or cards (online or through the kiosk).

If you would like more information about Feed My Lambs, please contact Sandy Marbry, Patsy Vick or Billie Wilhite. Thank you for your continued faithful support of Feed My Lambs!

Sandy Marbry

June 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday Morning Schedule: Joy Class 9:15 am Caring Peeps 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am						1
2	3 ★ Lillian Helms	4 ❤️ Kiely & Ann Walker VBS Meeting @ 2:00 pm	5	6 ★ Aline Turner	7 ★ Milkenzie Wright ★ Milkhayla Wright	8 <i>Wedding of Cora Farris and Patrick Jones @ 4:00 pm</i>
9 Fall Festival Planning Meeting @ 2:00 pm	10 ★ Julie Steckley	11	12 ★ Ben Smith	13	14 ★ Ellis Babb	15
Vacation Bible School (Mon-Thu) 9:00 am-12 noon						
16 Father's Day ★ Heather Cavallo	17 ★ Zayne Patrick	18	19 Juneteenth Church Office Closed ❤️ Joe & Jennifer Mason ❤️ Derek & Demetria Nelson	20 ★ Judy Harvey ❤️ John & Lisa Sayle	21 ★ Brooke Brown ★ Ashley Free ❤️ Greg & Ramona Vaughan	22 ★ Jim Holland
23	24	25 ★ Drew McGee	26 ★ Sydney Smith ❤️ Derrick Martin & Destinee Ball	27	28 ★ Darlene McGee	29 ★ Darla Bonner ★ Samantha Willoughby
MS Annual Conference (Thur-Fri) in Jackson						
30 ★ Tifani Bent						
Youth to M28 6/28-7/1						