



MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

MAY 2026

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

May has arrived, and with it comes the sweet, unmistakable feeling that something holy is happening among us. The Easter alleluias are still ringing in our hearts, and even as the spring flowers are blooming outside our windows, something is blooming right here in our congregation that fills me with deep joy and profound gratitude. We are living in a season full of the Spirit. I can feel a sense that God is not finished with us. That the best chapters of our story are still being written. That the Holy Spirit is moving in ways both seen and unseen through the life of this beloved community. So as we step into May together, I want to invite you to open your eyes wide, open your hearts even wider, and watch what God is doing in our midst. Because friends, there is so much to see.

On the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit came rushing in like a mighty wind and tongues of fire rested on the gathered believers, there were people standing in the crowd who looked at what was unfolding before their very eyes and said, "They are filled with new wine." (Acts 2:13, NRSV) They meant it as an insult. But you know what? They were not entirely wrong. The Holy Spirit is like the newest, freshest wine — full of life, full of energy, full of the unexpected. The Spirit does not sit still. The Spirit does not grow stale. The Spirit does not play it safe. And that same Spirit is pouring fresh and full right here at Minor Memorial United Methodist Church this May.

One of the surest signs that the Spirit is moving is that the people of God simply cannot sit still. And friends, Minor Memorial is not sitting still. This May, our calendar is brimming with the beautiful, busy work of a Spirit-filled community.

We are gathering for our community yard sale on Saturday, May 2nd, turning our generosity into blessing for the neighbors God has placed right outside our doors.

We are wrapping our arms around the teachers in our community through appreciation meals that say simply and sincerely, "We see you, we honor you, and we thank God for you."

We are preparing our hearts and our voices for our Graduation Sunday Extravaganza on May 17th, where we will lift up our graduates and celebrate the faithfulness of God that carried each one of them to this remarkable milestone.

And then, on May 24th, on that glorious and fire-filled Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost — the birthday of the church — and remind ourselves once again that we were born in the Spirit and we live and move and have our very being in the Spirit still.

Every single one of these moments is a sign, dear friends. Every meal prepared, every chair set up, every graduate honored, every neighbor welcomed — these are the footprints of the Holy Spirit walking right through the life of this congregation.

Before I move on, I need to pause and say something that deserves to be said with great joy and great volume: our school age program, which will come to an end later this month, has served children and families in this community for 34 years. I want you to let that settle gently into your heart for a moment. Think about every child who walked through those doors — some of them now grown, some of them with children of their own. Think about every faithful volunteer who showed up year after year, season after season. Think about every prayer whispered over a homework assignment, every warm meal shared around a table, every word of encouragement spoken into a young life that needed to hear it. That is not simply a program. That is a ministry. Our church has served faithfully. And I am so deeply honored to stand in the middle of that legacy with you.

Minor Memorial family, the Spirit is moving. The wine is fresh. The love of God is still excelling. As you step into May, I want to encourage you to bring your whole self — your whole heart — to every gathering, every act of service, and every moment of worship we share together this month. Because what we are building here is not simply a church calendar. It is a community that bears the image of Jesus Christ in a neighborhood and a world that is desperately longing to see it.

Go forward this month knowing that the same Spirit who fell at Pentecost is with you still. Go forward knowing that the love Jesus commanded us to share with one another is not a burden — it is the deepest joy we will ever know. And go forward knowing this: your pastor is grateful, your God is faithful, and Minor Memorial United Methodist Church is still very much held in the hands of a Spirit who is absolutely not finished with us yet. See you in worship, see you in service, and see you in the joy of this Spirit-filled month of May.

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

Rev. Sam

UPCOMING EVENTS



MINOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Concessions AVAILABLE

Community Yard Sale

NO CHARGE

Saturday, May 2nd
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
WEST PARKING LOT

SETUP IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

Teacher Appreciation Meals

- ◆ **Monday, May 4** (Breakfast @ Lake Cormorant Elementary) 7:00 am
- ◆ **Friday, May 8** (Lunch @ Lake Cormorant High) 11:00 am
- ◆ Donations of taco meat and toppings, breakfast casseroles, pastries, desserts, and cash donations are needed.
- ◆ Please arrive at the church 30-45 minutes prior to time listed
- ◆ See Mary Bonner or Pastor Sam with questions



Graduation SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

THE FAMILY TABLE CHURCH POTLUCK



CLASS OF 2026

GATORS

OUR GRADUATES

Lia Cushman
Lucian Ricard
Sydney Smith

CONGRATS!



ORDERING OF MINISTRY SERVICE

REV. SAMUEL W. JONES
ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD 7:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
7427 OLD CANTON ROAD
MADISON, MISSISSIPPI


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The Upper Room Devotional Books

The May/June 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.



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Morning Schedule: Small Groups and Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am </div>							
3 Fall Festival Meeting after Worship	4 Teacher Breakfast at Lake Cormorant Elementary ★ Jerry Nance	5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Wednesday Night Schedule: Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm </div>	6 ★ Drew McGee	7 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am	8 Teacher Lunch at Lake Cormorant High School ♥ Darryl & Mary Bonner Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	9 Camp Lake Stephens Work Day @ 9:00 am 
10 Mother's Day ★ Shelby Walker ♥ Wally & Aline Turner	11 ★ Keifer Baker ♥ James & Taylor Williams	12	13 Last Wed. Activities	14	15 Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	16 ★ John Hogan	
17 Baccalaureate Sunday Potluck Lunch	18 ♥ Jim & Anna Holland	19 ♥ Randy & Karla Lance LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING @ 6:00 PM	20 ★ Derek Nelson	21	22 ★ Matthew Gardner ★ Eli Hickerson	23	
24 Pentecost UMM Bible Study @ 8:30 am	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed ★ Bill Russell	26	27 ★ Stacey Schingle	28	29 ♥ Jimmy & Heather Cavallo	30 ♥ Eli & Abigail Hickerson	
31 Peace with Justice Sunday ★ Cheryl Tyler							