



JANUARY 2024

# MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ*

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

We have reached the beginning of the year 2024. It is with a humble heart and a joyous spirit that I, on behalf of the entire Minor Memorial UMC family, wish you a very Happy New Year in 2024 and beyond.

2023 was a challenging year for the church and denomination for different reasons. Many of you have suffered loss of loved ones, experienced changes in circumstance, and experienced pain in some form or fashion. But God has brought us through again with each other by our side as a unified church family. Let's not forget that 2023 brought with it some joyous moments as well (the personal favorite of mine being appointed as your new pastor in July). Yet, despite everything, I'm filled with hope for what is to come, and I have thankfulness in my heart for what has already passed.

This year, we intend to plant a vision of not only building up our church, but also empowering our congregation to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world. Reaching people in a new way will require a certain degree of invention and imagination on our part. While this may sound daunting, please be mindful that nothing is impossible with God. Be on the lookout for news ways in which we can continue to serve our community and engage in outreach. Great things are happening at Minor and I pray that 2024 will be a year of growth, discipleship, and putting God's vision into practice. While we can't know what is coming in the new year, we can find hope in God's Word and maintain a positive outlook that things will be better than ever in this coming year.

I believe that it is in this spirit that the psalmist reminds us that we are to *"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."* -Psalm 96: 1-3.

Therefore, I pray that in the new year you may find that joy, peace, and success will follow you wherever you go.

May your new year be filled with everything new and everything true.

May your new year bring you a host of holy blessings.

And may your new year be one in which God continues to grace your life with His presence and generosity.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Because of Christ,  
Rev. Sam



## ALTAR FLOWERS



You are invited to place flowers at the altar in honor of or in memory of someone special. Please contact the church office to reserve a date.

**LEARNING IN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

Jesus was in a small group.



life change happens in small groups

**Youth Ministry**

**January Schedule:**

**Sundays:**

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

**Wednesdays:**

D Groups @ 6:00 pm (RESUMES 1/17)

**Breakthru**

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Wednesday Night Activities**

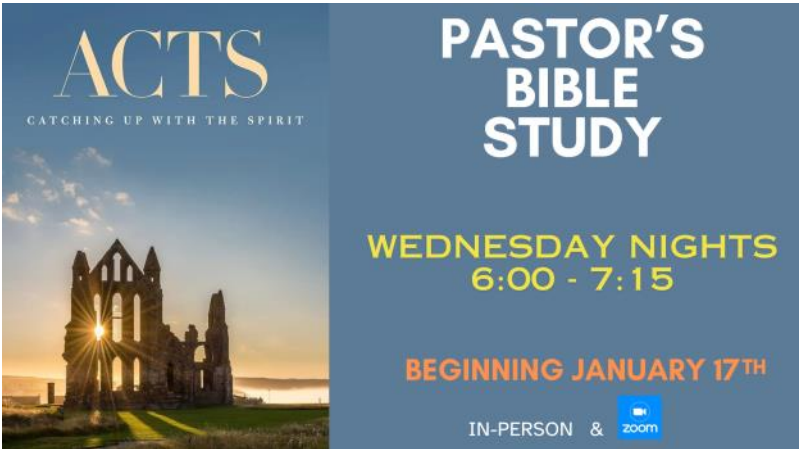
ALL ACTIVITIES RESUME 1/17

We have something for ALL ages starting at 6:00 pm

Kids for Christ (ages 4-5th grade)

Youth D Groups (6th-12th grades)

Adult Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, January 18 at 11:30 am in the choir room. All are welcome to take part. If you cannot attend in person, Zoom is also an option. If you have any worship ideas you would like to see implemented or change in décor (we can always use help decorating!), please contact Alicia Butler.

# Senatobia District

**Lay Servant**



**Training Event**

# Saturday, February 17, 2024

Minor Memorial UMC 7:30 am-3:30 pm

Registration forms are at the Welcome Center and Church Office. See Pastor Sam for more information.



Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend this time of conversation and fellowship at an upcoming “Chat and Chew 2.0 with Bishop Lewis.” In 2023, Bishop Lewis invited you all to attend the Chat and Chews so that you could get to know her. This time around, she wants to hear from you. We are planning to attend Chat and Chew on Sunday, February 25 at Oxford First United Methodist Church.

Greetings from the Finance Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Thanks & Giving Tree program. We all have so much to be thankful for and hearing what everyone is thankful should be encouragement for all of us – it certainly has been for me.

A new year is beginning and 2023 is ending. We do plan to have everyone’s giving statements prepared in mid-January. We will hand deliver as many as possible but will place in mail any we can’t hand deliver directly.

Everyday is a gift and we do have so much to be thankful to God for no matter the circumstances.

God Bless each of you,  
Ilene



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Mike Arendale

Toni & Jodi Baker; John & Ilene Hogan  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

Patti Champion; Billie Wilhite  
(General fund)

In Memory of Glen Holcomb

John & Ilene Hogan; James & Anna Holland  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

Billie Wilhite  
(General fund)

In Memory of Everett Marbry

James & Patti Champion; David & Anita Guyer;  
John & Ilene Hogan; James & Anna Holland  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

In Honor of Janette & Jimmy Holland

Anne Warren  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

In Honor of Mrs. Bonnie Brown

Anne Warren  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

Worship Through Giving  
DECEMBER 2023

Dec. 2023 (as of the 24 <sup>th</sup> )		Dec. needed to meet Budget
Income	\$29,652	\$19,769
YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead/(Behind)
Income	\$228,899	\$237,136 (\$8,237)

New Staff Member: Jane Rector

Please join me in welcoming our financial secretary, Jane Rector. Jane comes to us from Northern New York. She moved to Mississippi in June with her husband and son. Jane has been married to her husband, Anthony for 25 years. Before moving to Mississippi, Jane worked for a non-profit organization back in New York as a senior office tech in the development office for several years. Please give her a warm welcome to Minor Memorial!

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed January 1 for New Year’s Day and on January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday.

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

- 12/3 Steve Ingerson, Aline Turner
- 12/10 Ron James Jr.; Sydney Smith; those affected by storms on 12/9
- 12/17 Patsy Vick
- 12/24 Harper Hudgins (great granddaughter of Patsy Vick)

In Sympathy

Don Myers (uncle of Heather Clinkenbeard); Glen Holcomb; Cheryl Davis; Clell Mangrum (mother of Patsy Talbert); Everett Marbry;

Joys

Birth of Syllas Sylvo Cavallo on December 3 (great grandson of Vince and Rita Cavallo); Gaudete Sunday ; Donnie and Brittany McKnight’s son Grayson is home from ICU (friends of Heather Clinkenbeard)

The Upper Room Books

The January/February issues of The Upper Room are in the Narthex and office. If you need one delivered, please contact the church office.

Biblegateway.com

This is a great site (and app that you can download to your phone) for reading the Bible online. There are TONS of translations available, plus many translations have audio if you would like to listen to the scriptures.



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div><div>Sunday Morning Schedule:</div><div>Joy Class 9:15 am</div><div>Caring Peeps 9:15 am</div><div>Youth Sunday School 9:30 am</div><div>Worship 10:15 am</div><div>Choir 11:30 am</div></div>	<div><div>1 New Year's Day</div><div>Church Office Closed</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>Youth return from Break-thru</div><div>(12/30-1/2)</div></div>	<div><div>3</div><div>Wednesday Schedule:</div><div>Kids for Christ 6:00 pm</div><div>Youth D-Groups 6:00 pm</div><div>Adult Bible Study</div><div>in-person &amp; zoom 6:00 pm</div><div>ALL RESUME 1/17</div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div></div></div>
<div><div>7 Epiphany Sunday and Baptism of the Lord</div></div>	<div><div>8</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>10</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>11 Pack &amp; Pray @ 10:00 am</div><div>★Ray Jolley</div></div>	<div><div>12</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>13</div><div>★Judith Nance</div></div>
<div><div>14 Covenant Renewal Sunday</div><div>★Jimmy Linton</div></div>	<div><div>15 MLK Jr. Day</div><div>Church Office Closed</div><div>★Clint Wright</div></div>	<div><div>16</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>17</div><div>★Lucas Williams</div></div>	<div><div>18 Pack &amp; Pray @ 10:00 am</div><div>★Alena Cushman</div></div>	<div><div>19</div><div>★Nancy Hall</div></div>	<div><div>20</div><div></div></div>
<div><div>21</div><div>★Brad Clinkenbeard</div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div>★Bella Copeland</div><div>★Jimmy &amp; Alicia Butler</div></div>	<div><div>23</div><div>★Ann Walker</div></div>	<div><div>24</div><div>★Jennifer Mason</div></div>	<div><div>25 Pack &amp; Pray @ 10:00 am</div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div>★Sarah Babb</div><div>★Betsy Copeland</div></div>
<div><div>28</div><div>★Chuck Camp</div><div>★Joshua Cavallo</div><div>★Vince &amp; Rita Cavallo</div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div>★Daniel Wright</div><div>★Jim &amp; Susan Dunn</div><div>Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm</div></div>	<div><div>30</div><div>★Tindie Billett</div></div>	<div><div>31</div><div>★Karl Goessling</div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>