



JANUARY 2025

MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

Happy New Year, Church Family!

As we dive into 2025, I am excited to talk about our new leadership structure here at Minor Memorial. Last year, our church council voted, and the charge conference approved our moving to a simple governance church model. What this means is that the old committee structure (staff/parish relations, finance, and trustees) has been dissolved, and one comprehensive church board has taken its place effective January 1st. This new board was put in place by our nominations committee and approved at charge conference on October 20th, 2024.

The purpose of this move is to simplify and expedite the administrative work of the church. Simply put, we can do a lot at only one meeting instead of three or four. Furthermore, by going to a simple church governance model, we are now in line with the way the district and annual conference are both governed. As for us, the board will adopt an official name at its first meeting on January 21st. Regular sessions of the board meetings are open to church members.

The body that has been appointed is listed below. These individuals are here to provide a service like no other. First and foremost, they serve God. They serve the greater good of God's Kingdom through our church. I would, therefore, ask each of you to pray for each of these individuals by name as they prepare to take up this work in 2025. These members will be commissioned during our January 12th worship service, so we hope you'll join us for that special time.

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Alternates
Rob Cushman	Jim Holland	Lajuanna Beasley	Brad Clinkenbeard
Ann Jolley	Jackson Lumpkin	David Guyer	John Sayle
Joe Mason	Mysse Smith	Collin Mayfield	Billie Wilhite

Please keep the lay administrative officers in your prayers as well:

Karla Lance	Lay Leader
Mary Bonner	Alternate Lay Delegate,
Ilene Hogan	Church Treasurer
Kelly Lumpkin	Congregational Care Coordinator
Patsy Vick	Missions/Outreach Coordinator
Alena Cushman	Children's Ministry Coordinator

Also please keep your hired/appointed staff in prayer. In case you need a reminder of who they are, please see below:

Rev. Sam Jones	Pastor
Alicia Butler	Worship Leader, Church Secretary
Jane Rector	Financial Secretary
Tina Patrick	After School Care Director, Custodian
Eli Hickerson	Youth Pastor
Natalia Vanegas Escobar	Pianist
Laurie Griffin	After School Care, Custodian
Amanda Rainey	Nursery Worker

Again, please join me in prayer for these individuals as they answer God's call for administrative and ministry service in our church. I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the new year! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

On behalf of my family, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a joyous and prosperous New Year!

Blessings,
Rev. Sam

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Barbara Adams

Dennis & Norma Farmer; Randy & Karla Lance; Margaret Thomas
(Feed My Lambs fund)

Sandy Marbry
(Golden Cross)

In Memory of Jim Champion

Betty Cooper; Jim & Anna Holland;
(General fund)

Sandy Marbry
(Golden Cross)

Dear Friends,

Taylor and I cannot say "thank you" enough to each one of you during the recent death of my husband, Champ. For many years y'all have asked about and prayed for him through so many illnesses and hospital stays.

We appreciate the food and the loved provided during the memorial service as well as the food and drinks brought to the house. It has helped us so much during these days as we figure out our new "normal."

God bless each of you and your family. I'm blessed to have each of you in my life.

Patti Champion

January 2025

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

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>1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed ❤️ Gary & Angela Boisseau</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 ★ Judith Nance</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <u>Wednesday Schedule:</u> Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm ★ Clint Wright</p>	<p>16 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>17 ★ Lucas Williams</p>	<p>18 ★ Alena Cushman</p>
<p>19 ★ Nancy Hall</p>	<p>20 MLK Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>21 ★ Brad Clinkenbeard Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p>22 ★ Bella Copeland ★ Victoria Spies ❤️ Jimmy & Alicia Butler</p>	<p>23 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>24 ★ Jenny Mason</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 ★ Sarah Babb ★ Betsy Copeland</p>	<p>28 ★ Chuck Camp ★ Joshua Cavallo ❤️ Vince & Rita Cavallo</p>	<p>29 ★ Daniel Wright</p>	<p>30 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting @ 11:15 am ★ Tindie Billett</p>	<p>31</p>	