



**OCTOBER 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!

October 6<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday and what a wonderful way to kick off the Fall season at Minor Memorial UMC! World Communion Sunday is a time to remember that Christians are part of the whole body of believers, and to celebrate the oneness in Christ with Christians around the world.

But I don't think that we should recognize unity and oneness in Christ on one Sunday alone. After all, God gives and God continues to give. In the Exodus story, for example, God provided food (known as "manna") to the Israelites during their journey. Manna is a symbol of God's nourishment and hospitality. That's why for the month of October, our worship focus will be called "Eternal Manna." The primary message for us is rooted in John 6:35, where "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" Throughout the month, we will be exploring Scriptural teachings of this through the Gospels and the Book of Job as it relates to God's generosity and hospitality.

In other news, I'm excited to announce that Minor Memorial UMC will serve as the host church for the District 1 North Consolidated Charge Conference to be held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. It will be a short time for business, but also a meaningful time of worship, singing, thanksgiving, prayer, and communion. In addition, we are excited to welcome Rev. Eddie Rester (formerly of Christ United in Jackson and Oxford-University UMC) to be our guest preacher that afternoon. Even though many churches and their representatives will be in attendance, please know that everyone is invited to this event, so you won't want to miss it.

The leaves are changing colors and the oppressive humidity is (hopefully) on the way out. God reminds us that He is still in control even in the midst of the changing seasons.

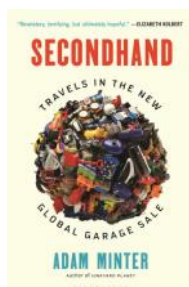
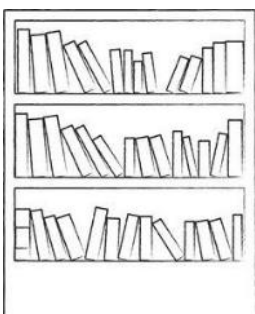
We have a lot going on in the life of the church and I believe that God wants you to be a part of it! Won't you come and join us? You are welcome in this place!

In Christ's Name and in God's Service,  
Rev. Sam



## FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOKSHELF

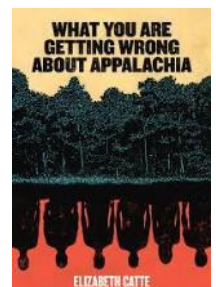
I love to read. I love to read Scripture. I think that reading is important to sustain our growth in various topics surrounding our faith practices. That's why I like to read other books and I thought I would share with you what I'm reading every month. Many of the topics I enjoy are books on theology, Biblical scholarship, histories, biographies, and books on issues of social justice.



*Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale* by Adam Minter

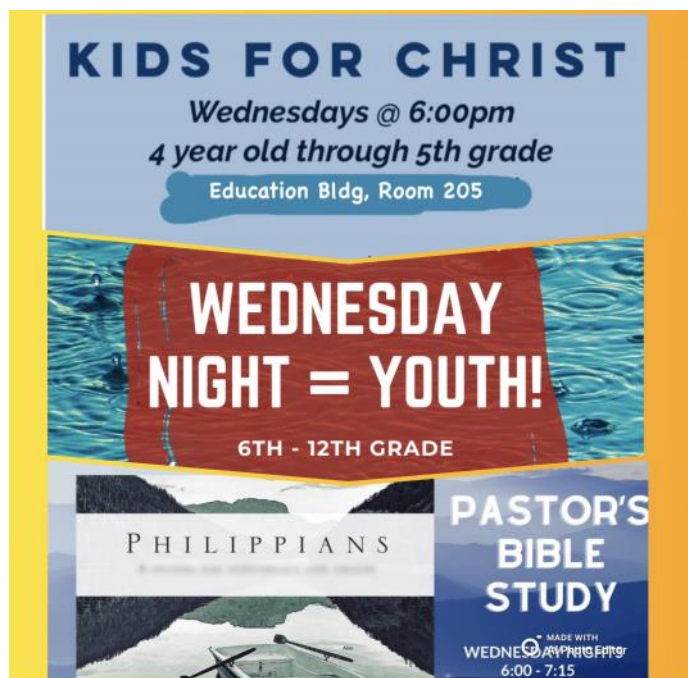


*The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith* by Chris Polmsbee



*What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia* by Elizabeth Catte

## LEARNING IN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



**KIDS FOR CHRIST**  
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm  
4 year old through 5th grade  
Education Bldg, Room 205

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT = YOUTH!**  
6TH - 12TH GRADE

PHILIPPIANS  
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

MADE WITH WEDNESDAY APPROPRIATE 6:00 - 7:15



**STEPPING STONES**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
EDU BLDG. ROOM 202  
COLLEGE AGE TO ADULTS

Jesus was in a small group.



life change happens in small groups

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**GUEST PREACHER**  
  
**REV. EDDIE RESTER**

**REIGNING**  
OUR IDENTITY

**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
DISTRICT 1 (NORTH)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
3:00 PM

**MINOR MEMORIAL UMC**  
6120 GOODMAN RD, WALLS MS



**Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday**  
**October 27**  
**5:00-6:30 pm**

**Minor Memorial**  
**East Parking Lot**  
Set up at 4:30 pm



### **FALL FESTIVAL—NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

We are looking forward to our 2024 Fall Festival on November 2nd, and we need everyone working together to pull it off!

#### **What you can be doing now:**

- \* Sign up to help with Parking or Set Up or Clean Up if you haven't already committed to another area.
- \* Sign up to donate blood.
- \* Hang up Fall Festival Flyers at work or in the community.
- \* Ask your crafting friends to become vendors. There are still spaces available!
- \* Invite your friends and family to attend. Personal invites and social media invites are great! Definitely share on Facebook!
- \* Plan what you will bake for the bake sale and sign up to help!
- \* Save your money to shop!

#### **What you can do on November 1 and 2:**

- \* Come up during the day on Friday or early Saturday to help with set up.
- \* Plan to stay after the Fall Festival from 3-5 pm to help with clean up...a big need, and a big help!
- \* Show up and volunteer in the areas and during the time to which you committed.
- \* Be friendly and courteous to all of the visitors and members of the community; introduce yourself, thank them for coming and invite them to church if they don't have a church home.
- \* Encourage one another! Everyone works hard at the Fall Festival and an encouraging word goes a long way!
- \* Visit the vendors and community exhibits. Thank them for coming!
- \* Bring your donations for the Bake Sale!

## SERVING OTHERS



From September through November we will be collecting items for the residents at The Baddour Center in Senatobia. There are decorated boxes in the Narthex and office for donations. Thank you for your generous support!

### Feed My Lambs

Greetings, church family!

September was a busy month for Feed My Lambs! Pack and Pray resumed September 5 with the first delivery to the schools on September 6. We started the year with 115 children, and we currently are serving 123 children. We expect this number to continue to increase as the school year progresses.

September was all about increasing awareness in the community of our Feed My Lambs ministry and promotion of the BBQ/Car Show fundraiser on September 28. Neil Colley, Billie Wilhite and I were guests on a podcast which aired September 9. The host was Chris Camp and his podcast is "Motivate with Coach Camp." Pastor Sam shared the podcast on our church Facebook pages. You can also view this through YouTube by searching "Motivate with Coach Camp." Additionally, the Desoto Times-Tribune featured Feed My Lambs and the annual fundraiser in their September 26 edition. We are thankful for these avenues of getting the word out to those who are looking for a local ministry to support.

We are also very thankful for all the volunteers that help with the hands-on work, as well as for our faithful donors. There would be no Feed My Lambs ministry without your support!

If you would like to share information in the community or in your workplace about Feed My Lambs, there are flyers available in the Narthex. The flyers can also be texted or emailed to you if you prefer that format for sharing (request through Sandy Marbry or the church office). Feed My Lambs also has a dedicated page at [www.minormemorial.org/lambs](http://www.minormemorial.org/lambs). If you need more information, please contact Sandy Marbry, Billie Wilhite or Patsy Vick.

Be watching for updates on the BBQ/Car Show in our November newsletter! Thank you for your continued faithful support of Feed My Lambs!

Sandy Marbry



## 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

9/1 Karl Goessling; Adam Gordon; Rob Cushman; Mary Richardson (friend of Theresa Pretti) John Garner (friend of Sandy Marbry)

9/8 Bill & Betty Greenslade; Apalachee High School; Mike Brune (father of Trindie Billett); Lynn and Susan Beasley (friends of Judith Nance)

9/15 Jesse Smith (friend of Sandy Marbry)

9/22 Jim Champion; Beverly Schingle; Patricia Holland (sister-in-law of Jim Holland); Cole Furlow (friend of Alicia Butler); "Bubba" Gene Jackson (friend of Judith Nance)

### In Sympathy

Tony Kisner

### Joys

Rob Cushman is back home; Adam Gordon is back home; Eli Hickerson has been named new Youth Pastor

### MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

*In Memory of Nancy Colley*  
Rae Roger Davis; Betsy Hart  
(Feed My Lambs fund)

# October 2024

| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                     | Sat |
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| <b>Sunday Morning Schedule:</b><br>Joy Class 9:15 am<br>Caring Peeps 9:15 am<br>Stepping Stones Class 9:15 am<br>Youth Sunday School 9:15 am<br>Worship 10:15 am<br>Choir 11:30 am |     | 1<br><br><b>Church Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm</b> | 2<br><b>Wednesday Schedule:</b><br>Kids for Christ 6:00 pm<br>Youth 6:00 pm<br>Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm<br>Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am<br>★ Linda Evans<br>★ Anita Guyer | 3   | 4<br>★ Mark Guyer<br>★ Margaret Roberts | 5   |
| 6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>  | 7   | 8  | 9<br>★ Patti Champion   | 10<br>★ Kelly Lumpkin   | 11<br>★ Wally Turner                    | 12  |
| 13   | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am<br><br>Worship Committee Meeting @ 11:00 am | 18<br>★ Patsy Talbert                   | 19  |
| 20<br><br><b>Charge Conference @ 3:00 pm</b>   | 21  | 22<br>★ Cathy Bell                               | 23<br>★ Anne Warren   | 24 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am<br>★ Beverly Ritts<br>★ Kiely Walker        | 25<br>★ Robert Brown                    | 26  |
| 27<br>Fall Festival Meeting (7) 2:00 pm<br>  | 28  | 29   | 30<br>★ Bella Park<br>★ Lisa Watson   | 31 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am   |   |     |