

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

PSDUMC

February 2, 2022

20 years ago today, I began my journey here as the Executive Secretary at Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church. I prayed for God to open a door for me to be in a place where I could grow closer to Him, and he answered in a big way.

This church and its people have seen me through many life moments: the loss of my parents and in-laws, my children growing up, dating, car wrecks, teenage shenanigans, graduating from high school, going off to college and graduating again, there have been weddings and grandbabies, health scares and surgeries and throughout it all you have stood beside me, held me, encouraged me, strengthened me and brought me along on your own faith journeys.

I have been blessed to serve alongside six pastors: Richard Robbins, Rob Gill, Larry & Terry Hilliard, Chuck Meador and Mike Sahler. They have been so much more than just my “bosses”. They have counseled me, prayed over me, laughed with me, and even cried with me. I’m so thankful that I can call them friends. There are many others as well, past and present, who have had a huge impact on my life and my time here at PSDUMC, I couldn’t possibly name each one, but I thank God for each and every one.

I want to thank you for giving me a loving, safe, fun, sometimes hard, and always rewarding place to call my job and my home. I look forward to many more years of doing life together.

With a grateful heart, Lori



**Our Homebound Ministry** is preparing bags for Valentines Day. We currently have 13 on this list. We are asking the congregation to write individual cards of well wishes and bring them on **Sunday, February 6th & 13th**. The bags will be at the front of the sanctuary on each of these Sundays along with a list of names for you to personalize your cards.

### **Sunday, February 6**

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:30 A.M. Sunday School - Lifegroups

### **Tuesday, February 8**

9:00 A.M. Disciple Fast Track/St. Andrews

### **Wednesday, February 9**

6:00 P.M. Youth and Children  
(Parents gather in the parlor)

### **Sunday, February 13**

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:30 A.M. Sunday School - Lifegroups

### **Monday, February 14**

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church

### **Tuesday, February 15**

9:00 A.M. Disciple Fast Track/ St. Andrews

## February Birthdays

1st	Grace Brown Marilyn Browne Red Stewart
3rd	JoAnn Wheeler
6th	Judy Hartzler
9th	Duke Wilson
10th	Jeffrey Rhett
11th	Larry Pupa
15th	Caroline Wilson
18th	Sue Gerwert
20th	Margaret Yates Maria Yates
22nd	Kalin Joyner Barbara McInnis
26th	David Dickey

### **New Prayer Request**

**Kim Ridinger - Hospital**

**Mavis Thrash**

**Jennifer St. John - Surgery**

**Janet Barham - Surgery**

**Francois du Plessis - Home**

**Barbara Walker - Northpoint - broken arm**

### **Please continue to pray for:**

Gladys & Red Stewart, Ken LaBruyere, James & Glenda Smith,  
Barbara Walker, Eric Stuart, Kelly Sikes, Julian Wall,  
Brenda Huffman, Bill Atwood, Flora Shepherd

If you have a prayer request please let the office know.

Also, if there is a possible need for Hospitality please contact

Robin Thompson at 662-404-6014 or [rbt613@gmail.com](mailto:rbt613@gmail.com)

**“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17 NRSV)**

“Define yourself radically as one beloved by God.” (Brennan Manning)

“Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved daughters and sons of God.” (Henri Nouwen)

God’s Grace is always present, from once-upon-a-time to Kingdom-Come, from eternity to infinity...This is God Preveniently Present in all of creation, swirling around us, breathed into us...

God in his sovereign prevenience allows us freedom of choice and we come to a reckoning that we cannot save ourselves and we need someone to save us, a savior, who is Christ Jesus...

At this moment of coming to our senses, we ask Jesus Christ to come into our hearts, to forgive us of our sin, to free us from the guilt of our sin, and to restore us to the Joy of God’s salvation, which means we experience God’s Justifying Grace, as if we had never sinned and been separated from God...

Our next breath and consequent step is one in Sanctifying Grace, growing closer to God on our long obedience in the same direction toward God, and relating more justly with the whosoever that we encounter along our faith pilgrimage...

In this process of Prevenient, Justifying and Sanctifying Grace we experience the voice of God declaring that we are God’s children, his beloved, with whom he is well pleased...

God is well pleased with you and me and it has nothing to do with anything we have done, are doing, will do; nothing to do with what others say about us and/or how they treat us; nothing to do with what we possess and/or the accumulation stuff we surround ourselves with...

God loves us because he is God and there’s nothing we can do about this unconditional love, indeed, we are his beloved...

Now, a living of our lives is in response to our God who first loves us and forgives us; apprentices us with Jesus to go into the world and make sure no one misses the Grace of God...We are recipients of God’s righteousness and sharing righteousness with our neighbors becomes actions of justice...

So, may you and I define ourselves radically as the beloved of God!  
Love All Around, Make It So! Your friend and pastor, Mike...

## Worship Volunteers

### **Greeters: February**

#### **February 6**

Dixie LaBruyere	40th Street
Sandy Thomas	Downstairs

#### **February 13**

Leslie Payne	40th Street
Angie Sherrill	Downstairs

#### **February 20**

Robin Thompson	40th Street
Nancy Crews	Downstairs

#### **February 27**

Cathy Ellis	40th Street
Sandy Thomas	Downstairs

### ***February - Wesley House***

*Canned Soups & Macaroni and Cheese. Your donations can be placed in the sanctuary (donation bins) or brought by the office*

*Thank You for giving.*



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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### Daily Bible Readings

February 2	Psalm 13
February 3	Numbers 6:24-26
February 4	Psalm 14:1 & 7
February 5	Romans 16:20
February 6	Psalm 15
February 7	Galatians 5:22-23
February 8	Psalm 16:1 & 9 & 11
February 9	Exodus 14:15

### Sermon Titles and Scripture

February 6
“Rejoice - Seeing the Good” Philippians 4:4
February 13
“Unity- The Body of Christ” 1 Corinthians 12:27
February 20
“Pain - Crisis in Confidence” 2 Corinthians 12:20
February 27
“Faith - Salvation For All” Romans 1:16-17

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