

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

March 8, 2023



Dear Poplar Springs United Methodist Drive Church family,

Children's Ministry is excited about 2023! We have so much to learn, explore, and achieve this year. In Children's ministry we learn Bible stories, participate in community outreach projects, and develop lifelong friendships.

Our bible theme for the month of March is **"Boldly Go Where Jesus Leads"**. The children will learn about trusting God from the story of Abraham who trusted God completely, even when God asked him to do some hard and challenging things. The children, now Astronauts will use their imagination as we travel to the planet of Mars. The children will apply the concepts of trusting God to complete the mission to Mars.

Children's Ministry also participates in community outreach by making handwritten cards to the sick and shut in church members for various holidays throughout the year. Children's Ministry also has a reading program called "Reading Helps" geared to help young readers achieve literacy goals inside and outside of the classroom.

The Children of the church have developed lifelong friendships that will last beyond Children's Ministry. Children's Ministry is growing! We have outgrown one classroom for Sunday school and Wednesday night services. We aim to have two classrooms to accommodate our growing family. Children's Ministry is a place where we love each other as we learn how much God truly loves us. I'm sure you are asking yourself what can I do to be a part of this amazing ministry? Well, you are always welcome to volunteer for Sunday School, Reading Helps, and Wednesday nights services!

Important Dates for 2023:

April 1	Easter Egg Hunt / Easter Story Walk
April 2	Children Ministry will lead Praise and Worship Services
May 7	Last Day for Reading Helps
June 15th -18th	VBS
October	2023 Fall Festival & Reading Helps returns.
December	2023 Christmas Program

Ashley Rue
Children's Director



New Prayer Requests

Otha Barham - back at Bedford

The Family of Betsy Storms

The Family of Celie LeBlanc Ulm

Paige Stuckey Allen & The Stuckey Family

Please continue to pray for:

Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis, Barbara Walker,
James & Glenda Smith, Ken LaBruyere, Jesse Mendiola,
Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens, Delaney Heckert,
Charlotte Chaney, Will Alexander, Marilyn Brewster, Shane Helton,
Kevin Stiefel, Kati Stembridge, Adrian Hill, Robert Sanford,
Brenda Ferry, Rickie Oubre

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

March Birthdays

3rd Betty Twiner
5th Carron King
7th Paul Carson
10th D.J. Ridinger
11th Billy Anders
21st Teresa Anders
James Carson
24th Gladys Stewart
28th Joanna Coxwell
31st Jamie Brown

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps
4:00 P.M. Handbells

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 P.M. Executive Team/Conf. Rm.
NO STUDY/Spring Break

Wednesday, March 15

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
**NO STUDY, YOUTH OR
CHILDREN/Spring Break**

Sunday, March 19 - UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps
4:00 P.M. Handbells

Monday, March 20

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church/Parlor

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 A.M. *The Story of God, The Story
of Us Study*
6:00 P.M. Basketball

Wednesday, March 22

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. *The Story of God, The Story
Of Us Study*
6:00 P.M. *Jesus' Farewell Message
Video Series*

Thursday, March 23

5:00 P.M. Staff Meeting/Conf. Rm.





Easter Lilies and Cross Flowers



Easter lilies and flowers on our outdoor cross have, for many years, been a wonderful way to celebrate the Risen Savior and Easter Sunday.

If you wish to donate to the general fund to purchase flowers for the outdoor cross, you may do any amount. If you wish to purchase individual lilies they will be \$15 each.

Forms can be found in the Sanctuary, the Gathering Area and the Church Office. All forms should be turned in by Sunday, April 2nd.



Our Children's Ministry is growing and we need volunteers to help with the following areas: **Nursery, Sunday School and Reading Helps.** See Ashley Rue to volunteer for one or all of these areas.

Wesley House

March - Canned Soups

Your donations can be placed in the sanctuary (Donation Bins) or brought by the office.

Volunteer Opportunities

March 12 - Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Spring Forward)

Acolytes: Ashley Powell, Beaux & Owen
Greeters: Cindy Lang & Sandy Thomas
Scripture Reader: Betsy Littleton
Sunday Snacks: Angie Sherrill

March 13- Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Janet Barham & Carrol Barham

March 19 - Sunday (UMCOR Offering Sunday)

Acolytes: Megan Mendiola & Aaliya Mendiola
Greeters: Cindy Lang & Luci Wolvers
Scripture Reader: Billy Anders
Sunday Snacks: Dianne Shannon, & Nancy Crews

March 20 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Nancy Crews & Grady Coleman

March 26 - Sunday

Acolytes: Cindy Lang & Ridge Brown
Greeters: Cathy Ellis & Angie Sherrill
Scripture Reader: Brian Smith
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis & Erin Richardson

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The 2023 Bible Challenge

March 12	Joshua 5 - 8
March 13	Joshua 9 - 11
March 14	Joshua 12 - 15
March 15	Joshua 16 - 18
March 16	Joshua 19 - 21
March 17	Joshua 22 - 24
March 18	Judges 1 - 2
March 19	Judges 3 - 5
March 20	Judges 6 - 7
March 21	Judges 8 - 9
March 22	Judges 10 - 12
March 23	Judges 13 - 15
March 24	Judges 16 - 18
March 25	Judges 19 - 21

Commit spending time every day in God's word. For those who meditate and journal, here are some reflection questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
3. What does this passage teach us about our world?
4. Are there any thoughts, words or phrases that caught your attention ? Why ?

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