

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

March 20, 2024

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

Matthew 19:14

Whitney Houston sings a song called “The Greatest Love of All” in which she says “I believe the children are our future.” It’s a sentiment that I’ve heard in many churches. It usually goes like this: “The children are the future of our church.” There’s just one problem. I don’t believe that children are the future of the church; they are the present. We need to include our children in all aspects of the life and ministry of the church now, or else we will lose them in the future.

It is with that in mind that we welcome our newest member of the PSDUMC’s staff, Katie Autry. Starting Monday, March 25th, Katie will be our new Day School Director. Katie brings so much energy, passion, and love for the Lord and for children. I know she will be a strong leader in our Day School program. I wanted to share a portion of her introductory letter she wrote to our Day School parents; as you read it, I hope you see her passion for children. Join with me in welcoming her and praying for her as she takes on this vital role in our community!

In Christ, Matthew Hall

I am a 2002 graduate of Meridian High School and a 2007 graduate of Mississippi State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. While in college, was a 3-year-old teacher at First United Methodist Church’s Day School. After college, I taught second grade for several years with Meridian Public School District. I still enjoy tutoring children, helping in our church’s nursery on Sundays, and serving on the West Lauderdale Elementary PTO Board, where my daughters attend school.

Since a young age, God let me know my calling from Him is to care for children, and I am unbelievably grateful He has led me to your babies! My vision is to work with our exceptional staff to continue providing a supporting atmosphere that ensures every child is provided with a positive start in life’s journey.

### New Prayer Requests

**The Family of Vera Coker** - (Sandy Thomas' Mother)

**Wayne Patterson - Melanoma** (brother in law of Jeffrey & Sally Rhett)

**Ray Blevins - Stomach Cancer** (Son in law of Julian & Carolyn Wall)

**Nancy Warner - Car Accident**

Billy Anders, Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis,  
James & Glenda Smith, Benny Egler, Ken LaBruyere,  
Otha Barham, Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens,  
Charlotte Chaney, Shane Helton, Adrian Hill, Brenda Ferry, Neal  
Martin, Justin Dean, Jamie Rawson, Ceil Coleman,  
Tom Sanderford, Mitch Raybuck, Joe Kieronski, Fayne Walker,  
Jake Warren

If you have a prayer request and/or an update  
please let the office know.

### March 2024 Birthdays

3rd	Betty Twiner
5th	Carron King
7th	Paul Carson
10th	D. J. Ridinger
11th	Billy Anders
14th	Liz Ashby
21st	Teresa Anders James Carson
24th	Gladys Stewart
28th	Joanna Coxwell
31	Jamie Brown

### HOLY WEEK BEGINS

#### Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

- 9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
**3:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt/Central UMC**  
**(4 yr old & Under)**  
4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal  
**5:30 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt/Central UMC**  
**Elementary & Youth**  
**(Glow in the Dark)**

#### Wednesday, March 27

- 5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Children

#### Thursday, March 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service**

#### Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 1-3 P.M. Self Guided Stations of the Cross**  
**Home of Gary & Robin Thompson**

#### Saturday, March 30

- 2:00 P.M. Decorate Easter Cross**  
***See Katie Autry for details***

#### Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

#### Monday, April 1

**Church Offices are Closed**

#### Tuesday, April 2

- 6:00 P.M. Basketball**

#### Wednesday, April 3

- 5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Children

# Save the Date – April 20, 2024

for Poplar Springs Drive UMC's Spring Festival/

Annual Missions Fundraiser for **LOCAL MISSIONS** - 10 am – 1 pm

We will sell Shrimp Plates - a \$12 ticket gets you boiled shrimp (a generous amount), a corn on the cob, boiled potatoes and mushrooms & includes homemade cocktail sauce.

Coordinators: Eddie and Nancy Crews need your help . . .



## BEFORE:

Sign-up to work - Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the gathering place

Publicity – help us get the word out to the community, take a flyer to businesses you frequent

Sell tickets – tables will be set up Sunday mornings in March & April with tickets for you to check out

Baked and Frozen Goods – your donations are pure profit. Start planning what you will donate.

A freezer will be available to accept frozen goods ahead of the Festival.

Help make cocktail sauce and/or put the sauce into cups

**DURING:** 1 ½ hours of your time to **WORK** on the - food line - deliver plates - take pictures - greet our guests  
clean-up in the kitchen during the Festival - check-out - cook

**AFTER:** clean-up is one of the easiest jobs. REALLY! ... tear down tables, clean the last of the pots after  
bagging any left-over shrimp, mop the kitchen on our way out, usually done 2 pm.

### March 24 - Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Acolytes: Cindy Lang, Ridge Brown  
Greeters: Regena Ford, Margaret Yates  
Scripture Reader: Carrol Barham  
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

### March 25 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Marjorie Walker

### March 31 - Sunday (Easter Sunday)

Acolytes: Elva Britt, Bessie Kent  
Greeters: Nancy Crews, Robin Thompson  
Scripture Reader: Cathy Ellis  
Sunday Snacks: \_\_\_\_\_

### April 1 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Grady Coleman, Nancy Crews

### April 7 - Sunday

Acolytes: Marie Yates, Margaret Yates  
Greeters: Cindy Lang, Luci Wolvers  
Scripture Reader: Cindy Lang  
Sunday Snacks: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Opportunities

## 2nd Annual Good Citizen Clean Up Day

Meridian & Lauderdale County

March 23rd, 9 AM - 12 Noon

**Volunteers Needed!**

Please meet us in the back parking lot a little  
before 9 am. All supplies are furnished...  
we just need YOU !

Coming this Summer!





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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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### The 2024 Bible Challenge

March 20 - Numbers 28-30 / Luke 1:39-56

March 21 - Numbers 31-33 / Luke 1:39-56

March 22 - Numbers 34-36 / Luke 1:57-80

March 23 - Deuteronomy 1-2 / Luke 2:1-24

March 24 - Deuteronomy 3-4 / Luke 2:25-52

March 25 - Deuteronomy 5-7 / Luke 3

March 26 - Deuteronomy 8-10 / Luke 4:1-30

March 27 - Deuteronomy 11-13 / Luke 4:31-44

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