The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

It is always a delight to see bulbs popping up their green leaves after their patience for the warmth of sunshine through the lingering cold. Several plants and trees are beginning to bloom around the church and at my house. When I moved here to Meridian, my mom and I planted some bulbs, and there are others that are scattered here and there throughout the yard. I still have my grass from our visioning day and am watering it and waiting and watching it grow. Though I'm still waiting to see if some of the bushes and flowers survived the hard freeze from this winter, I enjoy the surprise flowers that seek to bring color and joy to all around. The real blessing is that I did not have to work to see them bloom. They are a gift from the past, and one that keeps returning year after year. Some of you have probably seen rows of daffodils seemingly out in the middle of nowhere. There is a good chance that this "nowhere" was once a homestead. Someone long ago planted those bulbs that continue to bless us with their beauty. Little did they know by this simple act how long they would be bringing joy to others.

There may have been those dreamers back in 1884, who could look decades into the future and picture those of us worshipping, learning, and serving in the Poplar Springs Drive UMC facilities today. But I imagine that the original builders were mostly seeing their generation and maybe their children's generation in the facilities. Yet, we are blessed by their work and vision. We can simply enjoy what is here, or we can see what God has given us in this place as a gift to be nurtured and developed for those generations yet to come. We carry on the legacy of those who have gone before us and the reminders of their faithful service pop up around us like blooms of perennial spring flowers. What will be the markers of how we share the good news of the risen Christ in this season of the life of the church? As we are grounded in God and nurtured by the Holy Spirit, I pray that we will faithfully tend what has already been planted as well as plant new seeds for those who will follow.

We are grateful for our children, youth, and others who are preparing creative prayer stations for Holy Week. I hope that you will plan to join us on Palm Sunday for our potluck and Easter egg hunts. As we enter into the final weeks and days of Lent, I invite you to slow down, receive, and savor the presence of Christ. Embrace our holy scriptures that are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Allow the nature of God and the effects of what Jesus accomplished on the cross to fill and wash over you, to seep deeper into your soul. May the God of all new things, God of Spring, fragrant flowers and new life enfold you this Lent, Holy Week and Easter and empower you to walk with Jesus from death to resurrection life.

Grace and peace,

Emily

New Prayer Requests

Bonnie Ethridge
(foot surgery March 4)

March Birthdays

3rd Betty Twiner
4th Judge Martin
7th Paul Carson
21st James Carson
24th Gladys Stewart
28th Joanna Coxwell
31st Jamie Brown

Continue to pray for

Tammy Alford, Jim & Sylvia Autry, Otha Barham, Ron & Carol Burton, Charlotte Cermack, Shirley Dooley, Francois duPlessis, Ada Glass, Rev. Johniel Henry, Betsy Littleton, Neal Martin, Kristin Pratt, James E. Smith, Kristi Taverner, Bobby Townsend, Rev. Kathy Vaughns, Joe Don Yates, Jake Warren

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. Sunday School
4:00 P.M. Handbells

Wednesday:
10:00 A.M. Day School Chapel
5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Children & Youth
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion Servers:

March 1: Betty Allison, Erin, Alana & Cooper

Greeter:

March 1: Robin
March 8: Cathy
March 15: Malaea
March 22: Margaret
March 29: Robin

Counters:

March 1 : Kevin & Danny
March 8: Neldia & Robin & March 29
March 15: Cathy & Jeffrey
March 22: Kevin & Danny

Sunday Snacks:

March 1: Malaea & Betty
March 8: Carolyn Wall & Carrol
March 15: Robin & Regena
March 22: _____
March 29: Cathy

Meals On Wheels:

March 2: Margaret & Cathy
March 9: Janet & Carrol
March 16: Grady & Nancy
March 23: Marjorie
March 30: Janet & Carrol

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 9, 2026 - Friday, March 13
Spring Break

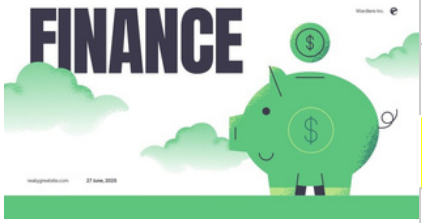
Sunday, March 15, 2026
UMCOR Sunday

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Executive Team Meeting 6:00 P.M.

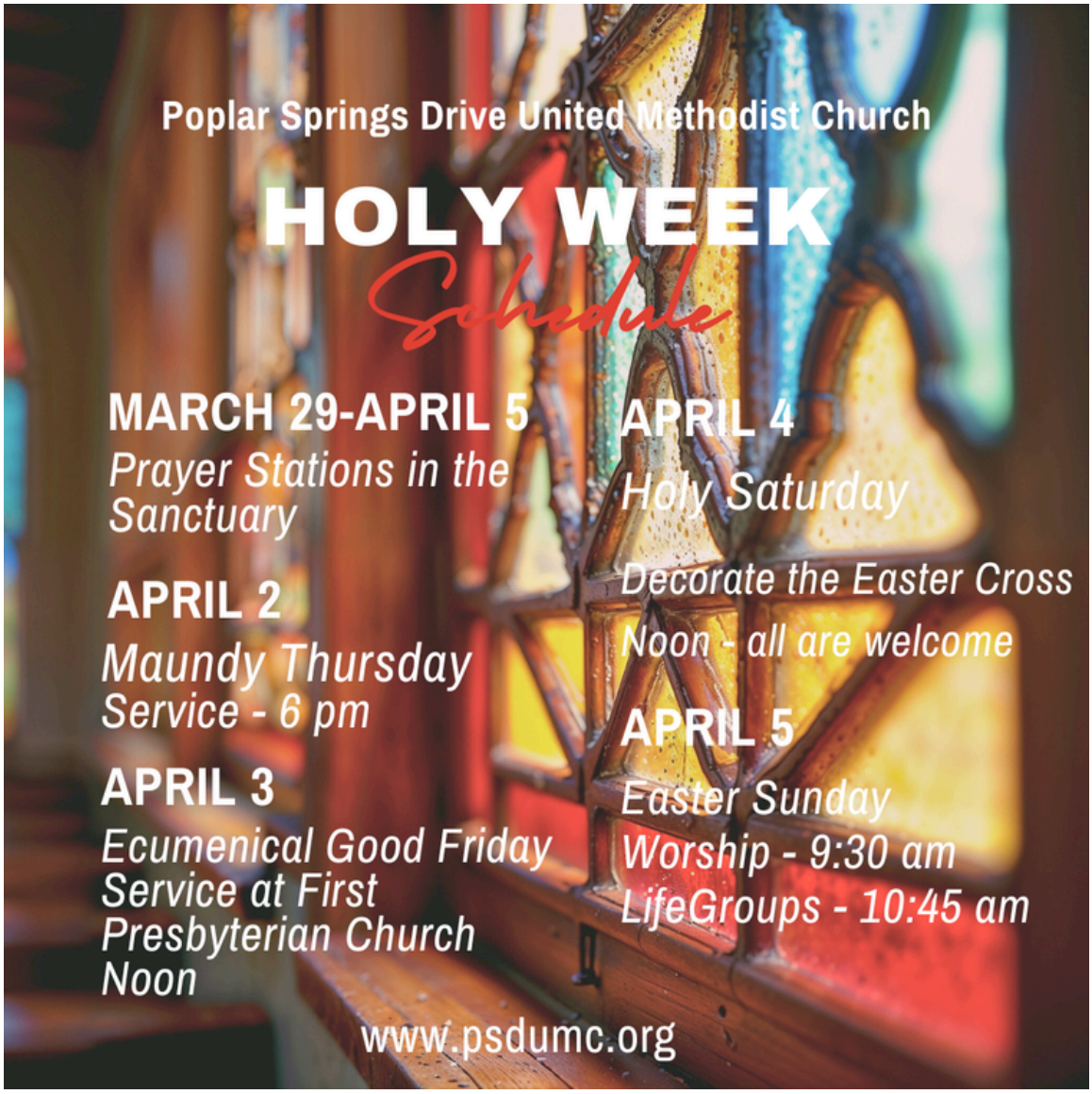
Sunday, March 22, 2026
Children's Egg and Candy donations due (gathering area)

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday
Church Wide Potluck followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Newsletter deadline:
March 25th for April Newsletter



Poplar Springs Drive UMC					
Monthly Financial Report Summary					
as of January 31, 2026					
2026 Summary			*1/31/2026*		
	Actual		*Actual*		*Actual*
	Y-T-D		*M-T-D*		*Y-T-D*
Budget Offering			$14,830		
Budget Expenses			$23,214		
Receipts Over (Under)			($8,384)		



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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE MS-READS ONE BOOK

LITERACY ON THE LAWN

March 26th 5:30pm-7:00pm

City Hall Lawn

BYOC EVENT: "Bring your own chair"

In the event of inclement weather, this event will take place at the Temple Theatre.

Be Connected:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MARCH HAPPENINGS

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES @ 6:00
NO ACTIVITIES MARCH 11TH - SPRING BREAK WEEK
(WE WILL BEGIN WORKING ON PALM SUNDAY)

ALL LENT ART IS DUE BY MARCH 8TH

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29th
11:30 -1:00

Following Palm Sunday services and church-wide potluck

HOP TO IT

We need candy & Easter Egg Donations
Our Easter Egg Hunt is March 29th, and we need LOTS of eggs and treats to make it egg-stra special!!
Please donate:
Individually wrapped candy
Plastic Easter eggs

All donation are due March 22nd
There will be a chart for donations in the Gathering area.

Day School News

Dr. Seuss Week

march 2nd - march 6th

Mismatched Monday
Wear mismatched socks.

Top Hat Tuesday
Wear your favorite hat or headband.

Wacky Wednesday
Wear your wackiest outfit.

Theodor Thursday
Dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character.

Funny Food Friday
Wear green.

"On Wednesday & Thursday, please make sure your child can have his/her diaper changed easily or can use the potty easily."

Bragging Corner

Maliya Mendiola placed 1st in the Science Regional at Starkville
Maliya and Mila scored perfect for 2024-2025

Maliya ELA
Mila Math
We are so proud of our young ladies for all their hard work!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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To:

Lectionary Readings

Week of March 8

Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42

Week of March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23 (VMH 754 or137)
Eph. 5:8-14	John 9: 1-41

Week of March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

Week of March 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Phil 2: 5-11	Matthew 26 14-27

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