

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

September 10, 2025

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

Even though fall hasn't officially begun, the passing of threshold moments of Labor Day Weekend and the beginning of college football seem to accelerate the shift from summer to fall. The stores are already stocking Halloween candy and decorations alongside fresh watermelons and pushing the last signs of summer fun to the clearance racks. We are finding a little relief from the record setting heat of the summer, and yet aren't quite ready for our wardrobes to change to sweaters and long pants. We find ourselves in a season of transition. As the air turns crisp and the vibrant greens of summer give way to warm hues of red, orange, and gold, we are reminded of the beauty that comes with change. The leaves that fall to the ground are a necessary step in the cycle of life, preparing the way for new growth to come in the spring. In many ways, this mirrors the changes we experience in our spiritual lives. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "to everything, there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" which serves as a reminder that God has a purpose for every season of our lives, whether we are in a time of abundance or a period of letting go. Just as the trees must release their leaves to survive the winter and thrive again in the spring, we too are sometimes called to let go of things that no longer serve us or God's kingdom.

Letting go can be difficult. Whether it is a relationship, a job, or a personal ambition, releasing something we've held tightly to can feel like a loss. But just as the trees trust the cycle of the seasons, we are invited to trust God's timing and plans for us. Jeremiah 29:11 offers assurance: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Fall also brings a sense of preparation. Farmers harvest their crops, gathering the fruit of their labor before the winter months. As we enter new seasons of our lives, we are encouraged to reflect on what we have learned and how God has shaped us. Are there lessons we can carry forward into the next season? Are there blessings we need to acknowledge and give thanks to God? The Bible often speaks of harvest as a time of gathering and gratitude. Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." This is going to be an important year of church transformation for us. Don't grow weary in doing good, and don't give up! In this season of change, take time to reflect on what God is inviting you to release and open yourself to new opportunities for growth and service. Consider what needs to be harvested and what needs to be composted. Just as fall leads to winter, which eventually gives way to spring, know that God's promises are faithful through every season. May we trust God, give thanks for all of our blessings, and glean what we need to carry with us into the next season.

Grace and peace,

Emily

## **New Prayer Requests**

**Kristin Pratt**

(daughter of Charles & Cindy Felder)

**The Family of Anna Glenn**

(mother's death) (MOW client)

**The Family of Claydeen Allen**

(Carrol Barham's aunt)

**The Family of Rex Hiatt**

### **Continue to pray for:**

Otha Barham,

Francois du Plessis,

James E. Smith,

Billy Jo Carlisle, Neil Martin,

Jake Warren



## **September Birthdays**

9-2 Neldia White

9-3 Mariah Rue

9-6 Lori Berrey

9-19 Malcolm Martin

9-24 Lucy Autry

## **October Birthdays**

10-3 John Landon Young

10-4 Sylvia Autry

10-7 Ravynne Wilson

10-8 Matthew Wolvers

10-11 Mark Adkins

10-17 LaVarus Rue

10-18 Shirley Dooley

10-21 Lin Ge

10-23 Ginny Adkins

10-23 Julian Wall

### **Sunday, September 14**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

4:00 P.M. Handbells practice

### **Wednesday, September 17**

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

### **Saturday, September 20**

8:00 A.M. Community Clean up day

### **Sunday, September 21**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

2:00 P.M. Braeden Smith's  
wedding shower

### **Wednesday, September 24**

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

### **Sunday, September 28**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

### **Wednesday, October 1**

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

### **Sunday, October 5**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M. LifeGroups

### **Wednesday, October 8**

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

**Poplar Springs Drive UMC**  
**Monthly Financial Report Summary**  
**as of August 31, 2025**

<b><u>2025 Summary</u></b>	7/31/2025	8/31/2025	8/31/2025
	5	5	5
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>M-T-D</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget Offering*	\$127,490	\$14,089	\$141,579
Budget Expenses	\$132,366	\$19,711	\$152,077
Receipts Over (Under)	(\$4,877)	(\$5,622)	(\$10,498)

\* Does not include \$2,134 received for Mission Shares in July and August.



Thank you for those who have supported the following with our Mission Share Tree.

District Mission Shares: 2134.00

July: \$520

August: \$ 1614.00

A quick update on our mission shares: thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed! Through July/August we collected \$2134.00. We're still working toward our goal, with contributions being accepted until December. There is still money to be paid, and we would love for you to join us in the effort. Mission share cards are available in the office for anyone who feels led to support a specific ministry or you can put district or conference shares on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. . Please come by to pick one up and join us in praying for God's guidance and provision.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Sunday, September 14**

Greeter: Robin

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Sunday Snacks: Malaea & Robin

### **Monday, September 15**

Meals On Wheels: Nancy & Grady

### **Sunday, September 21**

Greeter: Malaea

Counters: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks: Ginny & Carrol

### **Monday, September 22**

Meals on Wheels: Majorie

### **Sunday, September 28**

Greeter: Margaret

Counters: Cathy & Jeffrey

Sunday Snacks: Marilyn & Carolyn

### **Monday, September 29**

Meals on Wheels: Carrol & Janet

### **Sunday, October 5**

Greeter: Regena

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Sunday Snacks : Cathy & Betty

### **Monday, October 6**

Meals on Wheels : Cindy & Dixie

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE of the United Methodist Church



# RED CLAY HILLS DISTRICT

## Laity Rally

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
10:00 - 1:00

### When Lay Servants Lead

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. - Matthew 20:28

- Exciting Speakers
- Inspirational Music

- Fellowship
- Q&A with Conference and District Leaders



**SAINT MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
400 GRANTS FERRY ROAD  
BRANDON, MS 39047  
Christian Life Center at the back of campus

*y'all Come!*

<https://www.redclayhillssumc.org>



Where The Thirsty Find Life

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

### STAFF

#### Emily Sanford

*Pastor*

*Revemilysanford@gmail.com*

#### Debbie Young

*Volunteer Worship Coordinator*

*debbieyoung1961@comcast.net*

#### Amy Floyd

*Youth Coordinator*

*amyfloyd38@gmail.com*

#### Ashley Rue

*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

*rue98940@gmail.com*

#### Stacey Little

*Executive Secretary, ext. 122*

*info.psdumc@gmail.com*

#### James Fleming

*Treasurer, ext. 130*

#### Katie Autry

*Director, ext. 128*

*United Methodist Day School*

*katie.psdumc@gmail.com*

#### Marjorie Hall

*Director,*

*After School Center, ext. 132*

*marjorie.psdumc@gmail.com*

#### Mark Adkins

*Maintenance*

*601-917-9415 text or call*

To:

## Lectionary Readings

### Week of September 14, 2025

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1

Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

### Week of September 21, 2025

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79: 1-9 & 4

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13

### Week of September 28, 2025

Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16:1 19-31

### Week of October 5, 2025

Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10

September 10, 2025

Mailing Address:

Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church  
3937 Poplar Springs Drive - Meridian, MS 39305  
(601) 485-5598 - [www.psdumc.org](http://www.psdumc.org) - [info.psdumc@gmail.com](mailto:info.psdumc@gmail.com)