

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

Later this month we will enter into the season of Lent by joining together for a time of repentance and worship in our Ash Wednesday worship service at 6 p.m. I remember joining with y'all last year in early March for Transfiguration Sunday, Ash Wednesday, and the first Sunday in Lent as a guest preacher. Little did we know at the time that I would be blessed to be appointed here as your pastor in June.

Lent is a 40 day season during which Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter through a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual disciplines. On Ash Wednesday, we confront our mortality and confess our sin before God and our Christian community. At the end of the service, you will be invited to come forward and I will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto your forehead (or your hand if you prefer). The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. Our ashes are made from the burning of the leaves from our Palm Sunday service. I find Ash Wednesday to be an incredibly meaningful time of worship, and I hope that you will make an effort to be present at the service, if possible. I can also bring some of the ashes to those who are unable to attend in person. Please let me know if you would like for me to come to you.

We have many opportunities this month for you to connect in Bible study, service, and worship. In worship, we will be spending time the next two Sundays in the Beatitudes. During Lent, we will walk through the lectionary scriptures in a series called Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith. We will have a Lenten devotional booklet with commentary, poetry, visual art, written reflections, hymns and reflection prompts.

May we consider the invitation of this Lenten journey to reflect, pray, fast, and seek God in the messy, everyday places of our lives.

Grace and peace,
Emily

New Prayer Requests

Family of Ike Ethridge



Continue to pray for

Tammy Alford, Jim & Sylvia Autry, Otha Barham,
Ron & Carol Burton, James Carson, 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, Jake Warren,
Joe Don Yates

February Birthdays

1st Marilyn Brown
10th Jeffrey Rhett
15th Caroline Wilson
20th Margaret Yates
Maria Yates
22nd Barbara McInnis
Kalin Joyner
24th Erin Richardson

Meals on Wheels Friend
4th Rosie Brown- 99 years old

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion Servers:

February 1: Rev. Emily, Danny & Debbie, Ginny

Greeter:

February 1: Cathy
February 8: Malaea
February 15: Margaret
February 22: Regena

Counters:

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

Sunday Snacks:

February 1: Suzanne & Carrol
February 8: Malaea
February 15: Cathy & Regena
February 22: Marilyn & Caroline

Meals On Wheels:

February 2: Grady & Nancy
February 9: Cindy & Dixie
February 16: Robin & Gary
February 23: Marjorie

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. Sunday School

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 2, 2026

Bible Study "An Altar in the World" 12:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Children and Youth Bowling Outing 11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Worship Meeting following service
Soup, Sandwiches and setup for Night to Shine 11:30 A.M at Central UMC

Monday, February 9, 2026

Women of the Church 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

District Committee of Ordained Ministries Interviews

Friday, February 13, 2026

Night to Shine 6:00 P.M.
The African Children's Choir 7:00 P.M. at Poplar Springs Baptist

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Money due for UMCOR today \$240.00

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Executive Team Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Agency Brunch 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, February 26, 2026

MS Clergy Women Day Apart 9:00

Saturday, February 28, 2026

District Lay Servant School
District Leadership Training- 9:00 A.M - 3:00 P.M.

Newsletter deadline:

February 25th for March Newsletter



Poplar Springs Drive UMC					
Monthly Financial Report Summary					
as of December 31, 2025					
<u>2025 Summary</u>	11/30/2025		12/31/2025		12/31/2025
	<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	\$199,232		\$29,497		\$228,728
Budget Expenses	\$217,572		\$44,322		\$261,894
Receipts Over (Under)	(\$18,340)		(\$14,826)		(\$33,166)

Memorials

Memory of :

Adele Graham

Jerome & Lisa Kittrell

William & Meryl Nunnery

Harry & Joyce Mayer

Henry & Ginny (Walker) Shurlds

Lester & Cathy Williamson

Wright Williamson

Ann Riley Dennis

William & Paige Parker

Cathy Niemeyer

Hailey Partridge

Jerome & Lisa Kittrell

Harry & Joyce Mayer

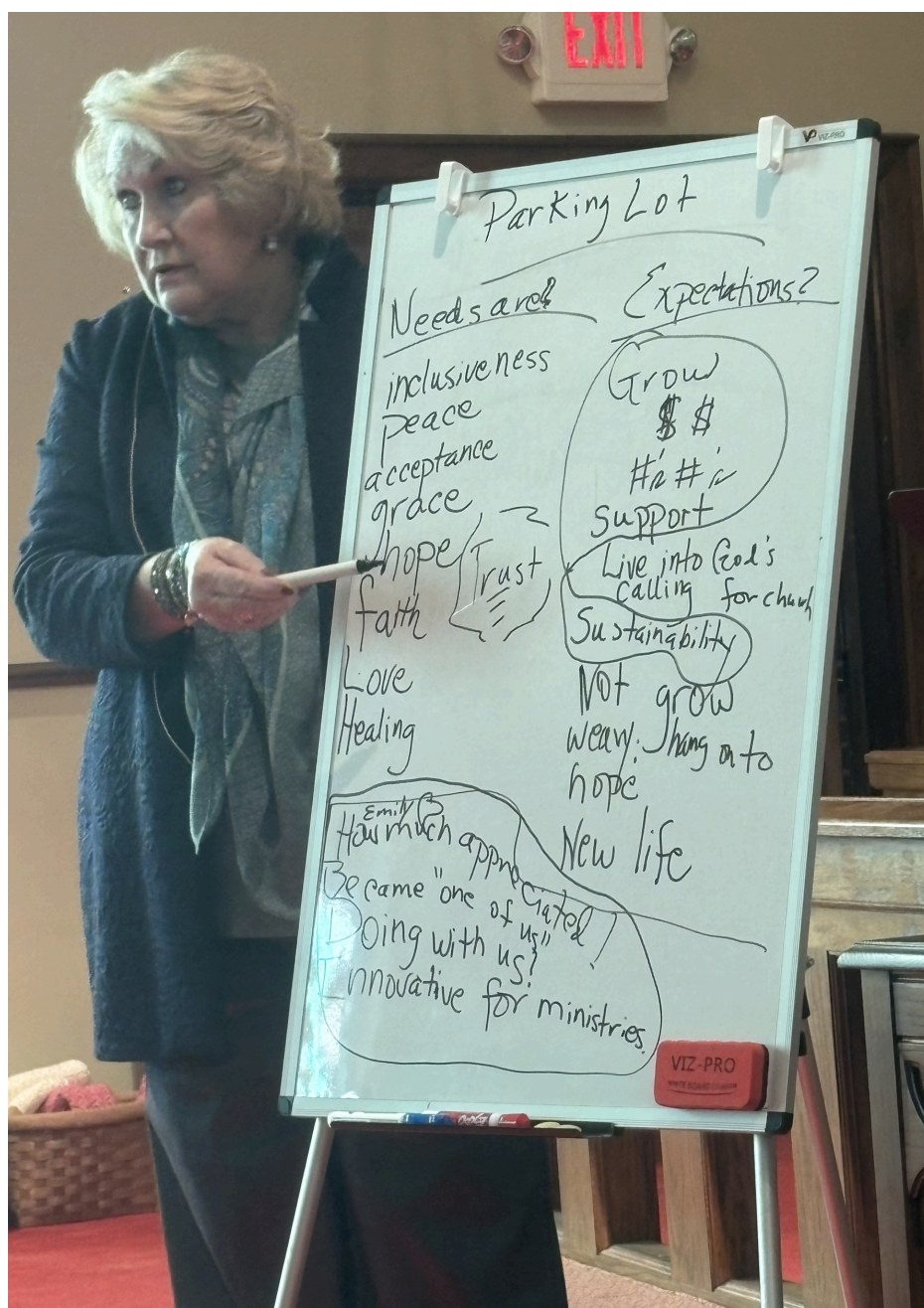
Thank you



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Lenten devotional booklets will be available to pick up on Sunday, February 15. We will have a group to gather weekly in the parlor during the Sunday School hour for those who would like to reflect upon the weekly devotions and scriptures.

Thank you to Rev. Beth Miller for leading us in A Holy Pause:
a contemplative retreat for Finding Meaning and Purpose.



Be Connected:

CHILDREN & YOUTH



You may pick up one here at the church office, or let Pastor Emily know and she will send you your own Star Word as a prayer focus for the year.

The children/youth, we will meet every regular Wednesday night EXCEPT February 18th. That is Ash Wednesday and we will be participating in services with the congregation that night.

The children/youth are working hard on the Valentine Bags for our homebound. They will be decorating bags and will have them placed on the altar rail February 1st and Feb. 8th. These bags will be available so the people can drop a little happy or note/card to brighten our homebound members special day!

Day School News

The Giraffe class had a blast in their front row seats at MLT's 'Frozen' on Thursday 1/15. Our enrollment is continuing to grow, as we are back up to 52 kiddos now.

We are excited for our Valentine's Day party on Friday, 2/13, followed by a long weekend. (We are closed Monday, 2/16, for President's Day.)

Dr. Britt McCarty, DMD and Staff from McCarty Dentistry will be visiting UMDS Friday, February 6, @ 9:30 am.

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To:

Lectionary Readings

Week of February 8

Isaiah 58:1-9A (9B-12) Psalm 112:1-9(10) (UMH 833)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16) Matthew 5:13-20

Week of February 15

Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 (UMH) 739
2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Week of February 22

Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7 Psalm 32 (UMH) 766
Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Week of March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 (UMH)844
Romans 4:1-5 13-17 John 3:1-17

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