

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

What a marvelous Palm Sunday we shared together! It was such a joy to hear our youth and children sing and ring chimes and wave palm branches in worship. We enjoyed tasting everyone's potluck dishes and seeing the smiles and determination of the youth and children hunting for eggs in the prayer garden. I look forward to the rest of our Holy Week services and Easter celebration as a church family! I appreciate our handbells, choir, readers, staff, ushers, sound and media team, everyone who helped with bulletins, communion set-up, flowers, Easter cross, and behind the scenes in other ways to make it a meaningful and holy time for our members and visitors.

April 1st is known for practical jokes, pranks, and playful surprises. It's the one day of the year when people expect to be fooled. But this year, April arrives right in the middle of Holy Week. I appreciated a post from Susann Gehring today where she talks about how she can see how the events of Holy Week might have felt like the greatest "foolishness" of all to those watching unfold.

A King riding in on a donkey.

A Savior washing feet.

A Messiah arrested, mocked, and crucified.

It didn't look like victory. It didn't look like power. It didn't look like the way things were supposed to go. It looked... a little foolish. But as Scripture reminds us, "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18) Because here's the truth: The cross was not a trick. The tomb was not the end. And Easter is no joke. Jesus is alive. That changes everything. Unlike April Fools' jokes that last a moment, the resurrection is a truth we carry into every day after Easter. The weeks following Easter are not a "return to normal." They are an invitation to live differently.

Because of the resurrection:

Hope is not temporary.

Grace is not limited.

Love is not uncertain.

And death does not get the final word.

As we move through Holy Week this week and into Easter and beyond, here are a few simple ways to live out this "not a joke" kind of hope:

- Invite someone – Easter is one of the best times to say, "Come with me."
- Share your story – where have you seen new life, even in hard seasons?
- Live with joy – not because life is perfect, but because Jesus is alive.
- Keep showing up – worship, community, and time in God's Word shape resurrection people.

April Fools' Day reminds us not to believe everything we hear. Easter reminds us of the one thing we can always trust: God keeps His promises. And the biggest one? The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen. And that is no joke.

Grace and peace,

Emily

New Prayer Requests

Eli Blevins

The Family of Jake Warren

The Family of Sandra MacKrell

Ryan Duncan



April Birthdays

6 Carolyn Wall

11 Betsy Littleton

12 Walt Littleton

15 Carrol Barham

Aaliya Mendiola

Brian Richardson

20 Janet Barham

Continue to pray for

Jim & Sylvia Autry, Otha Barham,

Ron & Carol Burton, Shirley Dooley, Janet Barham,

Faye Kelly, Francois duPlessis, Rev. Johniel Henry,

Betsy Littleton, Kristin Pratt, James E. Smith, Bobby

Townsend, Joe Don Yates, Suzanne Grafton.

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion Servers:

April 5: Carrol, Debbie, Cathy Marilyn

Greeter:

April 5: Robin

April 12: Cathy

April 19: Malaea

April 26: Margaret

Counters:

April 5: Cathy & Jeffrey

April 12: Kevin & Danny

April 19: Robin & Neldia

April 26: Cathy & Jeffrey

Sunday Snacks:

April 5: Easter Sunday

April 12: Ginny

April 19: Malaea & Margaret

April 26: _____

Meals On Wheels:

April 6: Robin & Gary

April 13: Cindy & Dixie

April 20: Robin & Gary

April 27: Marjorie W.

Newsletter deadline:

April 25th for May Newsletter

#LoveServeLeadUMC

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

Friday, April 3, 2026-Monday April 6, 2026

Good Friday and Easter Monday Observed
(office closed)

Saturday, April 4, 2026

NOON

The flowers will be put on the cross everyone is invited to attend and help

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter

Monday, April 13, 2026

Women Of The Church 1:00 P.M.

Monday, April 20, 2026

Executive Team Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Embracing the Vision Sermon Series

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully



Lead Courageously



Poplar Springs Drive UMC					
Monthly Financial Report Summary					
as of February 28, 2026					
<u>2026 Summary</u>	1/31/2026		2/28/2026		2/28/2026
	<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	\$14,830		\$17,525		\$32,355
Budget Expenses	\$23,214		\$21,733		\$44,947
Receipts Over (Under)	(8,384)		(4,208)		(12,592)

Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church

HOLY WEEK

Schedule

MARCH 29-APRIL 4
Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary

APRIL 2
Maundy Thursday Service - 6 pm

APRIL 3
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church-Noon
PSDUMC Sanctuary Open from 1-3 p.m. for Prayer

APRIL 4
Holy Saturday
Decorate the Easter Cross Noon - all are welcome

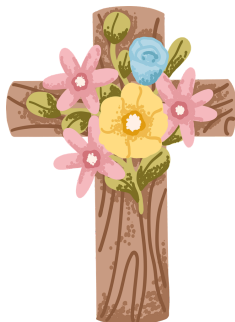
APRIL 5
Easter Sunday
Worship - 9:30 am
LifeGroups - 10:45 am

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Be Connected: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, April 15th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. movie night!

Children & Youth will help decorate the Easter cross. Please be at the church at Noon.



BRAGGING CORNER!

**L.J. RUE MOST HANDSOME, WLE
JOHN LANDON YOUNG, OBTAINED HIS
WHITE COAT DURING THE CEREMONY AT
WILLIAM CAREY**

CHILDREN'S RESURRECTION GARDEN



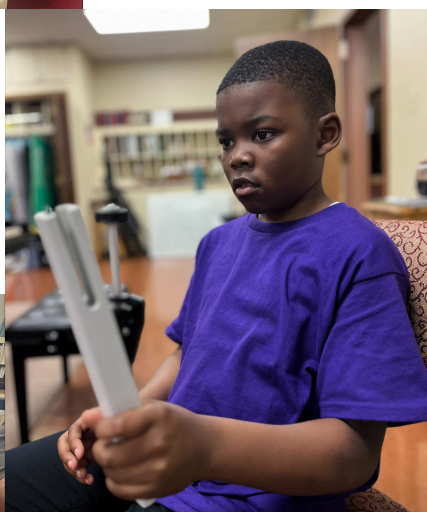
Please contact the church office to let us know if you have a graduating senior, so that we can recognize them and lift them up in prayer.



EASTER EGG HUNT



**CHILDREN
LEARNING
HANDBELLS
FOR PALM SUNDAY**



**PALM SUNDAY
PROCESSIONAL**



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SKATING ADVENTURE FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026



SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 1, 2026

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

WE HAD A BLAST DURING DR. SEUSS WEEK IN THE DAY SCHOOL!! MRS. PATTI COXWELL CAME TO READ THE CAT IN THE HAT, WE DRESSED LIKE OUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS, WORE SILLY SOCKS, WORE OUR FAVORITE HATS/HEADBANDS, WORE WACKY CLOTHES, AND EVEN TRIED SOME GREEN EGGS AND HAM!



ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, THE MONKEY, TIGER, BEAR, AND GIRAFFE CLASSES WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNTS ON THE PLAYGROUND! WE ALSO HAVE LOTS OF FUN EASTER ACTIVITIES TO HELP US LEARN AND REJOICE THAT HE IS RISEN!!

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SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

SAVE THE DATE NOW

MON-THURS

15-18

JUNE

SUN

9:00-11:00 AM

Grades K-5

Volunteers needed

VBS

Stay tuned for more information

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To:

Lectionary Readings

Week of April 12: Acts 2:14 22-32 Psalms 16
1st Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Week of April 19: Acts 2:14 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4 12-19
1st Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24 13-35

Week of April 26: Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23
1st Peter 2:19-25 John 10: 1-10

Week of May 3: Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
1st Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14

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