

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,



Even as we make our way into the month of May, remember that it's still Easter! Easter is more than a day; it is a season in the life of the church. In fact, every Sunday is a little Easter as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. We are called to live as resurrection people.

One of the beautiful traditions here that I had the opportunity to experience alongside you was the Easter cross. I had seen pictures and knew from conversations that it is an essential (aka non-negotiable) part of your ministry during Holy Week. But what I witnessed was everyone's gifts coming together from those who donated to cover the cost of the flowers, Mark putting up the wooden cross, Katie placing the order, the Smiths, Allens, and Jones meeting the Brown family early on Saturday to soak the oasis and assemble the cross, and children, youth, adults, and three generations of families showing up to flower the cross. The whole process and final impact sent the message loud and clear to our community: Christ is alive! I met several people who came to have their picture taken and who shared how much it means to our community here. I hope that you are able to continue to discern and pour your energy into church-wide efforts that align with who you are and the gifts you have to share with this community to experience the power of God's grace and love.

As it was announced on April 19th, I have been appointed to a new season of ministry to begin in July at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You have been incredibly generous to share your ministry, families, and lives with me in our time together, and I know you will be a blessing to Rev. Dayna Goff as she comes to serve as your next pastor. Thank you for loving me, trusting me, respecting me, teaching me, hosting me, challenging me, supporting me, serving me, forgiving me and allowing me a place to grow in love, trust, respect, patience, wisdom, hospitality, perseverance, affirmation, humility, forgiveness, and leadership.

We have much left to do in the time we have remaining together. I am excited about launching our Blessing Box Ministry, continuing our Embracing the Vision series, serving with the UMCOR Mission Team, and being part of Vacation Bible School this June. My goals are to work with our leadership for a smooth and healthy transition and to continue to walk in step with God's Spirit. Together may we abide in God's love and focus on how we might love others to be a fragrant offering with our lives.

Grace and peace,
Emily

New Prayer Requests

The Family of Jeff Harper

The Family of Linda Jones

The Family of Bobby Townsend

Continue to pray for

Jim & Sylvia Autry, Otha Barham,
Ron & Carol Burton, Shirley Dooley, Janet Barham,
Francois duPlessis, Rev. Johniel Henry, Betsy
Littleton, Kristin Pratt, James E. Smith, Bobby
Townsend, Joe Don Yates, Suzanne Grafton, Eli
Blevins, Ashley Purvis, Isabella Moran Burton,
Suzanne White.



May Birthdays

- 1 Laikyyn Wilson
- 3 L.J. Rue
- 14 Elise Joyner
- 15 Francois DuPlessis
- 19 Gabe Joyner
- 19 Aaron Joyner
- 20 Mila Fluker
- 23 Nathan Gatlin
- 24 Ridge Martin
- 28 Ron Burton

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion Servers:

May: Paul, Christine, Patti, Amy

Greeter:

May 3: Regena

May 10: Robin

May 17: Cathy

May 24: Malaea

May 31: Margaret

Counters:

May 3: Kevin & Danny

May 10: Neldia & Robin

May 17: Cathy & Jeffrey

May 24: Kevin & Danny

May 31: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks:

May 3: Malaea & Robin

May 10: Regena

May 17: Betty & Ginny

May 24: Cathy & Margaret

May 31: Marilyn

Meals On Wheels:

May 4: Margaret & Cathy

May 11: Janet & Carrol

May 17: Grady & Nancy

DOUBLE DELIVERIES

May 25: NO DELIVERIES

MEMORIAL DAY

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

Tuesday May 5, 2026

Teacher Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

Sunday Fund Offering

Monday, May 11, 2026

Women Of The Church 1:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Miracle Sunday Offering

Town Hall Meeting Following Service

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

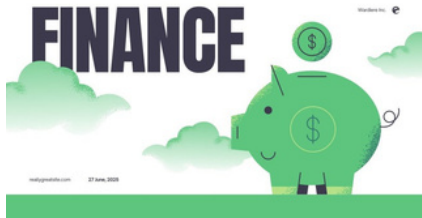
Executive Team Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Monday, May 25, 2026

Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Newsletter deadline:

May 25 for June Newsletter



Poplar Springs Drive UMC				
Monthly Financial Report Summary				
as of March 31, 2026				
2026 Summary	2/28/2026		3/31/2026	3/31/2026
	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
	<i>Y-T-D</i>		<i>M-T-D</i>	<i>Y-T-D</i>
Budget Offering	\$366,500		\$20,102	\$52,457
Budget Expenses	\$349,870		\$22,278	\$67,225
			(\$2,176)	(\$14,768)

We raised \$1046.00 for UMCOR Sunday
Way to go PSDUMC!!!!!



Fill up your M&M tubes to be part of this special offering to support **M**ission & **M**inistry across the world.
You fill it; God uses it!

MAY 10- THE SUNDAY FUND

...is a benevolence fund meeting the financial burdens of elders on a MSS campus across Mississippi. Sunday Fund recipients have depleted their financial resources; many have not family or other support to meet these financial and emotional obstacles.



Thank you for all the prayers, texts, calls, and food during and after my surgery. Love to you all, Bonnie Ethridge

CONGRATS!!!!!!

We are proud to announce that Ashley Rue is now serving on the Red Clay District leadership team as the Children’s ministry leader.

Be Connected: CHILDREN & YOUTH

This year's VBS theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge. Grab your gear and get ready for a FUN filled snowy adventure!! Registration for VBS is now open and the link is on "The Springs" Facebook page. There is also a volunteer sign up sheet on the missions table in the gathering area. Church members please bring your snow/ winter pictures to help decorate the VBS /mission table. Come join the fun and prepare for a week of learning, exploring and seeing how with God all things are possible!!

St. Peter United Methodist Church 10th Annual Art Contest awards ceremony was held Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the Meridian Museum of Art. Fifteen trophies and certificates were presented, including the following children and youth from our ministry:

Age 12-15 Category

Jane Gellatly, Honorable Mention

Age 9-11 Category

Josiah Christian, First Place

Lavarius Rue, Second Place

Ages 6-8 Category

Joe Gellatly, Honorable Mention

Callie Gellatly, Honorable Mention



The art will be on display at the Meridian Museum of Art for the next two weeks.

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. We will recognize them May 24, 2026



For Children and Youth our last regular Wednesday night will be May 13th. We are looking to plan a couple of summer activities, but we will let you know dates when those get planned.

The Last Supper with children, youth, and families.



MISSISSIPPI YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

- SPRING -

CLASSICAL
Concert

3 MAY, 2026

5 PM

GERTRUDE C FORD ACADEMIC
COMPLEX

MILLSAPS COLLEGE
JACKSON, MS

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 1, 2026

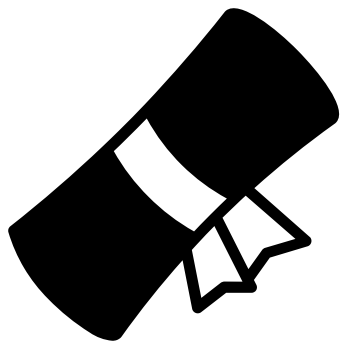
DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Day School kiddos had such a fun, special time learning about the resurrection of Jesus and celebrating Easter!!



TEACHER APPRECIATION

In observance of Teacher Appreciation Week with thanksgiving for those who love and care for our children, we would like to honor our day school and after school teachers with a monetary gift. Please mark your contributions “Teacher Appreciation” and either place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. We will be giving this to them on Tuesday, May 5.



Que Seniors Class of 2026



Taylor Gavin Burt

He is a Graduate of Newton Academy, he has committed to continue his academics and golf career at East Central Community College, Decatur MS. He is the grandson of Tootie & Cathy Ellis of Meridian, MS.



Bryce R. Honea

He is a Russell Christian Academy Graduate. Bryce has committed his plans to attend MCC this Fall to pursue a degree in Computer Programming/Networking. He attended PSDUMC daycare when he was a little boy. He is the grandson of Julian & Carolyn Wall of Meridian, MS.



Jordan Ward

He is a Graduate of Meridian Community College with his certificate in Precision Machinery and will be returning to MCC in the Fall to complete his AA degree. He is the son of Bobby & Elaine Ward of Marion, MS.



Will Floyd

He is a Graduate of Enterprise High School. He will be enlisting in the US Air Force. He is the son of Amy Floyd of Enterprise, MS.

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Lectionary Readings

Week of May 10

Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14: 15-21

Week of May 17

Acts 1: 1-11 Psalm 47
Eph. 1: 15-23 Luke 24: 44-53

Week of May 24

Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104:24-34
1 Cor. 12: 3b-13 John 7: 37-39

Week of May 31

Genesis 1: 1-2 Psalm 8
2 Cor. 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20

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