

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

Swedish diplomat and second Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld wrote these words in his daily journal after being elected, “For all that has been, THANKS, for all that is to be, YES!” In this prayer of affirmation and hope, he points to the essence of our common life in Christ: the offering of gratitude and thanks. As we read in the Letter to the Colossians, ‘And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.’ Apostle Paul writes in the First Letter to the Thessalonians, ‘Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.’

The word “thanks” feels inadequate to express all that I want to say to each of you and to you collectively. It has been a joy to serve alongside you. You truly have a gift for holding your pastor with great respect while also recognizing and seeing us as people. You have healed parts of me that will help me be a healthier and more whole pastor and person as I continue to say “yes” to God’s calling.

I look forward to sharing the pulpit with Rev. Kathy Vaughns this coming Sunday, June 7 as we celebrate the call and 70 years of women’s ordination in the UMC. How wonderful it is to be able to lead alongside a fellow clergywoman who was affirmed and sent into ordained ministry by this congregation.

I am excited about partnering with Central UMC to offer an incredible Vacation Bible School this year. As everyone shares their time and gifts, we will all experience childlike faith in crafts, games, worship, science, mission, and Bible story.

I am proud of our church receiving the Difference Maker Church Award in the opening plenary session on Wednesday at Annual Conference. From Meals on Wheels to Care Lodge to UMCOR to our new Blessing Box Ministry, you are saying “yes” to God with your time and talents and treasure to make a difference for the kingdom.

When we say “Amen,” we’re not just closing a prayer—we’re aligning our hearts with God’s will, saying “let’s do this” and choosing trust over fear. Our closing hymn this Sunday will be the song “Yes and Amen.” May we give THANKS to God, say YES to the Spirit’s invitation, and shout AMEN as we go forth to put our faith in action. Poplar Springs, for all that has been, THANKS, for all that is to be, YES!

Grace and peace,
Emily

New Prayer Requests

Betty Allison, Patti Coxwell,
Suzanne Grafton, Frances Kieronski



June Birthdays

6-4 Charles Felder
6-6 Tootie Ellis
6-7 Carol Burton
6-8 Ridge Brown
6-9 Steven Brown
6-13 Robin Thompson
6-14 Darrell Gatlin
6-19 Rebecca Rhett
6-21 Robert Rhett
6-24 Danny Young
6-28 Katie Autry

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, Tammy Alford.

Volunteer Opportunities

Communion Servers:

June: Regena, Julian & Carolyn

Greeters:

June 7: Regena

June 14: Robin

June 21: Cathy

June 28: Margaret

Counters:

June 7: Cathy

June 14: Kevin & Danny

June 21: Neldia & Robin

June 28: Cathy

Sunday Snacks:

June 7: Cheers & Tears

June 14: Carolyn & Polly

June 21: Father's Day Robin & Regena

June 28: Carrol

Meals On Wheels:

June 1: Margaret & Cathy

June 8: Cindy & Dixie

June 15: Robin & Gary

June 22: Marjorie W.

June 29: Janet & Carrol

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Celebration of the Call Sunday
Cheers & Tears for Pastor Emily

June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Executive Team Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 19, 2026

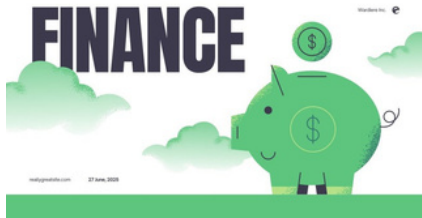
Office closed for Juneteenth

Monday, June 22, 2026

Blessing Box Dedication at 10:30 a.m.

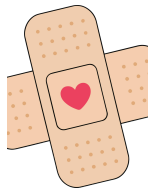
Newsletter deadline:

June 24th for July Newsletter

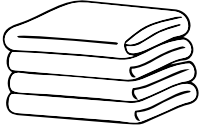


Poplar Springs Drive UMC					
Monthly Financial Report Summary					
as of April 30, 2026					
<u>2026 Summary</u>	<u>3/31/2026</u>		<u>4/30/2026</u>		<u>4/30/2026</u>
	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual</i>
	<u>Y-T-D</u>		<u>M-T-D</u>		<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget Offering	\$366,500		\$16,789		\$69,247
Budget Expenses	\$349,870		\$22,279		\$89,504
	\$16,630		(\$5,490)		(\$20,258)

Thanks for responding to the Miracle Sunday Challenge! Together we raised **\$1303.55** for the endowment fund for theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.



It is time to fill health kits again. Please bring your items to the church or you may give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please see Cathy Ellis. We need items ASAP! Items needed: bath towels and washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, fingernail kits, band aids, bars of soap, combs, and brushes.



CHEERS AND TEARS
for Rev. Emily Sunday, June 7, in the parlor, between our worship service and Sunday School. Please join us as we reflect on our past year with Emily as our pastor and give her our blessings as she moves to her new appointment in Dyersburg, TN. We will certainly miss her!

Be Connected:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children from our summer program, day school, church, and community will find their strength in God as we learn about Joseph's gifts, Esther's courage, the Widow's offering, and Jesus praying in the Garden. If you would like to volunteer or have children who would like to participate, please use the QR code to register and let Ashley Rue or Amy Floyd know if you have any questions.

VBS!
June 14-18
9-11 am
Grades K-5
SCAN TO REGISTER!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

God's Love Takes You Higher!

A JOINT VBS OF **POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE** AND **CENTRAL UMC**

The banner features a cartoon wolf character in an orange jacket, a QR code, and a snow mountain background with skiers and a sign that says "God's Love Takes You Higher!".

Our UMCOR Sager Brown Team verified 1500 hygiene kits, served at the Hope Floats thrift shop and a local domestic violence shelter. The team will be sharing more highlights from the trip during worship on July 5th.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 1

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday, May 19th, the Day School celebrated our 2026 Pre-K Graduates! The six graduates and their families were invited to a reception in the banquet room, where they enjoyed snacks, taking fun pictures, and receiving their diplomas and graduation gifts! We are so proud of them and can't wait to see what the future holds for them!!



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Lectionary Readings

Week of June 7
Gen. 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Week of June 14
Gen. 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Week of June 21
Gen. 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10,16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Week of June 28
Gen. 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

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