

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

July 9, 2025

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

Thank you again for the warm welcome I have received! I enjoyed my first official Sunday with y'all, and I have loved jumping into Vacation Bible School for our "Road Trip" together and seeing our children, youth, staff, and volunteers in action.

I wanted to take a moment to respond to a question that I have received, "What am I supposed to call you?" One church member even addressed their gift to me, To: _____ Emily, since they didn't know what to call me! Most of the time my response is to simply call me Emily, but if you need to use a title, you are welcome to say "Rev. Emily" or "Pastor Emily." While I take my calling and pastoral responsibility very seriously, I try not to take myself too seriously. I know there have been many clergywomen who have gone before me who have had to find their way through the stained glass ceiling of ordination and church leadership. Out of respect for them and the many names they have been called over the years, I truly cherish the name "Pastor."

Whenever one of you claims me as your pastor in a social media post or out in public, I have this little moment of affirmation and pride where I am caught off-guard as I realize that you are talking about me and entrusting me in the holy role of being YOUR pastor. It really makes my day!

Of course, here in the South, many people are in the habit of calling a preacher, "Brother." I grew up at Starkville FUMC calling our pastors "Brother Bob" and "Brother Bill." A few funeral home directors have called me brother over the years, and I know some female clergy who humorously embrace the title. While it's not my preference, I certainly can laugh about it when it happens. However, please know that if you make the natural substitution and call me "Sister Emily," I won't be offended, but I might burst out in a chorus from "Sister Act" or "Nunsense." That's just where my mind goes!

But regardless of what you choose to call me, I hope that you will call on me to be your pastor—to walk with you through challenging times, to pray with you, to encourage you to deepen your discipleship, to order the life of the church, and to help you discern God's calling in your life. I'm here to listen, and I'm ready to lead, especially after a season of feeling like a shepherd without sheep these last several months. This congregation has already given me way more grace and trust than I have had the opportunity to earn. I am excited about journeying with you in the days ahead, and I pray for the wisdom and strength to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which I have been called" as the Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:1.

May the God who has called you by name lead you into a calling where you know how valued and respected you are. And may we as the body of Christ celebrate the image of God in one another as we serve together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Emily

New Prayer Requests

Teresa Rials-gallbladder (Regena Ford's sister)

Joe Easter- radiation treatments (client of meals on wheels)

Tootie Ellis awaiting neck surgery

Chance Whittington awaiting liver transplant

Neil Martin broken neck (Neldia White's brother)

Adda Glass -awaiting liver transplant

Sadie Benefield - back surgery

Continue to prayer for:

Mitch Raybuck, Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham,

Francois du Plessis, Allen Little, Rex Hiatt

James E. Smith, Sharon Stephens, Charlotte Chaney,

Justin Dean, Jamie Rawson, Jon Thomas, Billy Jo Carlisle

Ceil Coleman, Tom Sanderford, Robert Phillips, Nora Good-

sell, Daniel Comeaux, Jim Land, Ike Ethridge, Gary Alford,

Shirley Fulton, David Newell, Sr., Jake Warren

If you have a prayer request and/or an update

Contact Stacey @ the church office.

Please make sure Prayer request are in by each

Friday @ 9 A.M.



Make plans to join us to celebrate Christmas in July on Sunday, July 27. Wear your favorite Christmas beach attire and invite family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us.

July Birthdays

5th Cathy Ellis

10th Melissa Brown

11th Ashley Powell

19th Rev. Emily Sanford

22nd Alie Cockrell

29th James Smith



August Birthdays

8-5 Mindy Mendiola

8-25 Martin Semmes

8-25 Suzanne Grafton

8-27 James Fleming

8-29 Leigh Ann Smith

8-30 Polly Little

8-31 Jim Autry

8-31 Stacey Little



BRUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Following the Service

Come fellowship as we welcome Rev. Emily Sanford to our PSDUMC family

Sunday, July 13

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Tuesday, July 15

6:00 P.M. Executive Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, July 20

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, July 23

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, July 27 Christmas in July

9:30 A.M. Worship

After worship service, Brunch for Pastor Emily!

POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE UMC

Sunday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Christmas carols and to hear the Christmas story of Christ's birth in a different season. Bring a canned good item for the Wesley House as a gift (no expired or oversized cans).



VBS

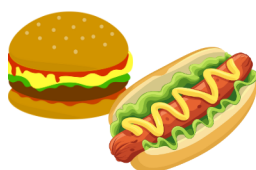
Cookout

Friday, July 11th
5:30-7:00 PM

Children and youth will be hosting a Cookout after our closing VBS program.

Our Church Family is invited to come, fellowship, and eat with us.

You don't need to cook, just come and eat.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday July 13

Greeter: Malaea

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

Monday, July 14

Meals on Wheels: Janet & Carrol

Tuesday, July 15

Executive Team Meeting

Sunday, July 20

Greeter: Margaret

Counters: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks: Robin & Regena

Monday, July 21

Meals on Wheels: Grady & Nancy

Sunday, July 27

Greeter: Regena

Counters: Cathy & Jeffrey

Sunday Snacks: Brunch for Emily today

Monday, July 28

Meals on Wheels: Marjorie

Sunday, August 3

Greeter: Cathy

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Communion: Lin, Ashley, Mariah, and LJ

Sunday Snacks:

Monday, August 4

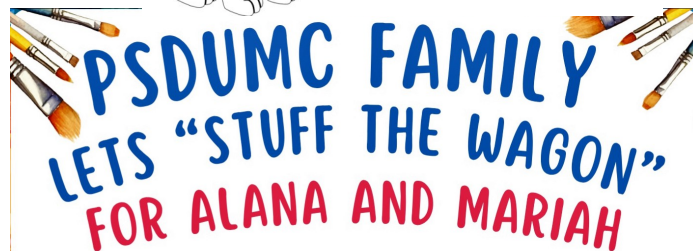
Meals on Wheels: Margaret & Cathy

THANK YOU!!!



Scout wanted to give a shoutout to all of the amazing volunteers who have helped this week with VBS.

It is only day 2 and we have seen over 80 kids on our journey.



Alana Richardson & Mariah Rue will be attending the Mississippi School of the Arts Fall 2025.

If you would like to donate the following supplies, wagons will be located in the Gathering place. Each wagon is labeled for each student. Due to allergies please see the list for student. Gift cards are welcome.

Thank you, The Richardson and Rue Family!

ALANA

- Paper towels
- Lysol disinfectant
- Lysol disinfectant wipes
- Lysol disinfectant cleaner
- Hand soap
- Kleenex
- Free/Clear laundry pods
- Dryer balls
- Notes and scripture of encouragement

MARIAH

- Paper towels
- Lysol disinfectant
- Lysol disinfectant wipes
- Lysol disinfectant cleaner
- Hand soap
- Kleenex
- Tide pods
- Dryer balls
- Notes and scripture of encouragement



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Lectionary Readings

Week of July 13

Amos 7:7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Week of July 27

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Week of July 20

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Week of August 3

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

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