

Messenger

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Called Church Conference: Final Disaffiliation Vote



This Wednesday, January 11, at 6 p.m. we have a Called Church Conference for the sole purpose of voting on Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.



Please make every effort to attend. Your vote matters. Every full member of the church will be eligible to vote. **Only those who are physically present will be allowed to vote.** There will be no absentee ballots or voting proxy for another. So, your attendance is important.

This is the final and binding vote on whether or not to disaffiliate from the UMC. It will be a secret written ballot; however, you may be asked to sign your ballot to verify its authenticity.

Please plan to arrive early so that you have time to **check in** at the front and verify your membership. You will receive further voting instructions during the meeting.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



9. Sara Beth Wyatt
10. Mabel George, Chat Phillips,
Brad Phillips
12. Kirk Coulton
13. Tim Richards
14. Jamie Patterson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Disaffiliation Vote



Foster Children's Ministry

Allison Hughes would like to thank everyone for your prayers, gifts, and contributions to the Foster Children Ministry this Christmas.

Kairos Prison Ministry

The first team meeting for the **Women's Kairos #45** will be held on January 26 and 27th at the Lodge (owned by Parkview Church) here in Yazoo County. I encourage all women in the church to pray about serving. This ministry requires time and hard work but it is truly a blessing.

If you are not able to be a part of the team, the following are ways that you can serve:

- 1. PRAYER:** This is the foundation of the Kairos ministry. Pray for our team and most importantly, pray for the women that we will be serving.
- 2. Help prepare a breakfast or lunch dish** for the team meeting on the 26th or 27th.
- 3. Send bottled water, soft drinks or snacks.**
- 4. Make a financial contribution** to the church and marking it for "Kairos".

If you have any questions or would like more information about this ministry, don't hesitate to call/text.

Thank you!
Allison Hughes
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Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week will be our first Sunday School lesson for the year 2023! We will begin the series, *Who Jesus is*. The lesson this Sunday, "Everyday with Jesus," comes from the Book of John and is the story of Jesus first miracle that took place at a wedding. This lesson is a reminder that Jesus works in our everyday lives.

W.O.W. Wednesday Children's Ministry

W.O.W. Wednesday will begin back with our Bible Study next Wednesday Night, January 11th. We will begin the year with a 4-week series called *Biblical Crossing*. These lessons will keep the children's attention, help them grow in their faith, and encourage them to share the Good News. Children will find out what it takes to tend to their "faith island" by connecting with Jesus in daily life.



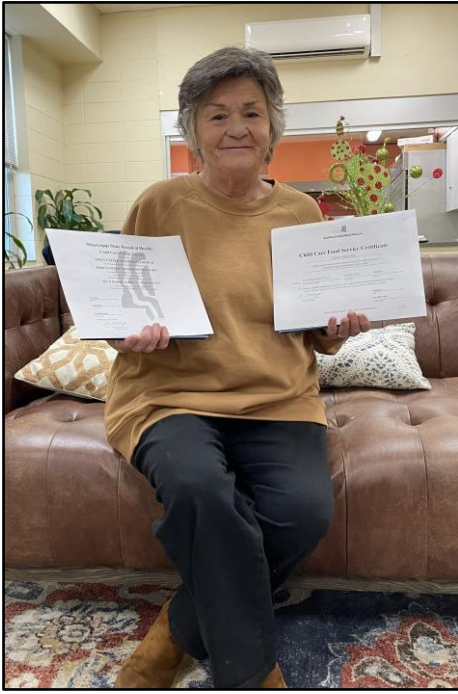
Youth Sunday School

This Sunday's lesson, "Jesus – He's the Real Deal," is our first lesson for the year 2023!! In this lesson, we are reminded that there is one person that gives us all the confidence that we need, and one person who we can always depend and count on, Jesus. We know that Jesus is the Son of God.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will begin this Sunday Night at 6:00. We will continue by wrapping up with a few more testimonies and begin a new Bible Study series. Hope everyone had a great Christmas Break and is ready to start of 2023 in the right direction.

FUMC Daycare News



Congratulations to De De Hankins on achieving your Child Care Food Service Certificate License. Also, FUMC Daycare received the MS State Board of Health Child Care Facility License and **Grade A Certificate** for the Food Inspection.

We are so blessed to have our Daycare to provide for the needs of our children. Currently, there are **42 children** in our FUMC Daycare, ranging in ages from 6 weeks old to 4 years of age.

This is one of the wonderful missions of our church. And we are so grateful for the ministry they do.

Thank you to De De and all the teachers for your hard work throughout the year.

Thank you to Terrye Layne for coming each month and decorating two of the bulletin boards in the church. One in the Daycare by the Coke machine. And this one in the across the hall from the Fellowship Hall. Terrye Layne is so creative, and we are so grateful for all she does.



***Congratulations** to Chat & Mary Kay Phillips on the birth of their grandson, **Chatham Hurst Phillips IV**, who was born December 20, 2022, to Chat and Stevie Phillips. He weighed 8 lbs 4 oz.*

With Sympathy

*Sympathy and love is extended to the family in the death of, Martha Lyles,
who died December 31, 2022.*



David Walker Arnold

David & Shawn Brevard
Myra Dunlap
Bill & Nancy Howard

Marty Pender

Myra Dunlap

Thomas Hines

Myra Dunlap

J. T. Ketchum, Jr.

Myra Dunlap

Bobby Thompson

Myra Dunlap

Martha Lyles

Camp & Joan King



RELIEF FUND FOR MATT & HANNAH

If you would like to donate money to help **Matt & Hannah Matrick**, the church has set up a Relief Fund to assist them as they rebuild their home. Please make the check out to FUMC and in the “for” line put “Matrick Fund.”

Their house burned down on Wednesday, December 28, and was a total loss. So, any help or donations you may provide would be greatly appreciated. It’s in moments like these that we most need the Body of Christ.

Sunday, January 8, 2022

Greeters LaShone Robins/Helen & Terrye Layne Tenhet
Scripture Joshua 24:11-18
Sermon **“Choose This Day”**
Flowers Family of Martha and Roger Lyles

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

8. Baptism of the Lord	Mark 1:4-11
9. A prayer for the king	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
10. Walk in the light	Isaiah 2:1-5
11. The LORD is with you	Judges 6:11-16
12. The LORD called	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
13. In your presence	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
14. Your body is a temple	1 Corinthians 6:12-20