

# Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 444, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Pastor: Rev. Lauren Porter  
Phone: 746-7648  
Website: [fumcyazoo.org](http://fumcyazoo.org)

January 5, 2025  
Vol. 52 No. 1

## Biblical Resolutions

- Hold firmly to your faith** (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints** (Hebrews 10:25)
- Pray and thank God earnestly** (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Petition God for great blessings** (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation** (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
  
- Notice opportunities to serve others** (Galatians 6:10)
- Examine yourself daily** (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord** (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  
- Yearn for righteousness** (Matthew 5:6)
- Exercise godliness** (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Aim for sinless perfection** (Hebrews 6:1)
- Redeem the time, living wisely** (Ephesians 5:15-16)



—Gus Nichols (adapted)

As we move into January, our church calendar will be getting back to normal. We begin with two regular worship services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Wednesday evening children and youth programs will resume Wednesday, January 8. Brother Lauren's Bible study will resume January 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## Danny, Marti, and Lylia Pasquale



This past Sunday, December 29, we were delighted to have with us Danny, Marti, and Lylia Pasquale.

Danny is the dean of IBEL, an evangelical Bible college in Italy serving to raise up the next generation of pastors, church planters, and evangelists throughout Europe. In 2024 our church formally adopted them as missionaries, and through our church budget we send in regular support for their ministries.

As they fly back to Italy this week, I invite you to join in lifting them up in prayer for safe travels as well as for God's continued blessing through their ministry. If you would like to sign up to receive their monthly letter by email, you may contact them directly at [daniele.pasquale@gmail.com](mailto:daniele.pasquale@gmail.com), or you may contact the church office and we will try to help you get signed up.

---

## Happy Retirement, Glenda Wells!

Congratulations, Glenda Wells! Miss Glenda has worked in the baby room and assisted in other areas for the last 30 years here at the First Methodist Daycare. She recently retired on Friday, December 27, 2024. Through the last 30 years she has cared for so many babies and touched so many lives, and we are so deeply grateful for all her years of faithful service. Thank you for a job well done, and we pray you have a wonderful and well-deserved retirement! God bless you, Miss Glenda!

---

## Help Needed: Mike Wilson, Church Security

This past Monday, December 30, Mike Wilson's house tragically caught fire and burned down. While Mike and his family were safely able to escape, all of their possessions were lost in the blaze, even their vehicles. Currently, they are staying with his daughter and her family.

Mike has been our church security guard for the last several years, and we ask that you join with us in praying for him and his family during this difficult time. If you would like to donate to assist Mike and his family, you may make checks payable to *First Methodist Church* with the words "Mike Wilson Relief Fund" in the memo line. We thank you for your prayers and support.

---

## Livestream Difficulties

We apologize for the sound quality during the sermon this week. We had some technical difficulties during the livestream and are making every effort to resolve those. Rev. Danny Pasquale shared a wonderful message, and we regret that the livestream audio quality does not do it justice. Thank you for your understanding.



## SOLID GROUND

We will resume our Group Study on Wednesday, January 8. Snack supper will be at 6:15, with Youth at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Youth will meet at their regular time, 6 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:30 p.m. Children's Choir

5:45 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth

6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9-12 noon Methodist Market



6. Jennifer Summers

7. Larry Lafferty

10. Mabel George



We will continue with the study of **Jesus: His Birth.**

### W.O.W. Wednesday

We will resume W.O.W. Wednesday January 8 at 5:30 p.m. with snack supper at 6:15. Hope to see you there!

### M28 Camp-Date-June 29-July 2, 2025

### VOLUNTEERS SERVING JANUARY 5, 2025

#### Greeters

8:45 Julie Paul

11:00 Terrye Layne & Helen Tenhet

#### Daily Bible Readings

5. Epiphany Sunday **Ephesians 3:1**

6. Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

7. Like a refiner's fire

Matthew 3:1-11

8. Goodness will be vindicated

Psalms 24:1-7

9. Exulting in God's love

Psalms 52:8-9

10. I am the LORD

Isaiah 42:1-9

11. God's majesty and power

Psalms 29

