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March 1, 2026



Dear Friends,

Please find below a letter from the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. This letter is a call for prayer and peace. It is written in response to the “new Middle East war”. I share this with you for your information and consideration. This letter is a pastoral response from our Council of Bishops. It is not intended to be a statement on behalf of the United Methodist Church. Only the General Conference of the UMC can speak for the United Methodist Church.

United Methodist Bishops Call for Prayer and Peace in the new Middle East war

Sunday, March 1, 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C. — We know that our hearts are heavy as we witness the mounting loss of life from the ongoing military strikes carried out by the United States and Israel, and from retaliatory strikes by Iran. Families are grieving the loss of loved ones, and entire communities are shaken by the weight of uncertainty, fear, and profound sorrow. Innocent civilians are caught in the crossfire of a widening conflict they did not choose.

Scripture reminds us that “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18). As bishops of The United Methodist Church, we hold fast to this promise as we pray for all who have been killed, all who are injured, and all who now carry trauma and fear in the wake of this violence. We stand resolute in remembering the uncompromising call of Jesus: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). This calling is a summons to act with courage and with a steadfast commitment to honoring the dignity and life of every human being.

We urge leaders on every side to turn from the escalation of violence and seek paths toward justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace. We implore them to place the protection of innocent lives at the center of every decision.

As followers of Christ, let us be steadfast in prayer for those whose lives were taken that they may rest in God’s eternal peace. Let us pray for the wounded that healing and comfort may surround them. Let us pray for families and communities in mourning that they may find

strength for the days ahead. And let us pray for leaders and nations that they may choose the path of peace over the path of destruction.

May God's Spirit move among us and within us, guiding our hearts toward justice, compassion, and the hard, holy work of peacemaking. May we be instruments of Christ's peace in a world yearning for healing.

In Christ's mercy, Bishop Tracy S. Malone, President, Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church

I respectfully request that you join our brothers and sisters in prayer.

Blessings,

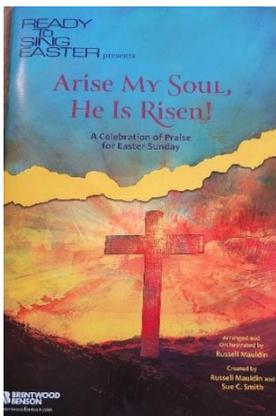
Allison Gilliam

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Paul Randall Dickerson will be releasing a four-part series of **Monday Meditations** for the season of Lent. They will be available on YouTube on the Ashland City United Methodist Church Channel and on the Ashland City United Methodist Church Facebook page beginning March 9th. Stay tuned and be ready for real talk regarding our struggle with temptation and sin! Thank you, PDR, for helping us start our weeks with focus.

EASTER CANTATA



The Ashland City United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 at the 10:00 am worship service. Mark your calendars. Bring your families. There will be a fellowship meal after the service.

Maundy Thursday service is April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Tenebrae service is April 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am. Candy for the eggs donations may be left in the cry room at the back of the sanctuary.

UMYF NEWS



Pastor Allison and Jen Shaver accompanied our youth to an adventure at Altitude Trampoline Park in Hermitage, TN on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The activities at the trampoline park did not disappoint. There were endless opportunities to bounce, climb, jump, fall into foam pits, and play games with extra bounce, Some quick bites of pizza kept them going until it was time to go home. The ride to the trampoline park was filled with excited conversation. The ride home was quiet as the youth drifted into a nap. Stay tuned as we plan our next adventure.

SENIOR JOY TRIP



trip on April 29, 2026. Destination has not yet been determined.

The Senior adults from Ashland City United Methodist Church enjoyed lunch at Outback Restaurant in Clarksville on February 25, 2025. Laughter and joyful conversation filled the air from the ride on the bus to dining at the table. Bloomin onions were enjoyed along with a variety of delicious entrees. Thank you, Bill Sapp, for driving our rowdy bunch. Thank you to all who participated. Your presence and laughter is medicine for the soul! Make plans to join the next

UNITED METHODIST DAY ON THE HILL



Our friend Roger Marriott was among the many lay and clergy who participated in the United Methodist Day on the Hill. The account below is from the *UM News*.

On Feb. 10, United Methodists from across the Tennessee-Western Kentucky and Holston Conferences traveled to Nashville for United Methodist Day on the Hill, hosted by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Board of Church and Society. "There will be no bullhorns. Day on the Hill is not a day of protest. Think of it as a field trip for faith in action," said the Rev. Timothy Holton-Overcast, one of the organizers of United

Methodist Day on the Hill, said in a pre-event briefing.

Participants spent the day meeting with lawmakers from their own districts. Attendees also delivered a copy of the United Methodist Social Principles to each member of the Tennessee General Assembly in those meetings. UM News reporter Lilla Marigza was there.

Following the day of advocacy, participants were encouraged to write thank-you notes to state legislators and learn more about how current and future legislation aligns with United Methodist Social Principles.

Marigza, *UM News*.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith met on Friday, February 13, 2026. Refreshments were provided by Jane Barnes, Penny Casteel, and Adrian Johnson. Chairperson Martha Lynn Newton led us through the business matters. The women plan to resume collecting food for the Bethesda Center. Boxes for donations will be in the fellowship hall and the cry room in the back of the sanctuary. Angie Williams shared a segment of the "Response" magazine. Glenda Jacoway shared information from the Prayer Guide. Jane Barnes shared a program about how cartographers are using their artwork in making maps to tell the story of how people can move forward from segregation to appreciation of differences and recognition of shared experiences. The next meeting of the United Women in Faith will be March 6, 2026 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

TO THE UWF:

A sincere thank you for your continued support in 2025! We appreciate all you do to help those fleeing domestic violence. Your kindness and support does not go unnoticed.

With warm regards, Safe Haven Board of Directors

LADIES EVENING CIRCLE

The Ladies Evening Circle met on Monday, February 9, 2025. We lifted up our church family and friends in prayer. Debbie Fitzhugh presented a Bible Study using a video series, "Biblical Images of God". This lesson used scripture from Psalm 23, Isaiah 42, Luke 15 and Luke 19 to

compare God's generous love and protection to that of a Bedouin Host. Jesus models a love that welcomes without compromise.

The next meeting of the Ladies Evening Circle will be March 9, 2026 at 6pm. We will discuss God as the "Master Builder". Everyone is welcome. If you want to read ahead of time, look up Job 38:4-10, Proverbs 8:23-30, Matthew 7, and 1 Corinthians 3:10-11.

ROCKETOWN NEWS



Please help spread the word. **ROCKETOWN CHEATHAM COUNTY IS OPEN!**

Rockettown is a place for teens to have fun, make friends, and launch a life of purpose and faith. Our Cheatham County location offers safe, welcoming, after-school programming designed to help young people grow, connect, and thrive.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Monday–Friday | 2:30–6:30 PM

A free, open youth space for all Cheatham County teens. Come hang out, play games, create, and find community

after school.

ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

2212 Oak Street
Ashland City, TN 37015
615-913-3511

TUESDAY TEEN DINNER

Every Tuesday at 5:00 PM

All Cheatham County teens ages 12–18 are invited for a warm, free meal. Teen Dinner is a time to connect, enjoy great food, and hear an encouraging message centered around hope and faith.

IN THE PLACE

THE VENUE @ ROCKETOWN

From live music to community gatherings, this space fosters connection, inspiration, and unforgettable experiences.

THE STUDIO @ ROCKETOWN

An intersection of creativity and community tailored for teens, providing a haven for artistic expression and collaborative endeavors.

THE ESPORTS HUB @ ROCKETOWN

Where gaming transforms into opportunities for teens. It's a space where young people sharpen teamwork, critical thinking, and digital skills.

THE CAFE @ ROCKETOWN- COMING SOON!

A café that serves up more than delicious brews and snacks—it's a hub of connection and support for teens navigating life's challenges.

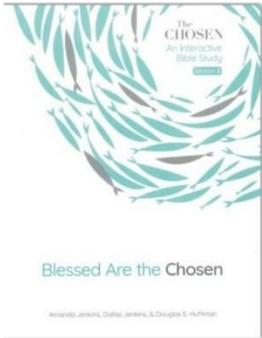
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TEEN DINNER

A weekly gathering where teens are nourished with both a delicious meal and an encouraging message centered around the gospel. Volunteers help prepare, serve, and connect with students.
NEXT GEN MENTORS

We're looking for young adults who are passionate about investing in the next generation. As a mentor, you'll have the chance to build meaningful relationships with teens after school and be a steady, encouraging presence in their lives.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. We will be studying the life of Jesus using "*The Chosen*" television series, season 2 and *The Chosen Interactive Bible Study, Season 2: Blessed Are the Chosen* book. Please let Allison know if you would like her to order a book for you. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Bob Batson, Earl Batson, Carin Casey, Helga Childers, Jane Crisp, Patsy DeLemos, Lucille Downs, Peggy Eades, Laura Guthrie, Cecelia Hudelson, Clint Johnson, Adrian Johnson, Cheryl Maxson, Mac McGlasson, Linda McMahan, Lanny Morrison, Darwin Newton, Joe Nicholson, Roy Salas, the Anderson family, Ruth Sapp, Angie Williams, Katherine Wisdom

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Linda Head Atteberry, Monte & Janie Binkley, Susan Callahan, Scott Cobb, Vivian Cook, James Gupton, Denise Jackson, Butch Jacoway, Kevin & Michelle Jones, Joanna Low, Evan Land, Dian Lynch, Bobby Mansfield, Anna Shaver, Faye Silva, Sandra Smith, Tina Stout, Brenda Weathers, Jason White, Eleanor Smith, Pam Poole Jenkins

Our World, Country, State, County, & City

SHUT IN LIST

John Haywood, 25196 Hwy 12 S., AC

If you would like to add/remove someone from the Prayer List, call the church office or send us an email.

ON THE CALENDAR

UWF will meet March 6th 10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 9:30 am

Ladies Circle meet March 9th 6:00 pm

Choir Practice Sundays after service

Al-Anon Mondays 6:00 pm

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Date	Giving	Attendance
02/01/26	\$0	NO SERVICE
02/08/26	\$7,033	0
02/15/26	\$2,310	38
02/22/26	\$2,600	44

Weekly budget needs: \$3,931

Ways To Give

In person on Sunday during worship

By mail: 2226 Oak Street, Ashland City, Tennessee 37015

Text the word 'give' to 833-967-1168, wait a few seconds, it will reply with a link.

Click on the link and follow the instructions. You can use this for a one-time gift or set it up for regular giving. You can use a bank card or credit card There is a small fee. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Allison at 615-945-8974.

Click on the link below or type it into your search bar.

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=433abe7a-95a9-4af1-afa5-7616d78da9de>

You can also give online using our website www.ashlandcityumc.com. You can use your credit card, bank card, or checking account by clicking on the “give online now” button on the page labeled "give".

March Anniversaries

Jen Shaver & Cheryl Maxson	3/21
Dennis & Jane Barnes	3/27

March Birthdays

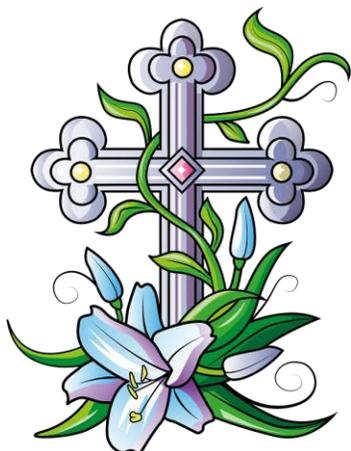
Mary Scruggs	3/02
Tom Arnold	3/07
Alex Dickerson	3/09
Linda Nicholson	3/10
Debbie Fitzhugh	3/15
Cecelia Hudelson	3/15
Natalie Johnson	3/24
Bob Fitzhugh	3/24

April Anniversaries

Bob & Debbie Fitzhugh	4/05
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April Birthdays

Myrna Morris	4/04
Seth Biggs	4/06
Billy Sapp	4/07
Richie Hooper	4/12
Nolan Johnson	4/18
Mac McGlasson	4/28
Sabrina Mansfield	4/30
Ann Slocum	4/30



**FACEBOOK LIVE – Ashland City UMC
MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
CHURCH**

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

MORNING PRAYER

“New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.”

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Bible Verse for the Month

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

Deuteronomy 32:2

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Romans 6:4

Quote for the Month

“God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.”

C.S. Lewis