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Dear Friends,

Special Offering for Hunger Ministries to be Received at Annual Conference

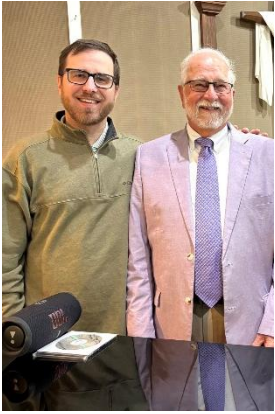
Pastor Allison Gilliam and Paul Randall Dickerson will be representing Ashland City UMC at this year's meeting of the Tennessee Western Kentucky Annual Conference to be held in Murfreesboro, TN, June 7-10, 2026. The information below is in regard to a special offering to be taken at the Annual Conference to benefit food ministries in our area. We can receive donations at any time prior to the Annual Conference and dedicate the communion offering at our worship service on June 7 to go to the conference special offering. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

Local congregations are encouraged to collect a special offering to bring to the annual conference in June

Hunger exists in every corner of our conference and many TWK congregations are faithfully feeding their communities through food pantries, meal ministries, and partnerships that reflect Christ's love. Our [2026 Annual Conference offering](#) will support TWK local church feeding ministries across our area. Thanks to the generosity of Encore Ministries Foundation, every dollar raised through our Annual Conference offering will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

We encourage you to collect an Annual Conference Offering with your local congregation. Funds may be [donated online](#) or brought to the annual conference and placed in the offering basket.

SPECIAL THANK YOU



Thank you to Andrew McCormick for the beautiful piano music during our worship services.

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Thank you to our Altar Guild for the beautiful arrangements on the altar during Holy Week.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Ashland City will observe the National Day of Prayer with a gathering at the Riverview Park Pavillion at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chair. Ashland City UMC will join with churches from our area to pray for our nation.

TRUSTEES NEWS

The Trustees of Ashland City UMC wish to express our appreciation to Steve Brown and Billy Sapp for washing the exterior of the church bus and sealing the leaks.

The Trustees request your assistance. They are compiling a list of cleaning, repair, and maintenance projects that need attention around the church. The list will be shared so you can volunteer to help with the projects. Thank you for your help caring for the upkeep of our church.

UMYF NEWS



Thanks to our awesome youth. They helped set up, hide eggs, and clean up after at the Easter egg hunt. Ares, Shellbe, and April and are interested in attending summer church camp. April and Shellbe will be eligible to attend summer camp at Cedar Crest Campground. Ares is planning to go with the Madison Street/Hilldale youth group to Mountain TOP. We have begun raising scholarship money to assist with the cost of attending these events. Donations can made during the month of May and earmarked for summer camp.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The Ashland City United Women in Faith met on Friday, April 10, 2026. Jane Barnes provided the program, The Future is Now, Invest in Our Children. The Women enjoyed delicious refreshments. Contributions and pledges were received to support both local and global mission organizations.

The Women plan to visit the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville on May 5, 2026 for lunch and a guided tour. Lunch is \$15. They will carpool from the church leaving at 10:30 am.

LADIES EVENING CIRCLE

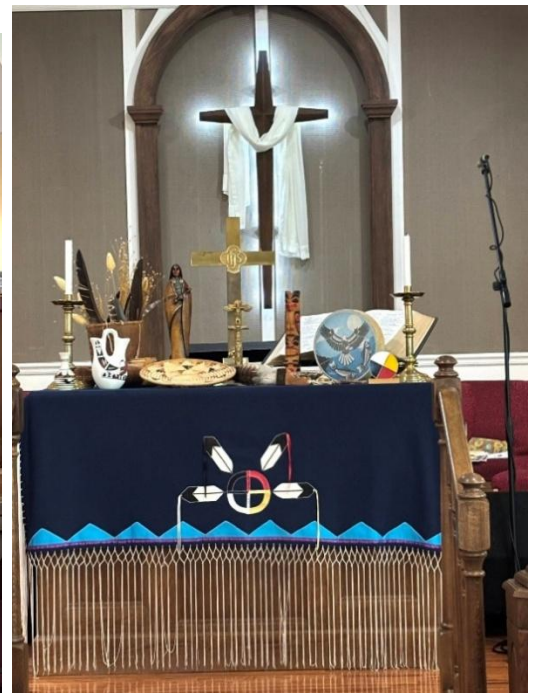
The Ladies' Evening Circle met on Monday, April 20, 2026. Debbie Fitzhugh presented our program, "Biblical Images of God-part 7- Rock of Refuge." We watched a video from the "Walking the Text" series by Brad Gray which used pictures of Masada to emphasize the size,

strength of God's power and the sense of security of knowing God as our rock and refuge as depicted in the Psalms. We discussed where we go for refuge and sanctuary, so that we can rest in God's presence.

The Ladies' Evening Circle will meet again on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the fellowship hall. Bring finger food to share. The May meeting will be the last meeting prior to the summer break. The Circle will resume in September. The lesson for May will discuss God's Image as the "Humble King" The Biblical Foundations for the study include the following: Genesis 1:26-8; Exodus 15:18; Exodus 18:6; Matthew 4:16; Matthew 21:1-10. You are invited. Come and bring a friend.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

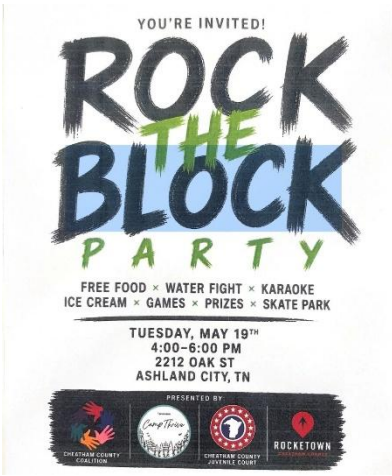
Thank you to Debbie Fitzhugh for an informative presentation and for sharing some of your beautiful native crafts with us.



ROCKETOWN NEWS



Rocketown Cheatham sponsored a Christian Hip Hop Concert, BATTLE READY, on April 16. The participants enjoyed great music, worship, and were inspired by the artist's testimonies.



Rocketown Cheatham's next event will be ROCK THE BLOCK on May 19, 2026 from 4-6pm. Students 12 -18 years old are invited.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny made a visit to the Ashland City United Methodist church for the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt. There were many children, parents, and helpers in attendance. There were prizes for all ages, snacks, and pictures with the Bunny. Everything was made possible by the Ashland City United Methodist Church family. It was a wonderful day of Christian fellowship.







ACUMC HOSTS DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING



Ashland City United Methodist Church hosted the Red River District Clergy Meeting on April 23, 2026. We would like to express our appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the meeting. Jane Barnes decorated the Fellowship Hall. Many folks provided food and beverages for the breakfast. Several of the women set up, served, and cleaned up afterwards. Billy Sapp ran our audio-visual equipment. All who attended were appreciative of the hospitality.



Red River District Superintendent and Administrative Assistant Retirement

Ashland City UMC is part of the Red River District of the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. Both our District Superintendent and our District Administrative Assistant will be retiring at the end of June. Many of you know Pat and Celena. They have been very helpful to this church over the years. I am sure you would like to show your appreciation by sending a card or using the link provided below to send a note of appreciation. If you bring a card to our worship service on May 3, Paul Randall and I can deliver it to the gathering Sunday afternoon.

The following excerpt is from Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette, Pastor, St. Bethlehem UMC in Clarksville.

This Sunday, May 3, at the Pre-Conference District Gathering, we will be celebrating the retirements of Rev. Pat Freudenthal and Mrs. Celena Spiva. Rev. Pat has served as the Red River District Superintendent since 2019, and Celena has served as the Administrator for the Red River District (and all previous district iterations) for over 40 years.

The Red River District Lead Team invites you to bring a card/note/word of appreciation for Pat and Celena. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to share your gratitude, you can do so by following this [link](#).

Thanks,
Allison

HEAD START GRADUATION

The Mid-Cumberland Head Start program will be having their graduation ceremonies in our sanctuary on Thursday, May 28th at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come show support for these families as they celebrate their children's successes. We need volunteers to be good will ambassadors.

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, Butch Jacoway, Clint Johnson, Adrian Johnson, Cheryl Maxson, Linda McMahan, Lanny Morrison, Robert Newton, Joe Nicholson, Roy Salas, Katherine Wisdom, Sabrina Mansfield

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Monte & Janie Binkley, Susan Callahan, Scott Cobb, Vivian Cook, James Gupton,

Denise Jackson, Pam Poole Jenkins, Kevin & Michelle Jones, Evan Land, Dian Lynch, Bobby Mansfield, Anna Shaver, Sandra Smith, Eleanor Smith, Tina Stout, Brenda Weathers, Jason White

Our World, Country, State, County, & City

SHUT IN LIST

Mrs. Cecelia Hudelson, 6901 Sunny Park Dr., White House, TN 37188
Katherine Wisdom, 2240 Fish Trapp Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

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

MILITARY FAMILY

Seth B Biggs PSC 3 Box 4796
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ON THE CALENDAR

UWF will meet May 1st 10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 9:30 am

Ladies Circle meet May 11th 6:00 pm

Choir Practice Sundays after service

Al-Anon Mondays 6:00 pm

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
04/05/26	\$7,700	85
04/12/26	\$3,651	47
04/19/26	\$1,515	44
04/26/26	\$3,365	48

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".

May Anniversaries

Tom & Kim Arnold 5/22

May Birthdays

Paul Randall Dickerson 5/15

Lanny Morrison 5/16

June Anniversaries

Paul Randall & Lin Dickerson 6/30

June Birthdays

Alex Moore 6/01

John Jacoway 6/06

Melissa Johnson 6/06

Clint Casteel 6/10

Sly Johnson 6/10

Steve Brown 6/12

Katherine Wisdom 6/19

Polly Newcomb 6/23

Darwin Newton 6/23

Jmaes Schoer 6/24

Karen Lewis 6/25

Steve Stratton 6/28

Bobby Bell 6/30



**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 71 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

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Quote for the Month

“We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito.”

C.S. Lewis