



Statement on Amendment 3 to the Tennessee State Constitution

Greetings Holston and Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conferences! As bishops of Conferences that include the state of Tennessee, we are writing today regarding an opportunity Tennesseans have to right a historical wrong.

On November 8, 2022 the citizens of Tennessee will be going to the polls to make many decisions, including about Amendment 3 which proposes deleting exceptions to the prohibition of slavery. The language of the current Tennessee Constitution reads, "That slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are forever prohibited by this state." If Amendment 3 passes, the State Constitution will read, "That slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited in this state." Note that nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when duly convicted of a crime.

Amendment 3 will finally end the exception to the prohibition, thus officially banning the atrocity of slavery and involuntary servitude in any form. This amendment, which has bi-partisan support, passed overwhelmingly as a joint resolution in the Tennessee legislature.

All of us, in our baptismal vows, promised to "accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." Voting on Amendment 3 is an opportunity for us to live out this commitment.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this amendment. We are grateful for you and the variety of ways in which you serve and lead.

Blessings,

Debra Wallace-Padgett, Resident Bishop
Holston & North Alabama Conferences

William T. McAlilly, Resident Bishop
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

Thank You for a Fantastic Fall Fest

The Children and Family Ministry team sends a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during our Fall Fest. We had over 30 church members help make this event successful and we could not have done the event without them. We are so grateful for everyone who donated chili for our chili cook-off as well as those who donated candy. Thank you for the support shown during the event and we hope that everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship.



Congratulations to the Youth Sunday School class and their chef, Elizabeth Kindred, for winning the chili cook-off!

A Warning About Email

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November Special Offering UMCOR – USA

Our special offering this month will go to to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to assist in Florida after Hurricane Ian.

UMCOR responds to natural disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Prior to the hurricane's arrival, UMCOR and its local partners used a preemptive approach to storm response and recovery. Staff were in close contact with conference disaster response coordinators in states where an impact was expected and helped them plan their response.

After the hurricane, a solidarity grant was immediately awarded to the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to help them address immediate needs and deploy supplies. UMCOR assisted the Florida Conference with the recruitment of early response teams (ERTs), individuals who have received specific training on disaster response and recovery methods.

An UMCOR consultant was assigned to work with the Florida Annual Conference to provide assistance with planning and logistics. A program manager has started working with this same conference on the development of a short-term relief grant while a long-term recovery program is developed.

With this year's storms, UMCOR's legacy of being "early in, last out" means that United Methodists will be there to accompany recovering communities for years to come. Please donate to UMCOR this month; 100% of your donation will go directly to aid people in Florida.

In the Hospitals

Jerry Delene (MMC)
Seth Wheatley (MMC)
Linda Houlberg (UTMC) -
no visitors, please

Dismissed

Myra Stroud

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$31,485
2022 YTD offering: \$1,112,653
2021 YTD offering: \$1,098,993
Mission offering: \$ 1370

This Week's Podcast

While Mark is away at Jurisdictional Conference, he's recording short audio clips to help keep us informed. The future of the church is in play at Jurisdictional Conference. Look for new episodes at Apple Podcasts and on our website.



Worship for November 6

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: What's Your "When?" (All Saints' Day)

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23

8:45 am & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



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Senior Adult Luncheon Reservations Due by November 7

We are very excited to announce that Dr. Allison Ensor will be the speaker at our next XYZ luncheon on Wednesday, November 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

"Those of us in academia are very aware of Dr. Allison Ensor," said church member Miriam Wankerl. "He is a wonderful, exciting speaker. He is a Mark Twain expert and has an incredible dry wit."

Reservations for the event are due on November 7 by noon. Dr. Ensor, a former professor of English at UTK, regularly teaches at the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning. Dr. Ensor will speak about United Methodist hymns and hymnody. A member of Church Street United Methodist Church and long-time member of their choir, Dr. Ensor has remained attuned to Methodist doctrine and how it reveals itself in our hymns. All are welcome to join us for this special event. Please call the church office by noon on November 7 to secure a reservation.



First Church 101 on November 6

Do you have questions about FUMC, Methodism, or theology in general? Then join us for First Church 101 on November 6 after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will meet in the donut hole at noon.

Blanket Donations to Ecumenical Storehouse

The Ecumenical Storehouse, located at 134 East Division Road, Oak Ridge, helps people in need of household goods. With a cold winter looming, the most needed items are blankets. Currently, the Storehouse blanket supply is critically short. We are asking people to donate any extra blankets they may have around. As the storehouse serves individuals and families with children, all sizes of blankets can be used – single, double, queen and king. (Please, no throws). Blankets can be used or new.

Blanket donations can be left next to the baskets located in FUMC's library or taken to the Storehouse on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated. Contact Joye Montgomery, 865-300-6874, with any questions.

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