Winter Storm Impact | Disaster Response
January 2026

Our prayers continue for those affected by the January winter storm. We are saddened by the deaths, personal injuries, and extensive property damage. Additionally, thousands remain without power and heat. We know that you want to assist in any way possible. The TWK Disaster Response team has offered the following suggestions on how we can support one another.

How You Can Help

Pray for those affected and for those offering assistance and hope amid this ongoing life-threatening situation.

Check On Neighbors: Contact elderly, disabled, or isolated neighbors to ensure they are safe, warm, and have food.

Clear Hazards: Help shovel driveways and remove snow/ice from walkways for others.

Contact your local church if your neighbors need resources. If you are the leadership of a local church and cannot meet the needs being requested of you, please reach out to the conference email (disaster.recovery@twkumc.org)

Donate to the TWKUMC disaster response fund. We have already received many requests for help, and the disaster budget is very limited. Along with community partners, our team is assisting survivors with lodging, food, transportation, generators, medical equipment, debris removal, community organization, and emotional support.

Assemble hygiene or feminine hygiene kits for collection at a later date to replenish our warehouse supplies, which are currently being depleted.

Volunteer: We are not yet ready to deploy volunteers, but we will hold a coordination call on Friday with all the current ERT-trained volunteers in the conference.

If you are not ERT-trained, there will be opportunities to serve in your communities. We will communicate that through the conference website and e-newsletter. Currently, there are no areas where the county or city emergency management officials have opened to volunteers for debris removal.

The only requests for volunteers are for shelter assistance in communities where the Red Cross operates shelters. Anyone interested in serving there can receive just-in-time training at their local community shelter.

For more volunteering information, please complete this form. Please enter “2” in the question requesting team size and “1” in the question about gender participation. Enter “sheltering” in the Skills question. You will be connected with the appropriate American Red Cross contact.

Where People Can Call for Assistance:

Property Cleanup Requests: Call 844-965-1386 (Crisis Cleanup Hotline). The Crisis Cleanup helpline is open for the entire Episcopal Area.

Report Welfare Concerns: In Davidson County, use the hubNashville webpage to submit welfare check requests rather than calling 911.

Emergency Transportation to Shelter: Call 615-401-1712 for rides to Nashville warming locations.

General Non-Emergency Needs: Call 211 (United Way).