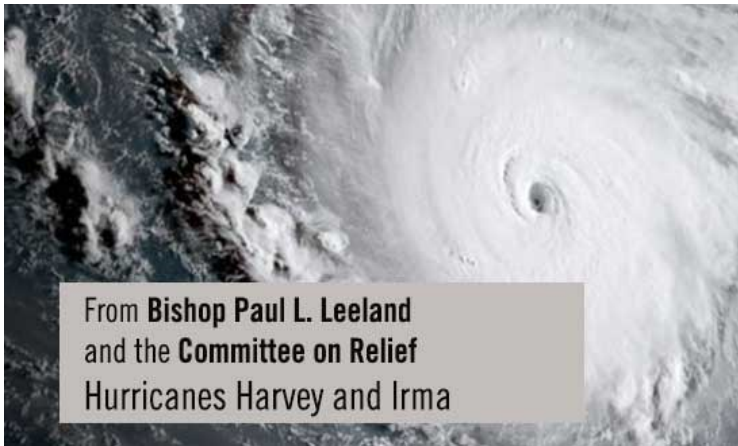




HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE



From Bishop Paul L. Leeland and the Committee on Relief Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

As United Methodists, let us stand together in prayer and support of all of those who have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The state of North Carolina isn't in the clear as tropical force winds and rains to impacted Western North Carolina. Hurricane Jose also looms behind, reminding us that storms are never far away.

We are especially aware of Bishop Carter, one of our own, who leads the Florida Conference in the midst of the disaster. We also remember Bishop Lawson Bryan who is working closely with his churches in the South Georgia Conference as they serve evacuees from Florida.

Your donations make it possible for Early Response Teams and others aiding in disaster to help survivors immediately. Beyond this, your donation dollars contribute to funding all aspects of disaster response and relief. Through UMCOR 100% of your donation goes to help those in need. Please make checks payable to "Elkin FUMC" with the memo "Hurricane Relief."

UMW COLLECTING FLOOD BUCKETS



Our United Methodist Women are currently collecting cleaning kits (flood buckets) for UMCOR. Please join us in preparing buckets filled with supplies for families in need following the recent hurricanes. Instructions on how to create a flood bucket can be found in the narthex

and on the table outside of the church library. For more info or to download the instructions visit www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning.

THANK YOU

Dear First UMC of Elkin: We truly appreciate the continued support your church family gives to our students at Elkin Elementary School. The school supply donation is very appreciated as we have already given some of the supplies you brought to our students. Again, we thank you for your support and are blessed to live in such a caring community.

-Paige S. Edwards, School Counselor

FOOD DONATIONS GOING TO GOOD CAUSE

We recently asked everyone to bring non-perishable food items (pictured above) to the church in preparation for Hurricane Irma impacting the Elkin area. When things calm down in the tropics and we see that the items will not be needed here in the community, we will donate any leftover items to Tri-C and the local Backpack Program.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Items may be placed on the stage in the Fellowship Hall through this Sunday, September 17.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Vision & Leadership Team

Sunday, September 17, 12:15 pm - **CANCELLED**

Lay Leadership Team

Sunday, September 17, 6:30 pm (Library)

Youth Ministry Team

Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm (Library)

Worship Ministry Team

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 pm (Library)

Finance Team

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 pm (Library)

Missions Team

Monday, September 25, 7:00 pm (Library)

Announcements & Reminders

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: There are a few spaces available for the Women's Fall Retreat and the remaining balance is due September 25. The total amount is \$130. For those who have made a deposit, the balance due is \$90. Make checks payable to: Mary Jane Western (PO Box 667, Elkin NC 28621).

TWO TRIPS TO MRC SCHEDULED: The Mission Response Center near Mooresville desperately needs volunteers to prepare the next shipment for Project AGAPE shipments. We are answering the call by inviting you to go with us to help sort and pack on Saturday, September 23 and Saturday, October 21. We will leave the church at 8:30 am and return soon after lunch. This is open to ages 12 and above. A sign-up sheet is located on the Missions Bulletin Board outside of Pastor Mike's office. Contact Missions Chair, David VanAntwerp at 336-244-1808 for more info.

URGENT NEED FOR BACKPACK PROGRAM SUPPLIES: School is back in session and we are once again collecting items for the Backpack Program at the local schools. Supplies are extremely low right now as the school year begins. Each week teachers send home food for Saturday and Sunday for the students who can't afford or don't have access to food for the weekend. Suggested items are: flip top canned items or peel off lids (ravioli, spaghetti, soups, mac-n-cheese, fruit cups, pudding). They also need: cereal, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, fruit gummy snacks, "Lance" crackers and juice boxes. The collection box is located in the entryway near the Church Office.

ACOLYTE/CHIMER TRAINING will be held September 10 through October 8. We would like to invite any 3rd-7th graders that have not yet been through acolyte training to join us. We will meet each Sunday morning in the sanctuary at 10:00am. The 8th graders are invited to join on Oct. 8th for Banner/Crucifer training. Installation of our new service helpers will take place during the 10:55 am service on Oct. 15. Contact Trish Grider at 336-244-2370 with any questions.

TRI-C DONATIONS NEEDED: Jello and Instant Pudding are the needed items for September. They are also accepting Bibles to give out to clients. Deposit Jello, Pudding, Bibles, and any non-perishable food items or toiletries in the basket under the table at the administrative entrance.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: If you are aware of a member of FUMC who would like a visit, a card or a call from a member of our Congregational Care Team, please contact Sharon Harvey at 336-835-2510. One of our goals is to keep in contact with all shut-ins. We always welcome new members to our team. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2 at 2:30 pm in the Church Library.

CHRISTMAS BOXES NEEDED FOR PROJECT AGAPE: Christmas boxes for the children in Armenia are a highlight of Project AGAPE. Our church can participate by filling boxes in time for the next shipment to Armenia this fall. The boxes with lists of appropriate items for age groups are available in the narthex and on the table outside of the church library. Donations may be dropped off at the church office during the week or on Sunday mornings. Please return boxes to the church ASAP.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family: Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Sallie Park, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhayat, Ray Fencil, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Glenda Brown, Ercel Carter, PJ Elkhayat, Dan Park, Brian Carroll, Maddie Chappell, nursing home residents & homebound

Extended Care: Jim Cockerham, Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Jenny Brown, Frances Harris, Mary Neil, Linda Maxey

Extended Family: Ruth Deck, John Seats, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Anne Marlette, Clyde Snyder, Florence Leverett, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Kristan Seaford, Sharon and Brad Watterson, Pierce & Aishling, Lonnie Snider, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Stanley, Henry Key Family, Carl Rose Family, Simpson Family, Robert Miller, Amy Shuford, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Mary Harper Edsall, Nan Boyd

All of our military personnel and their families

SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

Wednesday, September 20

Menu: Baked Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Rice & Gravy
Desserts: Harris, Johnson, Erlandson, Coley, Petrocy

Wednesday, September 27

Menu: Ham, Baked Beans, Mixed Veggies
Desserts: Brown, Snider, Combs, Kleinheksel, Aldridge

STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

August 2017

Income: \$21,333.50
Expenses: \$29,372.73
Difference: **(\$8,039.23)**

January - August 2017

Income: \$244,560.02
Expenses: \$284,141.02
Difference: **(\$39,581.00)**

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