



Morris First United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events:

September 4th – Labor Day

September 5th – SASSY's 12 pm

September 10th – Quarterly Dinner

September 10th – Youth 5-7:30 pm

September 13th – Board Meeting 7 pm

September 17th – Youth 5-7:30 pm

September 20th – UMW 7 pm

September 21st – Christ's Cupboard 3-6:30 pm

September 24th – Youth 5-7:30 pm





From the Pastor's Desk

Because I'm sure that many members of our church are concerned about the devastation of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey, I have decided to print a letter from the Oklahoma Conference Disaster Response Coordinator describing our Conference's impact in the Disaster Response process and suggested responses for local churches. We will be following their advice and responding as they have asked. (See the information about relief buckets.) I'm so proud to be a part of a church who are willing to help our neighbors in any way we can. Thank you for your concern and your willingness to serve. – Pastor Tracy

Dear Oklahoma United Methodist Friends,

I know we all are watching and listening with heavy hearts to the record setting and unprecedented disaster event which is happening to our neighbors in Texas. I know you are wondering: What can I do? What can my church do? What as is our Annual Conference doing?

Please let me address those questions. First, as your Disaster Response Coordinator for the Oklahoma Annual Conference I want to assure you that there is a "Process" in place which started long before Harvey formed in the Gulf. That Process exists to assure that individuals and families receive as much assistance as possible when a natural disaster event occurs. Let me assure you that Process is now engaged with addressing those individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

There are currently hundreds and hundreds of trained and equipped Federal, State, County, and Local government personnel are on the ground in Texas doing their best to aid those in need during this Relief Phase of this devastating event. There are also hundreds of non-government agencies, corporations, and Churches joining in the Process at the request of and direction of those whose main goal right now is to save the lives of all those in need from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Your Oklahoma Disaster Response Ministry serves year round connecting to and being a part of this "Bigger Disaster Process." We are early in this record event, but be assured I have been in contact with many of those in that Process and also with our United Methodist contacts at UMCOR, the South Central Jurisdiction, and the Texas, the Rio Texas, the Central Texas and the Louisiana Annual Conferences.

As our Oklahoma Annual Conference joins other United Methodist Church conferences around the country to offer our prayers, our support, and await the invitation to assist with Early Response Teams and Long Term Disaster Recovery Teams, UMCOR suggests there are 5 things you can do: **"5 Things You Can Do"**:

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in [The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church](#), [Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) and [Central Texas Conference](#) who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.

2. Make relief kits <http://www.umcor.org/.../Relief-S.../Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning> (Cleaning Buckets)
3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: https://secure3.convio.net/.../SPageNaviga.../umcor_donate.html...
4. Donate only those items requested.
5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support. To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources Advance #901440:

https://secure3.convio.net/gbqm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=901440

One last note, while we await the response and recovery needs from the aftermath of Harvey, I would ask that you PRAYERFULLY considered serving one of your 233 Oklahoma Neighbors in Need who are still trying to Recover for Oklahoma's 2015 Flooding Disaster when in areas of our state we received over 50 inches of rain. Here is a link to a Channel 9 News Story done yesterday to shed light on these families who are facing their 3rd winter without a safe, sanitary, and secure home: <http://www.news9.com/story/36227775/oklahoma-disaster-response-group-needs-volunteers>

Here is a link to the OKUMC Disaster Response website where you can find volunteer information: <http://oklahomaunitedmethodistchurchdisasterresponse.org/>

Blessings & "Good Fruit!",
Rev. Richard W. Norman
Associate Director / Disaster Response Coordinator

Coming Soon!

UMM's Annual Fish Fry



October 7th

5-7 pm

Christ's Cupboard



The food pantry is in need of canned fruit and canned pasta meals this month.



Sept. 3rd – No Youth

Sept. 17th – 5-7:30 pm

Sept. 10th – 5-7:30 pm

Sept. 24th – 5-7:30 pm

save
the date!

CHURCH FAMILY GARAGE SALE

We will be holding our 12th Annual Church Family Garage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 7th from 8:00 am until Noon. As you know, this is a little different than most garage sales. If you would like to participate, you just sign up or give Annette a call to let her know you would like to reserve a church table or you can bring your own tables and clothes racks. Each person that participates picks an area on the church parking lot to sell their treasures and the shoppers pay you for the items they purchase from your area. At the end of the sale you donate at least 10% of your profits to our mission project our BACKPACK program. A new twist this year we are also taking donated items from the congregation and will have an area where people will be able to buy donated clothes for a \$1 per bag. There will also be other donated items for sale with all the money going to the BACKPACK program. What a great way for people to shop over many different garage sales with one stop and for you to get those closets cleaned out! If you would like to get rid of some items but don't want to have a table we will take donated items at the church the week before the sale. If it rains it will be postponed.



Cleaning Buckets For Houston

We will be collecting items for Cleaning Buckets to help people in Houston. You can also give money if you don't want to shop! Below is a list of items that go into the buckets.

Liquid laundry detergent

- One 50-oz or two 25-oz bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner

- 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be Mixed with water
- No spray cleaners

Dish Soap

- 16-28 oz. bottle any brand

1 can air freshener

- Aerosol or pump

1 insect repellent spray

- 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

1 scrub brush

- Plastic or wooden handle

18 cleaning wipes

- Handi Wipes or reusable wipes
- No terry cleaning towels
- Remove from packaging

7 sponges

- No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
- Remove from wrapper

5 scouring pads

- Remove from wrapper
- No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap build in)

50 clothespins

Clothesline

- One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
- Cotton or plastic

24-roll heavy-duty trash bags

- 33- to 45-gallon size
- Remove from the box

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

- Should be durable enough for multiple uses
- Remove from packaging

1 pair work gloves

- Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Prayer Requests



Crystal Nolan	Bill Patterson	Doug Dibble	Dale Whited	Darlene Walden
Mike Vaughn	Larry Simpson	Elisha Sexton	Joyce McDowell	Cody Harrison
Mark & Carol Cheetwood	Carol Schaffner	Jeff Stone	Brenda Edmonds	Marie
Zach & Chealsie Zink	Kayla Rush	Jackson Vaughn	People in South Texas	Michael Lea Stalling
Homeless	Peggy Satterfield family	Backpack Program	Christ's Cupboard	

August							October						
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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Labor Day	SASSY'S Betty Lester		Tim & Annette Stewart Ann. Charlseay Cogburn	Bob & Penny Crandall	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Quarterly Dinner Youth	Scott & Tracy Hoskins	Scott Marshall	Board Meeting			UMM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Youth			UMW	Christ's Cupboard Open	Scott Hoskins	Jake Kell
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Youth			Alex Workman	Robert & Sharon Bergevin		