

Countryside Trinity Church

Message from Pastor Dave: *"Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to God.' Acts of the Apostles' 10:34,35"*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Yesterday marked one month since my grandson Scout was born, and like most grandparents, I am bursting with joy and thanksgiving over his birth. It is with much anticipation that I am looking forward to a trip back east this month to meet the little guy. The time can't pass quick enough for Nana and Papa but Scout has no clue to any of our hopes and dreams for him. He just eats, sleeps and well, you know the rest. Until that time, I boast in what I do see and that is the way in which his older brother, Thatcher, has made Scout feel welcomed into the family. I commend his mom and dad for how smoothly this has all gone. Lest you think this is just a proud grandfather going on and on, here is what I have observed.

The first thing that Thatcher's mom and dad did when they found out child number 2 would soon be here was to instill in Thatcher that this baby was not a replacement for him. They realized that, with the arrival of a new person who would require a great deal of attention, Thatcher might feel left out or forgotten. So the baby was never referred to apart from his relationship to Thatcher. Scout was to be Thatcher's new brother, not simply the new baby. The sense I got from conversations overheard was that Thatcher was responsible for Scout and, in turn, as he gets older, Scout will be responsible for Thatcher, which means that from the beginning they will have success together, and they will make mistakes together (probably get in trouble together too!). Scout is not a replacement for Thatcher, but rather a partner with Thatcher.

Scout was born earlier than expected and as such had some minor health problems which in some ways was good for Thatcher. When Thatcher went to visit him in the hospital he saw the tubes and the incubator unit and so from the very beginning of the relationship Thatcher knew he had to be gentle with his new brother. This may be because mom and dad kept reminding him, but I would like to think that some of his gentleness was just instinctual. And though he sometimes forgets this as Scout grows and gets healthier, those first moments of care were filled with a gentle spirit that continues even a month later, and I hope will continue for the rest of their lives. I think it will as mom and dad have made sure that Thatcher regularly holds and feeds his little brother, an act that builds the bonds of family quicker than no other.

By now you might be asking but what has this to do with me, to do with us? At this point you've received word that in December our congregation will be blending with members of the Warren Avenue Church. We are becoming a blended family and the same things that Thatcher is learning as he welcomes Scout need to become a part of our learning as well.

First, the folks that are joining with us are not replacing you in the family. They are not coming to take your place in regards to your family responsibilities, nor are they coming as "the baby or newbies" or "the Warren Avenue folks" or as "those people". These new friends are coming as your brother, your sister, in Christ. They have always been your relative, but now you are going to more intimately do church together, that's the only difference.

There may not be any tubes or incubator but like Scout we need to be gentle with our new sisters and brothers in the faith.

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We may be all excited that there are new folks amongst us, our minds may be dreaming up new possibilities and we may be lost in our hopes for the future, but our new family members are in the process of saying goodbye to that place that was their sacred home for many years. They are saying good bye to the place where some of them first met Jesus, the place where they prayed to Jesus for their family, the very place where they wept as they bid farewell to a loved one who died and went to be with Jesus. Every morning Thatcher wakes up and knows the routine, knows where all the cool toys are, even what mom and dad expect from him that day—get dressed, go to school, eat your meals, but for Scout—every day, everything is new. Sure they share the same mom and dad—but they come to each day from a different perspective. Every Sunday, when you walk into Countryside, it is like returning home to what is known, what is comfortable, what is tried and true, remember for our new family members it is all new and somewhat unfamiliar—so be gentle.

Remember, like Thatcher, you have the responsibility to feed and hold our new family members. Now I know we have some really good cooks and bakers in our midst—but that is not the feeding to which I am referring. I invite you to feed them with your stories of faith, share with them what feeds your soul as you live out your life of faith here at Countryside. Welcome them to feast with you at the table of the Lord. And hold them...hold them in your conversations and dreams of hope and the future. Hold them deeply in your prayers. Hold them in your thoughts. Hold them in their grieving by being a companion with them through their journey. Hold them in thanksgiving as new members of your family of faith. Remember we are family through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, thanks be to God.

See you in church! Pastor Dave



Unicef Sunday - October 28, 2018

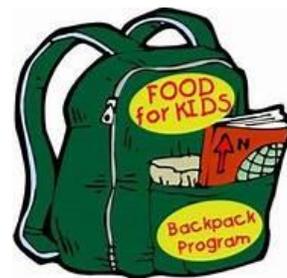
We will be sharing the date this year with the Stewardsip Potluck.

All are encouraged to dress up in costume! The children will be collecting money for Unicef and will be playing games during Sunday School.

Let's get all the children, grandchildren, friends, etc. to share in this event and have **FUN!**

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program at Weiss Elementary School is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 3rd and continuing every other week thereafter throughout the school year.



2018 Lake Huron Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering - "To Serve With Love" Matthew 20:28:

Forms are available for registration on shelf under Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. This year's date is October 20, 2018 and is located at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 5151 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.



Mission: The Mission of the Month is Old Town Ministries. They consider themselves a "Spirit filled church established for the purpose of reaching Saginaw with the hope and joy of Jesus Christ." Old Town has many different aspects of ministry: Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Baby Pantry, Worship Services and more. Last year they gave out 1,000,000 pounds of food.

World Communion Day is Sunday October 7. Since we will not have a service at CTC on the 7th, but will be worshipping at Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church on that day, envelopes will be in our Bulletins on September 30th and donations made at any time by October 14th. This is the time our denominations receive Peace and Justice Offerings. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

The Presbyterian share is divided $\frac{1}{4}$ to be kept by local churches for their projects (we have sent our share to the Underground Railroad.) Another $\frac{1}{4}$ stays in our region. The remaining is used for peacemaking around the globe.

The UCC uses Neighbors in Need $\frac{1}{3}$ for Council for American Indian Ministry and $\frac{2}{3}$ for Justice and Witness initiatives and advocacy efforts. Direct service grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

See information regarding **Crop Walk** on next page.

The Mission Committee is not sponsoring **Operation Christmas Child** this year. We will have information and supplies in Fellowship Hall if you want to participate in this project. The week of November 12 – 19 is the collection date for the Hopevale Church collection site. Handling costs are now \$9 per box.

Women's News: Church Women will hold their Human Rights Celebration November 2 at 10 am at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Reaching For Wholeness in Solidarity for God's Creation is the theme. **See Pat Denno for details.**

The **trunk sale/flea market** held on September 15th was a success and the Women's Association raised almost \$600.00.

YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of September 18, 2018, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and a short devotional.

Clerk's Report: Church membership remains at 96. Motion to restore church membership to Gwen Henderson per her request was sustained.

Pastor Myers Report: Pastor Myers has made several home visits to homebound members. He gave update on book study and bible study. He reported some of the plans for the blending of Countryside Trinity members with the Warren Avenue members. We will be worshipping at Warren Avenue on October 7, 2018 at their request.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Committee: Pastor Dave's request to attend a seminar on October 5-6, 2018 was approved. Highlights of the Stewardship campaign were reported.

Mission & Evangelism: Back pack program with Weiss Elementary will start on October 3, 2018. Peace Offering will be collected in October. The CROP walk is October 14, 2018. Participants needed.

New Business: Motion sustained to elect Marcia Lacker as our representative at the UCC gathering on October 12, 2018. Motion sustained to elect Lori Halase elder commissioner to Presbytery meeting on September 20, 2018 if Mary Longstreth is unable to attend. Motion sustained to host a spring and a fall trunk sale as long as it does not affect the church calendar.

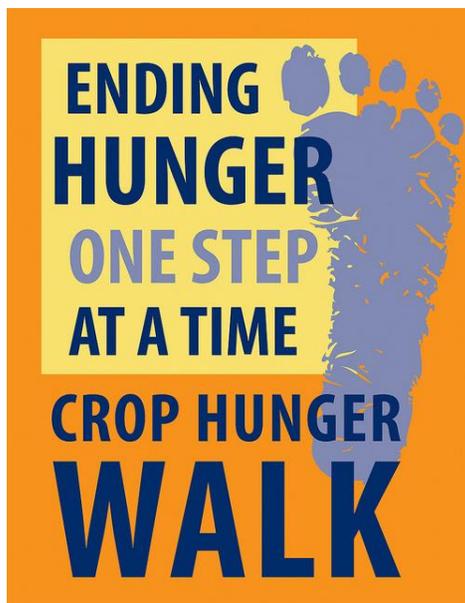
Submitted for your information,
Mary Ann Parker, Clerk of Session



TREASURER'S REPORT

Mari McKenzie

	August				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	328.25	5,242.15	9,338.61	11,500.00	7,731.79
Memorial	7,261.83			(1,500.00)	5,761.83
Special projects	768.79	190.00	125.00		833.79
Mission					
Hunger	616.79				616.79
Heifer proj (Church School)	14.44				14.44
UCC/PCU	28.75				28.75
Good Samaritan	2,563.28				2,563.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	4,278.84		500.00		3,778.84
Local	310.00	60.00	310.00		60.00
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40
	17,496.37	5,492.15	10,273.61	10,000.00	22,714.91
Endowment	167,200.60			(10,000.00)	157,200.60
	184,696.97	5,492.15	10,273.61	-	179,915.51



Crop Walk is Sunday, October 14, 2018. You can donate to walkers on line or in person. One quarter of CROP monies are donated to four local agencies: Hidden Harvest, East Side Soup Kitchen, Saginaw Rescue Mission and Samaritas. Last year we collected \$709. Let's top that this year! See Marcia Lacker to pick up forms if you can walk or go online to www.crophungerwalk.org hover over the "Search" button at the top right hand side of the page and a drop down box will appear. Type in "Countryside Trinity Church" in the box and click on the icon that appears. Countryside's page will pop up and give you the opportunity to "Donate" or if you scroll down - you can also join the team and be a walker or do both. Please help in this very important endeavor to make a difference in the fight to end world hunger!



Kroger Community Rewards Program

Giving more back to the community! Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards. Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy... all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card and when you do Countryside Trinity Church will receive a cash reward from Kroger based on the amount of your purchase!

If you have a Kroger Plus Card you will need to go online and enroll in the Community Rewards Program and choose Countryside Trinity Church. Enter <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/> in your internet browser. On that page look for the following picture on the page and click the "View Details" box:



Then look for the following on that page:

Find an Organization

Click in the box and type Countryside Trinity Church and then click the "Search" button. You should get a message that you are now enrolled and every time you swipe your Kroger Plus Card the church will get cash rewards based on the amount of your sale. **IT COSTS YOU NOTHING** to participate in this program, but Countryside can benefit by your purchases.

If you already have the Kroger App on your smart phone, you can simply sign into the app. At the top of the page click the three lines at the left side and a drop down menu will appear. Click on "Community Rewards" and search for Countryside Trinity Church and enroll there.

As always, if you are having any trouble please contact Kathy Loviska at the church Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and she will help you enroll.

If you shop at Kroger for your groceries or gas, **PLEASE** take the few minutes to enroll in this program. Every little bit helps and **IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!**

Thanks

Summer Picnic

Well, better late than never I guess. Here are some pictures showing all the fun we had on our Saturday Summer Picnic with good, games and sing-a-long. Looking forward to the next one!



Genesis Sunday Picnic

What a great day this was! Worship service was attended by 90 people and it was awesome to see all our blended family together to celebrate the beginning of the new church school year. A wonderful potluck meal was served, games were played and prizes won!





Pledge Dedication and Potluck Sunday October 28th

After your prayerful consideration, completed pledge cards will be dedicated during morning worship on Sunday, October 28th. Your Stewardship Committee (Administration) invites you to a celebratory potluck immediately following the service. The main dish, chicken, will be provided by committee members and you are asked to bring a dish to pass. Please join us in this very important day in the life of Countryside Trinity Church.

Children's Hand Bell Choir

The children's bell choir will be participating in the worship service on October 28th. I encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to take part in this service. Our children love playing the bells and appreciate the support they receive from our congregation. Thank you, Dan

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Don't forget to put Countryside Trinity Church's Holiday Bazaar on your calendar. This year the event is Saturday, November 3, 2018. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and we close at 3:00 p.m. We are not offering lunch to our customers this year, but **WILL** have lunch for the workers so don't forget to sign up to help. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall on the Bulletin Board. Also, the bake sale will be **BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER**. If you can donate, homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy, and other goodies, please see Barb Groom to make arrangements for those donations.

Gather anything you might wish to donate for the ever-popular "**Trash & Treasurers**" room and for those who are crafty - we will be asking for and gratefully accepting, your donations of homemade items for our sales table.

Pray for

Bickford Assisted Living

Elaine Kraenzlein

Edgewood Assisted Living Center

Betty Huber

Health Source

Bob Gulliver

St. Francis Home

Judith Lorenz

Wellspring Memory Support

Carolyn Pendell

Swanhaven Manor

Fern Evon Little

New Hope Valley Independent Living

Dorothy Gray

Wellspring Independent Living

Mary Ellen Sierocki

Helen Reynolds

Wellspring Assisted Living

Shirley Roof & Carol Williamson

Bob & Marie Lemmer

In Hospital or Private Homes

Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Elaine Miner,

Bessie Daugharty, Betty Hauk, Fran

Preuter, Fred & Kathy Williamson



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Plater (2004)
- 2 Drew Pequignot (2003)
- 2 Dan Groom (1943)
- 3 Joseph Ruth (1930)
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 6 Amanda Josephine Groom
- 11 Dick Easlick
- 13 Ethan Parker (2003)
- 14 Mike Yusaf (1975)
- 14 Tania Yusaf (1980)
- 16 Randy Groom
- 17 Elizabeth Jacob (2000)
- 22 Jean Anne Miller (1945)
- 22 Pat Denno (1943)
- 25 Ezra Yusaf
- 25 Aaron Plater (1960)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase (1956)



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Aaron & Paula Plater (1999)
- 8 Robert & Marie Lemmer
- 10 Eric & Sue Smith (1970)

Things To Do

Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market

- 203 South Washington Avenue
- Saginaw, MI 48607
- From: May 25, 2018 – Oct 31, 2018
- Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- Monday 12 pm-6 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am-3 pm, and Saturday 9 am-1 pm

If you have not been to visit our beautiful "Downtown Saginaw Farmer's Market" be sure to put this on your "To Do List". The indoor market is now open and chock full of wonderful shops, foods and fun!

Bay City Players Presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

- 1214 Columbus Avenue
- Bay City, MI 48708
- From: Sep 27, 2018 – Oct 07, 2018
- Every Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- Thurs, Fri, Sat @ 7:30 pm; Sunday @ 3:00 pm
- Admission: TBA
- (989) 893-5555

Clay: Adult Workshops

- Painterly Pottery & Michigan art studio
- 923 North Water Street
- Bay City, MI 48708
- From: Aug 30, 201
- 8 – Dec 27, 2018
- Recurring monthly on the last Thursday
- From: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- Admission: \$25.00 - Call to Reserve (989) 895-1029

Gordon Lightfoot

Date: 10/28/2018 - **Time:** 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

The Dow Event Center Theater: 303 Johnson, Saginaw, MI
Phone: (989) 759-1320

This year is special for legendary artist, Gordon Lightfoot, who has announced plans for a cross-country USA tour entitled "Gordon Lightfoot In Concert: The Legend Lives On." The tour, coming to the Dow Event Center October 28th, will feature his well-known hits as well as some deep album cuts for the die-hard fanatics. Tickets on sale September 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or in person at the Dow Event Center Box Office.

Events

FREE Senior Day at the Zoo

- Recurring monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month until October 3, 2018
- From: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Other Admission Prices: Zoo Admission \$5.00; Members FREE! Train and Carousel rides \$1

Enjoy our Tea and Tour

- Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House
- 527 Ezra Rust Drive
- Saginaw, MI 48601
- From: Apr 03, 2018 – Oct 30, 2018
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- From: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Admission: \$5.00 (cash or check only)
- (989) 759-1648

Egyptian Museum Glass Blowing Event

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland

25 Christmas Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Phone: 989 6529931

Event Description:

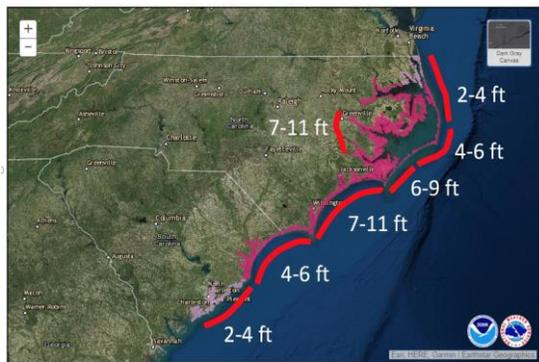
Join us as a skilled gaffer from Egyptian Museum Glass will host live demonstrations here at Bronner's in the artistry of glassblowing. Enjoy viewing the creation of many exquisite pieces from their line as well as a wide selection of Egyptian Museum Glass ornaments, perfume bottles, wine glasses, vases, candy dishes, decorative eggs and other lovely pieces available at Bronner's year-round.

Saturday, Oct. 6th, 10:00 am-12pm and 1:00pm-6:00pm,
Sunday, Oct 7th, 12-6 & Monday, Oct 8th, 10:00 am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm.

ONGOING EVENTS

Senior Center Activities: There are many centers in the Saginaw area offering continuing weekly activities from dancing and exercise to cards. A list will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You can also go online to view a list of each month's activities. Go to www.saginawcounty.com and hover on the tab "Community & Services" and then click on the drop down item "Commission on Aging". Look for upcoming events and there will be a link for Senior Center Events & Activities. **Check it out** - there are some fun activities that continue throughout the year.

HURRICANE FLORENCE



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Initial assessments suggest catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months.

The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the Psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God."

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual emotional care and Long Term Recovery to address unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, download resources, and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: Read the following prayer by PDA director, Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF HURRICANE FLORENCE

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.

We are thankful for the grace of days of preparation as Hurricane Florence approached; for the counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way and lessened the effects of wind and water on others.

At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom this storm was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, some still struggling to recover from Hurricane Matthew, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

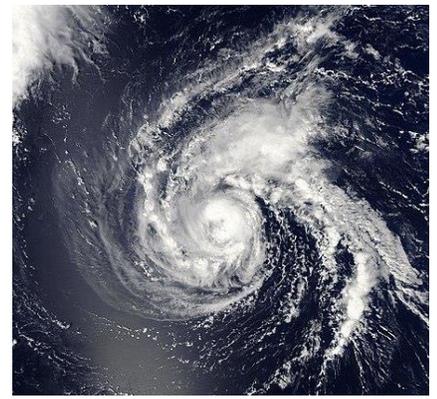
In the name of Christ the Healer we pray, amen

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The Current Situation - Florence

Updated 9/16/2018

Hurricane Florence, although weakened, continues to cause catastrophic flooding including prolonged significant river flooding, to the Carolina coast and even inland. Rainfall could total 40 inches in three days in some areas. More than a million Carolinians were ordered to evacuate, with 10 million in warning or watch areas. North Carolina's governor termed Florence "extremely dangerous, life threatening, historic."



The UCC's Response: *UCC Disaster Ministries continues to monitor the situation unfolding with Florence and several other hurricanes, including four more named storms in the Atlantic and Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Pacific. We are in communications with FEMA, National VOAD, partners, UCC Conferences and Conference Disaster Coordinators.*

The potential for catastrophic widespread impact from these storms has prompted UCC Disaster Ministries to establish a 2018 Hurricane Relief response that will allow us to expand our current capacities and respond through our established networks and partners in the threatened regions, states and territories.

As of Saturday, no local UCC churches have reported damage, Franklinton Center at Bricks has no report of major storm damage, and local UCC camps that have been approved as Red Cross emergency shelters are standing by in case they are called upon to be activated.

UCC Disaster Ministries is encouraging continued prayer for all the families, individuals, first responders and emergency management staff in the region and urges all in the hurricane's path to heed all local and regional warnings.

If you are in a threatened or affected area, have family and friends there, or are planning to visit a threatened or affected area, please heed the local and regional warnings being issued.

Disaster Ministries ready with support as Florence bears down on Carolina coast

September 13, 2018

Written by **Connie Larkman**

As an extremely dangerous Hurricane Florence churns its way toward the east coast of the United States, UCC Disaster Ministries is monitoring the situation through established networks and stands ready to support Church partners, Conferences and Congregations in Florence's path.

"I would like to encourage continued prayer for all the families, individuals, first responders and emergency management staff in the paths of the storm," said Zach Wolgemuth, Disaster Ministries executive.

Florence, a Category 3 storm Wednesday, September 12, downgraded overnight to a Category 2, is still a 500 mile-wide monster on a path that will put millions of people at risk and threaten billions of dollars in property damage. Centered on the Carolinas, Florence is expected to bring heavy rain and high winds driving storm surge flooding as it come ashore late tonight and early Friday morning before stalling and drenching the area this weekend. The impact of the storm is expected to be evident from Georgia to Maryland. A state of emergency has been declared in four states — South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, as well as Washington, D.C. — to help people prepare for the hurricane.

"If you have family and friends in any of these locations, I would strongly encourage that they heed the local and regional warnings being issued by emergency management officials," Wolgemuth said, a suggestion echoed by Southern Conference UCC leaders.

After a conference call Wednesday morning, Southern Conference Minister the Rev. Edward Davis and Conference Disaster Ministries Coordinator Jon Wallace issued a report recommending that those in the path prepare for landfall, collect information on the storm's track from accurate sources, and avoid the impulse to collect donations of any kind.

"Donated items can become very costly to store, maintain, and distribute," the report advises. "Soon after landfall local authorities will determine what items are needed and we will communicate those needs to you."

"Donors seeking the greatest impact should give financially to our 2018 hurricane relief effort," Wolgemuth said. "Cash is always the most effective and efficient form of support. It allows us to be flexible, nimble and fill crucial gaps in services."

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Zach Wolgemuth, UCC Disaster Ministries Executive

"As much as people want to help during the height of the disaster, the very best thing to do is for people to pray for the situation, stay out of the impacted area until it is safe to be there, make a financial donation and/or assemble clean-up buckets," said the Rev. Phyllis Richards, program associate, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Endowment Fund. She cites a CBS news story which indicates how good intentioned disaster donations of clothing, water or other supplies can even be detrimental to those they were offered to help.

According to the SOC Disaster Ministries Coordinator, a number of faith communities in Florence's path are already coming together for hurricane pre-planning and eventual long-term recovery work.

"The Southern Conference has reached out to our 'formula of agreement denominations' i.e. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Christian church Disciples of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church USA to share information and consider joint ministry collaborations," Wallace said. "The thought is that with such a catastrophic disaster staring us down that the more we could perhaps share ideas and resources the better."

Disaster Ministries is also monitoring other storms in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

"We are clearly seeing a direct link to climate change in the severity and number of storms being experienced globally," Wolgemuth said. "Our response, as a human race, is going to require clear acknowledgement and swift action. If we want to support disaster survivors we must do our part to help prevent disasters by addressing our contribution to climate change. Our national debt is not just financial, it is also environmental and we can no longer ignore the future because the future is upon us."

Ways to Help

- Pray for all impacted by disasters including those directly impacted, their families and friends. Pray for all those involved as first responders such as fire, police, and other emergency management professionals and volunteers.
- DO NOT collect "stuff" and/or attempt to ship material items to the impacted region(s). Enter the following link in your computer's internet browser to learn why cash is best. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzH-7k035sM>
- DO assemble Emergency Cleanup Buckets, Personal Hygiene Kits or School Kits. Enter the following link in your computer's internet browser to learn more. http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page
- Enter the following link into your computer's internet browser to download "12 Ways To Support Disaster Survivors" for more ways to help. <http://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/12-ways-to-support-disaster-ministries.pdf>

Mail your gift to the United Church of Christ

Attn: Financial Services

United Church of Christ

700 Prospect Ave. 6th Floor

Cleveland, OH 44115

Please write "2018 Hurricane Relief" in the memo line

2018

CALENDAR YEAR

OCTOBER

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

Countryside Trinity Church

4690 Weiss St. Saginaw, MI 48603

Email: Countryside@ctcsaginaw.com Phone: 989-793-0125

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

30	01	02	03	04	05	06
		6:30 PM FAMILY GAME NIGHT. Bring a snack to share (MANSE)	Weiss Backpack Program 1:00 P.M. Book Study	5:15 P.M. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice		
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATED AT WARREN AVENUE CHURCH - 10:00 am Worship Service W/Communion NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT COUNTRYSIDE		6:00 p.m. All Committees Meeting in Lounge	1:00 P.M. Book Study	5:15 P.M. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice	OFFICE CLOSED 2018 MI CONF UCC ANNUAL MEETING, 1ST Cong. UCC 106 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI	2018 MI CONF UCC ANNUAL MEETING, First Cong. UCC 106 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI
10:25 am-Announcements Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service-Pastor Hahn 11:30 am - Coffee Hour 4:00-6:00 pm - City of God			Weiss Backpack Program 1:00 P.M. Book Study	5:15 P.M. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice	OFFICE CLOSED	9:30 am-3:00 pm LHPW Fall Gathering, Flint, MI
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10:25 am-Announcements/Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service w/ Youth Bell Choir. 11:30 am - POTLUCK & UNICEF PARTY 4:00-6:00 pm - City of God			Weiss Backpack Program	Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.		

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*For if you forgive men when they
sin against you, your heavenly
Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive men their sins,
your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Matthew 6:14-15