

# DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

Mission Statement: "We invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith."

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MAY 2018

## Celebrating Our Blessings & Supporting Our Budget: Introducing the *Wall Of Giving* Debt Reduction Campaign



Have you seen it? The red wall displaying 200 envelopes with dollar amounts on them? It is part of the Finance Team's plan to acquire the funds to pay down the outstanding loan balance on the Activities Building, refinance and secure a fixed interest rate.

Since its completion, our Activities Building has become a community gathering place. It functions as an outreach and hospitality space, a school and home for several other civic and youth organizations. For our church family it has hosted so many celebrations and goodbyes, special worship experiences, fundraisers and a little 'dancing with the stars.' We are richly blessed with a facility in which to grow in God's love and share it with others.

Here are points to ponder as you consider what commitment you can make:

- ♦ The loan balance on April 1 was \$1,106,626.<sup>00</sup>
- ♦ On February 1 the interest rate increased from 4.00% to 4.75%
- ♦ Our debt requirement (principal & interest) for 2018 is \$99,660; one-third of our total budget.
- ♦ We will lose rental income when Blue Ridge Christian School moves this June
- ♦ Our operating budget for 2018 is \$358,000.

How do we use the Wall? Pick an envelope, enclose the amount indicated on that envelope and insert it in the slot. When every envelope is taken, we will have raised \$201,000! Envelopes may be obtained at church on Sundays or anytime during church office hours. Another option is to call the financial secretary, Mary Beth Morris, and request that she pull an envelope of your choosing off the wall and mail it to you.

Please, prayerfully evaluate what you can share but we ask one thing: that your gifts be over and above your regular giving. We still need to be able fund our budget and steady giving helps us to avoid shortfalls.

Everything we have is a gift from the Lord. In Second Corinthians 9:7, Paul writes: *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."*



**Did you know?**

**We Accept  
E-Giving!**

Use a checking account, savings account, debit or credit card to quickly and easily make your secure one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation.

Automating your donations permits uninterrupted giving in the event of vacations, illness or inclement weather closure.

Just visit our website  
[www.daytonumc.net](http://www.daytonumc.net)  
or call Mary Beth in the church office for more information.

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### June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Youth Sunday/Senior Day & Potato Bar Lunch

- ♦ **Worship** will be led by the Youth and the Children's Choir will sing,
- ♦ **High School Seniors** will be recognized - Jackson Bocock, Kristen Chapman, Delan Lambert, Aidan Parsley, Nick Stockner & Brady Witt
- ♦ Following worship is the annual **Baked Potato Bar** with all the fixings served family style. The Youth are very attentive waiters and a free-will offering to benefit their mission trips will be received.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers



### Nursery

6 Denise Lough  
13 Jan Alley  
20 Elaine Heatwole  
27 Amy Simmons

### Acolytes

6 Evan Lilly  
13 Chloe Nieder  
20 Caden Alley  
27 Bridget Appleton

### Coffee Social

6 Any Given Sunday  
13 On the Move  
20 need volunteer(s)  
27 need volunteer(s)

### Greeters

6 Jim & Norma Snyder  
13 United Methodist Women  
20 Tom & Brenda Legg  
27 Tina Shipe & Mary Nieswander

### Flowers

6 Communion  
13 Mother's Day  
20 open  
27 open

Usher: Carl Rasnack  
Open/Close: Don Huffman  
Mowing: Doug Wine & Joe Simmons

### Pew Stewards

6 Mary Nieswander  
13 Connie Gilmer  
20 Stacie Jackson  
27 Linda Covington



**The Children's Choir** will not perform on the fourth Sunday of May (Memorial Day weekend), but will have their last performance until Fall on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** as part of the Youth Sunday celebration.

-Dianne Pennington

### Worship Schedule for May

6 – Evangelism: “Go Fish”

#### Communion

Psalm 98:1-4; Matthew 4:18-22

13 – **United Methodist Women's Day**

Guest Speaker– Mary Jane Rawley

*Mother's Day*

Handbells will play

20 – **Pentecost Sunday:** “The Promise of Pentecost”

*Native American Ministries Sunday* (see page )

Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 2:1-4, 12-18, 37-39

27 – Pentecost theme: “Surprising Power”

*Noisy Cans - bring coins to share*

Isaiah 44:1-6; Ephesians 3:14-21

#### Sunday Schedule

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Social

11:15 Sunday School



*Wear Red!*

### Christian Education and Faith Building Opportunities



#### Summer Sunday School

*Starting Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>*

and continuing until September,  
Sunday School for all ages will  
begin at **9:00 a.m.**

For Children: a combined class will meet in the “green room.” Teachers are needed. Curriculum provided. Please contact Ginny Deeds for more information

For Adults: a combined class will meet in the Choir Room each Sunday. Topic to be announced soon.



#### In the Month of May:

**On the Move** is doing “In the Meantime” by Andy Stanley on what to do between the need made known and the answer yet to come from God.

**Suter's Class** has begun a series entitled “The Bible Project.” The study will enhance anyone's study and understanding of the Bible with the presenters giving some basic concepts in a creative format. Please join us at 9:00 on Sunday mornings in Room #6 downstairs.

### A New Fund - Learn about it on June 3

Four members of your Finance Team have been working for three months to establish an *Endowment Fund* for DUMC. It has been approved by the Church Council. At the Potato Bar Luncheon on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Ted Soto**, VP of the Virginia Conference Foundation will be present to explain what an endowment fund is, how it works, and the wonderful benefit to our church. Traditionally, an endowment provides for a person's investment to continue to support the church beyond their death. The Finance Team is excited to partner with The Foundation in creating an ethical and cooperative way for you to make a difference in people's lives and always be remembered for your contribution. They hope everyone will attend the lunch to support the Youth Mission Trips and stay to learn about the Endowment Fund and the ways it will help us fulfill our mission for many years and generations to come.

NOTE: No Sunday School or Coffee Social on June 3<sup>rd</sup>



**UM Men** meet the first Sunday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is served!



**The UMWomen** will meet on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area.



Grades 6–12

### MAY

**5<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday afternoon) - Charlottesville Jump Park  
**19<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday morning) – Dayton Yardwork Day

### JUNE

**3<sup>rd</sup>** (Sunday) - Youth Sunday/Senior Day & Potato Bar

### Summer Mission Trips

July 8 to 14 -- JR HIGH's going to Virginia Beach  
 July 29 to Aug. 4 -- SR HIGH's going to Atlanta M25

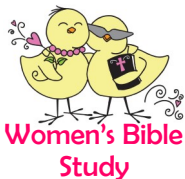


Grades K–5

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) 5:30 -- 7:30  
*Parable of the Mustard Seed* is our theme. Warning: we may have an activity with soil so don't dress your best ☺.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Sunday) 10:00 – 11:00  
 -Youth Sunday. YFF's singing.

YFFs acting out the Parable of the Sower



**Women's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at NOON in the home of Linda Jacobs (2271 Silver Lake Road). Note the time - Linda has invited the group to lunch! The lesson to follow will conclude the study "The Grave Robber" by Mark Batterson. This month the focus will be on the seventh sign - the raising of Lazarus - as recorded in John 11: 11-44 and using chapters 22-25 in the book.



### ***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018***

- ✦ Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28 (closing July 1 during worship)
- ✦ Volunteers needed in the kitchen and with the kids.
- ✦ Planning meeting Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Cross Talk
- ✦ Contacts: Kim Guyer (kimrodneyguyer@yahoo.com) or Mary Ryder (mryder@rockingham.k12.va.us).

### OPEN DOORS RECAP

What a tremendous service the Dayton UMC congregation provided by hosting our Open Doors homeless shelter during Holy Week. So many guests expressed their thanks and mentioned how they feel the most comfortable and accepted while staying at Dayton UMC - they felt loved here. Hosting in one of the many county churches presents unique struggles and all our volunteers deserve a hearty 'thank you' for a job well done. We endured several freezing nights where the guest numbers fluctuated wildly and even rose to 50 one evening. This added extra strain on bus drivers and meal servers, but our volunteers adapted and kept things running smoothly. So many thanks to all our volunteers, which tallied over 100 for the week!

From cooking, shopping and cleaning, to setting up beds, guest laundry, driving buses, staying overnight and unloading/loading equipment, Christ's example of serving the least and lost was clearly alive.

And on a personal note, the Open Doors effort could not have come at a worse time for me as our family's struggles with Mary Helen's cancer battle escalated. My increased absence during the week was difficult for me to deal with, but all our volunteers carried the extra load, recognizing this need and joyfully supporting the added responsibilities. I can't thank Dayton UMC and all our Open Doors volunteers enough! Lives were changed this week; providing a wonderful illustration of membership in Christ's family.

-Graham Witt



## Missionary Minute with Mary Beth & Bobby Morris

Several years ago, Mary Beth and I made our first of many trips to the dumps of Teculetan. It remains one of the most heart-wrenching places that I have visited in Guatemala or elsewhere. On that initial trip to the dump, our impending approach became obvious. I was already struck by the poverty that was evident in this third world country, but as our bus turned off the main corridor and down that dusty dirt road, the definition of poverty escalated to a whole new level. The first set of homes that we approached were devised of cinder block and tin. As we continued towards our destination these make-shift block homes seemed to evolve into houses made of mud. It was apparently clear, that the residents who lived down this narrow dirt road understood that the bus that passed by their homes contained American missionaries. Our mere presence seemed to generate an air of excitement or so I thought. Children who were once playing in the street suddenly stopped. Women ceased doing laundry and darted in their homes only to reappear a moment later carrying empty bottles and small plastic bowls. Peering out the back window of the bus, I realized that we were being followed.

Smoke rising from burning garbage will be the first thing you will notice upon arriving at the dump. Children who had previously been playing in or around the smoldering trash rushed to join the ones who had followed us. I had assumed they were there to greet us, but I had failed to see the line that was already forming in the makeshift pavilion adjacent to where our bus had come to a stop. It was Wednesday, one of the three days that this feeding station would provide a meal and we were there to serve it.

Guatemala remains one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; nearly sixty percent of the population lives below the poverty line and twenty five percent live in extreme poverty. Pastora is one of those individuals. Living in a make-shift plastic shack at the edge of the dump, she helps to support her family, earning less than a dollar a day, sifting through the garbage for anything recyclable. The three meals served each week by Hope of Life will be her only hot meals of the week. During the nine trips we have made to Guatemala and the Teculetan dump, we have come to love Pastora. One of her most remarkable aspects is not her age (she is in her late seventies) but her infectious smile and cheerful personality. We once asked her, how she could be so happy living in a garbage dump? She smiled and replied, "How could I not be happy because Jesus lives in my heart."



[photo left: Pastora]

During the first week of July, we will once again be returning to Guatemala and the dump in Teculetan. We will be taking with us suitcases full of shoes. Many of the people that live in and around the dump, including the children, are barefooted. Those that do have shoes have usually found them while sifting through the garbage. Along with a pair of shoes, it is our plan to provide each person with a water bottle. Several years ago, another missionary team installed a clean water well in the small village adjacent to the dump, their only containers are the plastic bottles they have retrieved from the landfill. During the summer months, the temperature in Teculetan can surpass 110 degrees and so hydration becomes paramount. This past November, we planted the first of what we hope to be many trees amongst the make-shift homes at the edge of the landfill. There are very few trees near the Teculetan dump, so we hope the one coconut tree, two mango trees and others we plan to plant this July will provide a dual purpose; a source of shade and a supply of fruit.



As mentioned previously, this July Mary Beth and I will be making our tenth trip to this impoverished country. On our first trip, in 2015, we were a part of a team that built a church in the mountainous village of La Colonia. It remains the only church in this village of several hundred people. There is spiritual hunger in this village that has only intensified since the construction of that church. On each of our successive visits to Guatemala, we have returned to this village to conduct a three day Bible study. Mary Beth leads the women's study and I lead the men's study. In that first year, only two men showed up for the men's group. This past November over twenty men gathered to worship the Lord, several accepting Christ as their Savior for the first time. During those early Bible studies, we were astonished to learn that only one man owned a Bible, throughout the past two years, Mary Beth and I have personally provided each newcomer with their very own copy of Scripture.

In the past two years, we have had the unique experience of being with a mission team in village of Arenales. This Mayan village is located in the remote Petén Jungle of northern Guatemala. Malnutrition and other medical conditions were rampant in this village mainly due to their lack of clean drinking water. In 2016, our team dug a well which serves as the only source of clean drinking water for this village of eight hundred Mayan Indians. In 2017, we returned to this village with a doctor and several nurses.

One of our favorite places to visit in Guatemala is the *Hope of Life* missionary complex in Rio Hondo.

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It is here that we find the orphanage, baby rescue hospital, senior citizen home and a special needs facility. If international adoptions were still open in Guatemala, then Olga, Raquel and Nelson would already be home with us. At nine years old, Olga is the oldest of her three siblings. She was brought to the orphanage several years

ago, malnourished and 'skin and bones'. All three siblings are the children of a mentally disabled mom and the product of rape. At six years old, Olga's father would remove her from the orphanage long enough to work the harvest in the cantaloupe fields. At the end of harvest season he would return her to the orphanage, malnourished and weak. Only in the past several years has legal action finally ended this cycle of abuse. We have spent countless hours, laying on the floor coloring, playing games or simply hugging and loving these three children. Their story however is not unique, there are many more kids in this orphanage who have experienced similar or worse struggles.

In Guatemala there is no Social Security, pension plan or welfare. If you are lucky enough to have made it to this age in Guatemala family is very important for survival. For those that have no family or whose family is too impoverished to provide support there is very little hope for survival. The senior citizen home on the Hope of Life complex has provided a place of refuge and hope for some of those individuals. They have not only survived poverty, but endured the thirty years of civil war that plagued Guatemala from 1966 to 1996. Although the language barrier is an obstacle it does not prevent the fellowship we share with these individuals. I have spent

hours, listening to Miriam tell stories that I cannot understand. At eighty years old and without family she can barely contain her excitement when we visit. Her farewell words are always the same, "Cristo te ama!" Christ loves you!

There are over seventy seniors that call this center home, most have accepted Christ as their Savior but there are others we are still desperately trying to reach. When we return in July, we hope to present each with a large print Spanish Bible. \*\*

People have often asked me why I travel to Guatemala. The easy answer is that I have fell in love with the people of this country. They may be living in one of the most impoverished countries in the world but their eagerness and desire to know the Lord is unquestionable. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus instructs us, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:19, NIV). I often tell people, "I traveled to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, I go to Guatemala to be in His presence."



Thank you for this opportunity to share with you about our mission work in Guatemala and our love for the people there. Please remember us in your prayers as we prepare for the trip in July and for the time while there.

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.*

*-Proverbs 19:17 NIV*

Blessings,

Bobby and Mary Beth Morris

**\*\*If you are interested in helping, please make checks out to the DUMC with Guatemala in the memo. Please specify how you would like your donation used. Twenty-five dollars will cover the cost of a large-print Spanish Bible for someone in the elderly home and can be given in honor or memory of someone you love. I will contact you to clarify how you would like your inscription. Donations of any amount will greatly help Bobby and I continue in our service in Guatemala.**

*Thank you! - Mary Beth*

## **COMMUNITY 'EATING' EVENTS**

What: **Luncheon** sponsored by the B'water Home Auxiliary

When: Wednesday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 11:00 to 1:00

Where: Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

Cost: \$6 and carry-out is available

Menu: Lasagna, broccoli, garlic bread, salad, cookies, drinks  
There will be lunches each month thru October and the menu is different every time. Elsie Cox is our rep on the Auxiliary and proceeds from these luncheons benefit the residents of Bridgewater Home through the group's many projects.

What: **Pancake Breakfast** -

All you can eat! All the fixin's!

When: Saturday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**; 7 to 10 AM

Where: DUMC Fellowship Hall

Cost: Freewill donations to support the many community projects of the Dayton Ruritans.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Birthdays

1 Marilyn Hackett  
2 Ed Byrd  
2 Josie Nieder  
3 Tina Shipe  
4 Todd Nieder  
6 Andrew Scordo  
7 Marty Austin  
7 Brady Witt  
8 Chuck Garber  
8 Julie Hamann  
10 Sheryl Newkirk  
12 Alan Pennington  
14 Jeffrey Smith  
15 Mailee Findley  
16 Jay Ralston  
17 Flora Belle Byrd  
17 Judy Powell  
18 Ella Tatro  
20 Judy Estes  
21 Caden Alley  
22 Diane Helmick  
25 Donna McCormick  
25 Merle Wampler  
26 Ann Will  
28 Carolyn Davis  
30 Linda Covington  
30 Bob Ware  
31 Nancy Dauer

### Anniversaries

2 Gene & Wanda Wampler  
14 Bill & Kathy Miller ('74)  
14 Jack & Lena Osborne ('66)  
20 Rodney & Kim Guyer ('00)  
22 Neal & Rebecca Wong ('04)  
23 Jim & Norma Snyder ('59)  
25 Jim & Carrie Nutter ('69)  
26 Steve & Jackie Lohr ('95)  
27 Dan & Jessica Tatro ('06)



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

### Fellowship Suggestions Needed

Your Church Council is asking everyone to share ideas as a theme or activity for monthly church fellowship gatherings. This is for the purpose of building relationships in our church family, having fun in doing so, and thereby helping to build a stronger community of faith.

Please send suggestions to  
Lena Osborne ([lenao@aol.com](mailto:lenao@aol.com))  
or place them in the basket  
on the narthex table.



I would like to thank the congregation for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and food received during my recovery from double knee replacement surgery. I continue to make positive progress.

God Bless

*Jeffery Lineberry*



Dear Dayton UMC Family,  
Mary Helen and I cannot begin to express how grateful we are for all the support, encouragement and prayers for our entire family during this struggle. From cards and messages, to meals, gifts and flowers, it has all been very uplifting to know we belong to such a loving faith family. During the times when we felt so helpless, to know we were buoyed by your love meant so much. Please continue to keep us in thoughts and prayers as we transition from treatment to recovery.

*Mary Helen & Graham Witt*

## Save The Date! DUMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

### Meetings This Month

**Finance Team** - Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Cross Talk

**Church Council** - Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 in Cross Talk

Thank you to all who have served as Ushers  
so far this year. - Nancy Harper

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Community Celebration

Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Bring your family and chairs or blankets, and be ready to have a great time!

Events will include a cruise-in car show, inflatables and children's entertainment, a special message from Steve Wingfield, a ceremony to honor veterans, military personnel, and first responders, and rockin' music from Jason Crabb, John Schmid, and Jeff Polen!

All events are free, and there will be food for sale from local vendors.

### Treasurer's Report: Jan - Mar 2018 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$81,935.48
Expenditures	\$94,956.32
Year-to-Date Budget	\$89,665.75
Designated Contributions	\$9,497.00

### Mortgage Report as of Mar. 31, 2018

Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$1,106,625.74
Loan Balance	\$393,374.26
Extra payments on principal	\$44,812.21





Virginia UMC Annual Conference  
June 15-17, 2018  
Hampton Roads Convention Center

#### **4 Can 4 Conference**

Every member to Annual Conference (laity and clergy) is encouraged to bring 4 cans or boxes of food with them to benefit the work of the Hampton Roads Food Bank. Let's heap it up and make Pastor Bruce haul LOTS of food items to Hampton Roads! Bring any of the following and place them in the box provided by June 10<sup>th</sup>: pull-tops cans of soup, meat, stew, veggies and fruit; plus packaged staples (pasta, grits, cereals, pancake or cornbread mix, crackers, etc.). No glass jars or expired items can be accepted.



#### **Native American Ministries Sunday – May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

On January 29, 2011, six Virginia Indian tribes gained federal recognition. Over the years we have provided many forms of non-monetary support for our friends in this effort. Federal recognition provides the opportunity for scholarships and other programs, but few people in Virginia's indigenous communities know how to negotiate the red tape involved. We look forward to partnering with them to help them move forward.

We worked with the Farmville District outreach to the Edisto people of South Carolina to renovate sub-standard homes to make them safe and accessible. We also supported a Native American youth camp in Culpeper, Virginia. Your gifts make these ministries possible.

#### **District-wide Revival Service**

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
- 3:00 p.m. -  
at Asbury UMC,  
205 S. Main  
Harrisonburg  
**Preacher:**  
**Rev. Greg West**  
Chaplain,  
Virginia Wesleyan

#### **We are Hosting a Big District Party!**

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> our  
Fellowship Hall will be the site for a  
**Retirement Party** for  
District Superintendent **Tommy Herndon**  
and  
District Program Director **Glen Langston**.  
Everyone is invited to drop-in  
- 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - to honor these two  
faithful servant leaders.

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### **Read Through the Bible 2018 Same Best Seller - Different Approach**

Bishop Sharma Lewis invites us to join her in reading through the Bible – again - ***this time in Chronological Order***. Copies of the daily reading outline are in the narthex or at

[www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org). She suggests you invite others and choose your favorite translation. No Bible? No problem!

Go to <http://backtothebible.org/>  
Click on reading plans and get started!

#### ***MAY 2018***

- 1 2 Samuel 5:1-10;  
1 Chronicles 11-12
- 2 Psalm 133
- 3 Psalms 106-107
- 4 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23;  
1 Chronicles 13-16
- 5 Psalms 1-2; 15; 22-24; 47; 68
- 6 Psalms 89; 96; 100; 101; 105; 132
- 7 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17
- 8 Psalms 25; 29; 33; 36; 39
- 9 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18
- 10 Psalms 50; 53; 60; 75
- 11 2 Samuel 10;  
1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20
- 12 Psalms 65-67; 69-70
- 13 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20
- 14 Psalms 32; 51; 86; 122
- 15 2 Samuel 13-15
- 16 Psalms 3-4; 12-13; 28; 55
- 17 2 Samuel 16-18
- 18 Psalms 26; 40; 58; 61-62; 64
- 19 2 Samuel 19-21
- 20 Psalms 5; 38; 41-42
- 21 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57
- 22 Psalms 95; 97-99
- 23 2 Samuel 24;  
1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30
- 24 Psalms 108-110
- 25 1 Chronicles 23-25
- 26 Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145
- 27 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
- 28 Psalms 111-118
- 29 1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37; 71; 94
- 30 Psalms 119:1-88
- 31 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1;  
Psalm 72

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:  
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Next Deadline: Sunday, May 27

## Kits for Conference

The UMWomen are collecting items to assemble UMCOR relief kits. They have again chosen the School Kit and the Hygiene Kit (formerly Health). Bring items from now until late May and place them in our box in the Coffee Social Area. Please remember these guidelines:

1. All items must be new. Do not launder towels or washcloths
2. Purchase *exactly* what is on the list
3. No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please. \*\*



If you want to sew bags, look for instruction here:  
<https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/School>

### Hygiene Kit—all items must be NEW

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. These kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

Value: \$12 per kit

#### ●1 hand towel

- ◇15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;
- ◇Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

#### ●1 washcloth

#### ●1 comb

- ◇Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;
- ◇No pocket combs or picks please;
- ◇Rattail combs/combs w/out handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

#### ●1 metal nail file or nail clippers

- ◇No emery boards, please.

#### ●1 bath-size soap

- ◇3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- ◇No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- ◇Do not remove from original packaging.

#### ●1 toothbrush

- ◇Adult size only; individually packaged!
- ◇Do not remove from original packaging.

#### ●6 adhesive bandages

- ◇¼ inch to 1 inch-size;
- ◇Common household Band-Aids.

#### ●1 plastic bag

- ◇One-gallon size sealable bag only.

**\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**

### School Kit—all items must be NEW

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources.

Value: \$11 per kit

#### ●1 pair blunt scissors

- ◇Rounded tip only; No plastic scissors, please.

#### ●3 pads of paper

- ◇Spiral- or top-bound pads;
- ◇150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad;
- ◇Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable;
- ◇No composition books, please.

#### ●1 hand-held pencil sharpener

- ◇Must be at least 1 inch long; Remove from packaging.

#### ●1 30-centimeter ruler

- ◇Hard or flexible;
- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable;
- ◇No advertisements please.

#### ●6 unsharpened pencils \*\*

- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable.

#### ●1 2-inch or larger-size eraser \*\*

- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable.

#### ●1 24-count box of crayons

- ◇Only 24-count boxes, please.

#### ●1 14x16 inch cloth bag \*\*

- ◇Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable;
- ◇Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.;
- ◇Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.



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- 2) Sustainable Development
- 3) Global Health (in collaboration with Global Ministries)