

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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APRIL 2019

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:00 - Worship: we will welcome the six students into membership. A reception in their honor follows worship. Read about them on page .

"Don't Worry About Anything; Pray About Everything" I Kings 8:56; Matthew 6:24-34

2:30 -Young First Followers' Easter Party & Egg Hunt

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PALM SUNDAY

10:00 - Worship: music by the Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir.

"Faith in the Face of Gathering Gloom" Psalm 43; Luke 21:25-28

11:00 - Easter Basket Project Packing in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring items through April 12th and place them in the boxes provided in the Coffee Social Room and atrium. We will be assembling over 900 baskets for local children ages 2-12. Find the list of suggested items in the narthex or the March newsletter. Cash donations are also welcome.

Thank you for your faithful support of this unique ministry of outreach.

7:00 - Turner Ashby HS Choir Concert – in the sanctuary; love offering.

TA Singers is a 51 member auditioned choir. Chamber Singers is a 16 member select group that meets before school each morning. Both choirs have received superior rating at State Assessment each year. Under the direction of Wesley Dunlap, the TAHS Music Department is recognized as a Blue Ribbon Music school by the state of Virginia.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 Worship: remembering the events in the Upper Room and the Garden of Gethsemane. Communion will be shared.

"The Life Giving Flow" Exodus 12:1-13; John 13:1-20

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EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 - Community Sunrise Service & Breakfast: Rev Kevin Daggett, pastor of Dayton Church of the Brethren is preaching. Music by Jim Alley.

We need egg casseroles and other breakfast foods and kitchen help.

Look for a sign- up on the table next to the coffee social area.

Plan to attend and welcome our brothers & sisters in the Risen Lord.

This is always a well attended worship experience.

10:00 - Resurrection Celebration: music by the Choir & Joyful Noise.

"What Will Be Your Epitaph?" Job 19:25-27; John 11:17-27

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NOISY CAN SUNDAY

10:00 - Worship: music by the Choir & Joyful Noise; don't forget coins to provide hot meals to kids in Haiti.

"After the Easter Parade" Psalm 96:1-4; John 21:1-14

MISSION CENTRAL DEDICATION

3:00 p.m. Worship Service - Cedar Grove UMC Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting, Facility Tour & Refreshments

(sneak peak tour with JOY on April 17)

"Come and see what GOD has done!"



Sunday Schedule

9:00

Suter's Class

On the Move Class

10:00

Worship

11:00

Coffee Social

11:15

Sunday School

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Sunday Morning Volunteers

Nursery

7 Mary Ryder
14 Lori Bocock
21 Brenda Legg
28 Ellie Nieder & Anna Simmons

Ushers:

Guyer Family

Open/Close:

Acolytes

7 Brad Moseley
14 Bridget Appleton
21 Caden Alley
28 Gracie Ryder

Coffee Social

7 Reception
14 On the Move Class
21 Easter Sunday
28 volunteer needed



Greeters

7 Mary and Travis Ryder
14 Donna and Russ Kennedy
21 Ann and Paige Will
28 Diane and Doug Helmick

Pew Stewards

7 Margaret Thornton
14 Mary Nieswander
21 Elaine Heatwole
28 Stacie Jackson

Flowers

7 Communion
14 Palm Sunday
21 Easter
28 Nancy McDonaldson

A/V Update:

Dayton UMC is **now streaming live** during our services and saving the videos on YouTube. Please search for and/or subscribe to the YouTube channel: DaytonUMC-VA. If you are offsite, you can livestream our worship services - whether you are at home or in Hawaii.



With this new service offering, we will need to add some extra help to our Sunday Audio/Visual team. Ideally we would like two people each Sunday morning to help run our digital experience. We always need a dedicated person to run the sanctuary slide show for our congregation. In addition, a second person who enjoys videography, is needed for our online experience to be effective. We are hoping to implement several training sessions for both of these roles during the months of April and May, most likely during choir practice on Wednesday evenings. Our church family needs this support. It doesn't require a great deal of technology expertise, but mostly a willingness to serve and attention to detail during the worship service. If there is any interest please contact Mary Beth in the church office or Graham Witt with any questions.

Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary will be in full bloom - a colorful reminder of new life in the Risen Christ. You may ***purchase plants in honor or memory of loved ones*** for only \$6 each and take them home after worship. You can choose a hyacinth, a tulip or an Easter egg mum.



OR

make a donation toward the Cambodia Street Children Ministry in honor or memory of someone. Help provide food, education and Christian guidance to children in orphanages or poor areas of Cambodia.

For either tribute, find an order form in the narthex, complete it and ***return it*** with your gift to the church office ***by Sunday, April 7th***.

Sunday School & Christian Ed

- ♦ **Any Given Sunday** gathers at **11:15** in room #9 downstairs.
- ♦ **Cross Talk** utilizes "Faithlink" - a hot topic, discussion-based examination of life and Biblical expression - Room #4 at **11:15**.
- ♦ **On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building at **9:00**. They are doing another Andy Stanly series, "Faith, Hope, and Luck."
- ♦ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs to continue Mark Batterson's "Whisper -- How to Hear the Voice of God."
- ♦ **F.I.S.H (Friends In Service to Him)** meets in room #7 downstairs at **11:15** and new friends are always welcome. Led by the team of Robin Simmons and Jay Ralston, this discussion-based class is a genial mixture of ages and life experiences. On April 7th they start a new series from RightNow Media - ***"This Is the Day" featuring Tim Tebow*** - so now is a great time to join the conversation! Here is a brief summary of the study:

Have you ever felt stuck? Sometimes life feels rigid — as if nothing could ever really change.....Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react.

No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In this inspirational series, Heisman Trophy winner, Tim Tebow, shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act.

CHILDREN,

pre-K through 5th grade.

Join us for Sunday School as we use the Deep Blue Curriculum and learn to:

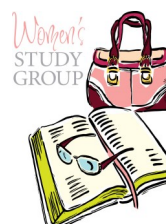
B: Be with God

L: Love God & your neighbor

U: Understand yourself as a child of God

E: Explore your faith and the Bible

**COME ON DOWNSTAIRS TO
JOIN THE FUN
EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:15!**



Women's Bible Study meets April 9th at 12:30 p.m. with Margaret Thornton as hostess (110 Meadow Lane, Bridgewater). We will conclude our study, "Be Joyful!" by Warren Wiersbe, with the focus on the fourth chapter of Philippians and chapters 11-13 in the study book.



On April 7th, we will be celebrating the addition of six new members into our church family from the Confirmation Class. After several sessions studying with Pastor Bruce, these young people have learned much about the church, the Methodist doctrines, and their own faith. Of these exceptional young people, Pastor Bruce said, "I was impressed with the interest and participation by the students, especially the challenging, thoughtful questions. Great group of kids who will be solid Christians and citizens in their future endeavors."

Our newest members will be:



Ethan Eberly, son of Katrina and Jamie Eberly, grandson of Becky Eberly. Brother of Ally and Drew. Ethan (13), a seventh grader at Pence Middle School, has been coming to our church his whole life. He is on the swim team and participates in school musicals. He is also a black belt in karate and enjoys singing. During the Confirmand classes, Ethan "enjoyed learning about sanctifying, justifying, and prevenient grace".



Mailee Findley, daughter of Stephanie and Matt Findley, granddaughter of Lena and Jack Osborne. Sister of Ava. Mailee (12), a seventh grader at Montevideo Middle School, has been coming to our church her whole life. She enjoys art, lacrosse, horseback riding, and hanging out with friends and family. During the Confirmand classes, she "learned how to be a better Christian and member of DUMC".



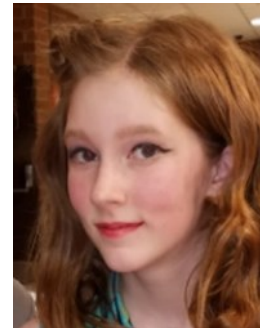
Charlie Herr, son of Libi and Sam Herr. Brother of Madelyn. Charlie (11), a sixth grader at Pence Middle School, has been attending our church about two years. He likes playing basketball and video games. Charlie's special memory from the Confirmation classes is the jokes they made at the beginning of the classes!



Emma Jackson, daughter of Stacie and Cary Jackson. Sister of Cameron and Payton. Emma (12), a seventh grader at Pence Middle School, has been coming to our church her whole life. When asked about her interests, she said, "Every moment I get, I like to spend at the stables. I love to ride, care for, and show horses." Regarding the Confirmation classes, she "liked spending time with people that I don't always spend time with and got to know them better."



Chloe Nieder, daughter of Kim and Todd Nieder, granddaughter of Elaine and Larry Heatwole. Sister of Ellie and Josie. Chloe (11), a sixth grader at Pence Middle School, has attended our church her whole life. She plays basketball and softball, and also enjoys art and playing the piano.



Claire Parsley, daughter of Sally Parsley-Howe and David Parsley. Her older brothers are Aidan and Brendan. Claire (14), a freshman at TAHS and has attended DUMC since age 3. Claire enjoys forensics, musical theater and swimming. She is in the French club, Spanish club, and Girl Scouts. During the Confirmand classes she enjoyed "Ms. Lolly being sweet to me. I also have loved going on mission trips to Atlanta, Tennessee, and Virginia Beach with Graham and other adults in the church."

A reception to honor the Confirmands will be held following worship on the 7th. Please stay to welcome these new members and surround them with love, support, and prayers to help them grow into the disciples and roles God has planned for them.

--Thank you to Debby Roadcap for contributing this article.





UMWomen meet Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area.

CHURCH FAMILY: It is time to start shopping for items for Kits for Conference!

We are preparing School Kits, Hygiene Kits, and Cleaning Kits. Please note that the lists

were recently updated and several key changes were made.

Click this link <https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies> or find lists on page 7 or in the narthex.

The next gather of the **Twice Singles** fellowship group will be in June.

Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for details and if you have questions contact:

-Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com)

-Carolyn Davis (879-9966; rog759@comcast.net) OR

-Nancy Harper (828-2221)



JOY group will tour the newly expanded UM Mission Central facilities on Wednesday, April 17th. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch follows at a location to be determined.

Got a suggestion for a place to dine? Contact Jack Osborne.

The YFF Easter Party/Egg Hunt in Sunday, April 7th, 2:30 - 4:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends for a fun and festive afternoon!



Grades K-5



Grades 6-12

Upcoming Youth Schedule

4/07 - Harrisonburg Jump Park
4/20 - Open Doors Food Truck Festival
4/27 - Dayton Yardwork Day

5/18 - Camp Still Meadows Day
5/19 - DUMC Coffee Social

6/02 - DUMC Senior Day/Youth Sunday/
Potato Bar Fundraiser

6/26 - New Pastor Move-In - Youth Help

7/7 - 7/14 - Copperhill, TN Youth Mission Trip

Alan Tunucci, who played piano for our Christmas cantata and other Sundays, will perform his Master's Recital on Friday, April 19th at 8:00 in the Forbes Center Recital Hall on the campus of JMU.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Editor's Note: those of us who attended Yanet's Doctoral lecture and recital were mesmerized and amazed as she educated us on the finer points of Cuban composers. It was fantastic!!



What: Dayton Ruritan 4th Annual Gospel Concert

Where: Tuner Ashby Auditorium

When: Saturday April 27th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Groups: Ron Good Family, WestWind Bluegrass, the Deans, Southern Grace, Lisa Meadows,

Food: Mama's Caboose food truck

Cost: Freewill Offering to support scholarships & community service programs.

What: Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Lunch

Where: Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

When: Wednesday, April 3rd from 11:00 to 1:00

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, corn, rolls, dessert

Cost: \$6 and carry-out is available; supports the projects & programs of the Auxiliary.



Hey there, Partners! It's time to saddle up for **Vacation Bible School!** We are ridin' into **Giddy-Up Junction the week of June 9-13** with a closing program during worship on the 16th. Our kids will learn about the good news of God's love—the Gospel—going to new frontiers in the book of Acts. They will respond to God's love and learn how they can take it to new frontiers today.

Anyone who is interested in helping, contact Mary Ryder and/or come to the **planning meeting Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Coffee Social Area. We would love for you be part of the gang! To reach Mary: call 540-607-6286; or email mryder@rockingham.k12.va.us

Why Every Day Should Be Palm Sunday

[Jesus] was all about giving. He gave of himself. He who was rich became poor that we might be rich. He gave until there was no more to give.

He was all about goodness. The essential goodness of Jesus, unparalleled by anyone before him or after him, testifies to the life to which we are called.

When he saw the crowds as sheep not having a

shepherd, he was moved with compassion - he became almost physically sick, so great was his love.

Let's give Jesus the palm branch treatment, but let's not make this a one-Sunday wonder. His grace, his giving and his goodness compel us to change our behavior, not just pat him on the back, or complain behind his back.

-Homiletics

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

2 Judy Austin
3 Mark Simmers
4 Allison Eberly
4 Lindsey Stover
5 Jennifer Appleton
5 Bill Groseclose
5 Jake Hamann
5 Reta Harold
7 Cael Wright
9 Abigail Simmons
12 Grayson Harold
13 Barry Minnick
14 Libby Lambert
15 Michael Harold
16 Kevin Mitchell
19 Karen Short
20 Aidan Parsley
21 David Culver
21 Caleb Hill
21 Emma Jackson
23 Parker Harold
24 Nelson Moyers
24 Brooke Simmers
27 Michelle Brinkley
27 Donnie Callison
27 James Nutter
28 Mia Simmers



Anniversaries

7 Perry & Kathy Suter ('86)
8 Curtis & Tammy Steele ('00)
10 Aaron & Denise Lough ('10)
10 Mitchell & Donna McCormick ('00)
16 Ken & Jeanne May ('83)
19 Bruce & Debby Carper ('08)



Ed & Flora Belle

Byrd's great-grandson

(age 5) is undergoing cancer treatments Let's shower him with cards!
Oliver Edward Binns
24 New Windsor Road
Westminster, MD 21157-4413



Introducing the Steele Family!

Curtis and Tammy Steele joined Dayton UM on March 10th.

Curtis works for Integrity Insurance and Tammy is an Administrative Assistant at JMU. He is a Bridgewater native, she grew up in Winchester and they met at Bridgewater College. They married on April 8, 2000 and Tammy writes, "We will be celebrating 19 years! Time sure flies when you are having fun!!"

Their son, **Braelon**, is a 7th grader at Wilbur Pence. He enjoys cross country and track as well as anything outdoors, especially hunting with his dad.

Daughter **Laney** is a 4th grader at Mountain View. She is involved in gymnastics and dance, but her first love is horse back riding.

The Steeles enjoy movies, yearly trips to the Outer Banks, and visits to Disney. Tammy says, "We spend lots of fun evenings in the summer with our loved ones around our fire pit."

Please add their contact information to your church directory:

Curtis & Tammy Steele; Braelon, Laney

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Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Tammy 540-478-3087; steeletm@jmu.edu

Curtis 540-578-0414; curtis@integritygroupva.com



*"To the Nurture & Care Committee,
Thank you for the prayers and many cards received during my brother Garrett's illness and passing. Your kindness and prayers were a true blessings and very much appreciated. Thank you much!"*

Thank You Notes

-Alda Gunn



"I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, food and all the support you have given to me and my family over the last 3 1/2 months. I am still healing from the shingles but 'God is good' and watches over us all. God Bless!"

-Mona Helsing



"What a tremendous gift and blessing last month as Dayton UMC hosted our local homeless shelter: Open Doors. This week was a true team effort as many congregations in the valley came together to serve the least and the lost, always remembering there are no little people in God's eyes. The shelter averaged over 40 guests each night. All of our meals were furnished by Harrisonburg's Seventh Day Adventist and First Assembly of God congregations. Since we are in the county, each day the guests needed transportation to and from the city. So many thanks to all the bus drivers, not just from Dayton UMC, but also from Massanutten Presbyterian, Otterbein UMC, Cooks Creek Presbyterian and Harrisonburg 1st Assembly. Also keeping our facility in good shape during the week was a terrific group of daily clean-up crews. Our guests expressed much love and appreciation for our ministry and commented how welcome they feel while staying at Dayton UMC."

-Graham Witt



We express our appreciation to **Gail Mitchell and her teams** for providing the Wednesday Night dinners.



We express our sympathy to...

- † **Nelson Moyers** and family in the passing of his brother, Carroll Wayne Moyers.
- † **Bernice Garber** and family in the passing of her sister, Mildred Eberly.
- † **Jeff Lineberry** and family in the passing of his uncle, Dallas Armbrister.



Sympathies

To: The Congregation of Dayton United Methodist Church
From: Lena Osborne, DUMC Council Chair:
RE: Loan Refinance Update

On April 1, 2018 we owed \$1,116,109.30 on the fellowship hall and our annual mortgage payment was \$99,618. During 2018, we spent approximately \$35,000 more than we received for operational costs. We had to take money from the investment fund (money gifted to the church through estates) and borrow \$10,000 from a member to pay the bills. Your finance team and council realized it was necessary to pay down the mortgage and lessen the significant impact the loan had on our financial position. They explored possible options, including selling property, shopped for other loan options and set up the "Wall of Giving".

On March 14, the Carter Bank loan was paid and our new loan with F&M Bank of \$650,000 became a reality. Refinancing reduces our monthly payments from \$8,301.50 to \$4,139.06. We were able to accomplish this without having to sell lots.

We were blessed by two \$100,000 gifts, \$50,000 from the United Methodist Women, a match of \$50,000 in honor of UMW, \$73,510. from the Wall of Giving and many, many gifts from you – because you love the Lord and care about Dayton United Methodist Church. Thank you for each and every gift.

Many have worked to accomplish this. Betsy Hedrick spent countless hours on every aspect of this reduction, Doug Wine and Paige Will worked throughout the process in many ways, Kevin Mitchell did a very detailed appraisal at no cost to DUMC, Finance and Council studied options and prayed to make the best decisions and YOU – who gave the necessary funds to refinance.

As we celebrate our success, we must not lessen our tithing and giving. Our 40-year-old building continues to need repairs, Blue Ridge Christian School no longer pays rent, we will have moving costs for the incoming Pastor and we will have to buy furniture for the parsonage (we do not own furniture and are required to furnish the living room, dining room and a bedroom).

With God's help, you were able to accomplish more than was thought possible. Dayton United Methodist has a bright future. Praise God!



Church Council
will have a retreat
on Sunday, April 7
following the
reception for
the confirmands.

Be an April Fool

English essayist and poet Charles Lamb (1775-1834) once joked, "Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools than ever."

April Fools' Day is best known as a day for practical jokes, but it can be used in more beneficial ways. It can be a day of faith and fun - a day to thank God for the joyous times of life, for the days of laughter, for funny stories, for the antics of children and for other things that bring smiles to our faces.

There is opportunity for laughter every day. Laugh! Laugh heartily and often. You will find healing in mirth and levity. And remember, "He who sits in the heavens laughs ..." (Psalms 2:4, NRSV)



In our ever-changing lifestyles it's sometimes difficult to be sure everyone has your correct contact information. Have you recently.... Moved?

Cancelled your home phone?

Changed your cell phone number?

Changed your work/home email address?

If so, please be sure your information is updated with the church.

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Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:

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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!

Next Deadline: Sunday, April 28

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Kits for Conference -- to be delivered to VA UMCOR Conference in Roanoke in June

The UMWomen are collecting items to assemble UMCOR relief kits. They have chosen the School Kit, the Cleaning Kit, and the Hygiene Kit. 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; **note that some items have changed!**
3. No advertisements, cartoon characters, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. **



Hygiene Kit—all items must be NEW

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 Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

•1 comb

- ◊Comb needs to be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth;
- ◊No pocket combs or picks please;
- ◊Rattail combs/combs w/out handles are acceptable but must have 6" of teeth.

•1 toenail or fingernail clipper

- ◊No emery boards or metal nail files.

•1 bath-size soap

- ◊3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- ◊No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- ◊Do not remove from packaging.

•1 adult toothbrush

- ◊Individually packaged & do not remove from package
- ◊Personal advertising not acceptable.

•10 adhesive bandages

- ◊¾ inch x 3 inch-size;
- ◊Common household bandages okay

•1 one-gallon size re-sealable plastic bag

School Kit—all items must be NEW

Value: \$11 per kit

•1 pair blunt scissors

- ◊Rounded tip only
- ◊No plastic scissors

•3 one-subject notebooks

- ◊No marble composition books
- ◊No 3 or 5-subject notebooks

•1 pack of loose-leaf paper

- ◊100-200 page packets acceptable
- ◊Wide or college rule accepted

•1 hand-held pencil sharpener

- ◊1 inch or longer
- ◊Remove from packaging.

•1 ruler**

- ◊Hard or flexible
- ◊12 inches or 30 centimeters long

•6 unsharpened pencils **

•1 eraser** (2-inch or larger)

•1 24-count box of crayons**

- ◊Only 24-count boxes accepted

•1 two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

2019 Kits for Conference

Moving Forward in God's Mission
Roanoke, Virginia



United Methodist Committee on Relief



Cleaning Kit - items must be NEW (except the bucket)

Value: \$75 per kit

•1 five-gallon round bucket with lid

- ◊14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d
- ◊No screw lids

- ◊May be used; must be free from all residual product

- ◊Advertisement on the outside acceptable

•One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent

•One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner

- ◊no spray cleaners

•One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap

•One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener

- ◊3 solid or 3 gel fresheners also acceptable

•One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)

- ◊Pump spray bottles must have protective covers

•One scrub brush (with or without handle)

•18 re-usable cleaning wipes

- ◊No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels

- ◊Remove from packaging

•Five scouring pads

- ◊No stainless steel or pads with soap in them

- ◊Remove from packaging

•36-50 clothespins

•One 50-100 ft. clothesline

- ◊(cotton or plastic line)

•24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags

- ◊33-45 gallon sizes

- ◊remove from packaging

•Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks

- ◊1-3 mm thickness

- ◊No surgical masks

•Two pairs kitchen gloves

- ◊Durable for multiple uses

- ◊Remove from packaging

•One pair work gloves

- ◊Cotton with leather palm or all leather

*Note: All cleaning agents must be in liquid form
No powders accepted.*

Relief Supply Kits

Early in its existence, UMCOR engaged in shipping material resources to people in need around the world. Over the years, we have come to recognize that shipping these items may actually cause harm if the materials displace potential local purchases that would otherwise support the local economy. To this end, UMCOR determined that it would cease international shipment of material assistance as of December 31, 2017. UMCOR now distributes only the most-requested UMCOR relief supply kits, assembled in the United States, to places in the United States and its territories where these items are most needed.

To address international needs, UMCOR works with local United Methodist churches, ACT Alliance, ecumenical, and interfaith partners to respond to disasters. As part of a comprehensive disaster response strategy, UMCOR coaches these partners to purchase local materials that are appropriate to the context. This is consistent with best practices and accountability standards.

Please help us restock our relief supply kits. The new kit content lists were designed to offer our donors greater ease and flexibility in purchasing their donations. During this period of transition, UMCOR will accept any kits that had already been assembled pursuant to the old content lists. Nothing will go to waste. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve this partnership of care.

The Journey of Relief Kits

When kits are donated to any of our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse, volunteers assemble, verify, and pack the kits. They are then stored until we receive a request. Once a request is processed, the kits are shipped to those who need them.