UMCOR Responds to Current Disasters Around the World

In the wake of recent disasters in the United States and abroad, the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is working to fulfill unmet food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies, and non-food item needs. UMCOR's work starts when search and rescue operations for survivors is over. We accompany communities in their long-term recovery. UMCOR works with Conference Disaster Response Coordinators (CDRC) to assess needs and to design and implement disaster response activities.

Sierra Leone - In immediate response to the tragic mudslide in Sierra Leone, UMCOR awarded a grant of $10,000 to The United Methodist Church of Sierra Leone for emergency provision of food, medical services, and assessment of needs. Today, UMCOR is working with Sierra Leone Annual Conference to provide tents, water filters, water containers, bedding, and hygiene kits for displaced families.

Texas - Following Harvey's aftermath, UMCOR awarded a $10,000 emergency grant to Texas Annual Conference and a $10,000 emergency grant to Rio Texas Annual Conference in immediate response to the storm. UMCOR also supplied 4,000 hygiene kits and 12,000 cleaning buckets to support both conferences. Cathy Earl, UMCOR’s director of U.S. Disaster Response, visited both affected conferences to provide technical support to the conference as they discuss recovery programs.

Louisiana - Louisiana Annual Conference has Early Response Teams and volunteers deployed to assist communities with flood damage. UMCOR is anticipating awarding a grant to the conference to assist with relief and recovery programs. Cathy Earl visited Louisiana's Annual Conference CDRC to provide support.

Florida - Following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Cathy Earl visited impacted conferences and United Methodist Churches in Florida and Texas. Earl met with CDRCs, local churches, and disaster response volunteers while actively engaging and working with cleanup crews. Florida has ordered 1,000 hygiene kits and 7,128 cleaning buckets from UMCOR Sager Brown. UMCOR will support its partners and conferences impacted by the hurricanes through grants and technical guidance. After assessments are complete, UMCOR anticipates granting additional funds to the impacted conferences. Florida is working with affiliates to begin the next phases

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of relief and early recovery. UMCOR Sager Brown is sending 3,700 cleaning buckets to Florida Annual Conference to support cleanup efforts. The cleaning kits will be distributed where they are most needed. More relief supply kits from UMCOR Sager Brown will be sent to other churches in Florida impacted by hurricane Irma.

Georgia - Following Hurricane Irma, UMCOR’s U.S. disaster response program manager, Scott Tibbetts, and disaster response consultant, Barbara Tripp, traveled to the South Georgia Annual Conference to meet with conference leadership and support relief and recovery operations.

South Carolina - To address damages caused by Hurricane Irma, the South Carolina Conference organized assessment teams to develop recovery programming. UMCOR is awaiting completed assessments and is ready to offer support as needed.

U.S. Territories - Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands suffered major damage from both Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. UMCOR’s partners in Puerto Rico have invited UMCOR support for relief supplies and other commodities. UMCOR is prepared to offer additional support through funding, training, and project development once needs are identified.

Non-U.S. Territories - UMCOR is communicating with its partners in the Caribbean and awaiting an assessment from them to provide effective relief to those affected by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Mexico - Devastating earthquakes in Mexico killed at least 320 and caused widespread damage to homes, hospitals, and government infrastructure. UMCOR is in communication with the local Methodist Church and is ready to respond to partners’ requests for relief and recovery assistance. Global Ministries two missionaries, Hector LaPorta and Amanda Cherry, are serving in Mexico City, Mexico. Both reported they are safe and accounted for. Though the impact of the earthquake was widespread in Mexico City, the neighborhoods where they live were not as heavily damaged as others in the city. Both missionaries are actively working with volunteers from the Methodist Church and from local universities to assist with clean up and assessment. The community is in great need of pastoral support as many people have died because of the earthquake. There is also need for housing, food, and non-food items for families who have lost their homes.


We have answered the call of God Upon our hearts to come together in prayer and financial giving to support United Methodist Committee on Relief. Each Sunday in September there were special offering envelopes for giving to UMCOR. FUMC collected $2,228 to help with the relief efforts, with $1,100 designated for Material Resources to the response and $1,128 for U.S. Disaster Relief. We also collected $51 for the Early Response Team from Alaska. Thank you for your generous giving!
Serving Opportunities

Would you like to greet and welcome people on Sunday mornings? The Hospitality Team is working to establish designated Greeters for each Sunday. Please contact Neli Greenlee 907-248-4153.

The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (ECWS) will be starting up again October 5th, to support homeless families; giving them a safe and warm place to sleep on Thursday nights. There are many ways to support this program; we especially need prayers of support for the families and volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet in First UMC’s narthex identifying the dates and various times for volunteering. Many were blessed last winter season and we look forward to being God’s stewards again in support of homeless families, especially the children. You do not have to be a church member, or attend a church in order to participate.

- Volunteers for prepping the shelter
  - any amount of time 7:00PM-10:00PM
- Volunteers for overnight monitor
  - 3 consecutive hours between 10:00PM-7:00AM
  Shifting are from 10:00PM-1:00AM, 1:00AM-4:00AM, 4:00AM-7:00AM
  We require 2-4 people during the 10-7 period. When not on shift, you sleep in a private classroom on a cot and mattress. CPAPs are welcome!

- Volunteers for serving breakfast and breakdown of shelter 7:00AM-8:30AM
  Food donations are welcome, this year we hope to serve hot meals and some fresh produce.

See or call Jenn Miller 272-2112 or Melody Milliken 229-1456 for further information. There will be a future announcement for new volunteer orientation.
United Methodist Women Upcoming Events

Generosity Sunday

Come and fellowship together between our two services. A potluck brunch celebrating Generosity Sunday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m. In the Fellowship Hall. Drinks provided—your dish most welcome.

October events:
6th-7th Annual Gathering - First UMC
9th Hope Circle - 5:45 p.m. - Hope Center
10th Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
11th Sunny Friends Circle - 12:30 a.m. Mary Bettis - host
21st General Meeting - 11:30 a.m. - Work day

The Expanded Hope Circle!!

For the last few years we have been looking at ways we can make an impact in our community. The decision was made that this year we would continue to do our book study, but we will add an outreach component too! Starting October 9th we will be serving dinner at the Downtown Hope Center starting at 5:45 pm every other month. In November we will start the book study on *Living as a Covenant Community*, one of the studies that was presented at the Mission u event this year. All women of the church are welcome to join!

Christmas Brunch/Auction

December 2nd will soon be here and that is the date for our annual gala festivity! It will again be held at the Petroleum Club. The tickets will be on sale, in the Narthex, NOVEMBER 12, 19, & 26 for $20. In the meantime, get your hand crafted articles ready or buy one at one of the numerous Anchorage craft bazaars. Get your “white elephant commercial” articles ready, also, for the silent auction tables. Get your tickets – bring a guest (or two)! The amazing Linda Benson will be our auctioneer *extraordinaire*! This event is always filled with great food and great fun!

UMW Days for Girls Project

Days for Girls is dedicated to creating a more free, dignified, and educated world, through providing lasting access to feminine hygiene solutions and health education. Thus far, Days for Girls has reached over 800,000 women and girls. Friday, October 6th at 2:30 p.m. Alaska UMW is invited anyone interested to come help prepare feminine hygiene packs. We need people who can sew, iron, and/or cut! If you are interested in donating supplies for this or have any questions, please speak with Jenn Miller in the office.

A Place at the Table

Everyone is encouraged to join October 8th at 5:30 p.m. The church will be providing Pot Roast. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This meal is a time for fellowship and sharing God's table with the community.
October:  
Lavender Garden  
By Lucinda Riley

November:  
Same Kid of Different As Me  
By Ron Hall

September 26th we discussed Cane River by Laital Tademy. Talking about the why this book was chosen by Oprah.

On October 23rd we will be discussing Lavender Garden by Lucinda Riley:  
An aristocratic French family, a legendary château, and buried secrets with the power to destroy two generations torn between duty and desire.

La Côte d’Azur, 1998: In the sun-dappled south of France, Emilie de la Martinières, the last of her gilded line, inherits her childhood home, a magnificent château and vineyard. With the property comes a mountain of debt—and almost as many questions...

Paris, 1944: A bright, young British office clerk, Constance Carruthers, is sent undercover to Paris to be part of Churchill’s Special Operations Executive during the climax of the Nazi occupation. Separated from her contacts in the Resistance, she soon stumbles into the heart of a prominent family who regularly entertain elite members of the German military even as they plot to liberate France. But in a city rife with collaborators and rebels, Constance’s most difficult decision may be determining whom to trust with her heart.

As Emilie discovers what really happened to her family during the war and finds a connection to Constance much closer than she suspects, the château itself may provide the clues that unlock the mysteries of her past, present, and future.

We will be meeting in the home of Ann York, 2437 Loussac Dr (call 677-7785 for directions) October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

We are always looking for great new books to discuss! Please come and share what you are reading.

Everyone is invited to attend a plaque unveiling and historic site dedication at Alaska Pacific University on Friday, October 6th at 1:15 pm. This event will occur after the Professional Church Workers Retreat and before the Fall Rendezvous meetings. The Board of Trustees of APU will be present during this event. A reception will be held after the unveiling.

If you plan on attending, please let the conference office know by sending us an RSVP by Monday, October 2nd. APU needs a head count for the planned reception.
Community support for the Downtown Hope Center

The Downtown Soup Kitchen, located on the corner of 3rd and Cordova is now known as the Downtown Hope Center. It is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides multiple support services to the homeless and hurting located in Anchorage, including lunch for about 400 people daily and providing shower and laundry facilities. Their mission statement is ‘Inspired by the Love of Jesus, we offer those in need support, sustenance and skills to transform their lives.” In keeping with this mission statement, there are support classes offered such as Sewing and Beading Classes, Bible Study, Life Skills, Celebrate Recovery, Genesis Recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, and soon ‘ Mending the Soul’, for those sexually exploited or abused. These classes are wonderful opportunities to volunteer!

In 2015, DHC became a safe night-time shelter for 30 homeless women and increased its capacity to 50 women in December of 2016! Think about what that means on Alaskan winter nights! They also developed 2 hands-up missions. The first is for the women known as the Hope Bakery. Tom Christensen, previous owner of Crazy Croissant and Café Croissant, is teaching the art of baking to the women who want to learn a skill. DHC sells the products to pay for the bakery facility and supplies and as extra income for continuing operations of the Women’s Shelter. The 2nd hands-up mission is the ‘Feed Me Hope’ Culinary School. This 14 week vocation development course is offered to homeless men and women and to those who are transitioning from the Dept. of Corrections, to help them learn a marketable job skill enabling them to find employment and obtain housing.

Volunteer Needs are:

Women’s Shelter (open 7 nights a week) Female Volunteers Only
Sleeping Monitor - all evenings 8pm to 12am
Serving Dinner – Friday, Saturday, Sunday 6pm-7pm (meals are prepared by the culinary school)
Hospitality/Breakfast – Saturday and Sunday 6am-8am

The Shower House Male and Female Volunteers
Guest Intake, Laundry, Shower Cleaning, Basket Prep, Clothing Distribution
Monday – Friday 9am – 1:30pm

Kitchen
Food Prep, Serving, Clean-up Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Current donation needs are:
All clothing including outerwear (Adult sizes only, good condition and clean);
socks, shoes and boots
underwear, bras and long johns
jeans, snow pants, hoodies (always in high demand)
coats, hats and gloves belts
Backpacks or rolling carry-on type bags

Female Toiletry Items: feminine products, including Depends, vaginal creams
shampoo, conditioner, body soap and lotion (1 liter bottles or larger)
new combs, brushes, shavers, toothbrushes
towels, washcloths, cloth bath mats
Chapstick or lip balm
OTC Medications: Other Items:
Benadryl, cough drops, aspirin, ibuprofen, Acetaminophen multi-vitamins
pillows cases, twin sheets, comforters water bottles
day pack or back pack, rolling luggage

Monetary donations are always appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or have a question about donations or volunteering opportunities, you can contact Sherrie Laurie, Ex. Dir.,@ 277-4302 ext.100 or slaurie@downtownhopecenter.org.
YOU ARE INVITED

Alaska United Methodist Women
Annual Gathering • October 6-8th 2017
First United Methodist Church • Anchorage

We are so very excited to welcome you to Annual Gathering. This year’s theme is Discover the Possibilities and packs a punch of Leadership Development activities, time for Local Units to share their positive impact stories, and a look at many ways our organization challenges social injustices. Rally your sisters, friends and ladies that have an active interest in the betterment of their communities and gather with us for a weekend of fellowship and discovery of the many resources United Methodist Women has to offer. Registration opens early evening on Friday. Event ends at noon on Sunday.

Child care will be provided for the weekend. Pre-registration and payment of fee is required by September 30th to secure your family’s enrollment. The child care program is open to children ages infant through 12 years old. Children older than 12 are welcome to attend the event as a regular participant, and require a separate registration form.

Pre-Event Workshop

Friday afternoon kicks off with an amazing opportunity to do some hands-on work assembling hygiene kits for the Days for Girls project, led by Mary Werner of St. John’s Church. Visit www.daysforgirls.org for more information.

Leadership Development Activities

Take your pick of 3 workshops led by your UMW Leadership Team members:
- UMW Resource Exploration
- Spirituality of Giving
- Ways to Lead: 5 Channels of Giving
- Mission u: Programs Come Alive
- Community Partners: Recruiting Volunteers
- Expanding the Circle: Barriers to Membership

Social Justice Plenaries

With a biblical and scriptural foundation, United Methodist Women have mobilized against social injustice for close to 150 years. Plenaries on Maternal and Child Health, Incarceration of Communities of Color and Racial Justice presented over the weekend will dive into these issues. For more information visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy.

Tangible Giving: Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

This year’s Tangible Giving offering will go to First UMC Emergency Cold Weather Shelter. You are asked to bring new washcloths and/or the following pre-made kits:

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Every member is invited to celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission by donating to the Legacy Fund. Our very own Legacy Liaison, Julia Smith will be sharing with you the bold history and future of the United Methodist Women, and what we can do now to lay the foundation for the next 150 years.

Questions? Contact Ashley Palm by email ashleypalm72@gmail.com, or phone (360) 742-8769.
# First United Methodist Church

**SNAP SHOT of FUMC GENERAL FUND FINANCES**

**2nd Quarter 2017**

## Main Income

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## INCOME vs EXPENSES

- Total Income: $163,511.309
- Total Expense: $158,135.40

**Out of Balance a Positive +++ $5,375.69** (Hurray we are close to our budget!)

## Original Working Budget for 2017

- ESTIMATED INCOME for 2017: $319,804.00.00 (budget estimate, general fund)
- ESTIMATED EXPENSES: $325,086.00
October 2017

Prayer List
Our thoughts and prayers are extended to:

- Family and Friends of Fred Stassel
- Carolyn Gordon
- Those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes and tropical storms
- Our community, city, state, nation, & world
- Those that experience violence in the world
- All of those who suffer from the seen & unseen illnesses
- All areas in our world of unrest & violence

October Wedding Anniversary
James & Kaprice Zuke
23 years
Timothy & Gerry Kile
16 years
Derek & Kiersten Jedlicka
15 years

Congratulations to these happy couples!!

October Birthdays

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First United Methodist Church
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT

When a story is told, healing unfolds.

Oct. 10 | Noon – 1 p.m.
Alaska Native Primary Care Center
4320 Diplomacy Drive

Join Southcentral Foundation President/CEO
Dr. Katherine Gottlieb, Family Wellness Warriors Initiative, and the
Anchorage Police Department as we spread a message of "Breaking the Silence."

Enjoy entertainment from the Princess Warriors; activities
including I am a Warrior, and My Hands are for Protecting; and
more! This event will mark the beginning of SCF's Domestic
Violence Awareness Month activities.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For more information, please contact:
Family Wellness Warriors Initiative
(907) 729-5440
southcentralfoundation.com
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH 2017

Awareness + Action = Change
DVAM 2017

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Shed the Light & Dispel the Darkness

WAYS TO ACT:

- Set up an information table in your place of worship during the month of October.
- Share a message with your community: "Faith leads us to act to address domestic violence."
- Join us for a march and candle-lighting to honor those affected by abuse:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2017
12:00 - 1:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
725 W. 9TH AVENUE, ANCHORAGE

For the march or an AWAIC resource table, RSVP by September 15th:
Nicole_s@awaic.org or 907-743-5753