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How UMCOR Stretches Your “Disaster Dollar”

What is a “low-attention” disaster?

By Susan Kim

August 18, 2016 — Your contribution to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is helping disaster survivors across the nation recover from events that never made the headlines.

How does UMCOR stretch your “disaster dollar” to quietly bring hope to countless people and their families? And what is a “low-attention disaster?” It often means that there is little financial assistance and volunteer labor for people most in need, said Catherine Earl, a disaster response program manager for UMCOR.

“It is possible, however, to turn a low-attention disaster into a highly meaningful recovery for survivors through the dedicated efforts of the church in partnership with UMCOR,” Earl said.

For example, few people outside of Wyoming heard about the devastating hailstorm that struck Pine Bluff three

weeks ago. Out of 580 homes in the community, 493 had substantial damage, said Bob Stowe, Wyoming district disaster response coordinator. “The hail was between ping-pong-ball and tennis-ball size. Every south-facing window in structures was broken out. The vinyl siding on houses was shattered and roofs were destroyed. A lot of cars were totaled.”

People in Wyoming are also recovering from flash floods in Lusk, wildfires in several other areas of the state, and more flooding near Riverton and Lander. More than 100 homes have been affected but no one is hearing about them, said Gary Haddock, a disaster response coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Conference. Yet UMCOR is supporting recovery in all these areas. “As UMCOR, we are honored to

go and help wherever help is needed, even if no one else in the country knows about it,” he said.

Across the nation, conference disaster responders help stretch recovery dollars by partnering with other organizations. In Florida, responders are working in a small community in North Escambia, which was hit by tornadoes in February. Through a National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) connection, the Florida Recovery Team is working with the HOPE

Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (ACCR), an organization that assists disaster survivors with emotional care through the use of therapy dogs.

Service dogs and their handlers met with children at the Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center and then had personal visits with two other children. “Knowing that some of the children in the community continue to struggle every time a storm comes to town, I believe this is a really fun way to help them open up and begin discussing their feelings and fears,” said Lynn Dobry, executive coordinator for the Florida Recovery Team (Alabama-West Florida Conference). Partnerships such as this help the United Methodist Church to provide holistic care, extend our reach, and make best use of donor dollars.

Volunteers also help UMCOR reach more for less money. “Every dollar can be stretched because of the help of volunteers who are willing to go where there is little or no media attention,” said Earl.

In McGehee, Arkansas, long-term recovery is just beginning after March storms damaged hundreds of homes, and the area needs repair teams. “We have 233 on our list requesting assistance,” reported Byron and Janice Mann, disaster response coordinators for the Arkansas Conference — yet very few people across the nation are even aware.

The same situation happens in an urban setting. In Detroit, at least 25 families — some of them waiting for two years — need experienced teams of volunteers to hang drywall, put down floor tile, or muck out basements.

Recovery in these communities depends on volunteers showing up. Meanwhile, how do disaster responders focus when working in a community that’s receiving

seemingly little attention? They focus on the people, said Forrest White, a disaster recovery manager in the Virginia Conference. At least eight tornadoes touched down in southern and southeastern Virginia in February 2016, and hundreds of people are in the throes of a long-term recovery.

“We try to focus on the survivors, and try to serve them as God calls us to do,” he said. All disaster survivors deserve your help and prayers. Please give to **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670.**

**Charge Conference! Our annual church conference will be
 Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at Faith UMC in Bellefonte.
 Please come if you can.**

Prayer Needs

Lisa Bechtol	Harold Harter	Amy Rose	Frank and Verna King
Linda Butler	Sharyn Leach	Ruth Schenck	Paul and Delores Mills
Nancy Confer	Becky Masorti	Kane Wolf	Melvin and Shirley Lucas
Deb Gardner	Tom McKnight	Matt Carter	Howard and Lorraine Hatton
Dot Gardner	Jenn Confer	Georgette Nuss	Harold and Stella Spicer
Shirley Bittner	Karen Stover	Rich Rose	Kenneth Crabtree
Jerry Stover	Tommy Packer	Ryan Dodds	Bobby DeArment
Rick Redman	Carol Cadman	Susie Dyke	Erica Miller
Jean Miller	Teddy Williams	Sonny Etters	Aaron Wilson
Dale Hall	Jennifer Tice	Mabel Etters	Tony Miele
Gladys Mutch	Rich Young	Vivian Confer	Madison Sura
Mike Coleman	Ruth Graffius	Dot Davy	Terry Yarrison
John McAlister	Tara Novosel	Roberta Winters	Zach Nancarvis

Our Military Family and Friends

Chris Kowalczyk	Logan Thompson	Lauren Reed
Tim Tressler	Benjamin Hunter	Kylie E. Masters



Show Support for those fighting Cancer! Please pray and wear pink on Tuesdays to show support for all of our loved ones who are fighting Cancer. Let's turn the whole town PINK!! Please remember Barb, Sharyn, Kane and others who have been attacked by this horrific disease. Let's show them how much we love them by supporting them in this small way.



Card & Flower Ministry

If you know of someone connected with our church who has been ill, hospitalized, or experienced a death in the family, Howard UMC would like to send them a card. Please contact **Joy Oakley or Roberta Winters (814-383-2265)** with the name and address of the person to receive the card. You may also contact Joy via her email address: bmverksone@embarqmail.com. Your assistance in helping the church let others know we are thinking of them is appreciated!

Chair Massage: Katie Parisou offers Chair Massages at Howard UMC on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30. Come and relax with some hands on care. Five to twenty-minute slots are available for \$1 per minute.



Nursery Volunteers

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
11/6	Deb Simoncek	Helen Meyer
11/13	Rhonda Ternent	Fay Watson
11/20	Patti Long	Wanda Nyman
11/27	Joy Oakley	Sydney Sayers
12/4	Brenda Shaw	Wanda Nyman
12/11	Kathy Stem	Ed Simoncek
12/25	Wendy Hanna-Rose	Connie Beck

Nursery Available: We are pleased to offer a staffed nursery for children, which is available following the children’s sermon through the end of the worship service.

Nursery Guidelines:

- The nursery is for children through kindergarten age.
- Background checks for our nursery volunteers are processed through the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- Please escort children to the nursery and come for them following the worship service.
- If a child becomes upset for longer than a few minutes, we will contact a parent/family member during the service. (Sometimes there is an adjustment period for children; we want this to be a positive experience for her/him.)
- Children who are not feeling well or are exhibiting visible signs of not feeling well should not be brought to the nursery.

We are pleased to make this opportunity available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery or have suggestions regarding this ministry, please contact Toni Dagen at 814-625-0113.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER SOUP SALE!!

The Howard United Methodist church will be hosting a Soup Sale Luncheon on **Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining dates for soup sale luncheons are: January 19, February 16, and March 16, 2017.

Cost is \$6.00 for lunch or quarts of soup. Pre-orders for quarts of soup should be made by Sunday prior to luncheon. Contact Patti Long at 814-625-2182.

Proceeds from soup sales are designated to local missions in the area. Invite a friend, come for lunch and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship while supporting a worthy cause!

SUPPORT THE SOUP SALE LUNCHEON

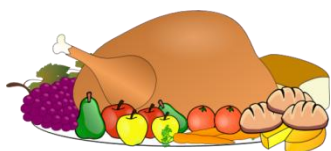
There are so many different ways for everyone to help make this mission a success...set-up, prepping food, setting and clearing tables, clean up...many, many ways!



Sign-up sheets are located in the library area:

- 1) Providing desserts, prepping on Wednesday, and working Thursday
- 2) Pre-orders for quarts of soup

For questions, please contact Connie Beck at 814-625-2231 or Patti Long at 814-625-2182.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

The Howard UMC will host this meal on Saturday, November 19, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for a local food bank. Invite a friend or neighbor for a time of good food and conversation!

LEND A HELPING HAND

Please consider providing help for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sat., November 19, 2016. Much help is needed in

preparation to serve over 200 meals. You can assist in any of the following areas: set-up, meal prep, providing pumpkin desserts, delivering meals, and cleanup.



Sign-up sheets are available in the library area. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Beck 625-2231 or Patti Long 625-2182.



Do you know of someone who is housebound (cannot leave their home) or who is ill and would like to receive a Thanksgiving takeout meal on Saturday, November 19?

OR

Do you or someone you know (who is not housebound) need a ride to attend the Community Thanksgiving meal? **If so**, please contact Connie Beck 625-2231 or Patti Long 625-2182 with name(s) and phone number(s).

BUILD STRENGTH FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Many of us come to yoga to build strength. There's no question that when you're physically strong, you're better able to handle the demands of your day with grace and ease. But you can build endurance and power through almost any athletic pursuit. ***The beauty of practicing yoga is that it builds inner strength—which you need to ride life's emotional currents with faith and calmness—even as it tones your body.*** The classes at Howard UMC are designed for those who are experiencing yoga for the first time or those continuing a yoga practice.



Gentle Yoga is designed for those with some limitations. All flows take place on the back on the floor...focusing on the breath, stretching and deep relaxation.

Basics Level is a moderate physical yoga practice emphasizing relaxation-in-action through breath and movement.

Where: Howard UMC Fellowship Hall, 144 W. Main Street

When: Tuesday evenings -

November 1, 8, and 29 (No classes Nov. 15 or 22)

December 6, 13, and 20 (No class December 27 or January 3)

Time: Gentle Yoga: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Basics Level: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10/class

Kathie Baughman or Julie Cody will be leading the classes. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie by phone at 814-625-2852 or e-mail at kathieb1@comcast.net. Classes may be canceled due to inclement weather, please check with Kathie.

NEWS FROM MINISTRY SERVICES



- Adopt-a-Family continues to receive \$100/month.
- A total amount of \$1247 was raised at the September 2016 Soup Sale.
- Profits from the 2016 Church Bazaar are expected to be \$3000.
- An amount of \$500 was donated to a local family to assist with electric and sewer bills
- An amount of \$500 each was donated to two other families in our community.
- An amount of \$1000 was donated to the flood victims in West Virginia
- A \$100 Wal-Mart gift card was donated to a local individual.



Thank you very much for the monetary gift and all of your prayers. It's so nice to know other church families are praying for us too. We have a lot to learn, but with God's help and your prayers, we can do it.

Thanks again, Terry and Needie



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Heverly, Jan	1-November
Ternent, Hannah	2-November
Day, Deb	9-November
Reed, Preston	10-November
Pflegor, Judy	14-November
Conway, Tammy	19-November
McWilliams, Corrine	20-November
Shaw, Keith	22-November
Oakley, Joy	23-November
Young, Max	23-November
Bitner, Christie	26-November
Bittner, Bob	28-November

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Davison, Cora	1-December
Phillips, Steve	1-December
Cartwright, Kim	4-December
Stem, Leslie	12-December
Long, Tom	18-December
Beck, Austin	19-December
Baughman, Aaron	21-December
Confer, Patti	21-December
Phillips, Rose	26-December
Stoltz, Mary	26-December
Dyke, Greg	31-December

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Miller, Will and Hope	12-November
Watson, Bob and Fay	22-November
Heverly, Curt and Jan	29-November