

UMCOR In Service to Mankind

Natural disasters are a fact of life. Hurricanes, earthquakes, fire, flooding, and tornadoes happen regularly and it is up to us, as Christ's hands to a hurting world, to assist the victims. Like military preparedness, it is critical to be pre-positioned with ready supplies so that a quick response can be initiated. To that end, the United Methodist Church has recently established a second warehouse in Salt Lake City to address natural disasters in the western United States and in the Pacific rim countries.

Green Valley United Methodist Church is reaching out in missions to be part of that preparedness effort. On August 8-August 15th, a contingent of church members will be going to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) West Core Depot, to help organize the warehouse and to put together relief kits for the future victims. Those interested in being part of that team are invited to contact Douglas Bell at 454-7367 to learn more about this service mission opportunity.

Our church will also be working at the individual and family levels to prepare response kits containing health and cleaning supplies. We will collect the items below throughout the months of June and July. A collection box will be provided at the church narthex for your donations. On August 2nd, the church will assemble those local kits for transport to Salt Lake City on the following Saturday.

The list of requested supplies is pretty extensive so everybody can potentially participate, possibly as part of your regular grocery or shopping trips to Costco. You are invited to provide, as you are able, any or all of the following items:

Cleaning Bucket

- 5- gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 clearing towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner (12-16 oz bottle)
- Disinfectant dish soap (16-28 oz bottle)
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100ft)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon
- 1 inset repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can

1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can

Health Kit

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x27", no kitchen towels.

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery board or toenail clippers)

1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz..and up)

1 tooth brush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-sized brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

- All items included in the kits must be NEW items.
- All emergency kits are planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.
- Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay shipment