



September 19, 2018

Dear St. James Family,

Thank you for all the ways you have already assisted in the Hurricane Florence efforts, and for your desire to be a part of the recovery in the days, weeks, and months ahead. In addition to your prayers, we would like to encourage you to share your time, talents, and treasure in the following ways. Please prayerfully consider how you can be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors who have been impacted by this event.

1) DONATE SUPPLIES:

As your Missions Team, we will be collecting and delivering supplies for relief through Joy Soup Kitchen, Grifton Mission Ministries, Ann Street UMC in Beaufort, and First UMC in Morehead City. **Supplies can be left on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.**

Needed general supplies include:

- Tarps
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Diapers & wipes
- Feminine products
- All kinds of hygiene and toiletry products
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Lanterns
- Power bars (the surge protector kind, not the protein bar food)
- Extension cords
- Cleaning Supplies (Flood Buckets, Vinegar, Peroxide)
- Bug Spray, Fire Ant and Wasp poison
- Depends
- Plastic Totes for belongings
- Flushable Wipes
- Box Fans
- Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap
- Flashlights / Batteries
- Dog/Cat Food & Cat Litter

Needed food items include:

- Pop top cans of meat, veggies, etc.
- Large cans of veggies to cook hot meals
- Divided clamshell plates to distribute hot meals
- Small jars peanut butter
- Jelly
- Baby formula
- Bottled water

For more information, contact **Tyrone Walston** at the church via email (tyrone@sticonnect.org) or phone (252-752-6154).

2) JOIN A WORK TEAM:

For those who are interested in being a part of a work team, please contact **Paula Hamlin** at the church via email (paula@stjconnect.org) or phone (252-752-6154). We will compile a list which will be provided to the Sound Conference disaster relief team. You will then be contacted.

3) PARTICIPATE IN THE C4C FOOD DRIVE:

C4C will hold a food drive the week of Sunday, 9/23 through Sunday, 9/30, in which you can support the program with food or monetary donations. Collection bins for donations are located in the Fellowship Hall and Commons areas. Checks can be made payable to St. James UMC; add "Backpacks" to the memo line.

The C4C Backpack Ministry serves children at Wahl Coates Elementary. This ministry provides supplemental food bags to children at Wahl Coates Elementary each week during the school year. Without this food, these children would have little to nothing to eat on the weekends. Due to the expected influx of displaced children into our community after Hurricane Florence, we believe we will see the demand for weekend backpacks rise. In addition, parents who will be out of work due to the hurricane will have increased financial strain, making our weekend backpacks that much more important for these families. As a part of the Hurricane Florence relief fund, we are requesting support for additional food items and volunteers to serve the expected rise in demand.

Backpack Food Drive Items Needed:

- Protein (beanie weanies, chef boyardee, vienna sausages)
- Pop-tarts
- Nutri-grain bars
- Vanilla pudding
- Chocolate pudding
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce
- Chips
- Crackers (Cheez-its)
- Rice Krispie treats
- Individual-size cereal packs
- Water
- Capri Suns juice boxes

We will also need additional volunteers for packing food bags, shopping at Aldi and Sams Club for the above items on a regular basis.

Anyone interested in more information can contact **Susan Barrett** at 252-916-6389.

4) GIVE TO THE CHILDRENS COLORING BOOKS AND CRAYONS DRIVE:

The American Red Cross and the First UMC in Morehead City are in need of these items for the shelters. **Supplies can be left at the Children's Check-In Desk in the Commons.**

For more information, contact **Molly Carpenter** at the church via email (molly@stjconnect.org) or phone (252-752-6154).

5) SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS FINANCIALLY:

Make checks payable to St James UMC, placing the text "Hurricane Florence" in the memo line. These checks can be placed in the offering at Sunday worship services, brought to St James, or

mailed to: St James Methodist Church, Attn: **Marianne Leventry**, 2000 E. 6th St, Greenville, NC 27858.

Blessings,
St. James' Missions Committee