

October 2017 at Asbury UMC

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:00 Worship 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School for all ages 11:15 Contemporary Worship | 2 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time, Library 12:00 Joyful Journey, Rm 106 1:30 Staff Meeting, Library 5:30 Handbells, Sanctuary | 3 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall 5:30 Women's AA, Rm 106 6:00 Missions Committee 6:00 Financial Peace University, Library | 4 6:15 Worship, Chapel 6:15 Spark!, Room 128 6:15 Genesis Choir, Room 130 6:30-8:00 Youth Group (MS & HS) 7:00 Joysingers Choir, Room 130 7:00 Adult Choir, Sanctuary | 5 12:30 UMW General Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:30 Stephen Ministry - Supervision, Room 106 6:30 Jonah's Wail!, Sanctuary | 6 11:30 a.m. Women's AA Group, Room 106 | 7 |
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Body Life

Hospitals:

Darla Parisien-Zirpel, Joy Boyer, Carol Pinn, Stew Oaks, Ralph Olason

Sympathy

- To Carol Pinn on the passing of her brother, Don Carter, on September 1.
- To Don Greenough and family on the passing of his wife, Vivian, on September 17. Vivian was an Asbury member. Her funeral will be held at Asbury on Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Baptism

Kjersten Vergene McManus, born May 10, 2017, daughter of Clint and Melissa McManus, was baptized on September 17.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

All classes begin at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class in Room 106 to study Revival; Faith as Wesley Lived It

Come and learn more about John Wesley the founder of Methodism; his own struggles and challenges he faced with his faith and the established church. Adam Hamilton brings us insights into John Wesley's life and ministry and the beginning of Methodism. We will look at what it means for our discipleship today. Discussion will be based on the book *Revival*, DVD and Scripture. Leader: Al Herrboldt. The class will be held in Room 106.

Adult Bible Study: Covenants With God

This fall, lessons follow the theme, "Covenants With God," and consider the major covenants God made with people on behalf of the earth and the human community. Beginning with Noah, God promised benevolence toward creation. Ultimately, the covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world. Leader: Pat Simmons. The class will be held in Room 128.

Faithlink

FaithLink: Connecting Faith and Life: uses lessons that connect faith to news events and to issues in the culture and in the church. Leader: Paul Zeeb. The class will be held in Room 129.

Caring Connections - Fellowship for women of all ages!

A place to build relationships as we recharge for the week through encouragement, laughter and community! Each week will be a stand alone topic in a casual atmosphere. Please join us for fellowship and a Keurig Beverage! Leaders: Barb Roozen, Amy Caselli, Bonnie Shinn and Sarah Wagenaar. The class will be held in the Library.

Faith Groups Provide the Bulk of Disaster Recovery, in Coordination with FEMA

If you donate bottles of water, diapers, clothing or any other materials to hurricane victims in Texas or Florida, your donation will likely pass through the hands of the Seventh Day Adventists before it gets to a storm victim.

That's because the Adventists, over several decades, have established a unique expertise in disaster "warehousing" collecting, logging, organizing and distributing relief supplies, in cooperation with government disaster response agencies.

Likewise, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is known for its expertise in "case management." After the initial cleanup — where the Methodists have work crews helping pull mud out of houses — the church sends trained volunteers into the wreckage to help families navigate the maze of FEMA assistance, state aid programs and private insurance to help them rebuild their lives. UMCOR also trains other non-profits to send their own case managers into the disaster zone.

In a disaster, churches don't just hold bake sales to raise money or collect clothes to send to victims; faith-based organizations are integral partners in state and federal disaster relief efforts. They have specific roles and a sophisticated communication and coordination network to make sure their efforts don't overlap or get in each others' way.

The Convoy of Hope, a non-denominational Christian organization, specializes in feeding. Before Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida, the Springfield, MO-based Convoy had three trailer trucks stocked with food, water and sanitary supplies parked in the state waiting to deploy to areas hardest hit, said spokesman Jeff Nene. In major disasters, the organization will set up feeding stations, sometimes at FEMA's request and even using government-provided food and equipment.

The Adventists have agreements with states around the country to provide warehouse services in the event of a disaster. "Right now, in the state of Texas, we are going around with FEMA trying to help them select a facility," said Derek Lee, director of disaster response for Adventist Community Services. "It'll actually be the state's facility but it'll be us that helps them manage it. We are going around with them right now trying to help

them pick out a facility that will accommodate what the need is going to be on the ground."

Over and over again in public comments as Hurricane Harvey was soaking Texas and Louisiana, FEMA administrator Brock Long asked concerned citizens to go to NVOAD.org to make donations — that is National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the alliance of volunteer organizations that are helping FEMA channel disaster assistance into the affected areas. About 75% of the organizations that are part of the alliance are faith-based.

Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical aid group run by Rev. Franklin Graham, has trucks at the ready in Florida with chainsaws and debris removal experts to help clean up houses. After initial cleanup, the group has contracting services available to help the needy rebuild their homes. The group has responded to 20 disasters already this year, said Luther Harrison, vice president of North American Ministries for Samaritan's Purse. "FEMA — they have been a big blessing to us, they're an assistance to us," Harrison said Saturday. "For Hurricane Irma, the majority of our equipment has already been dispatched to Texas ... so our office in Canada is bringing their equipment across the border and FEMA was instrumental in helping us clear that with customs and getting all the paperwork done."

Harrison said a Samaritan's Purse disaster relief unit is a two-story, 53-foot trailer that has tools and equipment, including two dozen chainsaws, blue tarps for roofing, and kits for helping homeowners clear mud out of their houses.

One of the most critical resources the faith groups can provide is manpower. The United Methodists have 20,000 trained volunteers around the country who can be called up for "early response teams," basically small crews that can help with debris removal and home cleanup, said Cathy Earl, UMCOR's director of disaster programs. "They are trained they are badged they are background checked and they are part of the team that can be called up on short notice to respond," she said.

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