

Our response to March 3rd tornadoes continues and I so appreciate the ways you have continued to serve so faithfully. This is a marathon – not a sprint – and I’m glad to be running alongside you! [Click here to read a great update](#) on the United Methodist response from our friend Rev. Lisa Pierce with Alabama Rural Ministry.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday May 5th – Rev. Geoffrey Lentz from Port St Joe UMC will be joining us as we launch our PSJ UMC disaster recovery partnership! Be on the lookout for more details for this event! Our PSJ UMC partnership will be 3-5 years and will involve all aspects of our church ministry – not just rebuilding.

LEADERSHIP TEAM: With so much disaster recovery, ministry/team leaders are one of our biggest needs. Are you ready to step up to lead Auburn UMC’s efforts in Port St Joe or here in Lee County? Please contact me if you have any interest in joining a leadership team. This is not just for construction/rebuilding but those leaders are needed too!

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or ideas about ways our church can be in ministry with our Lee County neighbors!

Quick Links Tornado Response

- [Click here](#) to download the **Auburn UMC Volunteer Form**. Complete this form and bring it with you if you are serving on a work site. This form can be given to your Auburn UMC team leader or to Karen Green at the main reception desk in Mathison Lobby (or email it to her at karen.greene@aumc.net) if you’re serving with a non-Auburn UMC team.
- **Did you volunteer at the EMA Operations Center or Warehouse?** Great! [Please click here to record your hours of service.](#)
- **NEW:** Interested in learning more about Lee County’s long-term disaster recovery group called MEND? Check out www.eamc.org/mend. MEND is comprised of lots of sub-committees ranging from home rebuilding, civic groups, Auburn University, healthcare, mental health, animal care, schools, restaurants and more! [Your organization can join MEND using this online form.](#)

Tornado Response Opportunities to Serve

- Cleanup with Homeowners
 - **FRIDAY 4/12 & SATURDAY 4/13:** Join a team of volunteers serving with Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM). Register at www.arm-al.org/tornadoregistration to let ARM know you’d like to serve. They will contact you with details!
 - Bring your own lunch and drinking water. Wear pants and closed toe shoes.
- **THIS SUNDAY** April 14, 3p-6p - [Alabama Rural Ministry \(ARM\)](#) Volunteer and Crew Leader Training
 - ARM has been designated as the lead United Methodist agency for tornado response in Lee County. This training is for home repair ministry leaders and support/admin volunteers to help at the ARM office. You’ll be helping to support long-term recovery efforts with a focus on repairing and rebuilding homes.
 - NO COST! Register at www.arm-al.org/training or email Nancy James at nancy@arm-al.org.
- EMA Warehouse Volunteers – sorting and organizing supplies, **7 days a week**, 8a-5p, at [309 Williamson Ave Opelika, AL 36801](#). Minimum Age to serve is 14. [CLICK HERE to record your service hours at the warehouse.](#)

- MEND Call Center Volunteers: The MEND call center is open from 8a-5p, Mon-Fri. This center is answering questions from survivors and volunteers interested in helping. It is located at the EAMC Foundation Building (407 W Thomason Circle Opelika, AL 36801). Sign up to serve by contacting the call center at 334-528-MEND (6363).

Thank you!

Blessings,

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