

Hi Friends,

What a day! Napoleon's new home is going up as I type. It is amazing to see the work of restoration God is doing in our community. Don't miss the opportunity to help this week AND this weekend. Also, check out the new opportunity – LOVE LEE DAY! It's a day of fun and fun-raising for our community but our help is needed to make it happen! Thank you again for all the ways you continue to share Christ's love!

RSVP NOW TO THE RESTORE LUNCHEON– Sunday May 5th – If you have been involved with our disaster response in Lee County or with hurricane relief/recovery or if you would like to become involved, you are invited to join us for the Restore luncheon on Sunday May 5th at 12:15p in the fellowship hall. Rev. Geoffrey Lentz from Port St Joe UMC will be joining us to share about his church and community's recovery and we'll also discuss our Lee County recovery efforts. **Please RSVP by Wednesday May 1st** to Karen Green at karen.greene@aumc.net or call 334.826.8800.

Opportunities to Serve

- **NEW: [Love Lee Day](#)** – Sat. May 18th, 10a – Opelika Sportsplex
 - A day of games, food, entertainment, contests, silent auction and so much more. Big kids, little kids, no kids. We hope to give the community a day to come together and enjoy fellowship with one another while raising money to support the tornado victims of March 3rd. The event is free. Donations and other fundraisers will be accepted.
 - **VOLUNTEER SIGNUP:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ba4af2fa5f58-love>
 - A volunteer meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 5, 1:30pm, at the Opelika Sportsplex. Attendance is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.
- **BLITZ BUILD IN PROGRESS** – The Fuller Center for Housing is building 3 new homes THIS WEEK for families in Beauregard. Here's how we can help:
 - Tues. April 30th – Fri. May 3rd – Help build homes, paint siding, and more! Construction and non-construction volunteers are needed. Check-in at 7:30a at Providence Baptist Church West Campus 2807 Lee County Rd 166, Opelika, AL 36804 at 7:30a. All tools, materials, drinking water, and lunch are provided.
 - **NEW:** Sat. May 4th – 8am, Help with landscaping. Contact Chris Lammons at CLammons@Phenixcitybor.com for details.
 - **SPECIAL:** One of the homes is being built for Napoleon Darby. This is the same gentleman we were able to help move into a new apartment with new furniture and home goods just after the storm. We're so excited for this opportunity to assist Napoleon with his recovery!
- **STARTING TOMORROW:** Compassion/Case Worker Training – Tues 4/30 through Thurs 4/2: Are you highly relational and compassionate? Would you like to help 2-3 people navigate through the process to recover from the storm? You can become a volunteer case worker/compassion volunteer. UMCOR is providing a three day training Tuesday April 30-Thursday May 2 from 8:30-4:30 at the Alabama Rural Ministry office. If you cannot attend this training, we can still equip you to serve in this way. Even if you can only commit to one person, that would make a significant difference. You will work with ARM's 2 case managers who will assist you. Contact Lisa Pierce lisa@arm-al.org for more information.
- Cleanup with Homeowners in Partnership with Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM)
 - **URGENT NEED:** The clean-up effort is in desperate need of medium to heavy equipment and operators for moving debris. If you or someone you know has access to skid steers, bull dozers, excavators, etc, PLEASE CALL MEND (334-528-6363) to share your capacity

to help. You can also contact Lisa Pierce of ARM at lisa@arm-al.org if MEND does not respond.

- Let ARM know when you're available to serve by registering at www.arm-al.org/tornadoregistration. Contact Andrew at andrew@arm-al.org with any questions.
- Damage Assessors - Anyone with construction/home repair background can assist with damage assessments. Please contact Lisa Pierce of ARM at lisa@arm-al.org or Joseph Farris of ARM at joseph@arm-al.org if you want more information on how to help.
- EMA Warehouse Volunteers – sorting and organizing supplies, **Monday-FRIDAY**, 8a-5p, at [309 Williamson Ave Opelika, AL 36801](http://309WilliamsonAveOpelika,AL36801). Minimum Age to serve is 14. [CLICK HERE to record your service hours at the warehouse.](#)

Thank you!

Blessings,

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