

Hi Friends,

Two days ago marked the 3 month anniversary of the storms that hit our county so hard. Next Monday will mark 8 months since Hurricane Michael made landfall. Recovery looks different for each family, but our call to serve and offer Christ's love remains the same. This requires us to be patient. I encourage you to [click here to read Rev. Lisa Pierce's, director of Alabama Rural Ministry, update on tornado recovery efforts](#) where she writes "In a culture that demands speed, instantaneous results, and quickly forgets, we pray for deliberation, intentionality, and to keep these [stories of hope and healing] at the forefront of our community." Amen!

### **Tornado Recovery**

- [Alabama Rural Ministry \(ARM\)](#) is requesting volunteers for:
  - Chainsaw teams
  - Providing lunches/snacks/drinks for other volunteer teams
  - Calling survivor families to initiate case management process (can be done from home or at the ARM office)
  - Minor construction teams (porches, mobile home skirting, small shingle roof patches, kool-sealing mobiles homes and minor metal roof)
  - Heavy construction teams beginning this fall (wall & roof reframing, sheathing, drywall)
  - Contact Andrew Baird at [andrew@arm-al.org](mailto:andrew@arm-al.org) if you're interested in helping in any of these ways. We'll have these opportunities added to VOMO soon!
- [Wall Build on Saturday July 27](#), 8a-12p, Providence Baptist Church
  - 8a – 12p at Providence Baptist Church
  - We've been charged with building walls for 2 new homes for tornado survivors in Beauregard! The Fuller Center for Housing needs our help and will provide all the tools, materials, and guidance for us. We just need to come together ready to work! No experience required; open to all skill levels of volunteers. [Click here to sign up now on VOMO!](#)

### **Hurricane Michael Recovery and Port St Joe UMC Partnership**

- Port St Joe Prayer Team
  - Our disaster recovery partnership with Port St Joe UMC is building momentum and we want to undergird our efforts in prayer as we know this work of recovery is too big for us! Would you like to be a part of forming a Port St Joe Prayer Team? [Click here to sign-up on VOMO](#) or contact John Fox at [johnf@aumc.net](mailto:johnf@aumc.net) or 334-826-8800 x253.
- Rebuild Team – **tentative** dates June 21-23
  - We're awaiting confirmation on a 2<sup>nd</sup> rebuild team to serve in Port St Joe departing Fri June 21<sup>st</sup> (late afternoon or early evening) and returning Sun June 23<sup>rd</sup> (evening). Team registration will open once dates are confirmed.
- In the works
  - A children's ministry partnership is forming to help PSJ UMC children attend summer camp at Blue Lake! They'll attend camp the same week as our children's ministry. Details will be announced this Sunday.
  - We're exploring an emotional/spiritual support component with congregational leaders at PSJ UMC later this week.

**Join the Auburn UMC Volunteer Hub on VOMO Today!**

If you haven't already, setup your account on VOMO to get connected to our disaster relief ministry!  
We'll be adding more ministry areas of the church over the coming weeks. To join, just visit  
<https://accounts.vomo.org/invite/org/AUBURNUMC> - it's free!

Blessings,

Joe