

Hi Friends,

I've just returned from serving with the UMCOR Disaster Warehouse in Decatur, AL. A team of 10 from our church helped verify cleaning buckets, assemble health kits, and bundle furring strips for tarping. This warehouse is such a great resource for our church and so many others and we're thankful for their partnership! [Check out pictures and video on the Auburn UMC Mission & Outreach Facebook page.](#) Thank you again for all the ways you continue to share Christ's love!

**RSVP NOW TO THE RESTORE LUNCHEON**– Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 next Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>** to Karen Green at [karen.greene@aumc.net](mailto:karen.greene@aumc.net) or call 334.826.8800.

### Opportunities to Serve

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa@arm-al.org) if MEND does not respond.
  - **FRIDAY 4/26 & SATURDAY 4/27:** Please contact Andrew Baird **TODAY** if you would like to serve: [andrew@arm-al.org](mailto:andrew@arm-al.org).
  - **NEW:** ARM is looking for someone to operate a medium sized excavator this Saturday, 4/27. Please contact Andrew Baird at [andrew@arm-al.org](mailto:andrew@arm-al.org) for more details.
  - If you can't serve on these dates, you can still register to serve at [www.arm-al.org/tornadoregistration](http://www.arm-al.org/tornadoregistration) and specify dates you are available!
  - Bring your own lunch and drinking water. Wear pants and closed toe shoes.
- Damage Assessors - Anyone with construction/home repair background can assist with damage assessments. Please contact Lisa Pierce of ARM at [lisa@arm-al.org](mailto:lisa@arm-al.org) or Joseph Farris of ARM at [joseph@arm-al.org](mailto:joseph@arm-al.org) if you want more information on how to help.
- **BLITZ BUILD BEGINS SATURDAY** – The Fuller Center for Housing is building 3 new homes at the end of this month for families in Beauregard. They will return in September to build 6 more! Here's how we can help in April/May:
  - Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30a-4:30p – Help frame 3 sets of walls at Providence Baptist Church.
  - Mon. April 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Help build homes, paint siding, and more! Construction and non-construction volunteers are needed. Arrive at Providence Baptist Church at 7:30a. All tools and materials are provided. Lunch and drinking water are provided too!

- Mon. May 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri. May 10<sup>th</sup> – Help with “finishing touches” like installing flooring, landscaping, and more. We will focus our efforts with Mr. Napoleon Darby’s home (see below).
- **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!
- EMA Warehouse Volunteers – sorting and organizing supplies, **Monday-FRIDAY**, 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.](#)

Thank you!

Blessings,

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