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## **First UMC / \*SPECIAL\* Email Blast**

Many of you are aware of the devastation that Hurricane Harvey has left in southern Texas. Massive amounts of rainfall have caused major flooding and damage. Our Disaster Relief coordinator for the Great Plains Conference has invited us to respond! The Church Council would like to remind you of the following facts:

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) responds to natural disasters within our nation. They commit to being one of the first to arrive at the scene of a natural disaster, and they commit to be one of the last to leave as recovery and restoration is completed.

Right now, UMCOR is asking for **Cleaning Buckets** (previously called “Flood Buckets”) and/or monetary donations for the relief efforts in Texas.

The *administrative costs* for UMCOR are received on *UMCOR Sunday* (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) so that 100% of our monetary donations goes toward Disaster Relief!

Each **Cleaning Bucket** contains important items to help to begin the clean-up process. The value of each bucket is around **\$55**.

Columbus First UMC will be taking up a **SPECIAL OFFERING** on the weekends of **September 2 & 3, 9 & 10 and 16 & 17**.

**How can you donate?** Watch for “buckets” to receive offerings in our worship services; the Mission Committee’s special “Box” to receive donations; and special challenges in our Sunday School classes as they kick-off on Rally Day. Of course, donations can be received during business hours in the Church Office. If you give a check, please put “Disaster Relief” or “UMCOR” in the memo line.

**Thank you for prayerfully considering a special offering gift toward Disaster Relief.**

Grace & Peace,

First UMC Church Council

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