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SPECIAL First UMC / Email Blast

UPDATED: Many of our church family members, families, friends & colleagues have been displaced by the recent flooding in and around Columbus. We also know that many homes, basements and garages have sustained water damage. There are several things that we want you to know including the fact that the **Great Plains Disaster Response Team** is being organized and deployed to **North Loup, NE** this week.

- **Collection of Supplies** / We will begin collecting supplies for the **Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits**. Please drop off donations at the Church and/or our Outreach Center. *See attached document for items needed for these kits.*
- **Need Help?** / If you need help, please call the Church Office 402-564-8463, as there are people willing to help clean, organize and provide items or food. If you know someone that needs help, they don't have to be a member of our church. Let's work together and begin this long clean-up process.
- **Want to Help?** / If you want to help, please call the Church Office 402-564-8463 and get your name added to the volunteer list & please fill-out this weekend's bulletin tear-off sheet in worship.

FRIDAY: we have been asked to assist at the **1C Collection & Donation Site from 11 to 1 PM and 1 to 3 PM.** Volunteers will be helping to hand-out items to those affected by the flooding in our area. We need **THREE** people per time slot. Sign-up in Church Office to volunteer ASAP.

Emergency Response Training (ERT) / Are you a certified ERT? Would you like to be? Rev. Russ Anderson is holding a “just in time training” on **Sunday, March 24** from **6:30-8:30 PM** at Grand Island First-Faith UMC. It is about that time where we can get in and need to start mucking out houses, and Russ will training on how to muck out a house. In addition, the following ERT’s have been scheduled: Waverly, Nebraska on March 23 & Leawood, Kansas on March 30.

Thank you to **ALL** who have donated money, cleaning supplies & time! Pray that we can help in all of the ways that we are able. We are Nebraska Strong, and we are also UMC Strong. God will continue to strengthen us for the tasks ahead.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Cindi, Pastor Joe, Sandy Martensen