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SPECIAL First UMC / Email Blast

UPDATED: As you know, 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 organized and deployed to Platte County, NE. The team will begin arriving on Wednesday (tomorrow) afternoon.

- **Church & Outreach Center** / The Church will be “home base” for operations for the Disaster Response Team. The Outreach Center will be “meal & sleep base” for volunteers coming from other areas. *We have already secured enough cots & air mattresses to provide for sleeping.*

- **Want to Help with Workers / Volunteers?** / Call the Church office 402-564-8463 and get your name added to the volunteer list OR email Sandy Martensen at programcoordinator@columbusfumc.com.

- **Meals** – breakfast, lunch (to go) and supper – all to be served at the Outreach Center – At this point, starting on **Thursday through next week**. The Church Office will do our best to have an updated number for each meal; at this point, it will probably be **5-9 people**.

- **Housing** – for those that wish to sleep in a “real bed,” we would like to provide names & numbers of those willing to host these volunteers.

▪ **Volunteers** will arrive tomorrow afternoon (3/27), and they will be coming & going through next week.

• **Want to Be Trained to Help with Relief? / Thursday @ 8 AM at the Church** there will be a “just in time” training session for everyone that would like to help muck out basements, etc. Training starts at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP is not required but helpful; call office.

• **Still Need Help?** / 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 still needs help, they don't have to be a member of our church. Let's work together and begin this long clean-up process.

Thank you for your prayers & patience and thank you, in advance, for the ways that we will adjust our current program and ministries to be able to engage in mission and ministry in our community, area & state. Pray that we can help in all of the ways that we are able. We are **Nebraska Strong**, and we are also **UMC Strong**. Blessings & see you this weekend in worship where we will pray & live into the promise of hope together.

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