

Disaster Response Task Force Communication

The Community Mission Committee has mobilized a Disaster Response Task Force to coordinate disaster assistance efforts for the DCPC community. The consensus is that financial contributions are the best way for us to support our neighbors in need. We are recommending that you give to one of several organizations. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), [Black Mountain Presbyterian Church](#), or the [American Red Cross](#). The links to these organizations are also at www.dcpcc.org. If you are more comfortable sending your donation through DCPC then simply indicate “Disaster Relief” in your contribution to the church and we will get it to one of the organizations most in need.

We realize other great organizations and churches are doing good work. Feel free to give to them. We did not want to complicate decisions by listing every opportunity on our page.

DCPC’s CURRENT FINANCIAL RESPONSE

We want you to be aware that your Community Mission Committee has already made three financial gifts from funds that we have on hand.

\$2000 was given to Camp Grier to help them purchase a generator to run a walk-in refrigerator and freezer. Our beloved Camp Grier is positioning itself to be a home base for the National Guard, utility crews, and recovery groups. They do not know when electricity will be restored to their area. They are ready to house and feed relief crews!

\$1000 was given to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock to assist with their relief efforts in the Boone/Blowing Rock area. This is the church where former DCPC Associate Pastor Kathy Beach currently serves as Pastor.

\$1000 was given to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church to assist in their efforts to feed community members who have been displaced or who have lost power and water and cannot cook at home.

MATERIAL DONATIONS

In addition to financial gifts, many people are organizing material drives for water, diapers, formula, and other essential items. We are not organizing our own effort currently because there are many material drives already ongoing and we have heard reports that some of the distribution has been chaotic and wasteful. Our funds given to known and respected entities will help people get the resources they need.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DONATIONS

Having said that, we are aware of a known former Davidson Community Member who lives in Montreat and is returning there on Tuesday, October 8. Jane Cain is collecting the following items at her house to send back to the Montreat Community.

Water (gallon jugs), Body Wipes, Dry Shampoo, Hand Sanitizer, Charcoal for grills, Canned food (particularly proteins), paper plates, and trash bags

These items need to be delivered to Jane and Larry's house at **517 Greenway Street** in Davidson. If you have questions, please contact Jane at 704-241-0023. Items need to be delivered by end of day on Monday, October 7th.

The Task Force will be meeting regularly to assess the situation, recommend changes in our approach, and plan future in-person visits for clean-up and rebuilding efforts. If you have thoughts or recommendations for us to consider please reach out to Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org.