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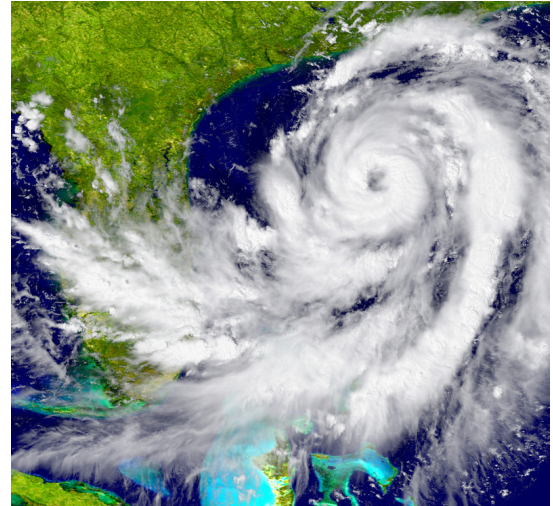
June 1 marks the start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Experts project that this season is expected to be the most active season on record. But there is no reason to be scared, be prepared!

When making your hurricane kit, you can find cost effective ways to prepare. The Florida Department of Revenue has a tax holiday that runs from June 1 to June 14 and exempts tax for disaster preparedness items. Items can also be found at your local dollar store to save on making a kit.

Be sure to have the essentials in your kit:

- Water
- Nonperishable Food
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Backup phone battery

Other items should include personal medications, pet supplies, baby formula and other supplies. Additional needs should be determined based on your family's specific needs. Visit [Ready.Gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit) for a full list and more information on building your kit.



VISIT US AT AC2024

Make sure to visit us in the Expo Hall at Annual Conference!

If you will be at Annual Conference this week, be sure to stop by to visit our team. We will have several team members at our annual conference to meet, greet, and share about the disaster recovery ministry with you. Want to receive a free disaster recovery tumbler? See below how you can earn one!

- Sign up to volunteer on our Hurricane Ian Recovery
- Register for an Early Response Training (ERT)
- Donate to our Disaster Response Fund
- Connect with us on social media and sign up for the newsletter

Show your support and stay prepared—get involved today and enjoy this special gift as our thanks! *Visit us at our in-person booth to redeem*



EARLY RESPONSE TEAM

Help us serve more survivors by joining the early response team!

An Early Response Team (ERT) is a self-contained team invited to a disaster-affected area to provide specialized physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance to survivors. ERTs help with specific needs in the early days after a disaster.

Come learn about where United Methodists are involved, what is a disaster, how to get prepared for a disaster, what we can do when a disaster strikes. Attendees will also learn how the disaster response plan is activated, how to be a caring presence to communities facing disaster recovery and hear stories about how we do not harm the recovery process for individuals.

During this class, our trainers will explain the roles Early Response Teams play in the early days after a disaster. You will learn to provide a Christian presence, be a part of the caring ministry of “listeners”, take steps to prevent further damage to a family’s personal property by tarping, flood clean-out, debris removal, and also learn to help manage donated materials, gather information, or do other things needed in the community, and observe survivor’s needs and report those to the local disaster operations.

Teams are registered with the Disaster Recovery Ministry of the Florida Conference and Disaster Recovery coordinates team placement with local officials to get help where it is needed most after a disaster.

Training is \$15 per person. Participants must be at least 18 years old.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Early Response Team Training Lakeland - 7/20/2024
- Early Response Team Training - Pasadena Community UMC - 8/3/2024

Interested in hosting an ERT Training? Please reach out to our ERT Coordinator, Tom Vencuss at tvencuss@flumc.org



Warren Willis Camp Serve Days:

Service days are 8:00 AM -4:00 PM and will be led by an ERT member, all participants school age and older are welcome.

- June 29, 2024
- July 27, 2024
- August 24, 2024

Registrations can be found on our website.



CONNECT WITH US

Thank you for being a part of our ministry. Your support and engagement mean the world to us! Here's how you can reach out and stay in the loop:

Social Media

Follow us on our social media platforms for real-time updates, behind-the-scenes content, and interactive discussions.

- Facebook: Disaster Recovery Ministry - Florida Conference - United Methodist Church
- Instagram: @flumcdisasterrecovery
- LinkedIn: Disaster Recovery Ministry - The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church
- TikTok: @flumc.dr
- Website: <https://www.flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/>

Events and Webinars

Stay informed about upcoming events, webinars, and workshops. Mark your calendar and join us for insightful sessions!

Events Calendar: [flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/training-events](https://www.flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/training-events)



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