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UMCOR: Among First to Respond to These USA Disasters



Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>

- ✦ By bringing/ mailing a check to Clair Church and noting "Hawaii" in memo section
- ✦ By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

UMCOR was recently recognized by [CNN](#) as one of the nonprofits assisting individuals impacted by disasters such as #HurricaneIdalia. UMCOR's support of our partners helps survivors access resources for immediate needs as well as long-term recovery.

Hurricane Idalia made landfall in Florida, bringing flooding and damage, and then headed to Georgia and the Carolinas. UMCOR processed a grant for the [The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) for emergency supplies. In

anticipation of the hurricane, UMCOR staff conducted a 2-hour workshop for Cabinet members and conference leadership to review the conference disaster response plan. Please pray for those affected by this storm. You can donate to UMCOR's response to this and other disasters here: <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster...> Or by bringing/ mailing a check made out to Clair Church with Idalia in memo section.



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Americana Gospel Group Performs at Clair September 9!

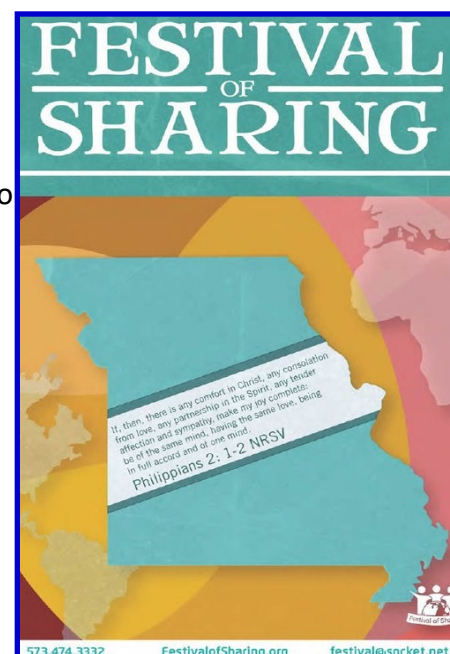


In 1989 Ernie Couch and Jason Couch began working together on-the-road with the famous Plainsmen Quartet. Ernie already had a history with the group when Jason came onboard to play keyboards. A few short years later they formed Ernie Couch & Revival. Now, over two and a half decades, various group configurations, and a zillion miles later, they continue to share the "Good News" through music to thousands of folks, coast-to-coast. Through the years, many have tried to find a specific label for Ernie's and Jason's

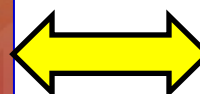
broad spectrum of musical styles. Maybe something nebulous like Americana Gospel best fits, but whatever the title, folks from eight to eighty-eight love their music! **Be There!**

The annual Festival of Sharing for the NW District of the Missouri United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, September 30, at InterServ, 5400 King Hill Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Donation drop off – 9:30-11:30 AM. You may volunteer to help sort and package donations that day. The Festival provides numerous agencies with needed food/first aid kits/personal care kits, etc. This year, there is a special need for Flood Buckets! Each kit includes:

- 1- 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 1- 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry soap
- 1-16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
- *No spray cleaners
- 1- 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- 1- 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- 1- 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellant -pack of 10-20 wipes acceptable too
- *Pump sprays must have protective covers
- 1 scrub brush (with or without handle)
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
- *No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
- *Remove from packaging
- 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel pads w/ soap)
- *Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- 1- 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.)
- *Remove from packaging
- 5 N95 dust masks (1-3mm thickness)
- 2 pairs kitchen gloves
- *Remove from packaging
- 1 pair work gloves (cotton w/leather palm or all leather)



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We have two more Sundays in the CONNECT worship series. This coming Sunday, Sept. 10 will have us focusing on the membership vow of SERVICE; and Sept. 17 on the vow of WITNESS. It has been fun to really spend time thinking about our membership vows and how we can best live into our discipleship as members of The United Methodist Church. **Sept. 17 will also be a great day for a Membership Event** – for those who are not official members of our congregation to make the commitment. Please let me know of your desire, and we'll make it happen!

I am so excited about our upcoming Capital Campaign. Roxyann Schreiber created a wonderful display to highlight the projects completed in the last few years and the projects we hope to complete in the months ahead. Those projects include remodeling the entrance to the church building to be more spacious and welcoming. A lighting project will increase light on the chancel, light the outdoor cross and flag and our Clair Church sign on the church lawn. A ramp to the chancel will allow everyone to access the chancel area. We look forward to new flooring throughout the building except in the sanctuary, a facelift for the kitchen with new flooring and countertops, and fresh coats of paint throughout the building. Replacing the east door with a safety door and an AED unit completes our wish list. We estimate addressing all of these projects will cost close to \$90,000.

The Building Team of Brendon Clark, Ceressa Kent and Rod Sander have been working with me and the Ad Council to define the scope of our project and to plan the capital campaign to fund the work we want to do. Those folks have already made their pledges which total nearly \$37,000!

You will be hearing more about the projects in the weeks ahead and there will be opportunities to have your questions answered. Pledge cards for you will be available on Sept. 24. We would like to have pledge cards returned by Oct. 15 so that we can tally and celebrate the total at the Harvest Home celebration.

It's an exciting time, Friends! I ask that you begin to prayerfully consider the amount you can give to the Capital Campaign Fund over the next three years to make this project a reality.

Blessings to you as we settle into fall and the opportunities it will bring. As always, it is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy

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A Big THANK YOU to our Food Kitchen Brigade!



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| Sept. 9 | Couch Revival Concert 6 PM |
| Sept. 10 | Fellowship Luncheon 12 Noon |
| Sept. 11 | Starlite 6 PM |
| Sept. 12 | Administrative Council 6 PM |
| Sept. 16 | Men's Group 8 AM |
| Sept. 29 | Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM |
| Sept. 30 | Festival of Sharing at Inter Serv |

OCTOBER 15

HARVEST HOME!

Weekly Sermon Review

6:30 PM

Wednesdays

Sept. 6, 13 & 20!

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Clair Prepares for a Capital Campaign Kickoff!



Over \$36,000 has been pledged to the campaign by the Building Committee, Ad Council and Pastor before the official kickoff!

Needed improvements will include flooring, a remodeled entryway, ramp access to the chancel, kitchen facelift, new lighting, plus more!

