

HURRICANE SEASON

National Hurricane Preparedness Week: May 20-26

Family Disaster Plan:

- ✓ Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to **storm surge, flooding and wind.**
- ✓ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- ✓ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- ✓ Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- ✓ Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ✓ Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- ✓ Tune into your local radio station or use a NOAA Weather Radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- ✓ Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.



Inland Flooding

While storm surge is always a potential threat, inland flooding is a major threat to communities on the Shore as well as hundreds of miles from the coast as intense rain falls from these huge tropical air masses.

What can you do?

- When you hear hurricane, think inland flooding.
- Determine whether you live in a potential flood zone.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.
- Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing water. As little as six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- Develop a flood emergency action plan.
- Have flood insurance. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. Do not make assumptions. Check your policy.

Plan provided by NOAA at www.noaa.gov

2007 Storm Names:

Andrea ~ Barry ~ Chantal ~ Dean ~ Erin ~
 Felix ~ Gabrielle ~ Humberto ~ Ingrid ~ Jerry ~
 Karen ~ Lorenzo ~ Melissa ~ Noel ~ Olga ~ Pablo ~
 Rebekah ~ Sebastien ~ Tanya ~ Van ~ Wendy

The United Methodist Church of the Virginia Conference Eastern Shore District Disaster Response Team

Online at www.gbgm-umc.org/ddrt

Disaster Response and Recovery is a vital part of our church mission. We are called to love one another. One of the ways we can show the love and the hands, feet, and face of Jesus is through the efforts we make in the community and around the world. Response and Recovery happens on five levels at once: our Conference-wide efforts, work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), **district response and recovery (District Disaster Response Team - DDRT)**, local church efforts, and community support.

The **Eastern Shore DDRT** works, meets and trains year-round to meet the response and recovery needs of the Eastern Shore in the event of a hurricane or other disaster.

District Training

Training for Local Church Disaster Coordinators, Pastors, DDRT members and volunteers, and other interested persons will be held on Monday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Painter-Garrison UMC, 17310 Main St. Painter, led by the Disaster Pastor, Rev. Frank Jennings

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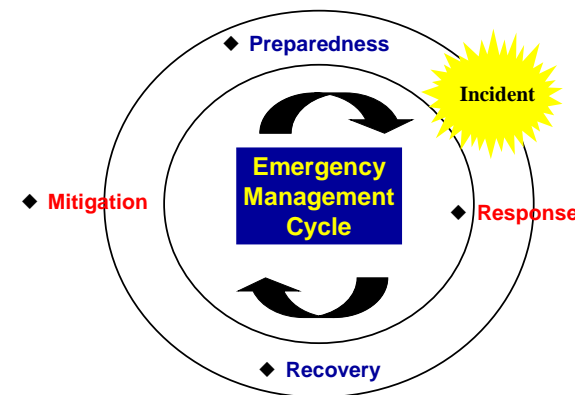
*SAFE, SANITARY
 AND SECURE*

Cash Donations Needed:

The DDRT is raising funds to purchase a disaster relieve and recovery trailer. The estimated purchase price of the trailer and equipment is \$12,000. We have reached approximately 67% .

Hurricane Season will soon be here. Help us to meet our goal and have the trailer in service before the height of the hurricane season.

Send your donations to Eastern Shore District United Methodist Church, ATTN: DDRT, P. O. Box 317, Parkesley Virginia 23421



Volunteers Needed:

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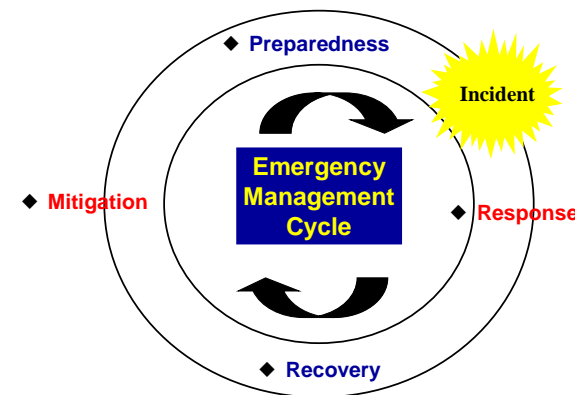
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