

## WFMC - Tornado Recovery, December 14, 2021

Regarding our church helping western Kentuckians, WFMC makes these recommendations for today:

**1) City of Wilmore** Join the city of Wilmore in helping Chris Riggs (a local farmer) fill a tractor trailer load of supplies, which he will take to western Kentucky on Friday to be distributed in the Princeton/Eddyville/Dawson Springs area. Below is a list of items that Princeton Emergency Management has requested for this area at this time. You can take donations to Wilmore City Hall this week - Today through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, and on Friday from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. WFMC has offered to pay for the fuel for this truck delivery through our Benevolence Fund.

**The greatest needs right now are: storage containers, broken down cardboard boxes, packing tape and cleaning supplies.** In addition: Water, Gatorade, Hefty Bags, Styrofoam cups with lids, Coffee, Disinfectant Wipes, Work Gloves, Safety Glasses, Gift Cards (to Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart,) Blankets, Coats, Hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, brush, comb, deodorant, q-tips, feminine, etc.,) Band-aids, Neosporin, Bactine, OTC meds (Tylenol, Advil, etc.,) Tarps, brooms, Mops, small propane tanks, pet supplies.

**2) Jessamine County Schools** JCS is joining with the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation to provide aid to western and south-central Kentucky. Central Kentucky school districts will join in the relief efforts by collecting items needed and transporting them to the affected areas in the state. Our county will fill two large transport trailers and as many school buses as needed with these same supplies as listed above. Items need to be donated by this Thursday, December 16 to any Jessamine county school.

**3) Financial Donations** WFMC encourages financial donations be made to the following organizations:

a) First United Methodist Church of Madisonville is working directly with the Hopkins County Emergency Management office and is collecting cash donations. The best way to give is by sending a check payable to: First UMC with "tornado relief" in the memo line. 200 E. Center St, Madisonville, KY 42431

b) The Salvation Army - [click here.](#)

c) Samaritan's Purse - [click here.](#)

d) The American Red Cross - [click here.](#)

**4) On-site Work Teams:** Since it would be very complicated to try to assemble a church-wide work team at this time of year, and since some western Kentucky counties need volunteers now and others are asking to NOT send volunteers now, we are encouraging smaller family units / friends who would like to physically go and help to do the following:

a) Check the Emergency Management web-sites of the following counties to assess need and that particular county's openness to volunteer teams - the need changes day to day:

Western Kentucky: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Lyon, Caldwell, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Ohio

South-Central Kentucky: Logan, Warren, Edmonson, Hart, Green, Taylor, Marion, Boyle

b) Once you decide the dates and place you'll go, if you have room for others to go with you (the use of a church van is possible for this) let the church office know of your plans and we'll make that known to the church family so that others could participate.

After the new year and schedules return to normal, we'll likely be more successful in assembling church-wide work teams. The need will likely go on for some time.

Pastor Daryl