

WFMC Tornado Recovery Assistance Plans—12/19/2021

This past week:

- 1) WFMC has assisted with the City of Wilmore and Jessamine County Schools in filling transports with necessities. These supplies have already been delivered. More will be sent in the future, and we'll keep you informed of the needs and opportunities as they arise.
- 2) WFMC has donated \$5,000 from Benevolence Funds to the needs in Hopkins County.
- 3) One team from WFMC has been on-site in Bowling Green giving assistance.

In the days to come:

1) This, of course, will be a long-term effort and we want to give where and when funds are most needed. WFMC plans on making more donations to reputable, front-line organizations over the next number of months from our Benevolence Fund, so you may donate directly to WFMC, designating "Benevolence."

2) We encourage financial donations to the following organizations:

a) First United Methodist Church of Madisonville is working directly with the Hopkins County Emergency Management office and collects cash donations. Checks can be sent payable to: First UMC Madisonville with "tornado relief" in the memo line, 200 E. Center Street, Madisonville, KY 42431

b) The Salvation Army

c) The Kentucky Christian Foundation is offering a \$25,000 matching grant for gifts given through the NCF. <https://tinyurl.com/mz8nrryb>

d) The Kentucky Dairy Development Council is working especially with Amish and Mennonite farmers in the affected area. www.kydairy.org Checks can be written to "KDDC" and sent to:
KDDC/Schlappi 554 Davenport Rd Harrodsburg, KY 40330

e) Samaritan's Purse

f) The American Red Cross

3) Since it would be very complicated to try to assemble church-wide work teams over the holidays, at present we are encouraging smaller family units / friend groups who would like to 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:

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

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

b) Eagle Ridge Retreat Center is housing work teams as room allows. To check on accommodations and dates, contact Pastor Roger Ryan at 270-784-2168.

c) 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 certainly be present for some time.

In all we do, let's pray for all those who are struggling and helping in these days.