

Concord Cares Hurricane Recovery Fall Break Mission

Port St Joe, Florida, October 6-12, 2019

Departure: We will load and depart at 10:30 on Sunday, October 6 from the east parking lot at CUMC, 11020 Roane Drive to drive to Port St. Joe, FL. Transportation will be provided, or you may drive yourself/family and meet us there. The teams should arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, begin to move into the church. Or you may drive down on Monday to join us. **On Monday, we will check out the area and have a beach/play day. Work Tuesday – Friday, October 8 – 11**
Return home on Saturday, October 12 in the afternoon.

Who May Serve: All Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Due to safety concerns, Volunteers under 16, will have a few work restrictions.

Housing: Lodging options are in local churches or retreat centers that will have bunk beds, cots, or space for air mattresses. We will know more closer to the trip.

Work: The home repair ministry your team participates in may involve carpentry, drywall, flooring, trim, baseboards, painting, and more. Most of the work will be interior repairs. We need skilled crafts persons, team leaders and persons willing to learn how to complete the projects under the guidance of others.

VISION & MISSION: On Oct. 10, 2018 Hurricane Michael made landfall as a Category 5 hurricane in Mexico Beach, Florida. With unprecedented force, Michael maintained its Category 5 strength as it continued inland to devastate a 100-mile wide path from the coast of Florida to the Georgia state line. Our vision is to rebuild, repair, and restore homes that were damaged by Hurricane Michael. Towards that end, we seek to meet the needs of those affected by Hurricane Michael through home repair, reconstruction, debris cleanup, connecting people to the right resources, and serving in many other capacities. This is work that will take years to accomplish, but we are committed to this ministry.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVING: The Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church in partnership with UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Cost: Each person is asked to donate \$50 plus purchase their own meals during travel and when we eat out. Most meals will be provided in Florida during the work week. Scholarship funding is available if needed. Per family maximum cost of \$150.

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This trip is sponsored by Concord Untied Missions and Young Adult Ministries.

Work attire – long pants, boots/tennis shoes, work gloves, and eye protection are needed at the work sites. Please be conservative in your attire, no bare midriff, yoga pants, etc. Please be aware of others and the situations we are in to prevent or minimize injury.

Don't forget to pack your flexibility with you Prepare to expect the unexpected. Things don't always go the way that we want them to go, but please remember that all work is important work to the people you are serving.

Lastly, bring your presence Remember to be present in the moment. It is important to remember to not get caught up in the work and forget that we are serving people. More than once, there have been stories of people who have been calling around for months seeking assistance, and no one has reached them. They got to the point where they turned to God and prayed for a miracle. During these times, a work team showed up to their doorstep that very same day representing the miracle they prayed for. Often you are God's miracle for these people.

Personal Packing Guidelines

Bedding/pillow/ air mattress (twin size is best) I have some if you need to borrow one. WE will let you know closer to the trip if we have bunk beds and what size they are.

Bath towel/washcloth

Shoes for work: boots & old tennis shoes (you really need both)

Other shoes: Flip-flops for shower, something for regular wear

For work site - old long pants & regular t-shirts (Plan to wear the work pants more than one day. These might be items that you toss at the end of the day or week.)

Non-working hours - Shorts or pants, t-shirts, (no spaghetti strap tank tops)

Sleeping wear, underwear, socks

Bible

Personal toiletries, Chap Stick, Sunscreen (if you need a specific brand)

Bandanas

Sunglasses (inexpensive), Ball cap or hat

Work gloves & safety glasses (some that fit)

Water bottle reusable

Personal snacks for travel and one to share at church.

Sack Chair, 1-piece bathing suit and beach towel for Beach day.

You might want a backpack to carry during the day for snacks, water, tools, change of clothes, etc.

Please do not bring alcohol, tobacco in any form, illegal drugs, mischief items, tank tops, string bikinis, weapons or speakers.

Rules and Expectations: Everyone is **expected to act responsibly** the entire time she/he is in the working in the community. Please use tools, supplies and materials, and other resources responsibly. No one is to walk away from the church or work sites without communication with the leadership.

Almost a year after Hurricane Michael hit, many homes that weren't totally destroyed are still in need of repair.



Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.