Responding To Hurricane Harvey

Helpless! The word reverberates in our souls when we see people being rescued from the roofs of their flooded homes. It beats in our hearts as we watch water-soaked people make their way through chest-high water to crowded shelters with a child in their arms, a few possession in a plastic bag or carrying nothing at all. It haunts our minds as we wonder what we can do that will make any real difference in this massive sea of suffering. Is there any word from the Lord that touches the deep flood of helplessness we feel?

 Providentially, the lectionary for the Sunday after Harvey takes us to the burning bush, where Moses hears the Lord say, “I have clearly seen my people… I heard their cry.” (Exodus 3:7) The good news is that God is not absent or indifferent. God is not blind, insensitive or hard of hearing. The God of infinite compassion sees, hears, feels and shares our suffering. God is in the suffering with us. We are not alone.

 The disciples felt helpless when they were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. (Mark 4:35-41) But Jesus heard their cries. He spoke the words, “Be still!” and “the wind settled down and there was a great calm.” The calming of the water was equal to the calming of their fears. The calming word for our helplessness is that God is with us. We are not alone. It led Charles Wesley to sing:

Jesus, lover of my soul, 
Let me to Thy bosom fly, 
While the nearer waters roll, 
While the tempest still is high.

But what about our helpless feelings when we watch the flood but are not in it? Is there a word from the Lord when we see other people’s suffering from a distance? We cannot stop the storm. We cannot replace all that has been lost. Are we helpless, too? As it was for Moses, the word of the Lord for us is, “Get going.” (Exodus 3:10) We are not helpless!

 The compassion of God that moved the Samaritan to do what he could for the helpless man on the side of the road calls us to get going; to do whatever we can to relieve some part of the suffering we see. Sometimes everything we have to give seems like tiny drops of compassion dropped into a massive flood of loss and suffering. But God has a miraculous way of using small gifts to bring great healing, hope and the strength to go on. Every “flood bucket” or “hygiene kit” we send, every gift we give to UMCOR, every prayer we offer can become the expression of God’s love and the witness of God’s presence for the person who receives them.

 Training Dates for Emergency Response Team Training
 September 9, 2017 Coker UMC 231 E. North Loop Road San Antonio, TX 78216
 September 16th Tarrytown UMC 2601 Exposition Blvd. Austin, TX 78703
 October 7, 2017 First UMC Austin 1201 Lavaca St. Austin TX 78701
 Register on-line at riotexas.org

 In Mission with YOU,
 Pastor Kim

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**September’s Communion Offering**

UMCOR Advance # 2057 Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund—UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams in Texas and Louisiana to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey.

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**Fall Adult Bible Study Times**

- **Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study** – 9-10am Starts September 12th
- **Wednesday Evening Men’s Bible Study** – 6:30pm On going
- **Monday Night Women’s Bible Study** – 6:30pm Starts September 11th
- **Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study** – 10:30am Starts September 6th
- **Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study** – Open to all @10:30am starts September 12th
- **Thursday Evening Adult Bible Study** – Open to all @6:30pm Starts September 14th
SAVE THE DATE!!
September 12 Annual Get Acquainted Luncheon. All women of North Shore are invited to come meet with us have lunch with us and see what we are all about. It will be a time of fun, food and fellowship. Bring your friends. Noon to two o’clock. Hope to see all of you there.

CREATIVE HANDS – Carol Bryant
We will meet at Carol Bryant's Thistle Dew Two Art Studio Thursday September 14 and also September 28 - please mark your calendars!! Thistle Dew Studio is next door to the left of her home: 2322 Valley Forge, Canyon Lake. We will be working on crafts for the CRRC Fair. Please bring your sewing supplies and a sack lunch - 9:30am till 2:00pm. I will have coffee and cookies. All are welcome. No experience needed!! If you need more info please call Carol Bryant - 830-832-4483.

Reading Circle– Jan Booth
Reading Circle met on August 17th to discuss Miss Brenda and the Loveladies– a true story by Brenda Spahn and Irene Zutell. The book seemed to be one of the Reading Circle women’s favorite reads of the year.

For Thursday, September 21st, we are reading an autobiography by Hattie Kaufman titled Falling Into Place: A Memoir of Overcoming. The author weaves an absorbing story, moving back and forth in time, that is both heartbreaking and redemptive.

Come give Reading Circle a try at 12:30 in th Youth Room on September 21at!!

UMW Annual District meeting will be Saturday 9/9 in Kerrville. District officer slate will be presented for voting, awards given out and lunch will be served!! We will be carpooling from Northshore early – see Diane Kunz, Susan Harris or Linda Franke re: details.

Music News
I read Bishop Schnase’s Just Say Yes and took a personal inventory. I looked for myself among those stereotypes of members who resist progress. And yes, I found a bit of myself popping up here and there among the non-progressives. I found myself asking:

Was my reluctance to embrace the Contemporary Christian Music my being a resistant naysayer or was their justification in maintaining a traditional orientation for the service?

I kept reading and in the final chapter, Schnase writes there are five core responsibilities of the church. There, in black and white, I read "1. Provide a quality worship experience." Schnase also writes that churches who are searching for relevance in today's society will try new things, which will succeed at times, and other times fall short.

I went down a different musical path, but I was more uncomfortable than ever. My discomfort arose not from dealing with change, but the feeling that it wasn't the right move. It’s not to say that Pastor Kim and I will strictly pick hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal, but we are returning to the traditional core. I'll continue to seek ways to keep the service music uplifting, meditative, spiritually meaningful by other means than when a worship song was composed.

Thank you for coming with me on this journey. I remain your servant in Christ.

Marty Chrisman

PRAYER MINISTRY
We pray all the time, but meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM if anyone would like to join us in the Prayer Chapel in the Education Building.

Please stop and say hi to anyone of us. We would be happy to speak to you, take a prayer request or just chat about prayer and how wonderful and privileged we feel it is to be able to take your concerns, joys, praises, etc. before the Lord.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will hear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

BLESSINGS -
Annie Perez        Katie Mason        Pat Cahill
Susan Fuqua       Diane Kunz

The first 5th Quarter was a great success. We love that we have the opportunity to have youth on our campus and have a space where they can hang out after the football games.

We are still looking for cokes and home made goodies for the next 5th Quarter on September 22nd. You can drop off items in the kitchen.
Thank you North Shore…
This summer North Shore partnered with Los Ninos Ministry to bring love, food, clothing and backpacks to children across the Bulverde and Spring Branch area. For 9 weeks we volunteered to “Love our Neighbors”. Thank you everyone that volunteered, brought food or school supplies, and prayed for these children.

We served 1800 hot lunches, gave out 360 food baskets, clothed over 150 children, shared bible sand stories, did lots of crafts and gave out over 150 backpacks filled with school supplies.

All Church Study Beginning September 10th
Class Time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Moses the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton
Through original video clips filmed on location in Egypt – including the pyramids, Luxor, the Nile River delta and the Sinai wilderness – we’ll experience the places where the story of Moses and the Exodus took place. Each week we’ll explore how the remarkable story of Moses continues to speak to our lives today.

News from your Trustees
What is a church Trustee? Basically, the Trustees of a United Methodist Church are trusted members of the congregation who will diligently function as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

With that said, we Invite you to meet our current Trustees: Chair, Lee McClure, Lou Woodward, Darin Zumwalt, Frank Hodge, David Sweetin, Colby Phelps, and Billy Daniels.

In your time at our facilities, we invite you to share your concerns in regards to cleaning, repairs, or safety by filling out an Attention notice in the log book at our Church Administrator’s desk so that we may take care of things.

In His service,
Trustees, NSUMC.

United Methodist Men
Come Join us for breakfast at 7:30am
Next Meeting Tuesday, October 3rd.

Donate Your Soles for the Soul
Help us raise funds for our Mission Trip by donating your new, gently worn and used shoes!
Shoes will be collected now until October 31st.
Any style or type, children or adult, They can even be dirty just NO holes!

Have you ever thought about going on an Emmaus Walk but haven’t?

We are looking for men for the next Men’s Emmaus Walk # 2173 September 28– October 1 at Camp Young Judea and the next Women’s Walk # 2174 November 30– December 3.

Application are located in the Sanctuary on the right side credenza or for more information contact Myra in the church office 830-935-2171.
Pastor B’s Buzz

It’s that time of year again… We see yellow school buses making their rounds as we try to remember to slow down in school zones. We hear the sounds of the tardy bell ring, the whistle from football and volleyball practice, the squawk of beginner band and orchestra members learning their new instruments. The beginning of the school year always brings some newness and excitement, but for most it’s a settling back into old routines. We’ll find comfort in somewhat predictable days...

Meanwhile our friends on the coast long for anything that might look like life a month ago. Their school buses are underwater, their police department is rescuing people not writing speeding tickets. The school bells are muffled underwater if they ring at all. Football players help clear debris for workout, and they long to hear even the squawks of a new oboe player. There is no ‘back to their old routine’ for these our neighbors. There is only finding a new way forward and creating a new routine on the other side of the storm. There is a new sense of what is valued and needed for survival. There is a new sense of what neighbor means. It is like they have entered a new foreign land and must forge anew.

For the next couple months we will be doing a series on Moses. This baby that was rescued out of maybe not flood waters, but a river that rose up to be a mighty follower of God. But it’s particularly the exodus part of Moses’ story that seems relevant today. Moses led his people as they wandered in the desert and longed to go back to life the way it was before, even though that life was hard. Wandering and the unknown was tough, but they were never alone. God had a plan and a promise for them to live into. Much like God has a plan and a promise for us and our neighbors.

As we journey through Moses’ life, let’s listen with a particular ear tuned to how this ancient story still speaks to us today. Let’s listen for the hope that can be found in wandering, the peace there is in trusting, and the joy there is in loving.

An awesome way to build our faith together is by serving others. With the recent devastation brought with Hurricane Harvey we have a unique opportunity to serve as a family.

As a United Methodist Church, North Shore is connected to not just Methodist churches in our area or state, but all over the country and all over the world. Through the United Methodist Church we have a mission organization called UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) that mobilizes people to be the hands and feet of Christ during disasters. We can be those hands and feet too. There is a warehouse in Louisiana that is stocked with supplies and resources ready to be deployed when disaster strikes. Methodists all over the country have created “Flood Buckets” or “Cleaning Kits” to be distributed during a disaster. Methodists are often some of the first ‘boots on the ground’ when disasters strike and are often some of the last to leave. The buckets are one of the first offerings of hope that volunteers can deliver to families in flooded out areas. More flood buckets are needed for Harvey survivors and many more will be needed to restock the shelves.

Visit http://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies to find a list of items to include in your bucket and how to pack it.

Visit http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Network to check out the UMCOR Relief Depot in Louisiana learn more about our unique connection as Methodists!!!

Yacht Club

Young * Active * Christian * Hanging * Together

Calling all 4th & 5th Graders…

YACHT Club is just for you!!!

Join us most Sunday evenings from 4:00-6:00pm
for Fun, Fellowship, Worship, Bible Study, & Food!
Launching Sunday, September 10th

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 24th
Please make sure your registered with Pastor Bethany

DEEP BLUE DIVERS DEEP BLUE DIVERS

3rd Grade Bible Exploration
Sundays 12:30-2:00pm
September 24th - October 29th
Rummage Sale

Need to clean out your garage and closets but don't know what to do with the items you want to get rid of? The DR Mission Team will be having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 28th from 8am to 2pm and we would love to have your good usable items.

Please see one of the team members and we can either come pick up or let you know where to bring your rummage sale items to.

The Team Members are Darin & Myra Zumwalt, Seth & Tammy Beer, Frank & Tiffany Hodge, Lee & Linda McClure, Joyce Allen, Elaine Warren, Stafford & Shirley Martin, Richard & Roechelle Ferrell, Lonnie & Vicky Johnson. We have 6 youth going this year and they are Brayden Hodge, Sarah Hodge, Maggie Hodge & Meghan Hodge, Luke & Matthew Johnson.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

This year North Shore would like to feed our Canyon Lake Community a Thanksgiving Meal on Thanksgiving Day. We would like to open up our dinner table for anyone to enjoy a Thanksgiving Meal regardless of church affiliation or ability to pay.

We need to know if there is anyone available to help cook, clean-up or serve on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd. If you or your family would like to participate in any way please email the church office at nsnumc@northshore-umc.org or sign up in the Narthex.

There will be other opportunities to cook and bring food to the church before the event if you would like to help but can't commit to the day of Thanksgiving.
North Shore United Methodist Church  
January - July Update to the Congregation

**January 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017**

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**Totals:** 313,560 303,159

**Kid's Cove Daycare**

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**Building Loan Balance**

- Balance as of 7/31/2017 326,941

**TMF Endowment Fund**

- Balance as of 7/31/2017 46,654

**TMF Fund #1207**

- Balance as of 7/31/2017 50,817

**TMF Fund #1555**

- Balance as of 7/31/2017 262,859

**TMF Capital Campaign Fund**

- Balance as of 7/31/2017 367,589

**Security State Bank & Trust**

- Cash Available - 7/31/2017 62,019

**8126 New Church Building Fund**

- Building Fund Receipts 433,001
- Building Fund Expenses 36,109
- **Cash Available - 7/31/2017** 396,892

- TMF Capital Campaign Fund 367,589
- Security State and Trust 29,304