

NEEDS THIS WEEK

Hurricane Laura: Hurricane Laura brought catastrophic storm surge and flash flooding to Southwest Louisiana and thousands were impacted. They still need our help and prayers to recover. Texas Congregational Disaster Readiness and its partners are holding a supply drive for Southwest Louisiana. Please drop off your donations at the contactless box located at the Wendt Hall doors (5th Street entrance).

Below are the needed supplies:

Tarping Supplies

- Roof tarps – reinforced, UV resistant, water resistant, minimum 20'x15' (not all tarps are waterproof)
- Lumber – 1x2x8s, 2x2x8s, or longer
- Nails – button cap/roofing nails
- Nails – 2-1/2" nails
- Screws – 2-1/2" deck screws
- Generators and unused (and empty) gas cans

Household Supplies

- Non-perishable basic foods
- Water or beverages that do not require refrigeration
- Personal hygiene items – shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, brushes, adult diapers (either individually or in prepared kits)
- Baby food and formula
- Diapers and wipes
- Household cleaning supplies/Wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Small first aid kits
- Face masks
- Insect repellent
- Mosquito netting

PLEASE...

- **No clothing!**
- **No perishable foods, foods requiring refrigeration, or prepared foods!**

FOCUS THIS WEEK

Bulletin: Please visit the link below for a printable copy of this week's bulletin or view the PDF attached to this email – [September 13](#).

Office Hours: Starting Monday, September 14, the church office will be open on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00am-noon. If you need to stop by the church for any reason, please do! Masks are required to enter the building.

Sunday, September 20 Worship RSVP: Click on [this link](#) to reserve your seat for in-person worship. Please review the in-person worship guidelines that are attached to this email before signing up.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Jelly Jars: It is almost time for jalapeño jelly time! In preparation, we are looking for 4oz and 8oz jars. If you have some to donate, please drop them off at the church.

Smith Elementary Christmas Store: We are collecting the following items for the Christmas Store.

- Mugs
- Fuzzy socks
- Playing cards
- Men's caps
- Journals
- Make-up bags
- Decorative emery boards
- Long lipsticks
- Nail polish (full size bottles)
- 16oz jars (peanut butter, jelly, picante sauce, pickle jar, etc. - just needs a lid that will not pop off)

Please drop them off at the contactless drop-off box located at the Wendt Hall doors. We are also in need of monetary donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail a check to the church (and mark it "Christmas Store" in the memo line).

CHILDREN

Children's Choirs: Children's Choirs for ages 4 through 5th grade will begin next Wednesday (9/16) at 4:00pm in Wendt Hall. For more info, please contact Tim Benson @tm.benson@yahoo.com info or visit the church website at stjohnsumc-richmond.org/musicministries.

YOUTH

Youth Choirs: Youth Handbells Begins! Handbells for teens grades 6 through 12 will begin this Sunday (9/13) at 1:00pm in Wendt Hall. We will be following Lamar CISD's policies for safety during our practices. If your teen would like to participate, please contact Tim at tm.benson@yahoo.com for more info or visit the church website at stjohnsumc-richmond.org/musicministries.

ADULTS

Upper Room: Copies of the September/October Upper Room are available in a box outside the Wendt Hall doors (5th Street side of building) or online at <https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>. This is a private page for subscribers only, so please do not share the web link with others. You are free to share the PDF you download with whomever you wish.

Women's Book Club: Our next book will be *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. Discussion will be on Saturday, September 12 at 9:30am on Zoom. If you would like to join the Zoom session, please send an email to Kay Harlan at kay-harlan@sbcglobal.net.

Virtual Worship Volunteers: If you are interested in helping with worship, please sign up via the link below. We are following safety precautions when you come into the building to help so you don't need to be concerned!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45A9AE28AAF85-athome1>

Online Worship: You can view worship services online on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumcrichmond>) or <http://stjohnsumc-richmond.org>. Live worship is Sunday at 11am on our Facebook page. After the live service, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page or the website anytime.

Stay in Contact: If you have a prayer request or other concern, please give us a call or email us. We are still available to you from home!