

FROM THE PASTOR

Please click on [this link](#) to view a video message from Pastor Jeff.

NEEDS THIS WEEK

Hurricane Laura: Hurricane Laura brought a 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!**

Sunday, September 13 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.

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 6](#).

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Smith Elementary Christmas Store: We are starting to prepare for our annual Christmas Store. Our first need is LOTS of ~16oz jars (peanut butter, jelly, picante sauce, pickle jar, etc. - just needs a lid that will not pop off). New and used are acceptable. 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) or make an appointment to stop by the office.

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.

Richmond-Rosenberg Alzheimer's Support Group: In light of current events related to COVID 19, we are unable to meet face-to-face. We are holding a Zoom meeting on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00pm. Please click on the following link to register for the upcoming meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oc--prDMjH9U_O6WEWzbmD0rXAifdYGh8

We encourage our current members and potential members to join us for this virtual meeting. Please keep in mind that the Zoom meeting can be joined via phone or video. We also encourage staying in touch by email, phone, or our Facebook page. Please remember that you can always access the Alzheimer's website (alz.org) or call the 800 number if help is needed from the Alzheimer's Association (1-800-272-3900). The group's Facebook Page: Richmond-Rosenberg Alzheimer's Support Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RichmondRosenbergAlzheimersSupport/>. Questions may be sent via email to: richmonddementia2014@gmail.com or gallowkj@earthlink.net.

Women's Book Club: Our next book will be *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. A beautiful scarf passed down through generations connects two women who learn that the weight of the world is made bearable by the love we give away...touching and inspirational. The Ft. Bend Library System has several to check out and also to stream. 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!