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Support for Turkey & Syria

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude. The earthquake and aftershocks also impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. Syrian communities, many of them women and children, are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather, including heavy rain and snow. Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these devastating earthquakes, including the rescue crews seeking survivors and those caring for the injured and displaced. Support relief for this cause, designate the gifts to **Fund #982450** – UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund and note **Turkey and Syria Earthquake**.

Journey Community Center

Journey Community Center is a missional faith community planted in 2011 in Amelia, VA in the Living Waters District. Rev Betsey Davis had a vision of transforming the adjacent motel into a transition home for those in need in their community. After much prayer and conversation, a partnership formed with Ramsey Memorial UMC and demolition began in January of 2023. Journey is looking for teams to help with renovations and to sponsor a room. On Friday, March 24th, the Conference staff will have a mission day at Journey to help with renovations. As a Virginia Advance Special, you can also support Journey by contributing to **Fund #5009** or by gathering volunteers to help with renovations throughout the spring.

Update the IRS with the Person Responsible

It is that time of year to update the person responsible for your church finances with the IRS. The person that you report should be your treasurer/bookkeeper or could be your Finance Chairperson. It is common that volunteers change at the church and the new person is not reported to the IRS when a new person becomes responsible for the payroll taxes and other finances.

Use the link below to update your information with the IRS. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822.pdf>

Update from UMCOR on Ukraine

Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, was the one-year mark since Russian forces invaded Ukraine, continuing a war started in 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea and other Ukrainian territories. In the past year, more than 8 million people have fled Ukraine and millions more have been uprooted inside the country. Those who remain suffer shortages of food, water, energy and livelihoods as Russian attacks continue to target civilian centers and Ukraine's power grid. Thousands of lives have been lost in this protracted conflict. United Methodists have joined with other people of faith and people of good will across the world to provide relief for the people of Ukraine and support for those who care for refugees. Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) have used the gifts offered through United Methodist channels to provide emergency food and water, health supplies and medicines, shelter, mine and unexploded ordinance removal, and counseling for the displaced. Sadly, great suffering persists as this conflict continues to uproot the lives of Ukrainians.

Your continued prayers and financial support are making a difference! To support this cause, designate the gifts to **Fund #982450** – UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund and **note Ukraine**.

UMCOR Sunday – March 19th

UMCOR Sunday is one of the six General Church Special Sundays. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides hope for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This world-wide ministry is achieved through the generosity of our churches and individuals. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost. For additional information go to www.umcgiving.org and select Special Sundays. Record contributions for this cause at the bottom of your apportionment statement, designated as **Fund #4431 – UMCOR Sunday** and include the amount in your apportionment check.

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