

# Disaster Relief Aid - Hurricane Matthew

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Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, August 25 as a Category 4 hurricane with 130 mile per hour winds. The storm is causing widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas and Louisiana as the slow moving storm drops several feet of water throughout the region. UCC Disaster Ministries continues to monitor the situation and maintain contact with the South Central Conference and partners as well as federal and state agencies.

By the Numbers:

- \* Category 4 hurricane at landfall (first since 2004)
- \* 130mph winds
- \* 8 Million people within area of impact
- \* Nearly 300,000 without power
- \* 49 inches of rain in some regions and it's still raining
- \* Red Cross preparing to shelter 20,000-30,000
- \* 500,000 homes already affected



UCC Disaster Ministries is already gearing up for our long-term recovery work in the region and your contributions for Harvey survivors means providing community support for holistic recovery, repairing house and home for families and children and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of this catastrophic event.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### PRAY

**GIVE** generously to support Harvey relief and recovery efforts by: (1) clicking on the green [online giving](#) link on our website at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org), use the "Special Mission" field, and type "Hurricane Harvey Relief Aid;" or (2) make a gift payable to "St. Paul's UCC" marked "Hurricane Harvey Relief Aid" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office at 301 West Penn Ave, Robesonia, PA 19551.



**VOLUNTEER** Sign up to have your name included for future volunteer opportunities. Right now, prospective volunteers actually are being asked to stay away. Meanwhile, why not send a work team to Volusia County, Florida, to help families recover from the tremendous wind and water damage Hurricane Matthew caused in 2016?



**ASSEMBLE CLEANUP BUCKETS.** UCC Disaster Ministries is offering \$250 matching grants to congregations assembling CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets. In an emergency like Harvey with widespread, severe flooding, the demand for buckets will be high.

**HOLD A YARD SALE, BARBEQUE OR BAKE SALE** and contribute the money raised to Harvey recovery. We know of no need for in-kind donations, especially clothes.

If there are specific in-kind needs of which the UCC becomes aware, and as updates on needs and our relief efforts become available, the UCC Disaster Ministries will post them on the following web page: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_harvey](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey).



Thank you for your compassion and support.