

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET AND KIT COLLECTION *

This sheet outlines ways churches can begin NOW to respond to the Blanket, and Kit Appeal of Church World Service to begin to replenish their warehouses from the most recent disasters of Hurricane Harvey and Irma in the south and other places throughout the world. Your donations can be sent directly to Church World Service. We also will probably be announcing other ways to get items where they need to go. With the disasters stretching our resources these blankets and kits are desperately needed. You can help insure that when disaster strikes, these relief items are available.

PASTORS: Please duplicate or forward this page and share it with your key leaders who will translate them into action.

LEADERS: Please share this sheet with others whose response will bring great blessings to many others.

A BLANKET is the basic component of every disaster response!

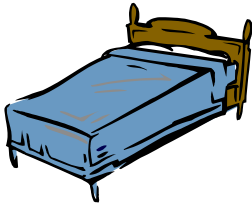
The causes are many - war, disaster, civil strife. The results are tragically the same - people moving, running. With them are only the few possessions they wear or carry. For many, one of our blankets serves as a shelter, a roof between a family and bad weather. It is privacy in a crowded camp, and a tote in which to gather a few salvaged belongings.

\$5 allows CWS to purchase wool-blend blankets in bulk from manufacturers.

(Envelope/flyers for this collection are available from the United Churches office.)

Durable donated blankets, including quilts and comforters are also accepted.

They must be 60" X 68" minimum. **Please add \$2.00 each** for processing.



SCHOOL KITS make the first days of school a dream come true.

Imagine new paper, pencils and crayons all because someone near or far shared a school kit!

Each School Kit contains:

- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener (hand held)
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with erasers (unsharpened)
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks 8 ½ x 11" ruled paper (200/210 sheets) - no loose leaf or filler paper please
- 1 30-cm metric ruler (12") *(Rulers with inches on one side and centimeters on the other are OK.)*
- 1 cloth bag (12x14-14x17 inch) with cloth handle Cotton or canvas - no reusable shopping bags or backpacks

Place all items in a cloth bag. Patterns for bags are available at www.churchworldservice.org

Please add \$2.00 each for processing.



HEALTH KITS bring clean hands, good grooming, and bright shiny smiles to friends around the world!



Each Health Kit contains:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 6 standard size band-aids
- 1 bar of soap (bath size still in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper

*(*****Do not include toothpaste.*

It will b e added by CWS at shipping because of expiration dates)

Place all items in a one gallon zip lock bag. **Please add \$2.00 each** for processing.

NEW: EMERGENCY CLEAN UP BUCKET KITS sent nationally and internationally now.

- 1 - 5 gallon bucket with reseal able lid
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable like Easy Wipes)
- 1 - 50-78 oz dry laundry detergent
- 1 - 12 oz bottle household cleaner (like Lysol)
- 1 - 24-28 oz bottle disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- 1 - 100 ft Clothesline (or two 50 ft clotheslines)
- 5 - packages dust masks (like Benchtop)
- 6 to 9 oz insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, NOT aerosol)
- 5 - Scouring pads
- 7 - Sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 - Scrub brush
- 48-50 Clothes pins
- 2 Pairs latex gloves
- 1 Pair work gloves
- 1 - 24-28 bag heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)

Please add \$3.00 each for processing.

Please purchase all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Place all items in the plastic bucket and seal the lid.



NEED SOME HELP? Instruction flyers for these, blanket offering envelopes, information and speakers are available through our United Churches office, 570-322-1110. More information is also available at www.cws.org.

Video Resources from Church World Service

Church World Service has a new official mission statement and it is concise. This is link for the You Tube video that shares the CWS mission:

<https://youtu.be/sooJrjm-bes>

Here is a quick overview of the issue of hunger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU8MyHSgksM>

Here are two new CROP Public Service Announcements:

<https://youtu.be/RUyla5bgza0>

<https://youtu.be/OvNzuZ09auY>

Child Nutrition in Myanmar:

<https://youtu.be/ublalWqkwGM>

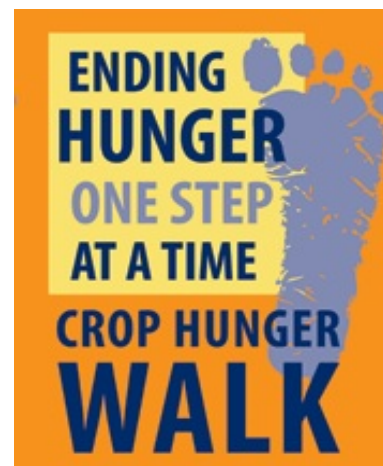
Just a reminder that CWS was formed after WWII to address the massive refugee crisis and needs caused by the war. Now today – CWS is again helping with the worse refugee crisis since WWII. See our site: www.greateras1.org

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Ending hunger and poverty.
Promoting peace and justice.



Healing Communities Training

Organized by the Christian Social Concerns Committee
of United Churches of Lycoming County



Saturday, October 28, 2017

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: New Covenant United Church of Christ
202 East Third Street, Williamsport

Cost of Training: \$20 per person; \$50 for groups of 3 from the same church/organization,
(additional persons from the same group - \$15 per person up to a maximum group size of 5)
Cost includes lunch and all training materials.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 12th (if after the deadline, call for availability)

The Healing Communities model equips congregations to become a “Station of Hope” by providing training and support in building relationships of healing, redemption and reconciliation with individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system. Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting.

To register, send the registration form below along with your registration fee to: United Churches of Lycoming County, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport PA 17701. For more information contact Gwen Bernstine at United Churches, 570-322-1110 or director@uclc.org.

Healing Communities Registration Form

(form should be completed for each participant in a group)

Training: October 28, 2017 at New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 E 3rd St., Williamsport
(Registration needed by 10/12, call 570-322-1110 for space availability after that date)

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Church / Organization Name: _____

Church/Organization Primary Contact Person _____

____ Individual fee of \$20 enclosed

____ Group Fee of _____ enclosed

(\$50 for groups of 3 from the same church/organization, with additional persons from
the same group - \$15 per person up to a maximum group size of 5)

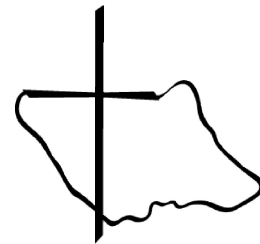
Checks should be made payable to UCLC and mailed along with this form to:



United Churches of Lycoming County
202 East Third Street
Williamsport PA 17701

HEALING COMMUNITIES TRAINING FOR CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS WILLIAMSPORT, OCTOBER 28, 2017 9:00 AM - 4:00 P.M.

*RESTORATION AND HEALING FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM*



Why Healing Communities is needed:

- 1 in 104 American adults are currently incarcerated
- 1 in 33 are under criminal justice system control

The odds are EVERY congregation has members affected by crime and the criminal justice system, whether as crime victims, offenders, or families.

Shame and stigma prevent people from talking about the resulting hurts and harms, or seeking help.

How can congregations create a culture of safety and support for those who need it?

Healing Communities* training offers answers.

The one-day Healing Communities training covers:

- Essential information and perspectives on the criminal justice system, current issues, and the impact of crime on victims, survivors, offenders and families
- Relevant questions for reflection and discussion within congregations
- Ideas and resources for pastors and faith leaders to engage congregants
- Tools, information and resources for congregation members
- Resources and dedicated time to develop a customized congregational action plan suited to the culture, demographics and core beliefs of your own congregation

*Healing communities is a proven national model, developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation with faith leaders from across the theological spectrum to engage congregations in restoration and healing of their own members who have been impacted by crime and the criminal justice system.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches has partnered with Healing Communities USA to assist congregations in fulfilling their mandates to care for prisoners and their families.

INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Marty McCormick

Marty serves as the associate chaplain at the Clinton County Correctional Facility where he provides counseling and spiritual guidance to inmates preparing for release. He is also a AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) facilitator. Marty is a retired counselor who has assisted individuals with a variety of mental, physical, and substance abuse challenges. You can reach him at marty7210@gmail.com or 570-745-7210.



PCC Website: www.pachurches.org

Healing Communities Website: www.healingcommunitiesusa.com

United Churches of Lycoming County Website: www.uclc.org





SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wednesdays, October 4, 11,
& 18, 2017

7:00—8:30 p.m.

at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St, Williamsport, PA

Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist

Declaration on the Way is a unique ecumenical text that draws on 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue in preparation for the 500th Reformation anniversary this year. By demonstrating how far Lutherans and Catholics have come together on three crucial topics, the *Declaration* indicates much ground that need not be retraced again, and it offers these Agreements to the churches to be received into their common life. In this way it helps inspire continuing work toward the visible Christian unity, which is Christ's prayer.

On each of these three Wednesdays, both Lutheran and Catholic leaders will lead us in discussion, Week one will center on Agreements and Disagreements on the Church, the following week is discussion regarding the Agreements and Disagreements on Ministry, and the last week, focus is on the Eucharist.

The book *Declaration on the Way* is needed for this class. The price is normally \$12. *But, when you call St. Mark's, at 570-323-4619, or email stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org, to register, the price is \$6! This price is available only until Tuesday, September 20.* Or, a free PDF of book and study guide is available to download at:

<https://elca500.org/resources/ecumenical-and-interreligious/>



Common Prayer

From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation

Concelebrated on

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
142 Market St., Williamsport, PA

Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

“This liturgical order marks a very special moment in the journey from conflict to communion between Lutherans and Catholics. It offers an opportunity to look back in thanksgiving and confession and look ahead, committing ourselves to common witness and continuing our journey together.”

~ *Common Prayer From Conflict to Communion:
Lutheran—Catholic Common Commemoration
of the Reformation in 2017*



Trinity's Famous Lasagna Dinner



Wednesday, September 20, 2017

4:00 – 6:30 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church

844 West 4th Street, Williamsport

(570) 322-0126

Enjoy our Famous Meat Lasagna, Salad,
Bread, Beverage and Homemade Dessert

\$9.75 adults, \$5.50 children (12 & younger),

Lasagna slab \$7.00

Take-out available

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Annual Fun Festival

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is holding its annual Parish Festival on the church grounds at 100 Walnut St. in Montoursville.

The event will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 from 5-9pm. Sunday, September 17 from 8:30am to 2pm.

Introducing New “Higher Grounds” pastry and coffee café. Heavenly, homemade pastries and divine gourmet coffee by a renowned local pastry chef. Only \$5 for three treats, coffee/tea included. Tickets available at the door. Sunday 8:30am to noon in Parish Hall.

Other delicious food , Meatball sandwiches, Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Funnel Cakes, Walking Tacos, Ice Cream & Cotton Candy all weekend long!

There will be Rides, Children & Adult games, Basket Raffle, Fall Decor/Pumpkin Sales/Decorating Booth and Cake Wheel.

Entertainment All Weekend

Friday - 5:30pm – Violin Music by Robert M. Sides Suzuki Student Violinists

6:30-8:30pm – Classic Rock Groove of “Walk, Don’t Run”

Saturday- 5:00-5:30pm – Rag Time Piano and Harmonica by Tom Wetzels & Fritz Fedorko

6:00-9:00pm – Songs, Dances and Laughs with the Hunter Family

Sunday – noon – 2:00pm – Pop Music Sounds by Uptown Music Collective

