

The need is great for these UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) kits. When assembling kits please include only listed items. If possible, include an envelope with \$1 per kit (\$1.50 per bucket) for shipping/handling.

### Birthing Kit

Fold plastic and blankets and place with other items in **1-gallon sealable bag**.

- ♦ 1 small bar soap (1-2 oz. size)
- ♦ 1 pair surgical or thin rubber gloves
- ♦ 1 sq. yard of thin plastic sheeting
- ♦ 1 single edge razor blade
- ♦ 2 receiving blankets, 30x30 or 32x32 size
- ♦ 3 12-inch long pieces of cotton string

### School Kit

Sew/buy a 14x16 inch cloth bag with handles (14" side) and no logos or symbols. Closures optional, but must be Velcro, snap or button. A bag pattern is online at [umcor.org](http://umcor.org). Place these inside

- ♦ 1 pair blunt scissors
- ♦ 3 pads of paper, top or spiral bound
- ♦ 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- ♦ 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- ♦ 1 30-cm. ruler
- ♦ 1 eraser, 2½"
- ♦ 1 box of 24 crayons

### Cleaning (Flood) Bucket

Purchase liquids in plastic bottles. Put items in the plastic bucket and seal lid:

- ♦ 1 five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- ♦ 1 bottle liquid laundry detergent, 50 oz. or two 25 oz
- ♦ 1 liquid household cleaner, 12-16oz. to mix w/ water
- ♦ 1 bottle dish soap, 16-28 oz.
- ♦ 1 insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz.
- ♦ 1 can air freshener, aerosol or pump
- ♦ 1 scrub brush
- ♦ 18-reusable cleaning wipes (no towels)
- ♦ 7 sponges, remove from wrapper
- ♦ 5 scouring pads
- ♦ 50 clothes pins
- ♦ 1 cotton or plastic clothesline, 100' or two 50-foot lines
- ♦ 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags (remove from box)
- ♦ 5 dust masks
- ♦ 2-pair disposable kitchen gloves
- ♦ 1 pair work gloves

### Health Kit

Wrap these new items in the towel and place in a sealed one-gallon zipper storage bag. Please include \$1 to purchase toothpaste.

- ♦ 1 hand towel (not microfiber)
- ♦ 1 washcloth
- ♦ 1 hair comb, regular-sized-not pocket
- ♦ 1 metal nail file or nail clipper
- ♦ 1 bath-size bar of soap in orig. wrapper
- ♦ 1 toothbrush in original package
- ♦ 6 adhesive bandages (Band-Aids\*)

### Layette Kit

Send all new baby clothes and bedding; no used materials please. Bundle these items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins:

- ♦ 6 cloth diapers
- ♦ 2 shirts
- ♦ 2 baby washcloths
- ♦ 2 gowns or sleepers
- ♦ 2 diaper pins
- ♦ 1 sweater or jacket
- ♦ 2 receiving blankets (30 or 32" square)

### Bedding Kit

Send all new materials in unopened packages. Pack these items in a box. Total weight no more than 66#.

- ♦ 2 flat, full-bed sheets
- ♦ 2 pillows
- ♦ 2 pillowcases

**To get the latest news on relief efforts, visit [UMCOR.org](http://UMCOR.org) For kit details, roll over the "Get Connected" tab and select "Send Relief Supplies."**



# CROSS & FLAME

FALL 2011 EXTRA

*Take Mission into the World in the name of Jesus Christ*

## You Can Make a Difference!

With famine, floods and other disasters filling our newspapers and airwaves, most of us feel powerless to make a difference in today's world. But the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) offers a hands-on way to help bring the love of God to others.

Right here in Western PA at our Eastbrook Mission Barn, volunteers process a variety of UMCOR relief kits donated by churches and individuals for transport to wherever they are needed.

"Right now, UMCOR's greatest needs are for cleaning buckets, birthing kits and school kits," said the Rev. Nelson Thayer, director of the Mission Barn. "UMCOR just sent shipments to Armenia, Haiti, the Republic of Georgia, and Ukraine --and they were short 16,000 kits."

After Hurricane Irene, Thayer drove a truckload of cleaning buckets to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA for use in flood recovery in the Northeast. Just days later, the Susquehanna River overflowed its banks in Central Pennsylvania, increasing the need for clean-up supplies.

If you want to help immediately, or are looking for a project for scout troops, schools, community groups or Sunday School classes, consider assembling UMCOR relief kits. It's a tangible way to help people in need in our region, the nation or around the world.

Completed kits can be brought to the Mission Barn, north of New Castle, or to the United Methodist Center on Freedom Rd. in Cranberry Twp. Directions to the Mission Barn are at [wpaumc.org/missionbarn](http://wpaumc.org/missionbarn). Contact Thayer at 724-462-4090 to arrange for delivery to the barn.

"Recipes" for most of the kits appear on the reverse side of this flyer. Donations to UMCOR are also needed. The number of disasters in 2011 has strained available funds. Donate online at [UMCOR.org](http://UMCOR.org) for relief supplies (or the fund of your choice) or make checks payable to your church and designate UMCOR supplies on the memo line.

-- Matthew 25:40



Mission Barn volunteers carry cleaning buckets to a truck for delivery to Central Pennsylvania, where they were being distributed to help in flood clean-up in that area and the Northeast.

-- By Jackie Campbell