



Dear Friends,

As we continue to follow the unfolding events in Texas with the aftermath and flooding from Hurricane Harvey, I appeal to every local church in New Mexico and Northwest Texas Annual Conferences to take up a special offering this Sunday to support the disaster relief efforts and what will undoubtedly be a long-term rebuilding exercise.

I want to encourage pastors and laity alike to prayerfully consider what God would have us do in this time - Leslie and I have already made our contribution to this worthwhile effort and continue to be in daily prayer for the many families affected by the storm. Sunday's special offering can be sent to the

Conference Office with "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line and will be passed along to the relief efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

I also urge churches to share the online donation portal for UMCOR's disaster relief efforts through your bulletins, newsletters, and social media (100% of those contributions go directly to support relief efforts):

https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=901670

We are a generous people and, at times like these, we can demonstrate the power of our connection by rallying to support the many needs of our sisters and brothers dealing with this tremendous storm and flooding. Please continue to be in prayer for those who have been impacted by the storm and the flooding and especially those working to provide relief. Looking ahead, another appeal for flood buckets, health kits, and (especially) work teams may be forthcoming, but in the meantime, fervent prayers and generous financial contributions are the best way for us to mobilize.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Mexico Conference during our Fall Itineration!



Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe

September 3, 2017

CENTRAL TO LIFE



WORSHIP



NAVIGATE



SERVE



ENGAGE



SERMON SERIES
 "CREDO: I BELIEVE-QUESTIONS IN CONTEXT,
 FAITH IN ACTION"

CLASSIC SERVICE
 8:30am & 11:00am



Church-Wide Potluck

"Please plan on attending a called Charge Conference and church-wide potluck on **September 10th at 12:30pm** in the Life Center. We will discuss and vote on three requests from Saranam and enjoy food and fellowship time together.

I) Saranam, LLC Line of Credit: Since January this year, the Saranam Board has been discussing the benefits of having a line of credit to safeguard ourselves for expense and income timing differences. Having a LOC will help fill the gaps until the income comes in.

II) Saranam, LLC Expansion of Programming and Capital Campaign: Presentation of vision and plans to double programmatic capacity and request to change/update some language in legal originating documents accordingly. Because this will entail a large capital campaign from a very broad donor/volunteer and investor base, we request some minor changes to language in the originating legal documents to allow for options for asset distribution upon dissolution.

III) Saranam, LLC and Frances Thaxton Ash Homes, LLC also requests to change the legal title of the managing groups to "Board of Directors" from "Council on Homeless Ministries (CHM)."



EXPLORATION is a three-day event for young adults age 18-26 to listen, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry and to explore their gifts for service as a deacon or elder in The United Methodist Church.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kelly

THRIFT SHOP CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 3RD



**Volunteers Needed for
 Helping Hands Street Ministry**



Are you looking for a ministry opportunity that will touch your heart and soul? If so, this is the ministry for you. Once a week for two hours you can show God's love to individuals fighting for existence on a daily basis. This program has provided our friends with a safe zone in God's house for over a decade. Join a great team of folks today.
 Contact Cynthia Kaiser @ (505) 249-9117

THRIFT SHOP 1/2 PRICE SALE



Starting September 7th during Regular Shop Hours
Sunday 12:00–1:00pm
Thursday 12:00–3:00pm
Friday 9:00am–12:00noon

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott Sharp, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kelly Brooks, Executive Pastor
Michele Humes, Office Administrator
Kathy Gough, Office Assistant

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Jonathan Davidson, Interim Director of Music
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