

The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council is wanting to inform the community about opportunities to assist the people of Joplin, MO after the category F4 tornado on Sunday, May 22. At this time only emergency responders are allowed to enter Joplin. For Families, even those with insurance there are immediate needs and our member churches are providing ways for the community of Pleasant Hill to come together and help.

The local Pleasant Hill Health Care-Center will be providing a truck to get items like blankets, bedding, clothing, etc. to Joplin. So, if you have clean, nearly new items that could be donated, please bring them to the Pleasant Hill First Baptist Church – 125 N Armstrong Street (Mon-Fri... 8a-5p). We will act as the holding center for these items until they can be loaded and delivered to Joplin.

Pleasant Hill First Baptist Church members are seeking to put together volunteer teams that can go to Joplin to help with clean-up or potentially food-service. If you can be available to take time off from work to serve, please contact PHFBC at 816.540.5872 or email me at Lwshanks@fbcpleasanthill.org.

The Missouri District Disaster Fund of the Lutheran Church is providing immediate cash assistance to individuals in Joplin. There is a Lutheran school in Joplin that was damaged by the tornado and is unsafe to enter. Donations can be sent to: The Missouri District Disaster Fund, LCMS, 660 Mason Ridge Center Dr. Suite 100, St. Louis MO. 63141

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church is assembling and distributing Hygiene kits and Flood Buckets. Items to complete these kits are available at www.phillumc.com

The Methodist Church is also accepting donations of cases of bottled water, all types of batteries, baby items, towels, blankets, and Fun Kits for children in gallon size baggies. The Children's ministry of the Methodist church is putting these together if you would like to donate items or money toward this project.

St. Bridget Catholic Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive Thursday, May 26, 2011 from 3 to 7 pm

The Knights of Columbus at St. Bridget will also be hosting a breakfast Sunday morning after mass at 10am. The community is welcome and it will be a free will donation with all proceeds going to Catholic Charities for immediate relief for Joplin.

If you are interested in food preparation please contact the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Big Creek BBQ is working to go and provide meals; Sam's donated 200lbs of meat. Please contact the church at 540-3533 for more information.

The Christian Church, Disciples of Christ are having a Prayer and Reflection Service on behalf of the people of Joplin, Wednesday at 6:30pm. They are located at 519 Cedar Street and all are welcome.

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If you have questions, please call the individual churches or the Lay Clergy at 816-447-2494.