

UMCOR

MARCH FOCUS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 11, 2018) is designated as UMCOR Sunday. Donations UMCOR receives on this day, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover the costs of doing business. This allows 100% of all other specified relief contributions throughout the rest of the year to go directly where they are needed most. UMCOR does not receive any apportioned funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist. Donations on UMCOR Sunday, along with specified gifts throughout the year are encouraged. In addition to financial contributions, UMCOR also collects Cleaning Kits (Flood Relief Buckets), Health Kits, and School Supply Kits. These kits help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies when a disaster strikes.

As part of our March Missional focus and UMCOR Sunday, please select one or more of the kits to gather items for and bring to the church no later than Easter Sunday.

UMCOR Cleaning Kit

- **5-gallon bucket with resealable lid**

Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

- **Liquid laundry detergent**

One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only

- **Liquid household cleaner**

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; No spray cleaners

- **Dish soap**

16-28 oz. bottle any brand

- **1 can air freshener**

Aerosol or pump

- **1 insect repellent spray**

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

- **1 scrub brush**

Plastic or wooden handle

- **18 cleaning wipes**

Handi Wipes or reusable wipes; No terry cleaning towels; Remove from packaging

- **7 sponges**

No cellulose sponges due to mold issues; Remove from wrapper

- **5 scouring pads**

Remove from wrapper; No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

- **50 clothes pins**

- **Clothesline**

One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines; Cotton or plastic

- **24-roll heavy-duty trash bags**

33- to 45-gallon sizes; Remove from the box

- **5 dust masks**

- **2 pairs kitchen dish washing gloves**

Should be durable enough for multiple uses; Remove from packaging

- **1 pair work gloves**

Cotton with leather palm or all leather

ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket, fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothes pins, and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

IMPORTANT NOTES

All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please. If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing. If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating

UMCOR Hygiene Kit

- **1 hand towel**

15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches; Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

- **1 washcloth**

- **1 comb**

Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; No pocket combs or picks please;

Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

- **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**

No emery boards, please

- **1 bath-size soap**

3 oz. and larger sizes only; No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; Do not remove from original packaging

- **1 toothbrush**

Adult size only; Do not remove from original packaging

- **6 adhesive bandages**

¾ inch to 1 inch-size

- **Common household Band-Aids**

- **1 plastic bag**

One-gallon size sealable bag only

- **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**

ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

IMPORTANT NOTES

All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used. Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Due to the fact that strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more. Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment. UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to Hygiene Kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.

UMCOR School Supply Kit

- **1 pair blunt scissors**

Rounded tip only; No plastic scissors

- **3 pads of paper**

Spiral- or top-bound pads; 100-150 sheets of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad; Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or 1 subject notebook is acceptable; No composition books; No 3 or 5 subject notebook is acceptable

- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**

Must be at least 1 inch long; Remove from packaging

- **1 30-centimeter ruler**

Hard or flexible; Cartoon characters are acceptable; No advertisements

- **6 unsharpened pencils**

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage

symbols; Cartoon characters are acceptable

- **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols; Cartoon characters are acceptable

- **1 24-count box of crayons**

Only 24-count boxes

- **1 14x16 inch cloth bag**

Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable; Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.; No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols; Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used

ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out.

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