

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pda.pcusa.org) responds to disaster in all parts of the country. Currently responding to Hurricane flooding, they need cleanup

buckets! The PDA responds to those experiencing flooding in several ways – one of which is called “Gift of the Heart” kits. An immediate need (related to hurricane-caused flooding) is to provide communities with clean-up buckets. A current campaign of the PDA is a call to send out more cleanup buckets to current areas most affected by flooding caused by hurricanes. Go to their website to learn more about how the PDA responds to disasters.

First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud has now secured shipping - a (donated!) semi-truck to ship as many buckets as we can to the PDA warehouse in Little Rock, Arkansas. They will then be sent on to TX and FL, and other impacted regions as needed. What once was a congregational challenge to "adopt a bucket" in St. Cloud has now quickly become a call to **"Fill the Truck."** We will gladly take your completed buckets and include them in our shipping. Or, if you don't have the time or interest to shop for items and assemble the buckets...we'll also take donations (money or specific items on the list). We are currently arranging with local retailers to order items by the case and then will assemble the clean-up buckets here. We are hoping to ship the week of October 22 (+/-).

The need is real, friends! Consider how you *-or family -or workplace -or neighbors* might choose to respond. This is not to replace your personal giving to the PDA ministry (or other worthy agency) – BUT, this could be a tangible way to encourage those who've thought about how to respond to Hurricane Relief but either haven't yet, or want to do more. Share this with others. Make the invitation! View and download this flyer on our church website, www.fpcstcloud.org

Examples of how some are responding to our call for buckets:

- Cash/checks donated to this project
 - Write checks out to First Presbyterian Church Memo line: pda buckets
ALL donated items and cash will be used for the project and will get to those who need it.
- We have and continue receiving some of the items on the list. (clothespins, clothesline, etc.) but can use more! If you have an idea or want to give several of a specific item on the list (see reverse or next page) please contact Mark Giese, or the First Presbyterian Church office. See below.
- Adopt a bucket? – go out and purchase a bucket w/lid and all of the items on the list and deliver to St. Cloud's First Presbyterian Church to be included in their shipment. A church in Spicer, MN is challenging their congregation to do an entire pallet (36 buckets)! Other congregations we've heard from include Presbyterian congregations in Willmar, Underwood, Lake Crystal, a Lutheran Church in Alexandria, and a Catholic Parish in Princeton, MN!
- Mark Giese has scheduled 2 packing events for buckets:
Sunday's October 15th & 22nd following worship (11:15am-12:30pm) for those interested.

Contact Mark Giese at [First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud](http://www.fpcstcloud.org)
for more info, or with your specific questions and/or donations.

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Cleanup Buckets for Flooding

Hurricane Relief: Harvey(TX) Irma(FL) Maria(NC+)



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Photo by Kathy Broyard, PDA NRT

- _____ 1 — 5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- _____ 5 — scouring pads
- _____ 7 — sponges, assorted sizes
- _____ 1 — scrub brush
- _____ 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- _____ 1 — 50 oz. or (2) 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- _____ 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- _____ 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- _____ 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50
- _____ Clothesline: 2 @ 50 ft. or 1 @ 100 ft.
- _____ 5 — dust masks
- _____ 2 pair — latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- _____ 1 pair — work gloves
- _____ 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- _____ 1 — bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

**Bucket
Challenge**

**Flood
Relief**

- PLEASE DO NOT ADD ITEMS TO YOUR BUCKET THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST
 - There's not room in the bucket for more!
 - And, the list above is the official request of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 - If you need to round up on a specific item, that's okay...so long as everything fits in the bucket. (i.e. scouring pads...(2) 3-packs, or (1) 6-pack vs. busting the package for 5)
- Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Most items can be found reasonably priced at a Dollar store, WalMart, & Menards (or similar)
- Some fast-food restaurants are willing to give food-grade buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets. Or just buy new at your local home-improvement store.
- Want helping shopping? We've bought all of the above items and packed 20+ buckets already.
- **Deliver donated items or completed buckets to** First Presbyterian Church (St. Cloud)
 - Address: 340 5th Avenue South, St. Cloud
- Please deliver your donations/items/bucket(s) **by Sunday, October 15th** if possible.
- **If you would rather donate money**, each bucket = about \$70 (including the bucket & lid)
 - Youth/College students would be happy to assemble more buckets!
 - **Write checks to:** First Presbyterian Church **memo line:** PDA buckets
- PRAY – for the residents in flood zones, rescue workers, relief workers
- **Questions?** Contact **Mark Giese:** PH. 320-251-8277 EMAIL mark@fpcstcloud.org