



CONNECTING NEIGHBORS

Organizing the Local Church for Disaster Ministries

“Is thy heart right towards thy neighbor?”

John Wesley

What if a tornado hit your community? Is your church prepared to come to the aid of those in need? Are you, yourself, prepared to deal with the aftermath of such a disaster? Will you be able to protect your family and assist your neighbors? The time to prepare for disaster is before disaster strikes. Are you and your church prepared?

These are all questions we will answer at our Connecting Neighbors conference on February 25th at Headland Heights UMC. At this conference we will explain how you can prepare to protect yourself and your family, and prepare your church to act in the aftermath of a disaster. We will discuss how the United Methodist Church enhances the local church's capabilities for disaster readiness and response.

At the completion of the conference you will be able to:

1. Identify the steps to take to prevent harm to people in your congregation and your community,
2. Identify the steps to take to mitigate against disaster-caused damage,
3. Assess and plan for the utilization of church resources in disaster relief,
4. Identify a long term disaster ministry within your local church,
5. Initiate a plan to engage your church and to cooperate with other households of faith and the community at large to be prepared in the event of a disaster.

Disasters can take many forms: tornados, floods, hurricanes, fires, snow and ice storms. The resulting effects on life and property can be devastating to your community. How you respond, both individually and as a church, will make a huge difference in limiting those effects. Please plan to join us on February 25th at Headland Heights UMC and learn how you can prepare and help your church be prepared for disaster response. The doors will be open at 8:30 to gather and meet with coffee and light snacks. The conference begins at 9:00am and will close at 3:30pm.

Please register for this event on the North Georgia Conference web site. Cost for the conference is \$10 to cover the expense of lunch and snacks payable at the door.

Headland Heights UMC is located at: 2147 Dodson Road
East Point, GA