

Materials Needed for Display:

- Clothesline, twine, thin rope, etc. (just one)
- Clothespins
- Slips of paper with CWS Kit/Emergency Cleanup Bucket items listed
- Blank paper
- Pens
- Scissors

***Have a display set up either in foyer/narthex/fellowship hall (or the sanctuary if you're able). Hang a clothesline with the clothespins holding the names of different items needed to fill the CWS Kits/ Emergency Cleanup Buckets your congregation intends to provide. Have a table with the blank pieces of paper on which the congregants can trace their hand and write their name. Cut the hand with the name inside of it out and hang in place of the items that congregant intends to provide. You may also use the title "We Are the Hands and Feet of God" to theme your display even more.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-18 (NRSV)

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. **14** Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

We are called to be the hands and feet of God to this world- especially when we see our neighbors in need. Many of you are aware that we have neighbors that have been severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida - and our congregation intends to help! Just as Paul says in 1 Corinthians, all our gifts are different. In the CWS Kits display, you will find a variety of items we will be collecting to assemble CWS Kits for those in need. Some of these are small, and others large. We encourage you to help as you are able - we all have varying gifts. As you take a slip of paper with the items you're providing on it, we encourage you to replace it with an outline of your hand with your name written inside of it so we can show that together, we as a congregation, are truly the hands and feet of God for those in need.

Would you please pray with me through these words by Teresa of Avila:

Merciful God,

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Amen.

