

Pastor's Irma Update

September 21, 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

Our church offices are back to normal operations now that electricity, phone and Internet connections have been restored. Our staff is working diligently to address the challenges Hurricane Irma brought to our congregants and to our church campus. We continue to pray for our whole congregation as we work together to serve God and one another through various recovery efforts.

Here is a summary of recent and current events on our campus:

- Last week, over 100 people from Naples came to our Baker Center gymnasium to find respite from the heat, recharge batteries, find a cool drink of water, secure ice for medicine storage and other purposes, and engage in prayer and conversation. We are blessed to have a generator on our campus that made this ministry possible.
- We held a joint worship service with First Presbyterian Church of Naples on Sunday, September 17 in the gymnasium with 140 in attendance. The Spanish-speaking Cumberland Church also worshiped in the gym at 12:30 p.m.
- Our inspections of the campus this week revealed some damage from wind, such as two panels that were torn from the roof, and some damage from water. Overall, the campus appears to have fared well through the storm with some exceptions. We will know more as we continue inspections, and we will keep you informed.
- We are temporarily relocating our Preschool and Sunday School classes to other spaces on campus until further notice, while we complete cleanup and repairs to classrooms where there were water intrusions. We are taking proactive steps to make certain the classrooms are clean and safe for our children.
- Our Preschool is following the Collier County public school schedule, and will reopen on Monday, September 25.
- The Parlor and the Chapel are also being cleaned and repaired, where some water came in through roof leaks.
- Until further notice our 9 a.m. Sunday service will take place in the front section of the Sanctuary.
- I have received pledges from members of our congregation who would like to assist members and friends of the church whose lives and property were significantly impacted by the storm. If you would like to make a pledge as well, please contact me at pastor@mooringschurch.org. Or you can phone me at (239) 213-5223.

- In the coming weeks I will tell you more about our financial needs for addressing damages to our campus. Right now we are working closely with our insurance company to assess how much of our expenses will be covered.

We thank God for the ways he is blessing Naples through the care of our neighbors in need. I look forward to seeing those of you who are in Naples on Sunday, September 24, at either the 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. service.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Learned
Senior Pastor