

West Virginia Disaster Relief

January 2014

Appalachian Outreach will be collecting items to assist those affected by the recent chemical spill disaster in southern West Virginia. Even if water is restored soon, needs will still be ongoing due to businesses being closed and unemployment.

Items being collected include nonperishable foods, ready-made baby formula, other baby care items, wipes for all ages, paper products, plasticware, and sanitizer.

Donations may be dropped off at the AOI Storehouse in Moundsville from 9am to 4pm Tuesday through Friday and on Saturday from 9am to 2pm. **AOI will collect items until February 3rd.** Please go around to the back of the old Giant Eagle building.

Another need surfacing is funding to help with mortgage, rent, and utility payments. Those affected by this disaster will need assistance until they return to steady work.

There is also the possibility that water heaters will need to be replaced. The chemical residue may destroy the heating elements when the tanks are turned back on. Funding will also be needed to assist with this.

Financial donations may be made to

**WV Disaster Fund
c/o United Methodist Foundation
900 Washington St. East
Charleston, WV 25301**

Appalachian Outreach is also accepting funds to assist with delivery costs. Anyone wishing to help with this can mail the donation to

**Appalachian Outreach, Inc.
P.O. Box 233
Glen Dale, WV 26038**

For more information, call Appalachian Outreach at (304) 845-2762.