

UMCOR International Disaster Relief

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude. More than 5,000 people were killed, with deaths expected to rise.

The earthquake also heavily impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. The majority are women and children. At this time, Syrian communities are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather events, including heavy rain and snow. The humanitarian response is overstretched due to the devastation and cold weather.

UMCOR has released an initial solidarity grant to a longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has offices in Turkey. The grant will provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals and basic first aid kits.

Support relief and recovery efforts for this and other international disasters by donating to Advance #982450.

The Knights of Columbus fish fries at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waupun will begin on Friday, February 10 through Friday, April 7. Serving will take place at the Parish Center from 5-7 pm. Dine-in or carry-out. Dinners will include 12 oz of beer battered cod, French fries or potato salad, coleslaw, a slice of marble rye bread, a dill pickle spear, and tartar sauce. Dine in patrons will also be served coffee, milk, or water. Soda and beer will be available at an additional charge. Dinners are \$12 each.

Register for the ONE Waupun Men's Conference today! Our theme this year is "Who we are in Christ" and will feature a video message by Rick Warren and in-person messages from Bob Lenz, Founder & President of Life Promotions, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small group discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 4 from 8:30 – 3:30. Register today at www.onewaupun.com!