



Fayetteville Disaster Assistance Team: Front row. Dick Grier and Gerri Tulley (Highlands Pres.), Bobbi Trick (1st Hickory), Dale Sticka (Highlands Pres), Russ Rankin (Hayesville Pres.).

Back Row. Brian Schroeder (1st Gastonia), Phil Trick (1st Hickory), Bob Abel (Hayesville Pres.), Chuck Shelton (Morrison Pres., Franklin). Not pictured: Greg Joplin (1st Newton).

Two disaster assistance trips were planned for this Fall. Nine volunteers were planning to go to Lumberton, NC September 14-20. However, Hurricane Florence hit just before this week, and the trip had to be canceled.

The second disaster assistance team was successful in going to Fayetteville, NC October 14-20. The team was made up of 10 volunteers from 6 of our PWNC churches (see above). We stayed in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) host site in Fayetteville, Highland Presbyterian Church, a church of almost 800 members that has set aside a portion of their church facility to house, shower, and feed groups. Members of our group prepared delicious meals each morning and evening and led devotionals. We left the church each morning around 8am for our jobsite, which was overseen by NC United Methodist Church Disaster Recovery personnel, and returned around 5pm. These hard-working folks do the interviews of applicants needing help with their houses, provide the materials to repair the houses, and give oversight for the work that needs to be done. For a couple of years, they have been working with the many houses damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Their work load has been increased dramatically with the many additional houses recently damaged by Hurricane Florence in eastern NC.

The house we worked on had received damage from Hurricane Matthew. The family has been living in the house, but have needed work done on their roof, garage, kitchen floor (we replaced it), and siding (we got the front of the house redone with hardie board). Other parts of the house also needed attention. A group of 20+ from PA came in the next week to pick up where we left off.

Keep your eyes open for information about our Spring disaster assistance trip(s). We had several new folks join our “veterans” this time and hope this trend continues.



Bobbi Trick, Chuck Shelton, Brian Schroeder, and Russ Rankin remove rotted kitchen sink



Russ and Brian removing the rotted kitchen floor



Bobbi Trick & Brian Schroeder replacing the kitchen floor



Gerri, Phil Trick, and Dale Sticka begin replacement of the new hardy board siding on the house.



Gerri Tulley, Dick Grier, and Dale Sticka continue to replace hardy board siding on the house.