



Photos: Hope Crisis Relief Network

Middletown Fire Recovery Trip

October 28-November 2, 2018

The Valley Fire began on September 12th, and was extinguished on October 6th, 2015. By the time the fire was extinguished, it had killed four people, burned 76,000 acres and destroyed 1300 homes. With the local poverty rate at 25% and a high unemployment rate, approximately 45% of the population is either not insured or under-insured. Hope City, affiliated with the Hope Crisis Response Network, was created by several local churches to help rebuild homes in a community where the need is great. Additional fires have continued to impact the area, including the Mendocino Complex Fire in August-September 2018.

Who's invited: Some construction experience is desired but not mandatory. Membership in Los Altos United Methodist Church is not a requirement. This trip is open to members of the general community as well as other faith communities. Minimum age is 14.

What will we do? We will be assigned to assist with rebuilding one of the houses that are currently under construction.

Where will we stay: Dormitory-style facilities with bunk beds and showers that have been set up in Middletown by the Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN).

What will it cost? Cost is \$200 to include lodging, food, transportation, a t-shirt provided by HCRN and insurance. Bring additional money for fast food stops on the way up and back.

How do I sign up? Sign up and pay the \$200 fee online at: https://laumc.ministryplatform.com/portal/event_signup.aspx?id=28932 by October 15. Then go to <https://tinyurl.com/Middletown-UMVIM> to print and complete the required forms. Bring the completed forms to the meeting on October 23.

How can I get more information?

- More information and forms available at: <https://tinyurl.com/Middletown-UMVIM>
- Attend the **Trip Orientation Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 2018**, 7-8:30pm at Los Altos UMC
- See more information about HCRN at www.hcrn.info or <https://www.facebook.com/Hope-Crisis-Response-Network-129991077022097/>
- Contact Trip Leader, Leslie Carmichael (carm-lee@pacbell.net or 650-468-7890)