



## Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church USA

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### MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION An Update on Damage Caused by Hurricane Irma

In an effort to keep our congregation of members, affiliate members, and friends fully informed about the finances of Chapel by the Sea, here is the good news and the bad news.

Hurricane Irma and its damages were not as catastrophic as Charley in 2004. While we are still gathering estimates and information, it looks like we'll be in the \$30-45,000 range. Our insurance deductible is \$28,500, so we'll have a decision around filing a claim, which would raise our already high rates, or self-financing. Soffits, roof leaks, etc. were the first, obvious damages. We didn't count on the roof leaking water into our beautiful pipe organ until we tried to play it. So, that repair was added to our other repair estimates.

It has been quite a year for CBTS. Irma comes on top of other unexpected costs, namely: two major A/C replacements, tenting for termite treatment, and new soffits (approx. \$75,000.) We are in the process of talks with Peace River Presbytery regarding storm relief funds, but many churches have needs far greater than CBTS.

As this is written, our CBTS bus is being loaded with all the bottled water it will hold which we're taking out to Immokalee for the farm workers who are in great need. God has richly blessed our congregation this year and always, and with your continued prayers and support, we'll get through this too.

Blessings,  
Finance/ Stewardship Committee



Missing and damaged soffits and insulation around Silver Hall.



Water dripped down from the beam above Organ.



Water filled chests that contain the Organ pneumatics.  
Organ is operational; however, several portions have been shut down until repairs can be made.