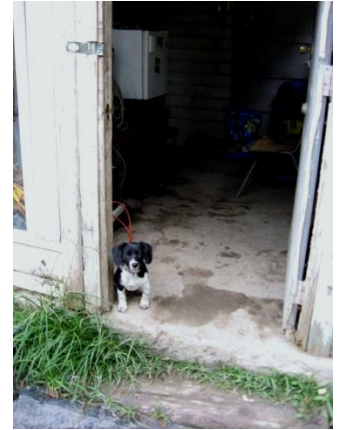


We'll be serving ASP during the week of July 18-24, 2010!

What is ASP?

Appalachia Service Project is a trip that our Senior High Youth participate in for a week, during the month of July. ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central. Each year through our ministry about 15,000 volunteers repair homes for 400-500 low-income families in rural areas of Central Appalachia. **Our goal is to make homes warmer, safer and drier** for families in need, while offering transformational experiences for families, volunteers and staff alike.



The home repairs made can take place from the ground up to the roof, and everywhere in-between. Typical repairs include: repairing roofs, building room additions, providing wheelchair ramps, installing or repairing plumbing, updating unsafe wiring, securing foundations, digging drainage ditches, constructing porches and steps, installing insulation and siding, and weatherizing

homes. We even provide **first-time electricity and indoor plumbing** for multiple families each year - this often gives a reality check to our youth!



The majority of our volunteers are high school aged youth (14 years+) who perform most of the repairs themselves under the watchful eyes and guidance of adult leaders (youth leaders *and* parents!) during our summer program. It is truly amazing what their willing hearts and hands can accomplish. Since 1969, more than 12,500 homes have been repaired with the assistance of over 240,000 volunteers.

But ASP is more than just a home repair program.

Through this process of service, many lives are changed: those of the families being served, the volunteers serving, and the staff facilitating the process. Often the experience serves to enlighten everyone that the differences between us are only perceived—deep down we all want to be loved, to belong, to own something, and to create something worthwhile—no matter where we live, our economic status, education, or ethnic identity.

No one walks away from the ASP experience unchanged—not families served, volunteers, or staff.

No matter what your skill level, we invite you to come and experience Appalachia Service Project for yourself!



How much is ASP?

- All together, it costs Newburg UMC close to \$15,000 to go on Appalachia Service Project.
- As a volunteer pays \$150 out-of-pocket, in three, \$50 payments spread out throughout the year.
 - Multiple Family Member discount allows additional family member pays \$50.
- So, it could work like this:

Smith Family: Andrew, Jonathan & Matthew are going on ASP

Payment #1: \$150 (Each person pays \$50, as a deposit for their volunteer spot)

Payment #2: \$50

Payment #3: \$50

As part of our volunteer fees to ASP (most of it goes to buy supplies for the centers we'll be working at) we pay a *non-refundable, non-transferable* volunteer deposit for each ASP crew member that we have signed up and usually, it's close to \$215 *per* volunteer we tell them has signed up. That is why the volunteer deposit is important and precise.

Okay, well even if we have 36+ people (our goal!) signed up, that's only about \$3000 dollars, where does the remaining \$12,000 come from?

To be totally honest, each year your leadership team is absolutely astounded by how this amount of money comes in. Our church generously supports youth missions with a \$2500 budget line item. When we have vehicle donations, we save close to \$1200. We have a Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction that usually raises close to \$3000, a "buy-a-_____" which usually brings in about \$2000-\$4000 and a letter fund-raiser which usually raises close to \$2000. Other fundraisers that we've done in the past include Friends and Family letters, car washes, bake sales, buy-a-mile and fill our toolbox. Even if you add all of those up, it does not seem like enough - that is because our congregation steps up and sometimes, friends of friends, or rich grandparents take interest in what YOU are doing with your summer, and donate the rest. It truly is a miracle.

What else do I need to do to go on ASP, besides paying the volunteer fee?

Very good question! An ASP volunteer must:

- Attend two workshops throughout the year, a **spirituality** workshop and a **construction** workshop. Both give you the tools & skills to relate to a region with extreme poverty and perform tasks that you never thought possible!
- Attend planning meetings! It is important to meet and get to know those we will be working with (including your team leaders!)
- Participate in our ASP Sunday worship service/Mission breakfast following this service. The Sunday after we get back from ASP we take over the service like rock stars. You are required to participate in that rocking out. **When you are planning what days ASP will take, please include this day - it's really important and provides a lot of closure for your crew!**

That's it! We hope you'll be able to participate with us this year!

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Nadeau or Stephanie Valentino.

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