

Follow the Word, *Transform the World*

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

ASP Informational Meeting for 2010 - 11 September 26, 2010 Christ United Methodist Church

1. **Welcome** Randy Johnsrud
2. **Introduction of ASP Executive Committee and Adult Leaders**

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3. **What is ASP?**

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a home repair ministry through which volunteers repair homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Each year, ASP achieves its goals with the assistance of nearly 15,000 volunteers. ASP serves counties in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. All of these counties have poverty rates well above the national average.

This is the 30th year that CUMC has participated in ASP!

For additional information visit <http://www.asphome.org>.

4. **How Many People are going from CUMC?**

We are estimating that approximately 60 to 70 people will be going on the trip this year. This could require a minimum of 20 adult leaders (10 male/10 female) for ten teams. Each team consists of 5 youth and 2 adult leaders. We will travel in a caravan to our destination in Appalachia with a van for each team.

Youth or adult volunteers do not need to be members of CUMC, but ASP requires that youth must be at least 14 years of age and attending high school to be eligible to participate in the summer sessions.

If there are greater than 50 youth interested in participating in ASP, we will establish a waiting list.

5. **Registration**

Registration deadline is **Sunday, October 10th at 12:30pm**. Registration forms AND trip payment are due by October 10th, 2010. These forms can be turned in to any Executive Board member or into the church office.

There will be two separate Registration packets. The first packet of forms WILL BE DUE ON OCTOBER 11th. These forms, along with the ASP youth calendar, will be supplied at the September 26th informational meeting or can also be downloaded from our church website at www.cumethodist.com.

Due by October 10:

- CUMC ASP Registration Form
- CUMC ASP Health and Medical Release Form
- Trip payment of \$400 (Check to CUMC ASP)

These two forms need to be completed and returned with a trip deposit by Sunday, October 10th.

Scholarships and payment plans are available if needed. Please contact a member of the Executive Committee for further information. If a payment plan has been implemented, final payments are due April 1, 2010.

(Please Note: Under no circumstances should finances prohibit a youth from attending ASP.)

The second registration packet will be sent out after the first of the year. This packet will include two additional forms. These forms will include:

- ASP Registration/Health Form (this form requires notarization for both youth and adults)
- ASP Statement of Activities and Release Form
- Copy of current medical insurance card (front and back side)

Refund of Registration Fee.

The total registration fee can be refunded up to the time that our group is required to make our payments to the ASP organization and to the retreat center. Once these deposits are made (estimated to be in February of 2010) registration fees will not be refunded.

6. **ASP Calendar**

A youth calendar for ASP has been provided. We attempt to follow this calendar throughout the year – realizing the commitment that is needed from youth, adult leaders and families throughout the next ten months. While we try very hard to take all things into consideration, sometimes changes need to be made. If this happens, we appreciate in advance, your understanding and we will announce any changes as soon as possible. It is important that youth attempt to make an effort to attend all orientation sessions and fundraisers.

Important dates to note are:

- Registration Deadline of October 10th, 2010
- Orientation Dates
- Fall and Spring Helping Hands (Local Mission)
- Fundraisers

The Mission Trip

The ASP mission group will be leaving on Saturday, July 2nd and return to Rochester either on Tuesday, July 12th. Return date is dependent upon additional discussion among adult leaders. The CUMC group will arrive at our assigned ASP center on Sunday evening and will work at their assigned homes and work sites in Appalachia, Monday through Friday. These five days are typically very structured and will include evening activities. On Saturday, July 9th, our CUMC group will travel to a retreat center to spend the rest of the trip. We will relax and have time to reflect on the experiences that occurred during the work week in Appalachia and with our Appalachia families.

7. Adult Leaders

Two adult leaders are needed for each team of five youth. It is highly desirable to have one male and one female leader for each team. It is a goal to have one experienced adult leader assigned to each team.

Any adult parent interested in participating as an ASP adult leader should contact any adult member or the Executive Committee. In addition all adult leader meetings are open for any parent to attend and participate.

Requirements for an adult leader include:

- Strong commitment to the ASP program and desire to work with youth
- Participation in scheduled ASP activities and fundraisers
- Participation in monthly leader meetings
- Co-leader of ASP team trip to Appalachia July 2nd - July 12th, 2010.
- Ability to be absent from employment and responsibilities during ASP trip
- Valid Minnesota drivers license
- Background Check

It is a goal to have several alternate adult leaders as backup in case of an emergency that may prevent a team leader from traveling on the trip. It would be helpful for these adults to

participate in ASP activities throughout the year so they have established relationships with the youth and adults.

Any parent that cannot commit as an adult leader is warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in any ASP activity throughout the year.