

We encourage all High School students to join us as we serve with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) this summer during the week of **June 21-June 28, 2025** will be Faith's 39th year of involvement in this home repair ministry. ASP provides an opportunity for senior high youth to put their faith into action, to be "doers" rather than "talkers" as they respond to the housing needs of rural Appalachia in a tangible way.

The youth who participate will be expected to take an active part in several group fundraising activities, service projects, and study sessions. Cost is **\$250 per volunteer**. The costs for the youth's participation, including meals, transportation, construction supplies and the annual ASP t-shirt are included. The only other expense would be discretionary spending money for your youth while on the trip. Also supporting the ASP Mission Team are Faith's mission budget, United Women in Faith, and a very generous congregation.

The signed Covenant for the youth and completed ASP Volunteer Statement/Registration form and Medical Information Form, accompanied with \$250 Participation Fee or \$100 (non-refundable) if paying by installments, are **due by Sunday, February 23, 2025** to the church office. A limited number of scholarships are available to assist in defraying cost; contact Mieke Blackwell (mieke@champaignfaith.org) for more information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mieke Blackwell (mieke@champaignfaith.org).

Champaign Faith 2025 ASP Calendar

February 2nd - Orientation Meeting, 3:30pm in the Gathering, Leader meeting, 3:00pm in the Gathering

This is a mandatory meeting for all that intend to make the trip. Parents, especially those with youth that are new to the trip, are encouraged to attend as well.

February 7th - Parents Night Out Fundraiser, 4:00-7:00p

Parents can drop off their children at Faith and head out for a Valentine's Day date night. ASP Youth earn ASP service hours by serving dinner and leading activities.

February 23rd - Registration Deadline and 1st Study Session, 3:30-5:00p in the Gathering

This is a mandatory meeting for the entire ASP team. Parents do not need to attend (though we encourage parents coming with us to attend). Study sessions deal with the traditions, customs, and values of the Appalachia people so that our response to the housing needs may be carried out with sensitivity and respectfulness of their culture. This is also a time of team building and bonding.

In order to be guaranteed a spot on the team, all paperwork and the \$100 deposit must be turned in by February 25th. This includes a completed volunteer registration form with tetanus shot date, a signed youth covenant, and a copy of your insurance card. The volunteer registration form should be signed and dated, but you do not need to notarize it. The church office will take care of the notarization. Also, on the back of the youth covenant, all youth should submit a paragraph explaining why they want to serve on the ASP team.

March 9th – 2nd Study Session, 3:30-5:00p in the Gathering

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April 6th - Second Installment (\$75) Due

April 6th, 13th, 27th - Penny Bucket Brigade

Youth and Adult Volunteers collect pennies after each Worship service. All youth must serve at least one shift. Additional shifts earn time towards their 6 service hour requirement.

April 6th – 3rd Study Session, 3:30-5:00p in the Gathering

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April 27th – Faith's Spring Fling (a great volunteer opportunity)

May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th - ASP Stock Sales

Youth and Adult Volunteers sell ASP Stock after each Worship service. All youth must serve at least one shift. Additional shifts earn time towards their 6 service hour requirement.

May 4th - Third Installment (\$75) Due

May 30th- Final Parent Letter Mailing

May 31st - Car Wash, 8:30-2:00 in the East Parking Lot

All youth must serve either the morning shift, 8:30am-11:30am or afternoon shift, 11:00am-2:00pm. Additional time will earn time towards their 6 hour service requirement.

June 7th - Alternate Car Wash Date

June 8th- 12th – Vacation Bible School

This is a great opportunity to earn ASP service hours. There are many different ways to serve at VBS. Contact Mieke Blackwell for options.

June 13th - ASP Late Night, 5:30-10:30p in the Gathering

This is a mandatory meeting for the entire ASP team. Parents do not need to attend. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, meeting will start at 6:00pm. Study sessions deal with the traditions, customs, and values of the Appalachia people so that our response to the housing needs may be carried out with sensitivity and respectfulness of their culture. This is also a time of team building and bonding.

June 15th - ASP Commissioning Services

Commissioning will take place during the 9:00 Fusion Service and towards the beginning of the 10:30 Celebrate Service

June 15th- Parent Information Meeting, 10:45-11:15am (following Commissioning) in Worship & Life

This is an optional meeting for parents and youth who want more information about the logistics or any other aspect of the trip. We will go over itinerary, packing lists, traditions and more and leave plenty of time for questions.

June 18th - ASP Picnic, 6:00-8:00pm **followed by Adult & Young Adult Meeting**

This is a mandatory meeting for the entire ASP team. Parents do not need to attend.

June 21st – 28th - ASP Work Week

July 13th - ASP Worship Services

July 13th - ASP Stockholders and Parent Luncheon