

## Why A Mission Trip?

To Serve...

God and God's people.

To Discover...

who we are,  
something about the nature of God, and  
our ministry, gifts, and call.

To Grow...

in our awareness of cultural and  
economic diversity, and  
in our relationships to God and one  
another.

## Who Can Go On Summer Mission Trips?

Youth who are active in the life of the church are  
welcome to apply. Those who:

- Attend worship regularly;
- Actively participate in at least one of the  
following youth ministry groups:
  - Sunday School
  - Youth Fellowship
  - Chapel Choir
  - Handbell choir
- Seek to fulfill all other expectations for the trip  
(see other sections of this brochure).

## What Trips Are Offered?

### Jr. High: Jeremiah Project (JP)

- JP is a week-long mission and spiritual  
formation experience.
- Youth serve low-income elderly and disabled  
persons and families by doing needed home  
improvement projects.
- Evenings on JP are filled with fellowship  
activities and exciting and lively worship.
- Daily devotions help campers reflect on why  
they are there, who is calling them to service,  
and how to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- St. Matthew's UMC sends all eligible Jr. High  
youth to JP. Adult leaders also attend.

Our JP week will be: **TBD**

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Lynne Studeman ([lstdueman@cox.net](mailto:lstdueman@cox.net)).

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### Sr. High: Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

- ASP is a week-long home repair mission and  
service opportunity.
- ASP home repair projects seek to make homes  
warmer, drier, and safer for low-income,  
elderly, and disabled persons and families of  
central Appalachia.
- Evening programs focus on worship,  
Appalachian culture, and social justice.
- St. Matthew's UMC sends several teams to  
ASP. Each team consists of 5 Sr. High youth  
and 2 adult group leaders.

Our ASP week will be **July 2012 (specific dates tbd)**.

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Jim Henris ([jim@henrisff.com](mailto:jim@henrisff.com)).

**Additional summer mission opportunities may be  
offered to Sr. High youth.**

## How Much Do Trips Cost?

Costs include registration fees, youth and adult  
application fees, transportation, supplies, and  
other incidentals.

In 2010, the cost to send 25 youth and 11 adult  
leaders to ASP was approximately \$650 per youth.  
The costs send 44 youth and 8 adult leaders to JP  
was approximately \$700 per youth.

## How Are Trips Funded?

Summer mission trips are funded by a combination  
of individual and group fundraising efforts,  
including the following:

- Participant Deposit (\$300/participant)
- JP Stock Sale & Sr. High Serve-A-Thon (The  
total individual fundraising goal – including  
participant deposit – has been \$600+ in prior  
years. The goal for this year will be determined  
in time for the Missions Rally.)
- Pink Elephant Sale
- Gifts from the UMM, UMW, and Advent &  
Lenten Offerings
- Other Fundraisers (e.g., Wednesday Night  
Suppers, babysitting events)

## What Are The Expectations For ALL Participants?

- Complete and submit an application form.
- Submit a deposit of \$300 in 2 installments: \$150 by October 1<sup>st</sup> and another \$150 by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Financial assistance is available by contacting Grace Han.
- Attend worship regularly.
- Actively participate in a youth ministry program (Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Chapel Choir, or a Handbell Choir).

## What Are The Additional Jr. High Participant Expectations?

### Participate in all of the following events:

- Nov. 9 – JP Wednesday Night Supper
- Jan. 8 – Missions Rally
- Feb. 22 – JP Wednesday Night Supper
- April 16-20 – Pink Elephant Set-up (one night)
- April 21 – Pink Elephant Sale (one shift)
- TBD – JP Tool & Safety Training
- TBD – Additional Fundraisers

### Participate in at least 3 of the following:

- Oct. 2 – Eddie’s Club
- Oct. 12 – Spaghetti Supper
- TBD – Church Fall Clean-up
- Nov. 19 – Craft Fair Break Down
- Nov. 19 – DC Walk for the Homeless
- Nov. 25 or 26 – Unload Christmas Trees
- Dec. 4 – Eddie’s Club
- Jan. – Stock Sales
- TBD – UMM Sweet Heart Dinner
- Feb. 22 – Pancake Supper
- Feb. 26- Mar 4—Hypothermia Project
- TBD – Church Spring Clean-up
- April 7 – Easter Egg Hunt
- TBD – Church Mission Day

*Additional service activities to be determined. More details on service activities will be shared as the information becomes available.*

## What Are The Additional Sr. High Participant Expectations?

### Participate in all of the following events:

- Sept. 25 – Mission Night
- Jan. 8 – Missions Rally
- Feb. 25 – Serve-A-Thon
- Mar 16 – ASP Missions Night
- April 16-20 – Pink Elephant Set-up (one night)
- April 21 – Pink Elephant Sale (one shift)
- May 12 – ASP Tool & Safety Training (make-up in June 12)
- May 20 – ASP Newbie Training (newbies only; make-up in June 3)
- June 18 – ASP Stewardship & Sensitivity Training

### Participate in at least 2 of the following in the fall:

- Oct. 22 – Be the Change Mission Day
- Nov. 19 – Craft Fair Break Down
- Nov. 24 or 26 – Unload Christmas Trees

### Participate in at least 2 of the following in the winter:

- Nov. 27 – Adopt-A-Family
- Jan 16 – MLK Weekend Service Activity
- Feb.26-Mar 4 – Hypothermia Project

### Participate in at least 2 of the following in the spring:

- TBD– Food for Others
- March 24 – Trash Day
- April 16-20 – Extra Pink Elephant shift

*Additional service activities may be added in the fall, winter, or spring. More details on service activities will be shared as the information becomes available.*

# St. Matthew’s Youth Ministries Summer Missions Trips



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