

Sunday May, 15, 2022

Dear First Church friends:

As I am writing this and lamenting Jane Cheema's last Sunday, I am joyful in letting you all know that one of Jane's legacies is on.

For the 24th year, we are returning to work with the Appalachian Service Project in Cabell County West Virginia this summer. As of this writing, we have 43 youth and adults signed up to participate. The dates are July 16-23rd. We have had training days in January, February, March and our last is in June. We are being commissioned on July 10 in our Sunday worship service.

The adult leadership team is awesome and we have met multiple times to plan this experience. Krys Juleen, Curt Mueller, Brad Woodman, Grant Bailey, Mike Green, Chris Williams, Martha Rudy, Scott Nelson, Dylan Powell, Debbie Zimmerman, Steve Betzner, Ross McLean, Alexander Dungan, and Susannah Gottlieb have been and will be amazing this summer.

We have two fundraising events planned. Some of you visited the ASP pegboard in fountain foyer today. Suggested donations for things such as gasoline for vans, tools, construction supplies, and youth scholarships are highlighted. Using the QR code on the form takes you to the First Church website and one can use the drop-down menu to find ASP donations. Thanks to Krys and Mary Taylor-Johnson for making this happen. The pegboard will be up after worship services in May. We are also planning a second year of a silent auction. Youth will be donating their time and services. Their parents and other interested adults are donating auction items such as restaurant gift cards, professional services, and we hope tickets to sporting events, etc. The silent auction will be held June 9-12. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks. Thanks to Scott Nelson in coordinating this event.

ASP has touched the lives of hundreds of youth, adults and our congregation over the past years. The friendships and bonds developed are not limited to our community, but also to the ASP leadership and home-owners in this part of the world. It has truly been a life changing experience for many.

Thanks for your prayers, and financial support. We want to make Jane proud of us again this year.

She has entrusted me to be the overall ASP contact this year, but as noted above this is truly a team effort. If you have any questions please let me know.

Shalom,

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