



ASP 2018 Calendar (as of 2/13/18)

PROGRAM MEETINGS (All Expected to Participate)

March 23, March 16, 6:30-8:30 pm **Full Group Meeting #2** **St Luke's, Parish Hall**
Note updated date! This is our second full group prep meeting. We will give you more information about the project, providing updates as we get closer to the summer, and doing group building and training. All youth and group leaders are expected to be there!

May 4, 6:30 pm – May 6, 11:00 am **Preparation Retreat Weekend** **Camp Aldersgate (meet at FUMC)**
We will be travelling to Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate, RI, for our annual weekend of training, preparation, and construction. This is when you get a full course in the real ASP experience. Training sessions include tool safety, what to pack and hands-on construction experience working with the team on real work projects at the camp. If you already know all that stuff, your job is to come and teach others. This is our dress rehearsal, so mark your calendar double for this one – **this event is 100% required for all participants. You will not be permitted on the July trip if you do not attend this event or an appropriate makeup.**

June 21, 7:00-9:00 pm **Pre-ASP Meeting** **First UMC, Webb Hall**
The pre-ASP meeting, our final meeting before the trip. It's very important everyone be there for final instructions and last-minute info.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS & DEADLINES

Feb 10, 9am – 9 pm **Rock-a-Thon** **First UMC**
A 12 hour Rock-A-Thon!! This is our most important fundraiser of the year, bringing in roughly a third of our budget in one event. We will rock in rocking chairs for 12 hours, while also doing some training & preparation activities. You get one hour fundraising credit for every two hours rocked, so this one big event could get you your whole dollar target and half your hours!

In short: You need to be there. Bring a chair, and a lot of sponsorships!!

March 3, 7pm – 11pm **ASP Gala and Silent Auction** **Doubletree Hotel Westboro**
An ASP event not to be missed! An upscale semi-formal night out featuring refreshments, live music and a silent auction for adult supporters of ASP. Youth will need to sell tickets, get people to attend the event, help out with the silent auction and provide babysitting services for the evening. We are also looking for items that will sell for big bucks to go in the auction! If you think you might have something, contact John Ziegler at jez191@yahoo.com. You get full credit for the sale price!

March 25 **Fundraising Checkpoint #2 (\$280)**
This is our second checkpoint. Youth volunteers need to have \$280 raised by this date, or go to the end of the wait list. The biggest fundraisers in terms of dollars are held before this, so you really don't want to be just skating by. And don't forget, you'll need 12 fundraising hours by June, so hopefully you are well on your way to fulfilling this requirement as well.

March 25 **Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show** **First UMC**
First, there's a spaghetti (ok, really, it's ziti) dinner, from 5:30-6:30. Then, at 7 pm, we will have an all-comers talent show. We will need people to setup, serve, and cleanup dinner as well as setup, cleanup, and participate in the talent show.

FUNDRAISING (Cont.)

March 31 8am – 1pm

Can Drive #1

First UMC Parking Lot

We collect and sort cans, then ship them off and receive a check! Our can drives earn \$600-\$800 and credit for funds raised are split among the youth workers at the event. Save cans and bring them to FUMC any time.

May 12th 10 am – 1 pm

Car Wash #1

First UMC Parking Lot

Soap, water and cars! It's a good time and the funds raised are split among the youth workers, so invite everyone you know with a car, and get ready for a good clean fundraiser.

May 12 & 13, May 19 & 20

Envelope Drive

St. Lukes & First UMC

For our envelope appeal, we invite ASP youth to tell their story at the churches, and ask parishioners to support the team by placing a donation in provided envelopes. Credit for funds raised are split among the youth participants.

June 2nd 10 am – 1 pm

Car Wash #2

First UMC Parking Lot

June 16th 8 am – 1 pm

Can Drive #2

First UMC Parking Lot

June 24

Final Fundraising Checkpoint (\$560/12 hours)

This is the final deadline to have all of your hours and dollars in. So, have them in!

THE TRIP

June 10

Medical Forms Due

This is the deadline to have your official ASP Medical/Release (not the one you did in October) notarized and turned in. If you need missionary insurance, contact us to sign up prior to this date.

June 24

Commissioning Sunday

First UMC/St Luke's

We will be commissioned for our week of service by our churches on this Sunday. Everyone should attend either the 9 am service at First UMC or the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Luke's. It's very important that our sponsoring congregations see who they're supporting and sending forth to do this work!

July 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Van Packing

First UMC Parking Lot

We pack our luggage and tools into our vans the Friday night before we leave so we do not need to do it at a ridiculously early hour the next morning. It's a logistical wonder, and you need to be there with your stuff!

July 7, 6 am – July 15, 4ish pm

meet at First UMC

ASP Work Week

This is it – what everything else was about getting ready for. We will travel to Central Appalachia, and spend the week living in community while serving the people of the area.

July 22

ASP Services

First UMC/St Luke's

We report back our ASP experience with the people who supported us and provided the funds for us to go. At the 9am service at First UMC, and the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Luke's, we will tell stories about our week of service, and share with the congregations what we did in their name.

We need all participants to attend both services and tell their stories!