



ASP 2019 Calendar (rev 12/1/18)

PROGRAM MEETINGS (MANDATORY)

November 4, 2:00-4:00 pm **2019 Kickoff & Parent Meeting** **First UMC, Sanctuary**

This is our first gathering of the whole group for 2019, plus a parent information session. We'll be talking about the year to come, taking care of logistics, talking about details our preparation, and getting to know the team. All youth, parents and group leaders should be there!

March 15, 7:00-9:00 pm **Full Group Meeting** **St. Luke's Parish Hall**

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 10th, 6:30 pm – May 12th, 11 am **Prep 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 that stuff, then it's your job it to come teach others. This is our dress rehearsal. Mark your calendar double for this one – **this event is 100% required for all trip participants.** Makeups will be organized if absolutely necessary.

June 14th **Pre-ASP Meeting** **First UMC**

The final meeting before the trip. It's very important everyone be there for last minute instructions and training.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS & DEADLINES

November 16th and 17th **Thanksgiving Pie Baking** **First UMC Kitchen**

We'll be baking Pumpkin Pies and Apple Crisps to sell as a fundraiser. But just baking them doesn't count, you've got to get out there and find buyers for these yummy pies! If you find someone who wants to support but doesn't want the calories encourage them to buy "virtual pies" to support your fundraising efforts. Pie baking is November 16 & 17, pickup on Nov 17. Watch for opportunities to sell pies at FUMC also.

Nov 24th, Feb 9th, Apr 20th, June 2nd, 8 am – 2 pm **Can Drives** **First UMC Parking Lot**

Tell your friends and family that return deposit cans can be dropped off at our Redemption Shed in the FUMC parking lot any time. We also hold can drives to collect more, sort & organize, and hand off to the recycler.

January 6th **Fundraising Checkpoint #1**

At this first fundraising checkpoint, confirmed youth & GLITs are expected to have raised their initial \$50. If you haven't, you'll need to make up the difference by this date, or you'll be placed on the wait list.

January 12th, 6:30-8:30 pm **Chili Challenge** **St. Luke's Parish Hall**

The chili challenge is both a dinner and a contest. First, we get a bunch of people to volunteer to make and enter their favorite chili recipe. Then, at the dinner, everyone gets to try all the chilis and vote on the best one. There are prizes! We will need people to set up the hall, cleanup afterwards, make extra chili so there's enough for everyone to have dinner, and of course enter their favorite recipe. This is a family-friendly event, so invite everyone you know!

Feb 2nd, 9 am – 9 pm **Rock-a-Thon** **First UMC Webb Hall**

This our biggest, most important fundraiser of the year! Bring a rocking chair, and a lot of sponsorship. Participants knock off a significant chunk of dollars & up to 6 fundraising hours, and we have a lot of fun too!

March 17th

Fundraising Checkpoint #2 (\$280)

This is our second checkpoint. Youth need to have \$280 raised by this date, or go to the end of the wait list. The 2 biggest fundraisers (in terms of dollars) are held before this, so make sure you have participated in fundraising well before this. If you need to turn in a check to make up the difference, drop it off at the First UMC office or Gloria at St. Luke's. 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 23rd

ASP Parents & Friends Mixer Social (21+) Westboro Knights of Columbus

A super fun, informal night out to support ASP. The success of this fundraiser depends on your parents, grandparents and their friends coming out to support ASP, so get it on their calendars and buy tickets early. The evening will feature refreshments, music and a silent auction. Youth will need to sell tickets, help out with the auction setup and provide babysitting services for the evening. We are 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.

April 7th

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.

May 18th, June 8th, 10 am – 1 pm

Car Washes

First UMC Parking Lot

This one's really simple. People bring us dirty cars, and we wash and vacuum them. Pray for nice weather!

June 22

Final Fundraising Checkpoint (\$560/12 hours)

THE TRIP

June 9

Medical Forms Due

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

June 30

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 congregations see who they've been supporting to do this work!

July 12th, 7 pm

Van Packing

First UMC Parking Lot

We pack luggage and tools for over 150 people into the vans the Friday night before we leave so we do not need to do it at a ridiculously early hour the next morning. You need to be there or send your luggage with a friend!

July 13th 6 am – July 21th 4:00ish pm

Leave and return from First UMC Lot

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 28th 9am & 6:30 pm

ASP Services

First UMC & St Luke's

At the 9am service at First UMC and the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Luke's, we report back our ASP experience to the people who supported us and provided the funds for us to go. We will tell stories about our week of service, and share with the congregations what we did in their name. We encourage you to invite friends and family to come to the services and hear the stories about our trip. **We need all participants to attend both services!**