



ASP 2023 Calendar

(revised 11/25/22)

PROGRAM MEETINGS (MANDATORY)

March February 9th, 6:30-8:00 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 trip, 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 12th, 6:30 pm – May 14th, 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 22nd, 6:30-8:00 pm **Pre-Trip Meeting** **FUMC**
The final meeting before the trip. We should have had contact with the staff of our specific county, so we should have some county details, plus last-minute instructions and reminders.

CHECKPOINTS and DEADLINES

Plan ahead! If you're stuck, email asp@firstumchurch.com for help, but don't wait for the last minute!

January 8th **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.

March 26th **Fundraising Checkpoint #2 (\$280)**
This is our second checkpoint. Youth need to have \$280 raised by this date, or go to the wait list. You should be pretty far along by now. 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. LITs are exempt from this one.

June 4th **Medical/Registration Forms Due**
This is the deadline to have your official ASP Medical/Release (not the one for our group you did at registration) turned in. If you need medical insurance, we can get it for the week-- contact us to sign up prior to this date.

June 25th **Final Fundraising Checkpoint (\$560/12 hours)**
By now, you should be all set with your fundraising, ready to focus on the trip and what you raised all that money for! LITs only need 6 hours.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

November 26, March 4 11, June 17, 8am – 1pm **Can/Bottle Drives** **First UMC Parking Lot**
Encourage friends and family to save Mass deposit cans and bottles. They can bring them to the drive or drop them off at any time in our shed in the FUMC parking lot. On Saturday, we clean out the shed, sort, and load up the truck. Our first drive, in September, made over \$1300!

January 28th, 4-8 pm **ChiliFest** **St Luke's Parish Hall**
We're bringing back, by popular demand, our annual chili cookoff! We will encourage volunteers (not just ASPers!) to prepare and enter their best chili recipe. Everyone who attends gets to try them and vote for the best! ASP volunteers can participate as chefs or setting/cleaning up the Parish Hall for the event.

March 18 4, 9 am-9 pm **Rock-a-Thon** **St Luke's Parish Hall**
This our biggest, most important fundraiser of the year! People will sponsor you to sit in a rocking chair for 12 hours! Bring a rocking chair, bunch of pledges, and a great attitude. Participants can knock off a significant chunk of dollars (maybe even all of them!) and up to 6 fundraising hours, and we have a lot of fun too!

March 25th, 9:00 – noon **Westborough Food Pantry Drive** **meet at FUMC lot**
We advertise for local Westborough families that would like to make donations of food and personal items. Then on the day of the drive, they put the food out on their driveway and we pick it up and deliver it to the Food Pantry. Ok, this isn't a fundraiser, but it is great practice helping out our community, and you still get hours!

May 6-14 **Silent Auction** **Online**
We need YOU to help get items for our online silent auction (make a basket, donate tickets, offer a fun experience or provide a service). Also, we need volunteer to distribute the items to the winners. In exchange you'll get dollars credit for funds raised and hour credit for participation.

May 20th **Car Washes** **First UMC Parking Lot**
We've had mixed luck with these in recent years due to town water bans. But we hope to have one or two car washes (and vacuumings) when the weather gets warm. We'll see how it goes.

THE TRIP

June 25th, 9:00 (FUMC) & 11:00 am (StL) **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 one, whether you're a member or not. It's very important that our congregations see who they've been supporting to do this work!

July 7th, 7 pm **Van Packing** **First UMC Parking Lot**
We pack luggage and tools for over 90 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!

<p>July 8th 6 am – July 16th, 4:00ish pm Leave and return from First UMC Lot</p> <p>ASP Work Week</p> <p>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.</p>

July 23rd, 9:00 (FUMC) & 11:00 am (StL) **ASP Services** **First UMC & St Luke's**
We report our ASP experience back to the people who supported us and provided the funds for us to go. We will show pictures and 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 everyone to attend both!**