The Place and the Need

This year our team will be going to the West Virginia area to serve with the rebuilding of the area from the flooding that struck in June of last year. Exact location will be determined at a later time.

I'll have more information on what we will be doing as soon as the project coordinator knows more about our individual skills. The type of work opportunities will include: clean-up, drywall hanging, painting, door and trim work, plumbing, flooring, electrical, etc.

The Experience

Being part of a mission team can be a life-changing experience. You will gain the satisfaction of working hard to help others in the name of Jesus Christ. Much hard work has been done by Volunteers in Mission, but there is still much left to do. You will grow spiritually as you serve in exciting new ways.

Living Accommodations

Our host Church will be decided at a later date. Team members will be responsible for their own linens and air mattress or cot. Meals will be prepared by our team. Kitchen and showers will be available.

Be prepared that there may be another team for the week with us and we will share the facilities with them.

Size of Team

We will need to limit the size of this team to the first 20 to sign-up. This will help with our team not being spread out into too many locations to keep track of, getting our projects assigned to us as early as possible and hopefully have a better idea of what tools we need to take. Anyone that signs up after the team is filled at 16, will be put on a waiting list and notified of any cancellations.

The West Virginia Conference requires that the youth be at least 14 years old. The maximum age - unlimited

Our Purpose

This Volunteers in Mission team is a group of volunteers who share their time, talents and money for this mission. The volunteers (their local church and/or other support groups) pay their own travel and material expenses so they can participate in this mission. They do so because they have a strong and sincere desire in their hearts to serve their neighbor. This is a West Ohio Conference endorsed mission and meets all of the requirements as set forth by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Transportation

We will be driving our own vehicles to West Virginia and to our work site each day. If you will be driving your own vehicle and have room for any other team members, please let me know.
Leadership

The team leader will be Pete Stambazze. Pete has served on or lead 37 Construction / Medical / Relief teams over the border and in the US.

The spiritual leader will be Pastor Therese Lehman. Therese has lead youth mission teams to New York, Corbin Ky., local missions and Mexico. She has a passion to love and serve others using hands, feet and heart.

Trip Preparations

There will be a MANDATORY team meeting that will be announced at a later date. It is recommended that each person have an updated tetanus shot.

The Cost

$350.00 per person. This will include transportation, meals and lodging. It’s not required, but if you are able to have any of your church family help with any support for materials, it would be greatly appreciated. This will make it much easier to be more Flexible in the extra help that we can give for the week that we are there.