

I am writing to you because I need your help with something that is very important to me! As you may or may not know, I am an active member in Memorial United Methodist Church's Youth Ministry and this summer the Youth Ministry will be participating in a mission project during the week of July 2-8 called the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). We will have over 25 participants and 4 teams this year! We will be going to the eastern part of Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky is where 22% of the population lives below the poverty line and the per capita income for the county is less than \$14,000 per year. I'm excited to help people and learn a little more about myself.

ASP's mission states: "Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia." An easier way of saying this is that ASP is committed to supporting families by making homes "warmer, safer and drier". ASP was established in 1969 and Memorial UMC has been participating since 1997. ASP is a great organization and I am looking forward to doing my part to spread God's love and care this summer.

In order to go on the trip, there is a financial obligation for each participant. It costs \$450 for each person to go on this week-long trip. This includes all of my accommodations, food, transportation, and building materials. Memorial UMC assists with some of the cost of the trip, but I still have to raise a minimum of \$350 to go on the trip. One of the ways we are raising money this year is by selling "stock" in our trip. You can support me by investing in "shares" of stock. Each "Stockholder" will be invited to a special dinner in August to see a slideshow and to hear us share what we accomplished on the trip!

This opportunity is a fun and meaningful experience in which I really want to participate and hopefully you will be able to assist me in this ministry by becoming a "Stockholder". If you would like to support this ministry with a tax deductible purchase of stock, please make all checks out to "Memorial United Methodist Church" and send the check to me at the address below. Regardless of whether you are able to support me financially or not, I will still ask you to pray for me and my group while we are away! Thank you for being someone I can count on!

Thank You,