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ASP Trip

Thanks to all our church family for your support throughout the year towards our Youth mission trip, the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). You helped us raise \$9,003.16 towards our trip total of \$22,887. Thank you!

Attending this year are: *Audrey and *Brennan Bates, David, Harrison and Russell Brill, Kaitlyn Davis, Jessi Ganyard, Michelle and Peter Gierosky, Randy and Tyler Geise, Richie Herthneck, *Beth, Chris and *Patrick Hill, *Dan, Meghan and Tom Huntley, *Cole,

Clark and *David Jacobs, *Hayley and Joy Kalata, Anne and Jaimie Kerka, Gene and Tyler Matthews, Megan, Shannon and Sue O'Brien, *Ben Plaza, Daniel Scheufler, *Amy, Annabelle and Sam Shipley, Dan and Mark Ward, *Clair and *Lisa Wilson, *Katelyn Waddle, Chris Walleck and Rob deSwart, and a group from the Avon Lake Lutheran Church: *Eric, *Erin and *Megan

Mohney, *Ally Jagoda, *Evan Paine and *Matt Reiner. The group will be traveling to Claiborne County, Tennessee, from June 14 to June 20. Please keep our group in your thoughts and prayers!

See you in church on June 21!

* denotes new participant



*Making Homes Warmer, Safer and Drier
Transforming Lives*

“It’s never too late to be what you might have been.” —
George Eliot

Summer Youth



Ideas for the summer include: Lake Erie Crushers ball game, July concert on the lawn, August bike ride and an Indians Game. More info later! Watch your email!



From the Youth Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

Often I wonder how to describe our church home to other people. What makes us unique as a group?

The Confirmands did an excellent job painting a picture of our church home and family. We allow and encourage discussion and questions. We promote thought! Our students have learned that is good to have fun in God's house. That is part of God's plan, for us to experience the abundant life He provides. We encourage the growth of friendships with other believers. Our students have this built in support system for those challenging high school years. I

know that it is used and used well. We know that being a Christian means living the life, not just talking the talk but walking the walk. Peter Gierosky is a perfect example of that kind of person; passionate about his involvement with ASP. He is a walking advertisement for our church's youth mission trip. He talks to EVERYBODY about ASP! We are known as that church with the great youth mission trip. This year, he and Sue O'Brien invited a group from another church to, kind of, learn the ropes from us. (And miraculously, that was the ASP goal for the year! To help another church discover the ASP experience. God does work in myste-

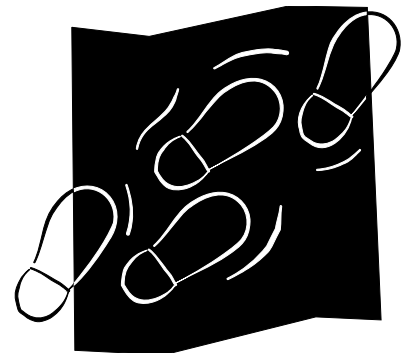
rious ways!) So, we have encouraged and coached a new set of ASP-ers this year. They will be going along with us this June. When Peter talks about our church, he talks about what we do, how we welcome others, how we meet life as regular people who have a love for God and doing His work. So, if anyone asks you how to describe our church, I like Sam's words the best, "We are a real church for real people." I can work with that. We don't set ourselves apart but set ourselves up to accept, welcome, and love others. Thanks to all the wonderful people in our congregation that prove that theory daily! Rejoice, Amy

Confirmation 2009-2010

If your child will be participating in our 2-year Confirmation Classes which begin in the fall of their 7th grade year, please contact AMY at

amy_bumc@sbcglobal

.net by August 15th. Teachers are needed. Please prayerfully consider becoming a leader of these classes. If you are in 8th grade and will be continuing, please also email AMY



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Wishing our graduates well

Brad Aronson, Holli Boeckman, Drew Caddey, Kaitlyn Davis, Richie Herthneck, Chris Hill, Clark Jacobs, Jenn Jones, Steven Karam, Tyler Mat-

thews, Megan O'Brien, Dayna Rohlke, Ian Sanderson, Alex Thum and Dan Ward.

You will be missed!

