

Summer 2021 Youth Missions

St. James's Episcopal Church

Mini-Mission for current 5th-8th graders, July 16-18, 2021

- 1) Come work in the fields harvesting crops as we partner with **Harvest of Hope** to “glean” crops to donate to local food banks
- 2) Gleaning is a practice that comes from the Old Testament as a way of helping those in poverty or struggling with hunger
- 3) For COVID safety, we'll do this as a “Family-based” experience where youth will sleep at home and parents provide transportation and can join in the gleaning too
- 4) We'll have team gatherings throughout the weekend for fellowship, education, and worship
- 5) Older youth unable to attend the Appalachia mission are welcome to participate in the Mini-Mission
- 6) **COST = \$20 per student and \$20 per parent**

Appalachia Youth Mission for 9th-12th graders, July 18-24, 2021

- 1) Come help with home repairs in the rural mountain coal community of Hurley, VA, hard hit by the economic impacts of the pandemic. Many residents in this community live in mobile homes that require significant maintenance. We'll work with **Hurley Community Development Inc.** to swing hammers, build ramps, clean up debris, and much more. Your care and concern for your neighbors is just one way you convey Christ's love in this world
- 2) Our days will be full of physical labor and rewarding work projects, and evenings will be filled with relaxation, fellowship, worship, and education
- 3) Chaperones will drive students to Appalachia and accompany them for this week-long experience. Parents are also welcome to drive their child separately and participate in the mission as a parent chaperone
- 4) For COVID safety we'll sleep in separate hotel rooms, spend lots of time outside, and abide by CDC guidelines for masking and social distancing throughout the experience. If guidelines change, so may aspects of our trip, so we'll continue to remain flexible while prioritize the safety of all participants and our mission partners
- 5) At the end of the week, we'll spend a day at Breaks Interstate Park for some recreation and adventure before returning to Richmond.
- 6) Youth can earn up to 20 hours of community service hours
- 7) Older youth unable to attend the Appalachia mission are welcome to participate in the Mini-Mission instead
- 8) **Cost = \$575** (If you're participating with a sibling or parent, the price drops to **\$450** per person for double occupancy)

Registration is Now Open: [Register here for Summer 2021 Youth Missions](#)