

During the week of July 2nd through the 8th, folks from Calvary will be at Fieldstone UMC in Christiansburg, VA. This is the site for a program called SPY- Service Project for Youth. This church offers work projects in the community that help improve the quality of life for the residents. Usually, this program is offered only to high schoolers and their chaperones, but this year - for the first time, a SPY week will be offered to families specifically from our church. People who participate in MAKING OUR MARK will either work at the Vacation Bible School program that is being offered to the community children in the mornings, or on worksites in the community. Some work will be done by our younger kids in and around the facility. It is understood that some of the children/youth will go to worksites, and some will stay with chaperones at the Fieldstone UMC site. All ages are encouraged to come and help to impact this community in a meaningful way. All adults are required to complete our background screening, as part of Calvary's Child Protection Policy.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- How much does it cost? *\$200 per week per person, with a cap at \$800 per household. \$30 registration fee (checks to CUMC) per person. \$40 per day per person for less than the full time. Fundraising efforts may help to reduce costs for the trip.*
- What is included in the cost? *3 meals for the days you pay for, materials for the worksite, and overhead for Fieldstone UMC.*
- Where is it located? *[Fieldstone UMC](#) in Christiansburg, VA*
- Where do we sleep? *In the church, on sleeping bags, cots or blowup mattresses that you bring.*
- Do I have to stay all week? *No, you can determine what days can attend. Please indicate your days on your registration form. Saturday 7/2 is designated as a travel day, and Sunday 7/3 is designated as an orientation day. Work projects will begin Monday, 7/4.*
- How do we get there? *Carpooling and ridesharing is possible. We need to have enough cars/drivers in Christiansburg to transport our group daily. Please indicate in your form if you need a ride.*
- What do we eat? *Meals provided by the Fieldstone Staff. Continental breakfast is provided most mornings, and a bagged lunch (peanut butter or lunch meat) is made before we start our work day. Evening meals are family style. Please indicate on your form if there are dietary restrictions or requirements.*
- Are there any "fun" activities planned? *Yes. There is a hike to the falls planned for Sunday, and a field trip to see fireworks on July 4th. Other activities are being developed. Each evening, we worship together at Fieldstone.*
- What's the registration deadline? *Since we are doing this the first time this year, the sooner the better! All registrations should be received by **June 1, 2016**, to provide time for t-shirts, event planning and scheduling.*
- Do parents have to come with children? *Children who are in 3rd grade and up may come without parents, on a first-come, first-available basis, **providing we have chaperones to supervise.***
- Can I be a chaperone, even if I bring my own children, or even if I don't have children? *Yes, please! Indicate your interest on our form!*
- Why is it called MAKING OUR MARK? *In October 2015, one of the young people in Calvary's church community - Mark Slough - was tragically killed while riding his bicycle to class at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. For years, Mark had been part of our PROJECT SPY YOUTH MISSION TRIPS. Because of his love for this work, and our love for him and his family, we are focusing our mission this year on FAMILIES and on CHRISTIANSBURG.*

