



Mission Trip Update:



SBP Mission:

“We shrink the time between disaster and recovery.”

Go to the www.sbpusa.org website to find out more about the work we'd be doing. Updates will be given at pf meetings when information is made available. Still waiting on confirmation of registration from SBP, who is still setting up their Houston/Texas office.

- This is a big trip. Cost per participant is \$1300. \$850 HOPE!
- Deposit is essential to arranging for flight plans.
- Many efforts are being made to raise sponsorships to offset that cost.
- Each participant has had and could have opportunities to raise funds specifically for his or her trip cost (see individual updates). Individuals are responsible for utilizing these opportunities.

Mission Trip Important Dates & Meetings:

Dec 28—Initial ½ deposit due= \$250

~~**Jan 7**—Turn in Commitment Form~~

Feb 4 Commitment Form Due

Feb 4—Deposit in full to **secure spot**—~~\$500~~ \$400 so that flight arrangements for group can be made.

Feb 11—Mission Trip Preparation Meeting I 6:30 PM

Mar 4—Mission Trip Preparation Meeting II (Balance update given for each participant.)

April 22—Mission Trip Preparation Meeting III

May 1—Contributions should be at ~~\$900~~ (based on fundraising efforts) \$600.

June 4—(Balance updates given for each participant.)

June 8—**Total BALANCE should be in church office!**

June 10—Mission Trip Preparation Meeting IV

June 23/24—Bags ready/Depart

June 30—Return

SCHOLARSHIPS: Limited scholarship money is available through the **Jay Brothers Mission Trip Fund**. If you, in your budget planning, you feel that you need some assistance beyond the fundraising opportunities that we have provided and to which you participated, youth may apply for assistance. You need to have completed at least 20 points by Feb 1 in order to apply. You need to respond to these questions: 1. Why I want to participate in a SrPF Mission Trip. 2. How you have given of yourself for the Church community and greater community. 3. How you plan to share your experience of preparing for and going on the mission trip with the community. 4. Describe need for the support. Details: 2 pages typed, single spacing. Include Youth Name, Parents Name & Contact Information. Applications due to the Outreach Mail Box in the Main Office no later than Feb 4 at 1 PM.

Mission Trip 2017 Commitment Sheet

Senior P.F.—First United Church of Christ, Milford, CT

HOPEFULLY—June 24-30, 2018

I, _____, am committing to the Senior P.F. mission trip to take place June 24-30, 2018 in our hoped-for destination of Texas.

I understand that by committing myself to this trip, I promise:

- to turn in my commitment form as soon as possible and by ~~Jan. 7, 2018~~; Feb. 4, 2018
- to pay a \$400 deposit to First UCC by Feb 4, 2018 to secure a roster spot;
- to take part in at least 3 of the 4 preparation meetings beginning in February and leading up to the trip; **I will not say**, “Oh, I have already been on previous trips so I know everything.”
- to accumulate at least 40 mission trip points, which we started accumulating in August 2017;
- to pay the balance of the participation fee by June 8, 2018, following the benchmarks so that travel arrangements can be made.
- to support the mission of the group to serve neighbors and by doing so to serve God;
- to behave in a Christian manner as outlined by the Mission Trip Covenant during all mission trip preparations, fundraisers, and the trip itself;
- to keep the days of June 23-30, 2018, available for the trip;
- to contact staff or advisors as soon as I can if I can no longer participate in the trip (at that point, plane ticket costs might be forfeited and registration/accommodation expenses as well.)
- and to contact Rev. Ashley, plan a meeting and prepare a plan of how you will accommodate for your exceptions to the above commitment parameters.

Youth/Participant _____ **Date** _____

Signature

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature

**THIS COPY IS FOR YOUTH AND A PARENT/
GUARDIAN TO SIGN AND TURN IN TO APRIL PREISS OR
MARK BYERS BY ~~January 7, 2018~~, FEB 4, 2018 with deposit IN
ORDER TO HOLD A SPOT ON THE ROSTER.**