

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

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Introduction to the BCCW

The Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW) was founded by two United Methodist ministers in 1984. It is now run by lay people and is completely ecumenical, with Baptists, Catholics, Evangelicals, Presbyterians, United Methodists, and other faiths involved. Its task is to "share the love of Christ by improving the homes of and providing assistance for some limited income families in Baltimore County." Typically each year, over 50 houses are repaired, from Dundalk to Essex to Parkville to Randallstown to Catonsville to Lansdowne, during one week in July, and on a limited basis during the rest of the year. The 35th Annual Workcamp will occur July 15-20, 2018.

It is structured like those workcamps that many travel far from home to attend for a week or more. However, with the work sites in the County, it has become a commuters' workcamp where volunteers only need to commit for one day and can sleep in their own bed each night.

The day starts with breakfast at the host church, Hunt's Memorial United Methodist, in Riderwood (west of Towson), where bagged lunches are also prepared. Volunteer workers of all ages and with varying skills and abilities can then choose at which site they would like to work and/or the type of work in which they would prefer to participate. All types of repairs may be done -- plumbing, electrical, carpentry, ceilings, walls, roofs, porches, steps, insulation, general clean-up, interior and exterior painting, caulking, ramps, yard work and much more. Each night a different host prepares dinner for the volunteers, and sometimes evening activities are planned.

For more information or a brochure, please visit our website noted above or contact us using the email address. You may also call one of the Co-Chairs, Chip Day or Frank Thomas, at the numbers listed for them in the sidebar.

In addition to volunteer workers, the BCCW can always use appropriate supplies and donations. BCCW is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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