



# Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

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*Our mission is to provide home repairs and assistance for the needy in Baltimore County by volunteers of all ages.*

## Introduction to the BCCW

### **41<sup>st</sup> annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp July 21-27, 2024**

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 volunteers of all faiths and beliefs involved. Typically, each year **25 to 40 houses are repaired throughout Baltimore County**, during one week in July, and on a limited basis during the rest of the year.

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 may commit for one day or as many days as their schedules allow and can sleep in their own beds each night. As a result, the cost to participate and register is very nominal. In addition to home repair, many volunteers are needed to assist with **planning and organizing efforts** during the months leading to the Workcamp, and others are needed to help with **meals, auction and other required services** during the July volunteer week.

Following some modifications during the last few years due to the pandemic, we now plan to again begin the week with a **kick-off dinner and orientation on the opening Sunday** at our host church, Hunt's Memorial United Methodist Church in Riderwood (west of Towson). But breakfast will no longer be provided each workday

Volunteer workers of **all ages and with varying skills and abilities** can choose a work site suitable to their talents and/or interests and/or their desire to work inside or outside. **All types of repairs** are tackled both inside and outside – simple plumbing and electrical, carpentry, dry wall, roofs, simple concrete work, ramps, railings, porches, and steps, insulation, painting, caulking, yard work, general cleanup, as well as other needs that might arise. Two nights during the week volunteers have the option to meet for dinner at host churches and share their successes and work plans for the rest of the week. The week will end with a **special meal and wrap-up program on Saturday afternoon.**

We are hoping to conduct a full version of the 2024 Workcamp as described above. However, we will also be prepared to hold it in a modified version, if health precautions again require that we do so. For more information, please visit our website noted above or contact us using the email address. You may also call the Chair at 410-667-1725.