



Baltimore County Christian Workcamp

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Our mission is to provide home repairs and assistance for the needy in

Introduction to the BCCW

38th annual Baltimore County Christian Workcamp July 18-23, 2021

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, **35 to 50 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.

The week normally begins with a **silent auction, kick-off dinner, and orientation on the opening Sunday** at our host church, Hunt’s Memorial United Methodist Church in Riderwood (west of Towson). *However, due to continuing COVID-19 concerns for 2021, we will be having an outdoor event on Sunday afternoon, July 18, instead.*

Each workday normally starts with **breakfast** at the host church. After preparing a **bag lunch**, volunteer workers of **all ages and with varying skills and abilities** can choose a work site suitable to their talents and/or interests. *However, due to continuing COVID-19 concerns for 2021, we are not meeting at the host church for breakfast or lunch prep; instead, volunteers will go directly to work sites.* **All types of repairs** are tackled both inside and outside -- plumbing, electrical, carpentry, dry wall, roofs, simple concrete work, ramps, porches, and steps, insulation, painting, caulking, yard work, general cleanup and other needs that might arise. *In 2021, we will be doing mostly outdoor projects.* Each night the volunteers normally meet for **dinner** at host churches and share their successes of the day and work plans for the next day. The week ends with a **special dinner and program on Friday evening**. *In 2021, there will be no dinners from Monday-Friday, instead; we plan to have a 7:00 dessert and outdoor meeting and communion on Friday.*

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.