

MISSION MATAWAN

The First Presbyterian Church of Matawan is sponsoring a week of helping homeowners in the community during the week of June 20 through June 26, 2009 through its Mission Matawan project. This is an annual event.

Who Are We and What Do We Do?

Our mission is to provide a helping hand to people who lack the resources or energy to deal with yard work, home repair, peeling paint, clutter, and decorating projects. Past projects have ranged from small projects, such as sewing torn clothes or washing the kitchen light covers. Larger projects have included rebuilding a porch, re-flooring and sheetrocking.

Whom Do We Help?

Sometimes it is the gardening that has piled up over time. Or those boxes that are up in the attic that you were going to take care of "one day" but now have neither the energy nor time to do by yourself. If this has ever happened to you, then you can appreciate what a solace it is to accept and give help. Mission Matawan is a helping hands program. Our deadline for taking in requests is June 9th. There will be project requests in Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board dedicated to Mission Matawan. You can also call into the church office and we will handle the forms for you. Our project supervisors will contact the homeowners in response to their application and do an assessment, develop a work plan and estimates. In addition, we are fielding applications through Monmouth County's Senior Meals program, as well as our Community Food Pantry.

What Does a Volunteer Do?

We need volunteers to do general, unskilled or semiskilled labor, both at church and at client homes. Of course skilled labor is also quite appealing. Youth ages 14 and over can go out on work crews with a parent's permission slip.

Shop for supplies, buy groceries, take pictures, and help with registration. Or work in the hospitality program, doing advance shopping for the food, offering to donate food for breakfast or lunch, helping with the end of week pot luck, and a myriad of other support tasks.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to perform community service of up to 40 hours.

Financial Support

Mission Matawan is made possible through the generosity of donations. Make your check out to the church, earmarked Mission Matawan. Thank you in advance for your help!

What is a Typical Day Like?

7:00 am The kitchen supervisor and kitchen crew arrives and sets up breakfast and lunch

7:45 am--Supervisors arrive to plan

8:00 am--Everyone else arrives to register & eat

9:00--am Clean Up breakfast, pack lunches, and head out on assignments
Crews generally break for lunch, regroup and then wrap up the days work, usually between 3-5 p.m. Volunteers can work ½ day in the morning or afternoon by prearrangement.

Wednesday Program & Youth Mission

On Thursday morning, June 25, there will be a presentation from a speaker from Manna House. We are very much looking forward to this presentation and Q&A program which will happen right over breakfast.

After breakfast and the presentation, the Junior Highs will gather together and head out to Lunch Break and work in the Red Bank food pantry and soup kitchen.

At the end of the week on Saturday, we finish what remaining projects we can, and assign workers to complete a 'punch list' of unfinished portions of projects from earlier in the week.

What Happens Next?

Our week will conclude with a celebration cookout/pool party. This year we are going to meet at the home of a member. Of course EVERYONE is invited, including all who contributed their time, talents, treasures, thoughts and prayers to our cause, especially all the church staff who have supported our projects so faithfully throughout the year.

For More information, please contact Diana Noble, Mission Matawan Project Chairperson at 732-566-2663.

By the grace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, we look forward to all the fun and joy we will share together this year.