

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THE PERMISSION SLIP BELOW

PERMISSION SLIP (Due March 14th)

_____, Grade _____ will participate in Operation Serve on March 27, 2010, and also has our permission to go with Matthews United Methodist Church on this service project.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Youth Signature _____

Date _____



Operation SERVE
March 27
2010

WHAT is
Operation Serve?



Matthews UMC youth will be working eight hours on March 27, 2010 serving various community agencies and individuals/families who are in need. To raise money for mission trips, mission projects, and local mission work, youth will be seeking sponsors to support each hour that they work on March 27th. We are asking our entire church family to be in support of our youth as they participate in Operation Serve. All the money raised will go directly to support youth mission work. We will meet at the church at 8:00 AM on March 27th, divide into work teams, and go to the prearranged work sites, then return to the church at 5:00 PM.

WHY participate in Operation Serve?

What better way to prepare our hearts and minds for doing mission work than to serve people here in our local community? Jesus calls us to serve, and we are answering that call through this project and through the mission work we do throughout the year. Mission trips are expensive and local mission work is continually needed - what better way to raise the funds for mission work than through Operation Serve! Through fundraising, youth have the opportunity to invest themselves in the mission experiences that go on throughout the year. Remember, the money that youth raise goes towards extending Christ's hands into the world.

HOW much \$ do you have to raise?

- ◆ Reach mission trip-youth are required to raise a minimum of \$250.
- ◆ Sr. High mission trip-youth are required to raise a minimum of \$250.
- ◆ Youth not going on a week long mission trip-no minimum amount to raise but try your best! We will use that money to fund mission projects throughout the rest of the year.

Parents— Please do not pay this for your youth!

We want youth to commit their energy and enthusiasm on this project as part of their preparation for the mission trip.

WHO is supposed to participate?

We are encouraging all MUMC youth to participate in Operation Serve. All youth in grades 8-12 that are planning to go on one of our mission trips during the summer are **required** to participate. If youth have **any** conflicts (ball games, etc.) with the date, **please make Operation Serve a priority and rearrange your schedule; you must participate the entire day (8:00-5:00)**. This date has been on the calendar since August so that you could plan around it. This is a BIG DEAL and we need 100% participation. **You must turn in the permission slip.**

WHAT do I need to bring on March 27?

Bring your sponsorship envelope, the money you've raised, and a bag lunch and drink. Be sure and wear work clothes, your new youth group T-shirt, and work gloves. Please collect your money before the work day if at all possible!!



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