

What is Salkehatchie?

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service.

Who?

Salkehatchie Summer Service is for high school and college age youth drawn primarily from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Participants must be at least 14 years old by the beginning of the camp they attend. Adult leaders are also needed to offer guidance and support.

What?

This program of the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries consists of a number of work camps for United Methodist Youth in South Carolina. During the week, participants physically improve homes of needy families and reach out to these families and one another in friendship. Each volunteer participates fully in the experience of serving, growing, learning, and sharing together (www.salkehatchie.org).

Where?

There are approximately 50 camps, established by the Salkehatchie Steering Committee where need, opportunity, personnel, and facilities meet. First Church participates in the Pee Dee camp in Bennettsville, SC.

When?

Each camp runs from Saturday to Saturday. Camps are offered from May through August. Camp Pee Dee takes place over the week of July 4th. We leave First Church the morning of Friday, June 29th and return the afternoon of Saturday, July 7th.

Why?

Many of our neighbors in South Carolina live in homes needing repair and Jesus has called us to love our neighbor (Luke 10:29-37). South Carolina United Methodist Youth need to experience Christian servant hood. "And he said to all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me' " (Luke 9:23).

How Much?

There is a \$230 fee per person to cover food, camp lodging, and camp expenses. First Church pays \$100 of this fee for each church member who registers on-time.

How Can I Help?

- Volunteer – Youth willing to work and adults to provide guidance are needed. Adults, especially women, are needed to ensure Safe Sanctuary requirements are met. Skills are not required, just a willingness to work with the youth.
- Financial Support – Cash contributions are needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the church and note that it's for Salkehatchie.
- Donate Supplies – Lumber, paint, caulking, plywood, linoleum, paneling, nails, etc. may be brought to individual camps.
- Pray – Pray for the organizers, the home selection process, the home owners, the volunteers (especially that we have enough), and safety during travel and camp activities.