

# **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Allport/Bigler/Woodland Work Camp to be held**

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

## **Helping those in need**

The 14th Annual Allport/Bigler/Woodland Workcamp will be held Sunday, June 15th through Friday, June 20th. Volunteers from the central Pennsylvania area have joined with local volunteers for one week, usually in June, to help residents in our area improve their properties. The workcamp area covers all of Bradford, Cooper, Graham and Morris Townships and the section of Boggs Township east of Route 153. Many residents in our area are unable, due to age, ability, or finances, to perform small maintenance jobs to their homes. The ABW Workcamp volunteers provide those much-needed repairs. Those who can, buy their own supplies, but the workcamp pays for the materials necessary for projects in cases where the individuals are not able to pay, using donations from individuals, congregations, and businesses. We are not offering a hand **OUT**, but a hand **UP** to those who may be unable to complete home repairs through their own resources.

Last year we received 38 work requests. In very hot humid weather, we were able to complete 30 projects. One project was partially completed, and we were unable to do 7 projects. Projects included: power washing homes and decks, building and repairing porches, ramps and decks. Indoor and outdoor staining and painting, minor house cleaning, installed hand railing, cleaned and repaired gutters, loaded and stacked firewood, reinforced kitchen floor, cleaned a hand dug spring and installed a roof over it, weeded and cleaned flower beds and put down mulch, removed and replaced pull-down staircase, enclosed two sides of a patio, installed mobile home skirting, and other miscellaneous home repairs and maintenance projects. We do not do plumbing, second story exterior work (roof or painting), masonry work, signs/specialty work, large tree removal, rental properties or projects that require more than five days to complete.

We are looking for suitable projects for our volunteers to complete this summer. Our crews dedicate a week to share their energy with us, and enjoy staying busy. If you or someone you know in our coverage area who, due to age, ability or finances needs some help with property improvements, please contact Pastor Clare Pannebaker at 814-553-8001 as soon as possible for a Work Request Form. Pastor Pannebaker goes to each proposed worksite prior to the beginning of Work Camp and comprises a list of materials which need to be purchased to do the projects. Work Request Forms are also available on our Facebook page at Allport-Bigler-Woodland Workcamp.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this work camp contact Jim and Linda Wooster, Local Coordinators at 814-577-6276 for a Volunteer Application Form. Volunteer Forms are also available on our Facebook page at Allport-Bigler-Woodland Workcamp.

There is no obligation to support a particular church in order to qualify as a crew member or to have work done by the volunteers. We are looking for people who have a heart to help their neighbors in need.