

FUMC Northville

Mission Quest ~ June 19-23 (M-F), 2023



God's Country Cooperative Parish

Serving Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula

Engadine | Germfask | Grand Marais | Hulbert-Tahquamenon | McMillan | Newberry | Paradise

Why go?

- An opportunity to challenge yourself and grow in the process!
- A chance to connect with God, your church and the community in the Upper Peninsula.
- An opportunity to cross the Mackinaw bridge, see Lake Superior, Whitefish Bay, Tahquamenon River and more!
- To partner with others and learn the impact that provides in your own life.
- A chance to use and learn skills we might not otherwise experience – carpentry, hard and soft scape, painting, brick work, siding, sewing, etc.

What to expect:

- A six+ hour journey.
- A lodging mission experience (gender specific dorm space or off site).
- Chores at the dorm and around meals.
- Hard work, getting dirty, getting clean, laughter, and sometimes tears.
- Caring, Commitment, Community
- Bugs, critters, sun, rain, and so much more...
- Fellowship, games, smiles, and FUN.
- Time spent reflecting on your faith journey, relationship with God and others!

Who can participate:

The GCCP MQ trip is *recommended* for: **individuals** (youth* & adults) **and family teams** (age 12 and up)! *The difficulty of some projects and nature of this trip make it better suited for high school aged students or middle school students who have a previous mission experience with FUMC Northville. Please feel free to contact Tracy to discuss your individual/family situation! Please note that Safe Sanctuary requirements may limit some activities for any unaccompanied minors. Unaccompanied minors are required by GCCP to **procure a notarized permission form** (it will be given to you after registration to complete with a notary).

Per GCCP: ALL participants are asked to be fully vaccinated two weeks prior to departure or to provide a negative covid test within 72 hours of arrival at GCCP.

Cost/Payments/Training:

Cost is expected to be \$325.00* per participant. A **\$25.00 credit** will be given to anyone who completes their registration by **April 2nd**. The FINAL deadline to register is **May 7th**.

INCLUDED: Lodging at GCCP, Monday dinner through Friday breakfast, our project materials for our mission work, staff support for GCCP and your individual VIM required insurance policy.

NOT included:

Transportation:

Provide your own: Each family/team will provide their own transportation and cover fuel and any other tolls/expenses on the trip. If you should opt to procure your own lodging, the cost is in addition to the \$325 registration fee (lodging is group flat rate and this includes our food).

***Unaccompanied Minors** or others requesting to use group transportation will have an additional cost of **\$175.00** to *help* cover our vehicle and fuel expenses (Limited number of seats available-first come first serve).

Extra activities: This could include State Parks (pass fees), activity expenses, and outings for ice cream, etc.

May 7:

- **First Payment Due:** with all forms from GCCP: \$150.00/person (+\$175.00 *if opting for group transportation*)
- **Training/info meeting**, 9am-12:30 (Mandatory)

June 4:

- **Balance Payment Due:** \$175.00/person or less (you will be given a balance based on your discounts: applicable service hour credits, early registration, or leader incentive).
- **Training/info meeting**, 9am-12:30 (*Tentative 2nd meeting*)

Registration is available on-line! For the link, visit:

<https://www.fumcnorthville.org/missions/missionquest/>

- After you register, you will be included in communications and trainings, and be provided with all the **paperwork required by our partners at GCCP**.
- Please note, **payments are non-refundable** should you need to cancel your trip. Thank you for understanding these payments support the work of our mission partners and keep their organizations going.

WHAT TO PACK:

Please! Be mindful that space is limited in the dorm/lodging area. Make sure your gear fits in **two bags for everything!** Note, those providing their own transportation will be able to store some items in their vehicle.

- Pillow and linens (or sleeping bag) for extra-long bunk beds.
- Toiletries and towel (Biodegradable products appreciated)
- SHOES: Sturdy shoes (sneakers or work boots), Shower shoes/beach shoes
- CLOTHING: Camp and project appropriate T-shirts(5), long shorts(2), long pants(2), long sleeve shirt, hoodie/jacket, socks, underwear. Please avoid designer/status labels and strive for appropriateness – if you are questioning something that is a good indicator to leave it at home.
- SWIM: Bathing suit & towel (suits should be **modest and sturdy** – board shorts are a good option for any gender!)
- OTHER: Sunscreen, bug spray, hat, sunglasses, safety glasses, work gloves, **Refillable Water Bottle**, Flashlight, **Bike Helmet** (bikes provided)
- Spending money (should be labeled and locked in vehicle of your driver. **Hopefully we can purchase locally made items.**)
- Your best attitude and an intention to find God!**

What NOT to bring:

- Earbuds/headphones (If needed for sleeping, they can NOT be used during the day, and you must follow all related rules)
- Electric hair appliances of any sort.
- Anything you would be upset if it got wet, broken or went missing! If you bring it, be willing to part with it 😊
- Anything not allowed by church rules (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, etc.) If you aren't sure about something, ASK!
- Anything that would not be sensitive (think three Ss of mission work) to our partners, GCCP, or the community!