

FORGE 2017 SERVICE WEEK INFO SHEET



WHO

College Church University Ave & Kankakee First Church

CCUA & K3First are once again teaming up to be a part of the restorative work of Jesus Christ in the city of Flint, MI with an organization called Forge. Forge Flint is an organization led by community leaders/pastors and partnered with area churches to do God's Kingdom work and bring hope to Flint. Their mission statement is simple: "In Flint as It Is in Heaven."

WHERE

Flint, MI

Participants will be housed safely and securely and fed breakfast and dinner at First Presbyterian Church of Flint (746 S Saginaw St in Flint). All work will take place in the neighborhood of Civic Park in northeast Flint.

WHAT

Forge Flint Service Week

Forge initiates and oversees a wide variety of projects from blight repair to cleanup, from automotive work to clean water delivery and filtration installation. The exact nature of the work for this summer isn't yet set. Last year we had the opportunity to help clean up and create a community park/garden designed by the social work department of the University of Michigan in Flint, secure and beautify some of the many abandoned homes, and help with some projects in and around Joy Tabernacle. The work this year will be similar and is TBD.

WHY

The Collision of Heaven and Earth in Flint

Flint has been one of the cities hit hardest by the recession and – even before that – the automotive crash. Over the course of 100 years, Flint has grown from 10,000 people to 200,000 people and then shrunk to 100,000 people. At one point before the plants closed down, GM provided 80,000 jobs in Flint. When the plants closed, those jobs dried up and many people moved away. With the economy and employment infrastructure in ruin and more housing than people to house, Flint has struggled mightily. We believe the mission of God calls believers to enter into the process of bringing hope and renewal to places where it is lacking. Through the partnership with Forge, we have the opportunity to give the community of Civic Park a glimpse of heaven and the Healer.

WHEN

Sunday, July 16 - Saturday, 22, 2017

COST

\$390

This cost includes food, lodging, transportation, recreation, and leadership/overhead costs for the trip. Unless you wish to buy souvenirs locally or from the Forge shop, no additional money will be necessary at any point during the trip.

REGISTRATION

\$80 deposit and waiver forms are due by Sunday, March 5. Remaining payment schedule is as follows:

- \$100 - April 2
- \$100 - May 7
- \$110 - June 4