

Mission & Outreach Update — December 2010

What Have You and Your Church Done Lately??? Check it Out!!!

The Babylon United Methodist Church has one of the most active Mission & Outreach programs in the New York Annual Conference — all because of you!!!

1. Alexis Pilkington Memorial Foundation (Long Island, NY) — In cooperation with educators, mental health professionals and the community, our goal is to promote suicide awareness & prevention for adolescents and adults.
2. Babylon UMC Food Pantry (Babylon, NY) — Provides food and paper and other goods for people in need.
3. Babylon UMC Kitchen Renovation (Babylon, NY) — Stoves/ovens to be replaced in church kitchen. The kitchen supports weekly Sharing & Caring Kitchen ministry as well as numerous other dinners and events.
4. Babylon UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry (Babylon, NY) — Prayer shawls knitted by congregation members and provided to people experiencing the need for prayers and God's comfort.
5. Blessings in a Backpack (USA) — This unique program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, and may not have any or enough food on the weekends.
6. The Bowery Mission (NYC) — Founded in 1879, The Bowery Mission's purpose and goal have been to provide help and hope to the homeless and impoverished in New York for 130 years.
7. Church Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Babylon, NY) — Provide funds for local people in need.
8. Costa Rica VIM Trip (Costa Rica) — Supporting 3 congregation members on trip to Costa Rica February 2011.
9. Covenant Relationship with Katherine Parker (Cambodia) — We are fulfilling our covenant relationship with Katherine Parker in her Community Health and Agricultural Development ministry in Cambodia.
10. Friendship Force International (Global) — Provides a platform for integrating people from various backgrounds and cultures during one-week homestays. This type of interaction is helpful in providing understanding among different peoples, and promoting world peace through personal friendships.
11. Grand Gorge, Gilboa and Harpersfield UMC (Upstate NY) — Support congregations led by Pastor Dottie Morris.
12. Honor Flight Long Island (Long Island, NY) — a non profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices, flies our nation's heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their memorials.
13. Humane Society of U.S. (USA) — Provides for the humane treatment of animals.
14. LeaderTreks (USA) — Student leadership development ministry using trips, innovative training, and curriculum to help students identify and develop their personal leadership skills.
15. Long Island Christian Youth Mentoring (Long Island, NY) — Provides adult Christian mentorship for youths considered "at risk." Their office is located in Deer Park, NY.
16. The Morgan Center (Brightwaters, NY) — Organization dedicated to providing preschool age children who are undergoing treatment for cancer the opportunity to interact and socialize, in a safe environment that stimulates cognitive and social development. Children on chemotherapy treatment have a suppressed immune systems.
17. Organization for Autism Research (Arlington, VA) — The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) set out to use applied science to answer questions that parents, families, individuals with autism, teachers and caregivers confront daily. No other autism organization has this singular focus.
18. Pal-O-Mine Equestrian (Islandia, NY) — Provides an excellent setting for helping people with special challenges, including physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. Promote increased self esteem and confidence, as well as improve posture, balance, and coordination, via activity with horses.
19. Samaritan's Purse (Global) — For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has followed Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ.
20. The Smile Train (Global) — The Smile Train mission is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where millions of children suffer with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly and are not allowed to attend school. Smile Train performs surgery for such children.
21. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Memphis, TN) — Perform research on cancer and other aggressive diseases, and to provide world class health care to those with these diseases.
22. Suffolk County United Veterans (Suffolk Cty, NY) — Founded in 1989 to assist homeless veterans regain dignity and independence. Residents are former members of the military who struggle with problems of substance abuse and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and who have not been able to succeed in any alternate form of treatment.
23. Teen Challenge (USA) — To provide youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order to become productive members of society.
24. UMCOR Girls' Education (Congo) — Provides girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with tuition, uniform and school supplies. UMCOR supports the girls through a mentoring program which encourages studies and plans for the future. The success of the program is evident; 91% of girls successfully passed their exams to the next class.
25. UMCOR Nothing But Nets (Africa) — Helps to combat malaria, and eliminate its transmission by providing bed nets.
26. UMCOR Prevention of Human Trafficking (Europe, Asia) — Trafficking in humans is a modern form of slavery affecting an estimated 1 to 4 million people, according to the United Nations. UMCOR is involved in counter-trafficking activity in the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, and Afghanistan. UMCOR workers also distribute anti-trafficking awareness materials through its network of youth hostels in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, and Abkhazia.
27. Women's Advocate Ministry (New York, NY) — Support women affected by poverty and other environmental factors, including service to incarcerated women and their children.
28. Wounded Warriors (USA) — Provides programs and services for severely injured service men and women.