

Faith Connection Story: Hamilton Park UCC and Christ UCC, Anville

Hamilton Park UCC is on the Road again with a destination of Houston, Texas!

The first Work Camp from Hamilton Park UCC, Lancaster was in response to Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Since that time, the church has sent over twenty teams to various places across the country. Florida, Biloxi, MS, 4 different trips in response to Hurricane Katrina, St Louis, Cedar Rapids, IA, Grand Forks, ND, Oklahoma City, to name just a few. More recently there have been trips to Staten Island to do work after Super Storm Sandy. Sometimes the teams were just adults, and sometimes adults and youth.

In just a few weeks (April 20 – 29) members of Hamilton Park Church will join forces with some members of Christ UCC, Anville to journey to Houston to help rebuilding efforts after last year's Hurricane Harvey. The team, fourteen in all, will be on the road for four days (two down and two back) and work for five days. The team will be staying at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church in Houston. Work assignments are provided by the Fuller Center for Housing: Disaster Rebuilders.

The bonds built between the members of these work crews, remain for a lifetime. In addition to teaching each other how to rebuild a home, life skills are also learned.

Mark Wittensoldner (pictured here) has been on more than a dozen Work Camp Teams. He takes vacation from his self-employment as a Home Improvement Contractor to work and to oversee the work of other Team members. The Mission Committee of Hamilton Park Church funds the Work Camp trips by a Cookie Walk at the church each December just before Christmas.

Keep us in your prayers and especially keep those folks whose lives have been disrupted by natural disasters.

Dottie Holt, Work Camp Team Leader
Hamilton Park UCC



Adult Trips

1997- Florida

1998 - North Dakota

1999 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

2006 - Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

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2009 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa

2010 - Lakeshore, Mississippi

2011 - Nashville, Tennessee

2012 - Saint Louis, Missouri

2013 - Lancaster, Pa. Parsonage

2014 - Staten Island, New York

2015 - Staten Island, New York - & Youth

Youth Trips

1991- Maine

1993 – Louisville, Kentucky

1994 – Biloxi, Mississippi

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1998 – Leisure City, Florida

2003 – Biloxi, Mississippi

2005 – Oliver Springs, Tennessee

2008 – Broad Albin, New York

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