

What Does Christian Outreach Mean?

"In this life we cannot always do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."
Mother Theresa 1910-1997

The current Outreach efforts of Pilgrim Church are:

Goddard Elementary School in Worcester
Habitat for Humanity – Green Bean House, Freeport, Maine
Our Father’s Table in Marlborough
Pathways Family Shelter in Framingham
Roland’s House in Marlborough
Sage House Family Shelter in Framingham
Southborough Food Pantry
Westborough State Hospital
The Department of Children and Families in Framingham
 Back-to-School Backpacks
 Christmas Angel Gifts
Worcester Fellowship

It does not always take a huge amount of energy or time to help someone in some small way.

"We are all cut individually, but together we shine brilliantly."

If you would like to become involved in any way with any of these or make a donation of any type please contact a member of the 2010 Outreach Committee.

Joan Anderson
Ray Coldwell
Sally Coldwell

Storm McGuire
Steve Pflug
Shannon Stilla

Additional information on these programs is on the following pages.

The **Southborough Food Pantry** is housed at Pilgrim Church. . The Pantry is open twice a week; Tuesday 7-8 pm and Friday 10-11 am. It serves over 45 family units in Southborough and is in constant need of non-perishable food, personal care and household items. *

Call *Steve Pflug* to volunteer at the Food Pantry.

Our Father's Table in Marlboro works with 19 other area churches in providing and serving hot meals for the homeless.

Call *Joan Anderson* to volunteer to cook or serve at Our Father's Table.

The **Goddard Elementary School** in Worcester and their 5-week summer program tutors children for the MCAS tests. In the afternoon the children work in a community garden, have arts & crafts, participate in indoor and outdoor games and activities, and learn computer skills under the direction of volunteers.

Call *Sally Fodor* to volunteer your time and talent.

We have had a partnership with the Department of Social Services in Framingham helping children under their care for 25 years. This "**Pilgrim Church Angel**" program happens twice a year. Each child is taken under the wing of a Pilgrim Church Angel.

In **August** we fill backpacks with back to school supplies and clothing for the children, as well as lap tops and dormitory supplies for those going to college on scholarships.

At **Christmas** we provide Christmas presents and needed winter clothing.

The Pathways and Sage House Homeless Shelters in Framingham are temporary homes for women/families and their children.

They are in need of personal care items, diapers, kitchen utensils, bedding and towels on an ongoing basis. When one of the clients finds housing there is often a need for furnishings for their new home. *

At Easter we provide **Lenten Bags** for each child in the shelter filled with books, games, and small gifts. *

Call *Michelle Landes* to help the families at Pathways.

Call *Sally Coldwell* to help with the Lenten bags.

Pilgrim Church has been involved with **Westborough State Hospital** for many years in many ways. At this time, we accept donations of gently used, clean clothing, small furniture, and other items that the people there would need when moving into their own apartment. This is especially important as the Hospital will be closing this year and the clients will need to furnish living quarters elsewhere.

The **Men's Club mission trip** involvement begins in March with the Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Raffle. This event raises money to be used to support the church's mission program. Another portion covered the costs of the Men's Club mission trip to Portland, Maine to participate in a Habitat for Humanities project. Fifteen Men's Club members spend a weekend in early October donating their "carpentry skills" to help in the construction of a "Green Bean" project being built near Freeport. The trip was such a success that plans are being formulated for another mission effort next year.

If you are interested in helping the Men's Club with fundraisers or on a mission trip call *Bill Harrington*.

Check the Blog site on this web page for information on these trips.

<http://www.pilgrimchurchnews.blogspot.com/>

One of the biggest fundraisers for the Pilgrim Church Outreach Committee is the **Steeple Coffeehouse**, held in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month. All proceeds after expenses go to the Outreach Programs of Pilgrim Church. Go to their web site for information on the next performance.

<http://www.steeplecoffeehouse.org/>

*Any item/s being donated to any of these programs can be left in the side hallway of Pilgrim Church. Please be sure it is clearly marked for which program it is intended.