

# Who's In The News

## Eagle students help homeless

Students at the Eagle United Methodist Church spent the week of June 22-27 doing a work-study project focusing on helping the homeless. The mission was part of the Wisconsin United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and Madison Transitional Housing, Inc.

Local students at Palmyra-Eagle high and middle schools who participated include: Kathryn Furst, Katie Dauffenbach, Stephanie Rohr, Kevin Sorensen, David Berg, Karlee Keys and T. J. Willing. They were accompanied by Eagle United Methodist Pastor Christal Bindrich and Jerry Bindrich.

During the day the students worked on MTHI's homeless shelter to bring the building up to code, and also did painting and landscaping on another property. At night, the group helped prepare dinners at the Safe

Haven and North Point homeless shelters, and also held Bible study classes and met with homeless residents to discuss their experiences.

The Rev. Bindrich explained that the students gained a real understanding of how easy it is to become homeless.

"I think the kids came away with the appreciation that it doesn't take much," she said. "I think when you're able to put faces with the conditions that society has, it becomes more real. They're people, not just consequences of society."

In 1996, another group from the church traveled to Kentucky to help Habitat for Humanity. For both trips, the students raised funds themselves.

Bindrich said the mission trips helped students understand that there are lots of things that can be done to help the homeless, and a lot of rewards a person can gain from helping the less fortunate.



Members of the Eagle United Methodist Church recently helped the homeless in Madison. Pictured are: Back row, left to right: Rev. Christal Bindrich, Kathryn Furst, Stephanie Rohr, Katie Dauffenbach, Karlee Keys; front row: Jerry Bindrich, David Berg, T.J. Willing and Kevin Sorensen.

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