

Southeast Iowa churches are on the move in mission! Many congregations in our district have taken mission trips this year to serve as God's hands and feet in an area of need. Pictured below are members of Island UMC in Muscatine on their February 2017 trip to the Texas-Oklahoma border to help with a replacement home after tornado damage. Also pictured are members of [Wilton UMC who traveled to Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana](#) in January to serve in a variety of ways.



Our SE District Faith Partners blog includes several posts from 2017 about other churches' mission trips, including [Webster UMC and Keswick UMC traveling to Appalachia](#) in July in partnership with First UMC in Iowa City. [Asbury UMC in Bettendorf traveled to New York City](#) during spring break to work with the homeless population there. In June the congregations of [Finley Chapel, First UMC of Mount Pleasant, as well as Winfield UMC and Mount Union UMC joined together to travel to St. Louis](#) to work with their Isaiah 58 Ministries. Also, [Mediapolis UMC](#) sent a group of high school students on a mission trip [to Grand Rapids, Michigan](#) in June.

Our Southeast District Mission Work Lists show there are several other congregations who are involved in mission trips as well, including:

- Davenport, St. John's
- Donnellson, Embury
- Keokuk, Melrose
- Muscatine, Wesley (Muscatine Youth Choir music camp in Haiti)
- Ollie, Prairie View (Youth Works Mission Site)
- Sigourney (VIM trip to Dominican Republic in July)

There are a variety of places and ways to be involved in mission trips. What do they look like in your congregation? Post your pictures and info in the comments! How can we learn from and partner with other congregations to be involved with mission trips in our local churches? Praise the Lord for those who are hearing and answering God's call to be in mission both near and far from home!