



# The Outreach

April 2009—Milford, NH

## Holy Week Services

### April 5th— Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday worship—8:30 and 10:45 am

These services will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as marking the events that followed from there.

"Lest We Forget" Cantata-- 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Presented by the MUMC Chancel choir and special guests, under the direction of Sally Landis. Invite a friend to what promises to be a powerful musical presentation.

### April 9th— Maundy Thursday Service —7:00 pm

This is always a truly meaningful service as we mark the occasion of Jesus' last supper by celebrating Holy Communion, followed by a Tenebrae service (Tenebrae means darkness).

### April 10th—Good Friday

Ecumenical Good Friday Service—12:00 noon at Church of Our Saviour, Milford. Join Christians from several other local churches in marking Jesus' death on the cross.

Stations of the Cross Silent Meditation—5:00—7:00 pm. Stop into the sanctuary for as little or as long as you like—we'll be displaying pictures of Jesus' journey to the cross to help you meditate upon Jesus' sacrifice for us all.

### April 12th — Easter Sunday

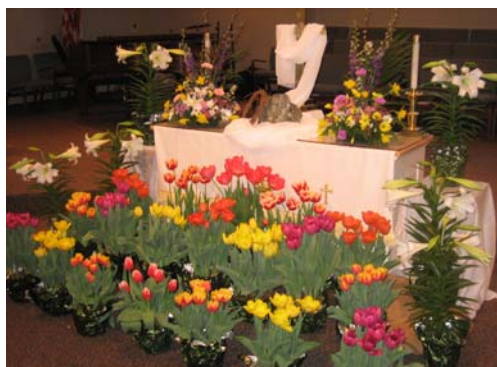
6:00 am SonRise service—meet in the MUMC parking lot

7:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 Easter Celebration Spirit Celebration style

9:30 No Sunday School

10:45 Easter Celebration Traditional style



## Easter Cantata

The Chancel Coir, under the direction of Sally Landis will be presenting an Easter cantata *"Lest We Forget"* on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 7 pm. This story will take us through the events of Holy Week in song and narration. Please invite friends and family (especially those who may not participate in nor attend other Holy Week services). There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship afterwards and a chance to introduce our church and its wonderful people to those who may never have attended before.

## Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In a few days we will have the opportunity to join in the incredible journey that we know as Holy Week. What a week it is! As we walk along this journey with Jesus, we will experience all the highs and lows that human emotions can afford—sorrow, fear, anger, grief, hope, incredulity, all ending up with the outburst of joy we know as Easter.

Let me remind you that our Easter joy will only be as intense as the other emotions we allow ourselves to feel as the events of Holy Week unfold. Only if we allow ourselves to experience the strange mixture of celebration and sorrow on Palm Sunday, the fear and foreboding of Maundy Thursday, and the profound grief and sorrow of Good Friday will we truly experience the hope and hilarity of

Easter. The contrast of the lowest lows to the highest highs that are part of the Holy Week and Easter experiences must be allowed to come out in all its vast variety for there to be authentic Easter joy. Otherwise it rings somewhat hollow.

That is why I hope that all of our members and friends will do everything they can to be present for all of the Holy Week services being offered this year, or, barring that, that each of us will do everything we can to observe the events of Holy Week on our own.

I look forward to sharing in this profound journey with you, and to joyously celebrating Easter with you as well.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tom

## Good to Great Update

By Chris Willard

Last month, seven people completed MUMC's first Cell Ministry Leadership Training Program! For over four months, these men and women dedicated themselves to a comprehensive educational program that taught them how to more effectively take the joy of knowing and serving Jesus outside the church walls.

In case you've forgotten, cell ministry is a huge component of our Good to Great process because it helps our church become more intentional about making disciples of Jesus Christ. Cell ministry seeks to reach people in our community

by forming cell groups, or small, informal groups for fellowship, service, and discipleship. Cell groups are places where people can discover, develop, and deploy their gifts for ministry, as well as be transformed by the power and love of Christian community. Cell groups are designed to multiply. That is, cell groups don't exist as an end unto themselves; rather they continually seek to respond to Jesus' commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28.19).

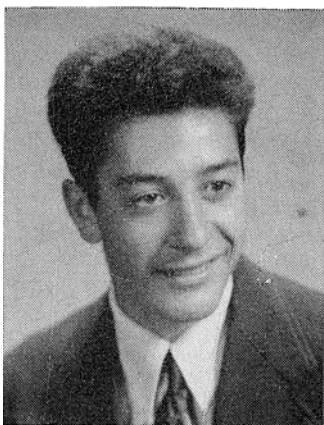
This month, keep your eyes and ears open for new cell groups popping up in your neighborhood!

## News from the Worship Committee

By Elaine Driscoll

April 5th is Palm Sunday and Communion Sunday. Please join us for an inspiring Lenten Service. Remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar. Bread loaves are delivered to SHARE on Monday morning. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers for any special occasion, or to honor or remember a special person in your life. The Flower Chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Our cost for an altar arrangement from Woodman's Florist is \$25. If you have any special requests please talk to Roberta Langis, the Flower Coordinator at 673-4560, or bertlangis@aol.com.



### Guess Who?

Do you recognize this graduate of Fitchburg High School, 1955? He currently lives in Milford with his wife. They are both active in various ways around our church.

This gentleman enjoys hunting, fishing, walking and gardening in his spare time.

Answer on Page 9.

## New Members

New members will be welcomed into the church during both services on April 19th. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Pastor Tom (673-2669, pastor@milfordumc.org).

## Evangelism Update

By Diane Jaquith

On behalf of the Evangelism Committee, I'd like to thank everyone that attended our Liturgist Training Workshop on March 15th. We were pleased to see a nice mix of brand new potential Liturgists as well as experienced folks in the audience.

In keeping with our promise not to twist anyone's arm to become a Lay Reader, we'd like to invite interested persons to take the next step. If you would like to be a Liturgist for the Spirit Celebration at 8:30, simply contact Callie McMahon (673-5239 cmcmahon28@comcast.net). If you are available for the 10:45 service, please contact Diane Jaquith (673-8093 djaquith@safe-mail.net). Either of us would be very happy to put your name on the schedule! Thanks!

## Music Notes

By Sally Landis

The MUMC Choristers (children's choir) are busy working on their musical "Why?" to be presented in June at both services. If you have any rabbits at home (stuffed, of course) we would like to borrow them for our play. We promise to treat them with kindness and dignity and will return them with fur intact.

## Crop Walk 2009

The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) walk will be held Sunday, May 3rd. During this walk, sponsored by Church World Service, neighbors walk together to raise awareness and funds for international and local relief. Twenty-five percent of funds raised are shared between SHARE and the Open Cupboard food pantries. Last year, SHARE received over \$6,000 and the Open Cupboard received over \$3,000. This year, as the needs have increased, people have continued to answer God's call to help our neighbors in need. The CROPWALK is one way that each of us can respond to the needs of the poor and the hungry in our local community and around the world. Whether you are walking or sponsoring a walker, you can be part of this community of people that are working together to help those in need. Visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) for more information) Sign up after worship or contact Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082, [martin.betelak@myfairpoint.net](mailto:martin.betelak@myfairpoint.net)).



*Shelly, Jim and Shawwna Frost getting ready for CROP Walk 2008.*



*Callie McMahon, Lonni Stapanon, and her granddaughter Karah set to walk.*

## Meals to Heal

The Outreach Committee is looking for your help to improve our Meals to Heal program. The purpose of Meals to Heal is to provide meals to our fellow congregants in times of need, such as family illness or loss. We want our brothers and sisters to know that we are thinking of them, and want to offer support in a consistent manner. Perhaps you have some ideas about this ministry. Besides offering cooked meals, what about gift certificates for meals, or hospitality baskets for comfort? If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please contact any member of the Outreach Committee — Wendy Getchell-Lacey (chair), Bob Bowman, Pat Rafter, Bob Morgan, Dave Stackpole, Bob Carey, Audra Millhouse, Paul Berkebile, Brunie Formby, Tami Davis-Betelak, or Alexis Eaton. Your assistance would be most appreciated.

## Seasoned Generation

By Roberta Randlett

Join us April 25th for bowling at Leda Lanes (the original) in Nashua. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm and car-pool. Cyndi Geiger will be our hostess. Come and joins us for an evening of fun and friendship.

May 16th, 7 pm, will be an Ice Cream Social held at the church. Dave and Carolan Robinson will dish up the ice cream.

Our meetings are informal and always a good time. Hope to see you there!

## Mission Trip to Katrina 2009

Dave Stackpole will be holding an informational meeting soon for anyone who is interested in going to Louisiana this fall to help with Hurricane Katrina Relief. Watch your bulletins for times and dates to be announced. Or talk to Dave or any member of last years team.



*Steve Rafter hard at work. For more pictures of the last two mission trips go to our website: [www.milfordumc.org](http://www.milfordumc.org).*

## Hospital Visitation Changes

Due to federal regulations, the church has no way of finding out who is in the hospital. If you or a family member are in the hospital or if you know of a member or friend of our church has been hospitalized, please call the church office at 673-2669. Please don't assume we know that someone is in hospital. We would rather get ten calls about the same person than to get none at all.



## Join us for Sunday School

By Shelly Frost

In Sunday school the rotational curriculum for grades 1-8 will continue during the month of April. The children's focus will be on the study of Mary Magdalen's wonderful story of the resurrection of Jesus, as we move closer to the beautiful time of Easter. The High school class will continue to work on "Confronting the Controversies" lead by Steve Kimner. Please check the bulletins for announcement concerning Adult Sunday school which should be starting soon. Please be advised that there will NOT be Sunday school held on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Wanakee Boosters Concert Series

The Wanakee Boosters raise money to help send children to summer camp at Wanakee United Methodist Center in Meredith, NH. The concert series is free, but donations are gladly accepted and go towards our scholarship fund.

March 29 - Temple Dance Band - A 16 piece band of local musicians (including some MUMC members) committed to perpetuating the music of the big band era. Celebrating the great swing styles from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie through the years to including many favorites. The Temple Dance Band performs summer serenades from the Monadnock Region to York Beach, Maine.

April 26th - Heavenly Metal Brass Ensemble and MUMC Sacred Dancers

May 31st — MUMC Praise Band

June 28th — VBS Music and Wanakee Sing-a-long.

Bring the whole family, and a few friends!

## Youth Group News

By Steve Kimner, Youth Group Leader

March came in with lots of snow and is going out with lots of sunshine and the promise of more time outside. We had an exercise class run by Mrs. Tewksbury and we had an impromptu game of ultimate frisbee in the parking lot taking advantage of daylight savings time and some warm weather. We are looking forward to more great weather and more time with each other. If you would like to come and join us, here is what we have planned for the month of April.

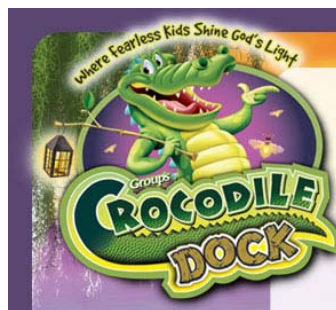
April 5- Digital Scavenger Hunt 5-6:30

April 12- Easter- No youth group

April 19- Go Green- 5-6:30

April 26- No youth group- School vacation

## VBS Planning Time!



This year's VBS, Crocodile Dock, is scheduled for July 20-24th, 6-8 pm. We need volunteers in all areas. Jim Tyler-Wall has scheduled a planning meeting for Tuesday, April 7th, 7 pm at the church. Come learn about this year's plans and hear how you can be a part. VBS is always fun for the leaders, and kids, and a great way to introduce Jesus to kids in our neighborhood. For some kids, VBS is the first time they've ever been to church.

Contact Jim (878-0664, tylerwallfamily@me.com) for more information.

## **YAAAAARD Sale**

This year's Yard Sale will be held on June 6th, 7 am—12 noon. This year's Yard Sale will be run by the Finance Committee with the help of Pat Rafter. We will begin collecting items on Saturdays beginning May 16th from 9-12. Please do not drop off yard sale items before this date. All items need to be in by June 2nd. All items must be clean and in working order, no clothes, no televisions, no microwaves, no stuffed animals, no computers. We have found these items do not sell and then we are left to pay for them to be taken to the dump. If you are unable to bring your items to the church, please contact a member of finance or Pat Rafter to come pick up your items or set up an alternate date and time.

The missions fundraisers will also be offering a food table during the yard sale, with proceeds going towards this year's mission trips. Proceeds from the yard sale will go towards general fund expenses.

Happy Spring Cleaning!

## **Christmas Craft Fair Workshop**

Craft Fair Workshops are continuing. The next one is April 11th, 9-12. There are jobs for everyone, with all skill levels. If you have an idea for a future craft fair workshop, or want more information about the next one, call Pat Rafter (673-4516), Barb Reed (673-6950), or Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082). Workshops are a fun way to make new friends and learn a new craft. Join us anytime!

## **Talent Auction**

The Fundraising Team has been looking for creative ways to help support the youth and adult mission trips. They have found an easy way for all our members and friends to get involved. Can you bake, wash windows, rake, mow a lawn or tune up a lawn mower, sew, change the oil on a car? Have you got a talent that you would be willing to auction?

You can offer your talents in the ways listed above, or come up with your own idea. Be creative, use your talents to help support the mission trips that MUMC has planned for 2009.

Some of the services that the youth will be auctioning off include babysitting, yard work, car wash with interior vacuuming, as well as providing bake goods. Join us for the fun of auctioning these talents off on April 19th at the church.

Call or speak with Rita Lines (673-0398) or Callie McMahon (673-5239) to get your talent on the line up.

Check out the Sunday bulletins for more details.

## **New Adult Sunday School Class!**

Beginning on April 19th, MUMC will be hosting a new Sunday School option for adults - "Unlearning Church" taught by Chris Willard! This course will explore why we do some of the things we do at church - and what the Church must begin doing to be successful in the 21st century. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or email Chris at [cwillard@milfordumc.org](mailto:cwillard@milfordumc.org). A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of the book.

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Alexis Eaton	Apr 1
Shawn Tewksbury	Apr 1
Carol Brooks	Apr 2
Jack Betelak	Apr 8
Marlene Gale	Apr 14
Brian Murphy	Apr 15
Aimee LaRicca	Apr 20
Shawn Cyr	Apr 21
Teresa Randlett	Apr 21
Lloyd Webster	Apr 25
Michele Tewksbery	Apr 27
Kerri-Lynn Kimner	Apr 28
Cricket Metcalf	Apr 28
Leah Powell	Apr 29

### Happy Anniversary to:

Moxie & Dan Roby	Apr 17
Kaleen & Dan Roby	Apr 17

If you would like to be included in the birthdays and anniversary list, please contact the church office.

## New Church Email addresses

The church has moved to a new email system. We hope you are now using the emails listed below:

Pastor Tom: [pastor@milfordumc.org](mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org)  
Chris Willard: [cwillard@milfordumc.org](mailto:cwillard@milfordumc.org)  
Marian Kopp, Carol Brooks and the Church office: [office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org)  
Susan Drew: [susan@milfordumc.org](mailto:susan@milfordumc.org)

## Financially Speaking

February 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	\$17,741.56
Expense-budget accounts	\$17,768.90
Balance in General Fund	\$3,010.15
Feb Mortgage Fund Income	\$5,317.00

Outreach and Mission giving	
Discretionary Fund	\$186.00
Mission and Outreach fund	\$250.00
Youth Mission	\$124.00
Total	\$560.00

## Winter Storm Policy

We will do everything humanly possible to have Sunday worship every Sunday. Rarely, though, it might be better to cancel services. In the event of bad weather, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7:00 a.m. at the latest if we need to cancel so that we can alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closings at the bottom of the screen on WMUR (channel 8 for most area residents) or go to [WMUR.com](http://WMUR.com).

On Sundays when there is snow on the ground and worship is happening, please use your own discretion as to whether you should be out and about.

## Children's Choir Director Position Available

MUMC is looking for some help with one of its Music Ministries. A description of this job is available in the church office. Please contact any member of Staff Parish Relations if you are interested.



## April 2009 Calendar

			1 9:30 White Tops 12:30 Lamp- lighters Bible Study	2 10-1 Helping Hands at Granite Square 4 Kids dance 5 Adult dance 5:15 Kids Bells 6 Adult Bells 6:15 Choristers 7:30 Choir	3 12-3 After- noon Off 7 Praise Team 7 Women's Bible Study	4 9 Lenten Study 9 Cantata Practice
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**Guess who:** Jim Fortunato



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**Worship times**

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Traditional Worship

Free childcare

Change Service Requested

## Milford United Methodist Church

*Discover the Joy!*

***Our Mission:*** The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

***Our Vision:*** We will help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ by:

- Providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences.
- Establishing and encouraging small groups for study, support, prayer, fellowship and service.
- Empowering people to discover, develop, and deploy their gifts for ministry.
- Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

***Our Values:*** We commit ourselves to:

- Know scripture and live it.
- Act with integrity.
- Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.
- Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.