



The Outreach

April 2010—Milford, NH

Computer Lab Opens This Month!

Sherry Sinclair was out of work for almost a year. It was hard enough being a single mom, but trying to take care of the needs of her daughter and apply for assistance at the same time was daunting. The paperwork, the lines, the not knowing which agency needed what, was all overwhelming. Now that Sherry has made it out the other side, she would like to help others in her shoes. And the Milford United Methodist Church (MUMC) is helping, too.

MUMC will be opening the computer lab every Thursday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm., beginning April 8th. Whether it is on-line job searches, brushing up on new computer skills, or simply printing a resume, the computers are available. Plus Sherry will be there to assist.

"I could have really used this type of service where I could ask someone questions, and use the computers since I didn't have one. My daughter is grown now, and I have a job, so I have the time to give back," says Sherry.

Building Use Forms

All MUMC and Non MUMC activities and committee meetings held at the church require a building use form and have for several years. The reason is to assure that all meetings and activities get the allotted space that they require and/or want and to avoid the possibility of any double booking. Unfortunately, a couple of events were recently scheduled prior to contacting office staff or completing the building use form. This resulted in people being told that the date and space they wanted was not available.

As you may be aware, our church building is becoming much more utilized for both MUMC and non MUMC events. It is wonderful to have it being used to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. You can obtain a building use form at the church office or our website. Please submit completed forms to the office staff. Your cooperation will help assure that everyone using our facility is able to make the best use of the resources God has blessed us with.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

April is shaping up to be a full month here at MUMC, so let me simply highlight some of the major upcoming events;

Holy Week, March 29--April 4

By the time you receive this edition of the Outreach, we will be in the thick of Holy Week, during which we remember Jesus' crucifixion and the events leading up to it. I want to challenge our members and friends to attend at least one of the Holy Week events that are offered for your growth and inspiration. Here are some of the offerings available to you:

*Maundy Thursday Service, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

*Good Friday service, April 2 at 12:00 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Rte. 101 Amherst

*Easter Cantata, Saturday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. "How Great Thou Art" by David Clydesdale

*Easter SonRise Worship, April 4 at 6:30 hosted by our friends at the First Congregational Church of Milford on Union Square, followed by continental breakfast

*Easter Celebrations, April 4 at 8:30 and 10:45

Holy Humor Sunday, April 11

In some countries, Easter Monday is still celebrated as a time for laughter, practical

jokes, and good humor, all in recognition of the fact that in the Resurrection, God has had the last laugh over death. In that same spirit, many churches are now setting aside the first Sunday after Easter as Holy Humor Sunday. And so it will be for us here at MUMC--our first (annual?) Holy Humor Sunday will take place at both services on April 11, a week after Easter. You are invited to come to worship wearing your most festive clothing, ready to share some of your favorite jokes (appropriate for the setting, of course!) and to share in the joy of God's victory over death.

Change the World Weekend April 24-25

As part of an international effort of United Methodist Churches, MUMC will be participating in the Change the World Weekend. The goal of this effort is to encourage local UM churches in building community locally and fight malaria globally, all in a single weekend. This will involve two things--on Saturday the 24th, we will participate in a local service project right here in our own community, and on Sunday the 25th, we will observe World Malaria Day as we join people all over the world in trying to eliminate a disease that kills one child every 30 seconds. By publishing date, we are still working out the details of the service project(s) that we will be inviting our members and friends to participate in, so please keep your eyes and ears open and try to save the date of the 24th!

Still discovering the joy,



Worship Opportunities

By Vivian Balam

The Worship Committee is in need of assistance for Communion setup before the second service. If you attend first service and can stay to set up or go to second service and can come a bit early, please contact Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or email at Geldris@comcast.net. Your help would be appreciated.

Help the Mission Teams raise funds:

The front page of the March newsletter featured many members of the Mission Trips Fund Raising Team wearing the clothing items listed below with this logo.



The prices have now been confirmed and your orders can be placed by contacting Rita Lines or anyone

else on the Mission Trips Fund Raising Team. Show your MUMC spirit and support these trips at the same time!

Items	Size	Colors	Cost
Apron	N/A	Stone/Khaki	\$20.00
T-Shirts (Youth)	XS - XL	Light Blue	\$15.00
Crew Neck Sweatshirts	XS - XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather	\$20.00
Pullover Hoodie	XS - XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather/Pink	\$25.00
Zippered Hoodie	XS - XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather	\$30.00
T-Shirts (Adult)	XS - 4XL	Light Blue	\$15.00*
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	XS - 4XL	Stonewashed Blue	\$20.00*
Crew Neck Sweatshirts	XS - 4XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather/Royal	\$25.00*
Pullover Hooded	XS - 4XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather/Royal/Pink	\$30.00*
Zippered Hooded	XS - 4XL	White/Ash/Athletic Heather/Royal/Pink	\$35.00*
			*Add \$5.00 for sizes 2XL and up

Choir Notes:

By Sally Landis, choir director

You will not want to miss the Chancel Choir's presentation of the David Clydesdale Easter Cantata, "How Great Thou Art".

We are departing from our usual Sunday evening concert time to a Saturday evening, April 3rd at 7 pm. I hope that you will plan to attend and to invite your friends and family to come also. As always, we thank the church leadership and congregation for supporting our music program so that events like this can happen.



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Volunteers in Mission
KATRINA 2010

It is time to start thinking about our mission to the gulf coast. We will hold our first meeting as an informational night on Tuesday, April 6th. Everyone interested in joining this year's team and/or learning more about this and previous mission trips is welcome to attend. Past team members should be present to give witness to their experience on their trips.

The trip is tentatively set for October 23 – 30, 2010 to Slidell/New Orleans. More specifics will be presented at the meeting. Hope to see you there. If you cannot attend and are interested in being on the team, please email Dave at dstackpole@charter.net or call 465-7885.

Grace and peace, Dave Stackpole

2010 CROPWALK will be held on Sunday, May 2nd. CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. (raising awareness and funds for local and global hunger) ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration for the 10K walk will take place at 1:15 pm; the walk begins at 2:00 pm. As a walker, you have the choice of walking either the 10k or a 2 mile loop, both which start and finish at St. Patrick's church. Our 2010 goal for MUMC is 100 walkers each raising a minimum of \$100. Last year, there were 85 walkers; we just need 15 more to reach our goal! Registration will begin on Sunday, March 28th and it will conclude the weekend before the CROPWALK on Sunday, April 25th. Anyone interested in participating in the CROPWALK and/or helping out with the registration process please contact Shannon Mason with any questions 672-0766 or smason1971@yahoo.com

SHARE Food Pantry
By Carolyn Momonee

For the month of April MUMC will be collecting the following items to donate to SHARE:
Ketchup, Mustard and Mayo as well as brown paper bags and cloth bags. Please place your contributions in the big basket in the lobby.

LADIES... If you are interested in a ladies group working toward a healthy life style (diet, exercise, recipes, etc) please call Carol Rowlette @ 673-5403 or email carolleero@aol.com and we will schedule a meeting to discuss the development of this group.



During the time of the early church, the apostles decided to choose among their faithful disciples those who would be sent into the community to minister to the needs of the people.

“And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit...” Acts 6:5 NRSV

Stephen Ministry is about Christ caring for people through the people of MUMC.

A Stephen Ministry relationship is not a mutual relationship as a close relationship is. The relationship has been established for a reason...so that the Stephen Minister can walk with the care receiver through a difficult time. Close friendships are mutual; friends are there for each other. Stephen Ministers listen; reflect thoughts and feelings, focusing only on the care receiver's issues. It is an intentional relationship and it is a more objective relationship.

Friends often aren't very objective. If someone's hurting, a good friend usually hurts with that person. Friends often take the person's part even if they might not feel that way if the situation were a little different. Their friendship may even cloud their judgment at times. A Stephen Minister certainly empathizes, but he or she works to stay more objective than a friend, and avoid "jumping into the mud hole" with the care receiver. By maintaining objectivity, the Stephen Minister can provide balance and perspective that a friend might not. This isn't to say that Stephen Ministers aren't sympathetic, even empathetic. They hurt with their care receivers too! They may hug them, cry with them, and even at times be angry along with them. But if they're going to help the care receivers, they need to maintain boundaries that will help them move beyond those feelings and help the care receiver find a way beyond them, too.

You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Here's what you can do.

- Pray for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our ministry.
- Accept care from a Stephen Minister during your time of need.
- Tell a hurting friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative about our Stephen Ministry.
- Prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

For more info, check out our new MUMC web page or contact any of our Stephen Leaders

Michele Bossie (Referral Coordinator)	672- 4556
Rita Lines	673-0398
Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey	673-2669
Ben Lambert	672-1425

Assembly and Packing of Haiti Health Kits



L to R. Dave S. and Roula G.



L to R. unknown, Emily G-L. and Stephanie K.



L to R. Pricilla L., Vivian R. unknown person and Steve T.

Many hands make light work!

Over several weeks, with the help and generous contributions of many people, MUMC sent 655 completed health kits valued at about \$7,860 to the Haitian people affected by the January earthquake. According to Bishop Peter Weaver's 3/12 "Partners in Ministry": "Over 27,000 kits have been sent forth from our Conference." Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make this possible!



L to R Stew R. in background, Dave S., Shawna F., Diane J., Lisa P. and Shelly F.

Haiti Health Kits Summary

By Diane Jaquith

655 Health Kits for Haiti were sent from MUMC

Over 27,000 Health Kits were sent from the New England Conference

Numbers Don't Tell the Story!

But these meaningful accounts do:

- 6 small white envelopes, each containing exactly \$2.25 anonymously placed in the collection box
- a white envelope containing \$40 delivered by Moxie from a homebound faithful member
- Cell group members asking for donations on the Oval, on a cold, frigid day
- the Youth Group earnestly packing up and sending 118 Health Kits in just the first week of the campaign
- members of our congregation stepping out in faith to ask bosses to allow collection boxes at their workplaces and public places to accept donations
- a member twice filling his vehicle with 9 large cartons of completed kits to be driven to a drop-off location
- using donations to pay for shipping and toothpaste and to buy 288 nail clippers, 245 combs and 258 towels to match up the abundant supplies to make up as many kits as possible
- a chance encounter with a stranger saying: "You must be a Methodist –that's the wrong size", while pushing a shopping cart filled with hand towels. This older woman, gathering supplies for her own Methodist church with money from her threadbare pockets. Oh, the stories of past missions and sacrifices she could tell!
- knocking on doors of neighbors and seeing a willingness of one to shop many stores in order to find the right type of needed combs
- Members contacting their dentist's to obtain donations of toothbrushes so that money donated could be spent on other needed items.
- feeling compelled to help in just a small way to help a hurting neighbor across the water
- the gifts of time, money and sharing your faith to be a part of this mission
- the many hands though out the N.E. Conference who have reached out in love

A sincere thanks to all, including members of the community who responded to this need!

Reading Scripture: Making the Story Come Alive!

By Diane Jaquith, Evangelism

Two separate workshops: "I Love to Tell the Story" were conducted by Leslie Coates on March 12 & March 13. In the two sessions, 22 participants learned the essentials of warming up the body as well as the voice. During the second half of the workshop, participants took turns reading assigned scripture. The types of selected readings varied not only between the Old and New Testaments, but in style as well. The different styles required a different approach. This became apparent as the readings progressed and Les provided helpful tips on how to effectively tackle a particular type of reading.

A few of the helpful tips:

- Underline all action words and put your emphasis here, so the audience will have a clear idea of what was said.
- Circle all periods, to remind you to STOP, pause, before going on to the next sentence.
- A very long rambling one-sentence verse requires careful phrasing to be understood!
- Since all Liturgists receive the Sunday Bulletin in Word format, take time to re-format your speaking parts, such as increasing the font size, highlighting key words/phrases, breaking the scripture into "bites".
- Don't forget to practice AND warm-up!



Wicked Awesome YAAAAAAAAAArd Sale

Pat Rafter and Callie McMahon

The adult and youth missions teams will be organizing this year's first yard sale on June 5th and the finance committee will be doing another one in the fall. Please begin collecting your items for the sale now, drop off dates will be on the first 4 Saturday mornings in May (May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22) 9 am-noon. Also June 1 and 2 9 am-1 pm. No items will be accepted after June 2 at 1 pm. If these dates and times do not work for you please speak with either Callie MacMahon or Pat Rafter to set up a time for drop offs. Please remember items must be in working order and clean. We do not accept clothing, stuffed animals, exercise equipment, electronic equipment ie TV's, stereos, radios, microwave ovens, laptops, computer equipment, speakers, phones, etc. Large furniture items can not be taken until after May 30. Any questions please speak with someone on the mission teams. Happy Spring cleaning!

Finance Committee

Jake Jaquith

MUMC's collections have not been at a level needed to meet our 2010 budget. January and February's collections are above 2009 but still lower than needed. As a result we ended February with a negative checking account (cash) balance. All bills have been paid except for Mission Shares for the two months.

Our building fund contributions have been enough to pay 3 months of 2010. In February MUMC began paying at a lower rate of interest (6 ½%: \$5745 monthly). We will continue to pay at the original loan rate of 8% (\$6700 monthly) so that we will put at least \$11,500 to principal per year. At this rate MUMC will have reduced the principal by roughly \$100,000 from the original amount when the loan comes up for renewal in 2012.

Generis, our fund raising consultant, has been paid in full and all repairs made to the parsonage were paid during 2009. The trustees have indicated the need for some extensive repairs to the parsonage and grounds. In view of the cash situation, we have asked them not to begin until MUMC is able to pay.

We have 3 volunteers for audit work. Bruce Houston, Mark Feraco and I will meet with them and create a plan to get the audits complete.

We will begin a stewardship campaign in late April, with May 23 tentatively as commitment Sunday. New pledges will be effective 7/1.

Sunday School News

By Shelly Frost

Spring is finally here, it is almost time to pull out your calendars and plan ahead for teacher signups for Sunday School. Based on input from parents, teachers, and children, the Education Team has been brain storming some great new ideas for the up-coming 2010/2011 year. Please watch the weekly bulletin for up-dates.

Here is briefly what we will be looking for: Teachers for a Pre-K & Kindergarten class and teachers for a class made up of 1st/2nd/3rd graders in the rotation program. We also need about 4 shepherds to provide support in each of those classes. This is a great way to get to know our young people and a training tool if you are thinking of becoming a teacher in the future. Grades 4 -5th and grades 6- 8th will be in their own separate classroom with their own curriculum. We will be looking for two or three teachers to share the teaching in each of those classrooms.

Teachers are also needed for Jr. Church. If you have a child that utilizes the Jr. church program, we encourage you to be part of this rotation of teachers. Anyone who would like to know more about Jr. church is welcome to spend some time with us after the children's message in the second service. If you have any questions or suggestions for Jr. church, Please contact Deb Mentch or anyone from the Ed Team for more information.

Teachers & ideas for adult Sunday school are in the works, but we are asking for your help. If there is a topic that you

would like to see come into the program, something you have been wanting to discuss or learn about, please contact Deb Mentch or anyone from the Ed Team.

Children's Sunday plans are also in the works for June 13. In preparation we are asking for any interested children who like to act, sing or be sound makers to get ready. In the month of May we will begin working on our skit, all are welcome so please encourage your children of all ages to get involved.

Thanks for your continued support and feedback as we keep the MUMC kids involved in our church learning process. Without the support of our congregation, the effort to educate and provide a Christian seed for our children would not be successful. We will also continue the ongoing effort to collect funds for Haiti as our Sunday school mission project.

There's no explaining Love.



Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company as well as some of the seemingly most solid investment banks and brokerages, to say nothing of many bankruptcies, mergers, layoffs, foreclosures, bailouts, deficits and fears of future inflation. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about these matters. The report concludes that "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."

Join us in worship beginning on April 25 for a four-week series of sermons entitled Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next several weeks, we will be having a church-wide study and emphasis called Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. During this time, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through worship and learning. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we'll provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of this emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make a personal commitment of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate those commitments in the worship services on May 23.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly discover the joy of simplicity and generosity.

"Eight out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008 <http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.htm>.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Alexis Eaton	April 1
Shawn Tewksbury	April 1
Carol Brooks	April 2
Marlene Gale	April 4
Jack Betelak	April 8
Brian Murphy	April 15
Moxie Roby	April 17
Aimee LaRicca	April 20
Shawn Cyr	April 21
Teresa Randlett	April 21
Lloyd Webster	April 25
Michele Tewksbury	April 27
Kerri-Lynn Kimner	April 28
Cricket Metcalf	April 28
Leah Powell	April 29

Anniversary's this month

Kaleen & Jim Fortunado	April 17
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If you would like to be included in the birthdays and anniversary list, please contact the church office.

Financially Speaking

As of February 28, 2010

Income toward Budget accounts	\$39,479.29
Expense-budget accounts	\$20,160.53
Balance in General Fund	\$(1,396.88)
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,784.00
Outreach and Mission giving	\$ 401.00
Wanakee Scholarship Fund	\$ 50.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 50.00
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 1,192.00
Special Offerings-Haiti relief	\$ 210.00
Youth Mission	\$ 290.00
Total	\$2,347.00

Church Office Hours

Monday's 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday's and Wednesday's 10:30 am-5 pm
 Thursday's from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Most days there is someone in the office before and/or after these hours, but it would be best to call ahead to check if you need to get into the building.

***Please note that there are no office staff hours on Friday's.**

Church Email addresses

Pastor Tom	pastor@milfordumc.org	
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Carol Brooks, Office Manager:	carol@milfordumc.org	please submit newsletter info
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	leslie@milfordumc.org	

April 2010 Calendar

				1 Maundy Thursday 6 choir rehearsal in choir room 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday 12-3 pm Afternoon Off 7 Women's Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team	3 9-10 Lenten Study 12:30 Cantata Rehearsal Sanctuary 7 pm Easter Cantata
4 Easter 6:30 SonRise Service Milford Congregational Church 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship	5 7 Outreach 7 Evangelism 7 Home Group	6 10-2 Milford Area Seniors 7 Trustees 7 Katrina Mission Trip 2010 1st Informational Mtg-Narthex	7 9:30 White Tops 1 pm Lamp-lighter's Bible Study	8 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:30-8 Computer Lab 7:30 Chancel choir	9 12-3 pm Afternoon Off 7:30 Praise Team	10 9-12 Christmas Fair Painting Workshop
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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.