

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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Easter Offering

From Pastor Wes Palmer

Below, you will find a special Easter Offering envelope. This year our Easter offering will be divided between two very powerful missions. The first half will stay locally to support the work of SHARE. SHARE continues to change lives in the communities it serves by making sure people do not go hungry and also helping individuals and families overcome short term financial issues that might otherwise lead to homelessness.

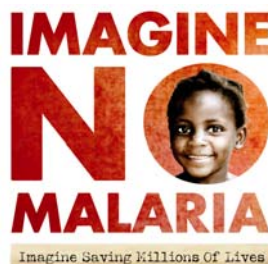
The second half of our Easter Offering will be sent to Imagine No Malaria. The United Methodist Church has joined the fight to eradicate Malaria. Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year.

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. You can learn much more by visiting www.imaginenomalaria.org.

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Thank you for your generous donation.





A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

Mary's exclamation of Easter joy has echoed through the ages since that first Easter.

For Mary, complete grief was changed

into total joy when she heard Jesus speak her name and she saw that he was alive and standing with her there in the garden. For Christians that joy is at the heart of our faith.

Resurrection was where our journey began. It defines who we are and what we are about. In that understanding, we are called to be a people of joy and hope.

As a pastor, I spend much of my time helping people to see Jesus in the midst of their lives. Like Mary caught in the midst of grief, we can often miss where the risen Christ has touched our lives or made the impossible, possible. He is standing with us in the midst of grief, loss, illness, divorce, job loss or whatever has come our way in life. If we aren't listening, we may miss it when he calls to our hearts so that we

may know comfort and reassurance in the midst of our pain.

There is a wonderful worship song done by the group Casting Crowns called "If We Are the Body." The chorus of the

song says:

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20: 14-18

"But if we are the Body, Why aren't His arms reaching?
Why aren't His hands healing?
Why aren't His words teaching?
And if we are the Body, Why aren't His feet going?
Why is His love not showing them there is a way? There is a way."

The words remind me that as the church that was built upon that Easter

experience of resurrection we need to keep telling the story of new life and its power over death. Like Mary, we need to go and tell what we have learned from our own experience of the risen Christ and help others who feel that they are alone.

Have you seen the Lord in your life? Do you understand that he calls your name

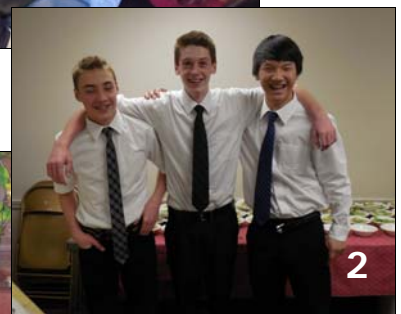
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Youth Group Spaghetti Supper Sets a Record

From Dawn Mallows

The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Missions was another huge success and it's all because of YOU! This year we raised over \$1000, a new record! On behalf of all the young adults, parents, and Youth leaders we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the contributions, time, donations, and labor that resulted in a wonderful and enjoyable working experience. It was truly an example of the exciting accomplishments that can take place when there is the absence of division and the presence of unity. The outstanding response from volunteers and Tom Knapp's leadership made the evening run so smoothly that we all had a hard time believing we had served so many people in such a short period of

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Photos on left, from top:
(1) Dinner guests enjoyed great conversation along with their meal. (2) Mason, Andrew & Russell enjoyed expediting your dinner, and looked sharp doing it. (3) Lindsey welcomes guests at the door. (4) Smiling dish-washers Max, Dan, Stephanie & Allison earned dish-pan hands for a good cause. (5) Catching up with friends—just one more service we offered!

Photos right, from top: Lily takes an order in the sanctuary/bistro. Bottom: Lonnie kept the kitchen running smoothly the whole time.



MUMC Hosts Our First SHARE Community Supper

From Wendy Ayotte

On March 18 MUMC hosted its first Community Supper at SHARE. SHARE already had a well-attended Community Supper program in place, and together the Milford Lions and The Souhegan Transition Network were making two meals a month for area residents. Recently, thanks to the leadership of Patty Sigvardson of St. Patrick's Church, area churches came together to start hosting meals the other two or three weeks a month. This allows SHARE to offer a hot, healthy meal every Tuesday night to folks who would like to come.

Our volunteers had an amazing time that evening. The mood was upbeat, and bustling - everyone was ready to serve, show our guests a good time, and have a great meal. From the "behind the scenes" work of shopping for food, cutting veggies, or baking desserts at home, to the cooking, serving, cleaning and "working the room," everyone who helped made the evening a special night.

Guests were greeted at the door with a big smile from Pastor Wes, setting the tone for the meal. Back in the kitchen, a

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Photos, Top: Max Ayotte and Russell Lippitt acted as chefs, learning the "secret recipe" for SHARE spaghetti sauce from Bob Ross of the Milford Lions. Middle: Natalie and Andrew Houston, Mason Mallows, Allison Betelak and Marcus Mallows helped make salads, slice bread and serve guests. Bottom: Ruth Ann Paden, Doris Houston, Gloria Nelson, Ruth McLaughlin and Kris Harrington brought their smiles, helped prepare the meal, and made everyone feel welcome.

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quick prayer was said before the spaghetti, sauces, salad, bread and desserts were brought out. Everyone volunteering took time to enjoy the meal as well, introducing themselves to the other diners and greeting friends. Nearly everyone was able to help clean up and we were finished by 7:15, despite feeding about 100 people (including the volunteers), and bringing in \$94.50 for SHARE. The smiles on everyone's faces as we locked up and left was a testimony to an amazing night of giving and receiving with our community.

Our next Supper will be on **April 15**. The sign up board will be in the narthex soon. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up early (or call the office to sign up). There are many jobs to do: On Monday (4/14) the shopping will be done and on Monday afternoon, a few of us meet for an hour at MUMC to cut up the veggies for salad and sauce ahead of time. We will definitely need lots of cookies and brownies made for desserts, and these can be left in the MUMC freezer on Sunday (4/13) or dropped off on Monday or Tuesday during office hours. On Tuesday (4/15) volunteers will meet at 4:15 at SHARE and the real fun will commence.

If you have any questions, call or e-mail Wendy in the office. I am extremely excited by the response to this new mission and energized by the enthusiasm of our entire community. We brought smiles to 100+ faces on March 18, and I can't wait to do it again!

Youth Group Supper, cont.

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time! And to add to all the excitement we were pleasantly surprised with a visit from Danny and Emily Getchell-Lacy! With enough volunteers and teamwork the students were able to break from their tasks to catch up with them and share stories, recall memories of last years Mission trip, and laugh! This all was able to take place because of YOU! From planning to set-up and clean-up and all your efforts in between, we thank you and want you to know there wasn't a single random act of kindness that went unnoticed.

Thanks so much for all you do, and
THANKS FOR BEING YOU!

* Long stormy *
* spring-time, wet *
* contentious April, *
* winter chilling *
* the lap of very *
* May; but at length *
* the season of *
* summer does come. *
* -Thomas Carlyle *

Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale

From Callie McMahon



Plans are underway for the next The Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale on Saturday, **June 7, 2014, 7 a.m.—1 p.m.** Set up will be June 6, and final clean up on June 8. With the expectation of the

new Herlihy baby, Grandma Pat will be helping, but not leading the charge, for this one. Those of us trying to fill in for her (three of us) will need all the help we can get from all of you.

Drop off dates are; May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Drop off tasks are helping unload donations and pricing and sorting. If you have ever gone to a yard sale you are qualified to help. The set up involves moving the priced items to the yard sale tents so it is ready for our customers. Activities we need help with on the day of the sale would be cashier, help with the café or mixing with the customers and helping them when they need it. I know this might sound a lot like work, but it is generally great fun and has been a great fund raiser for our church. If you have never been involved, I urge you to give it a try.

We will also have electronic recycling again, for details please get in touch with Lisa Payne at lpayne@xrsolutions.com. Spread the word about electronic recycling to your friends, family and neighbors, most of the prices are better than what you would have to

pay to get rid of your old stuff at the dump. The bonus is that a portion comes back to the church!

Doris Houston (with the help of Andrew) is running the clothing sale to be held with the yard sale. Doris can be reached at 654-5529.

Please contact Callie McMahon at cmcmahon28@gmail.com, or 673-5239, Liane Wright at 533-7302, or Lisa Payne at lpayne@xrsolutions.com if you are willing to help or if you have questions.

We look forward to having you join us in the fellowship of this event.

Start your spring cleaning early...you know what they say about one man's junk...



SHARE
Collection

**For the month of April
MUMC is collecting
condiments & salad
dressings, cooking sauces
and seasonings,
cooking oils.**

It's Time to Think About Summer Camp!

*From Nancy Tong & Kerri-Lynn
Kimner*

Every year MUMC sends many campers, young and young at heart, to Camp Wanakee. Last year we had about 30 campers from our Church. It was hard to be a week at Wanakee and not see a friendly face from MUMC.



The 2014 Summer Camping Program is on the Wanakee Website. Log onto www.wanakee.org to see what programs are being offered. You can also pick up a copy of the Camp brochure on our welcome table in the narthex.

MUMC is committed to sending as many children to camp as possible. Camp is a wonderful place where many children find new friends and a new relationship with God. To assist with this, MUMC is committed to giving scholarships to campers wishing to attend Wanakee. We have pledged over the years to provide half scholarships to any child wishing to go to Wanakee.

Scholarship money will be based on half of the tier three price of the camp with a cap of \$200.00. Checks for half of the amount of the camp will be given directly to you. You are responsible for registering your child. Please let us

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Lamplighter's News

From Carol Rowlette

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

-Exodus 20: 2,3

We continue to journey on through the book of Exodus with Moses and the Israelites. God has provided them with all their needs and yet they still grumble and complain. God saved them in a battle against the Amalekites, but warned that future generations would have to fight the Amalekites. Moses has given the Israelites the Ten Commandments and the people promised, "we will do everything the Lord has commanded." (Exodus 19:8)

Directions are given in Chapter 25 regarding the beginning of construction of the Sacred Tent which is quite a task of obedience.

Come and join us, we welcome all women on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served followed by prayer concerns and Bible Study. Our discussions are lively and interesting, as God speaks to us through the Old Testament.

For more information please contact: Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or Carol Rowlette at 673-5403.

Deepening the Congregation's Prayer Life

A *Fresh Air* Module

Developed by the New England Annual Conference Spiritual Formation Initiative

From Callie McMahon

On May 31st, the Home Groups will be bringing you a workshop on prayer. This workshop will help our congregation discover ways to deepen our prayer life. It includes activities and instruction that are applicable both to individuals and also to groups within the church.

Through instruction and practice, participants will learn ways of prayer and will explore suggestions for ways that to practice prayer in church settings and at home and work.

The workshop lasts for at least three hours, with one short break. The tentative schedule is below.

I. Welcome & Introductions

(30 minutes)

Topic, flow of the day, guidelines for interaction, personal introductions.

II. Part One – Personal Prayer

Practices *(60 minutes, including a brief break)*

Reflections on prayer and befriending silence; introduce breath prayer; how to develop a daily practice.

Break: 15 minutes

III. Part Two – Prayer in the Congregation *(60 minutes)*

Covenant Prayer Group; Prayer in Church Meetings; Beginning a Prayer

Group

IV. Closing – Review and Reflection *(15 minutes)*

Our presenter is The Rev. Dr. Wanda Stahl an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. Prior to accepting her position at Boston University, Wanda served as Director of Christian Formation for the New England Annual Conference of the UMC for 12 years. Wanda received her M.Div. from Boston University School of Theology and her Ph.D. in Religion and Education from Boston College. She has completed programs in Individual Spiritual Guidance and Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats from the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, MD and considers it a privilege to accompany people on their faith journeys in a variety of settings. Her professional study and leadership have been in spiritual formation and the building of congregational life. Wanda lives in Scarborough, ME where she enjoys gardening, walking the beach, and many other excuses to be in the natural world.

Our church will benefit incredibly from a renewed prayer life. With challenges from the world around us, issues of finance and direction for mission, and

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CROP Walk 2014

From Pastor Wes Palmer

Spring is coming, and that means the Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk is just around the corner, on **Sunday, May 4th**, to be exact. This will be the twenty-fifth year for the annual event. Last year's CROP Hunger Walk, on May 5th, 2013, raised \$34,009, with 293 walkers, from age 7 – 82 participating. The money has been put to work helping to those in need around the world, and in our own community, through SHARE and Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton.

The Chair of this year's walk is our own Pastor Wes. He will be talking about the Walk with area clergy and helping to promote participation within the community. The CROP Walk Organizing Committee has set a goal of having 350 walkers who will collectively raise over \$35,000 this year.

Kim Pfeil and Lisa Payne are serving as MUMC's CROP walk recruiters. We have set a goal of having 75 walkers from our church this year. We hope to raise over \$5,000. Please speak with Kim or Lisa to sign-up and become part of the MUMC Crop walk team.

The CROP Hunger Walk is for all ages. Strollers and dogs are welcome. The Walk this year is about 3 miles, shorter than usual, to allow time to celebrate

the 25-year history of our Walk. There will be ice cream at the end. A commemorative t-shirt is being planned. Go to our own web site www.svnhcropwalk.org for information on how to pre-register and order yours.

Prizes will be given for walkers raising the most in sponsor donations: in various age categories for youth, for adults, and for families raising donations together. There are also prizes for the youngest and oldest walker, the largest family (household) on the walk, the best sign carried on the walk, and

the best banner at the start.

Every year about 1,500 CROP Walks are held across the U.S., collectively raising over \$20 million. The money goes for refugee relief, disaster recovery and basic development around the world (including in the U.S.) through Church World Service, or one of its USAID partner agencies. Twenty-five percent of what is raised is set aside for local community programs, in our case, to support SHARE in Milford and Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton.

Registration on Walk Day, May 4th, starts at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, and the Walk steps out, following opening exercises, at about 2 p.m.

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Mother's Day



Love your Mom?
We bet you'd like to see her relax on Mother's Day!

Order your
Pickup-and-Go Chicken Dinner
any Sunday in April.

Meal includes chicken, coleslaw, potato salad and a biscuit.

Just \$8.00
Support the Youth Mission team!

The Saving Grace Dance Ensemble presents



Awake!



An Inspirational Dance Collective

Saturday, April 12
7 p.m.

The Amato Center
56 Mont Vernon St., Milford

Tickets Adults: \$15 Children 12 & under: \$8
To reserve tickets: Robyn@robvingoulette.com or 603-801-1371

Prayer Life, cont.

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our personal daily struggles, prayer is the only way to stay grounded in the will and calling of Jesus Christ.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6 ESV

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7 ESV

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26 ESV

Cost for the program is \$10/ family unit and should be appropriate for high school age youth as well. The morning will conclude with a cookout in the back field at the church and all are welcome to stay for the fellowship. Please see Callie McMahan to sign up. We are in the discussion stage of a possible evening fun time as well. Stay tuned for more information from the bulletins and May Outreach.

Please plan to join us for this event. We look forward to being in fellowship with the Body.

CROP Walk, cont.

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In a time when human suffering around the world and at home is ever more present to us, rather than withdraw in apathy or resignation, there is one thing we can do: join in the CROP Hunger Walk. We can walk in sympathy with those who must walk. When we walk together, we demonstrate concern and action. And by asking those who cannot walk to be sponsors, they can "walk with us" and help generate resources to relieve suffering and build a better world. That is how our walking makes a difference!

**Love to Quilt?
Get involved in our
Quilting Ministry!**

**Check the calendar for dates and
speak to
Marley Gale or Rita Lines
for more information.**

White Tops

A social group for retired men
Meets every Wednesday
from 8-10 a.m. for coffee,
doughnuts and laughs.
Stop in and join us!



Holy Week Services

From Pastor Wes Palmer

Maundy Thursday

You are invited to join us for our Maundy Thursday service on **April 17th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Church. This year the worship choir will join us as we look at the story of Jesus' last night with his disciples. We will share in Holy Communion and the closing portion of the service will be Tenebrae or a service of shadows that will include the reading of Jesus' Passion story. Plan to join us for this very important service in preparing yourselves for our Easter celebration.



Holy Week

Good Friday

We will be sharing in an ecumenical service on Good Friday. The service will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church beginning at **3 p.m. on Friday, April 18th**. The service will be a scriptural Way of the Cross and will include music to help in our reflection. We invite you to join us as we remember Jesus' suffering and death upon the cross. It is a time when we reflect upon the pain, which Christ endured that we might know forgiveness and life. You will find that sharing in the Good Friday service will give you new understanding of what Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection. Make plans now to join us on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday

Please plan to join us on Easter Sunday, **April 20th** to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We will be meeting at our regular Sunday worship times of **8:30** and **10:45**. There will be wonderful Easter celebration music at both services as we remember what Christ has done for us. In addition, we will host the Ecumenical Sunrise Service that is held at

6 a.m. outside at our church weather permitting. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held in our building. We share in this service with our friends from the First Congregational Church of Milford. Following the sunrise service there will be a light continental breakfast in our front entry.



"An Easter bonnet? I thought you were Lady Gaga."

Talent Show and Silent Auction!

From Susan Drew

The Talent Show & Silent Auction are planned for **Saturday, April 5th at 7 p.m.** Put this date on your calendar and join us for a time of laughs and entertainment, from musicians to joke tellers and dancers the talents are many! Admission fee is \$5.

Auction items will be on display from **Sunday, Mar. 30th - Sunday, Apr. 6th** with awarded items being announced after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All proceeds will be used to support the Youth Mission team as they travel to Pocahontas, VA this July.

Summer Camp, cont.

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know if you would like a scholarship by **May 15**. Thank you for supporting Camp Wanakee!

Craft Fair Saturdays

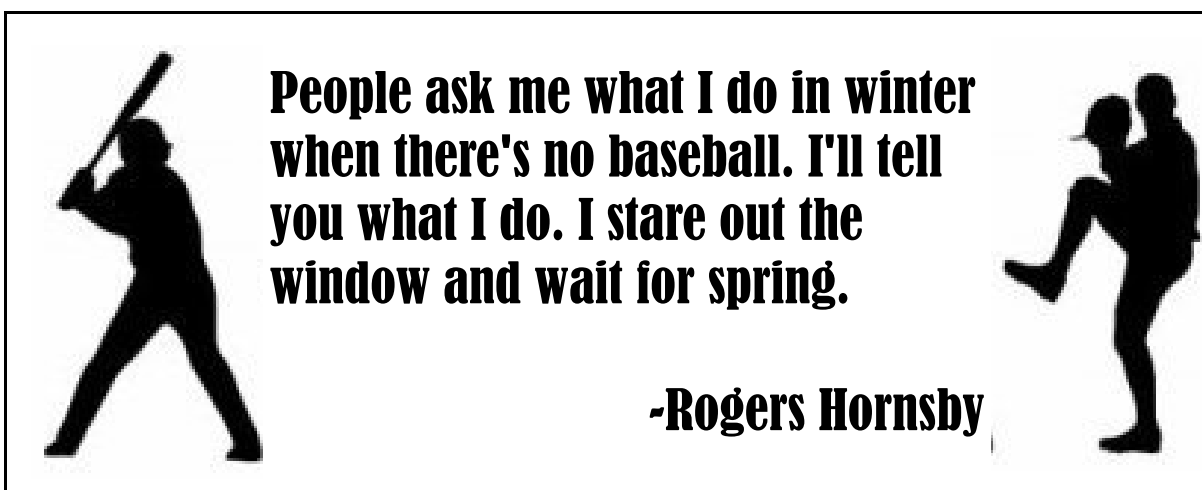
From Callie McMahon

The April installment of the Christmas Craft Fair Saturday will happen on **April 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

All levels of crafting ability can help with these get-togethers and there is much fellowship and laughter as we let our creative juices flow...or ooze, depending on your perspective.

The craft fair is a very big fundraiser for the church and the more we do now, the less we will have to do in the weeks before the fair. This would be a great blessing as we all know how busy we get around Christmas. We have a great start now and more hands could make it even better. Get away from that muddy April yard work and join us. We'd love to see you.

Contact Liane Wright or Pat Rafter with any questions.



Music Notes

From Sally Landis

The Chancel Choir and guests will perform the cantata "Upon This Rock" on Palm Sunday evening, **April 13 at 7 p.m.**

The events of Holy Week are narrated and sung from the perspective of the disciple, Peter. The composer, Pepper Choplin, states "This cantata leads us through Peter's experience with Christ: his call, his confession, his denial, his restoration, and his sending out." I assure you that you will be moved by the power of the narration and the music of this beautiful musical.

Please come and invite your family and friends to join you for this very special presentation.

A Message, continued.

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to share a word of peace, comfort and joy? Have you been able to go and tell others what you have experienced or do you still need to be listening to the stories of new life and hope around you? This Easter let the good news flood your heart and prepare to use your joy and hope to fill the lives of others.

In Easter joy and hope,

Pastor Was

Levi Sunday Coming Soon!

From Lisa Payne

Levi Sunday, **April 27** will be here before you know it! Hopefully the snow will be gone and we can begin to sweep up the sand, wash the windows, rake the lawn, and show our love for this wonderful place of worship. We need lots of volunteers for this event. Please plan to wear your "Levi's" to church that day and join us after the second service for one hour of light yard work on the church grounds. This is a great opportunity to show pride in our property and join together to take care of God's church. To be prepared, here is a list of chores for that day and the various tools that we will need.

List of chores:

1. Sweep Drive
2. Wash Windows
3. Rake Grass
4. Paint Light Posts

Items to Bring:

1. Push Brooms
2. Shovels
3. Wheel Barrows
4. Rakes



Ed Team Update

From Shelly Frost

The "Give Me 5" program, is for our opening time prior to the start of classes. ALL are welcome to join in our Sunday School opening. "Give Me 5" will give members the opportunity to speak for five minutes to the children about a specific topic or answer a simple question, to help them understand more about the Methodist faith & the church. We are very excited about this new program and hope that

the congregation will support our efforts in teaching the children. Please contact Ed Team members to sign up and get more information about this.

Don't forget about Adult Sunday School also held between services and Youth Group for Students from 6th grade - 12th grade, held at MUMC from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening (unless otherwise specified by the leaders).



Are you being called?

Sometimes love comes knocking at the door;
Not to judge, but to just be there through the thin times;
Not to heal, but to allow God to heal;
Not to be the answer, but to be a conduit;
Not to have the words, when God fills the silent room;
Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister.

Are you being called?

Church Niece



Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, April 6.

Please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat, no specialty breads) to be placed in the basket at the altar. The bread loaves will be delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday morning.



Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed and whether you prefer a pin rather than "clip on". When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer.

Help Our Youth Mission Team

Clean out those old CDs, DVDs, video games - including Wii, Nintendo, Xbox, etc and help the Youth Mission Trip! This does not include VCR tapes. And you need to have the original box that your old CD, DVD, or game came in. Then bring it to the church and put it in the bin under the coat rack. Liane Wright will take care of the rest. Those old dust collectors can bring a lot of money for our Youth Mission Trip. Thanks!

Sermons and Scripture Readings for April

April 6—"Lazarus **EN**trapped in the Tomb?", Romans 8: 6-11, John 11:17-45

April 13—**Palm Sunday** "Love **EN**riching Transformation", Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 31:9-16, Psalm 31:9-16, Matthew 26:36-46

April 20—**Easter Sunday** "Go and Tell", Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

April 27— Rev. Bob Morgan preaching

Bits & Pieces...

Donation of Altar Flowers



Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Contact and payment instructions are on the flower chart. Standard arrangements are \$35. Thanks for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.

Have you visited a Home Group?

Our Home Groups are a wonderful way to get to know people in our church, share our faith and build connections. You are welcome to join us anytime!

Tuesday's at 7 p.m. @ The Lawler's home, call 673-7513

Thursday's at 7 p.m. @ The Rafter's home, call 673-4516

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The Hopkins home, call 673-3257

A Noise Offering

Following each service on the second Sunday of the month we will have a "Noise Offering." This donation of your spare change will benefit the Wanakee Scholarship Fund that helps youth to participate in our United Methodist summer camp located in Meredith, NH.

If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to MUMC with the note "Wanakee Scholarships" in the memo space.



Moxie's Soup!

Moxie will be selling her amazing soups after church to raise money for Wanakee Camperships. Look for her (and you won't have to make dinner!) on April 27.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Alexia Eaton	April 1
Carol Brooks	April 2
Marley Gale	April 4
Jack Betelak	April 8
Brian Murphy	April 15
Moxie Roby	April 17
Aimee LaRicca	April 20
Lily Ayotte	April 21
Teresa Randlett	April 21
Shawn Cyr	April 21
Tom Powell	April 23
Lloyd Webster	April 25
Kerri-Lynn Kimner	April 28
Cricket Metcalf	April 28
Leah Powell	April 29

Anniversaries:

Jim & Kaleen Fortunato	April 17
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If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office at 673-2669 or leave a note for Wendy on her desk on Sunday.

Church E-mail Addresses:

Pastor Wesley Palmer:
pastor@milfordumc.org

Wendy Ayotte,
 Office Manager:
office@milfordumc.org

For Information about our Committees & Groups

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the calendar, here's who to talk to.

- Bell Choir: Mary Tyler-Wall
- Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
- Church Council: Callie McMahon
- Home Groups: Pastor Wes
- Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and Carol Rowlette
- Outreach: Pat Rafter & Paul Berkebile
- Praise Band: Michele Bossie
- Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
- Staff Parish Relations: Bruce Houston
- Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
- Sunday School: Kim Pfiel
- Trustees: Steve Rafter
- White Tops: Everett Gale
- Worship: John Millhouse
- Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Kerri-Lynn Kimner

Any questions? Please call our office during office hours, listed below.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri
 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

At times, our hours may vary slightly. If you need to be sure someone is here, please call ahead.

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Sunday Services:
8:30-Spirit Celebration
10:45-Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Sermons and Scripture readings are listed on page 16.		1	2 8—White Tops 1— Lamplighter's 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Worship Committee	3 6—Bell Choir 7—Concert rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir	4	5 10:30—Praise Band rehearsal 7—Youth Group Talent Show & Silent Auction
6 5-6:30—Youth Group 7—Caring Vets	7	8	9 8—White Tops 1— Lamplighter's 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	10 6—Bell Choir 7—Concert rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir	11	12 9-12—Easter Cantata rehearsal 6—Twitter at a Glance
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>No Youth Group</i> 7—Easter Cantata	14 6—VBS meeting 7—Outreach Committee 7—Trustee's Committee	15 4:15-7:30—Community Supper at SHARE	16 8—White Tops 1— Lamplighter's 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Ad Council	17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6—Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19 10:30—Praise Band rehearsal
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	21 7—Finance Committee	22	23 8—White Tops 1— Lamplighter's 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	24 6—Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	25	26
27 12:45—Levi Sunday 5-6:30—Youth Group	28	29	30 8—White Tops 1— Lamplighter's	 <p>Easter Services: Sunrise Service—6 Spirit Celebration—8 Traditional Worship—10:45</p>		



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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.

