



# The Outreach

August 2009—Milford, NH

## Youth Mission Trip 2009 Reading, Pennsylvania



*Back row: Trevor Frost, Jay Millhouse, Nathan Kimner, Meghan Tedder, Meg Battersby, Emily Getchell-Lacey, Valerie Magri, Jack Betelak. Middle row: Nick Poplar, Meredith Poplar, Alexeigh Tlapa, Hannah Ladeau, Jillian Poplar, Alexis Reed. Front row: Dave Stackpole, Becky Ladeau, Steve Kimner, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Tom Knapp. See page 8 for more details.*

## Godspell, Junior Coming to MUMC



MUMC is pleased to announce that *Godspell, Jr.* will be coming on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm. The Riverbend Youth Company of the Boys & Girls Club of the Souhegan Valley will be donating proceeds from their performance to the MUMC Mission Teams, and Campership funds. Tickets are \$7 and include a dessert reception after the show.

The Riverbend Youth Company is a unique program designed to give young people the tools – and the *hope* – they need to build a real future. The program supports the mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Souhegan Valley by providing area youth with the opportunity to experience the love, passion and joy of being involved in a creative theater arts process. For more information about the Company go to [www.svbgc.org](http://www.svbgc.org).

## Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Maybe its because we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School, but I have been thinking a lot about children, their simple and straightforward faith, and their attitude toward church.

In a time when children were seen as little more than commodities, Jesus began something of a revolution simply by treating them as human beings. Against the protests of his own disciples, who were sure he had far more important things and people to deal with, Jesus famously welcomed the children to come to him, and gathering one such child in his arms, told his listeners, "Unless you become like a little child, you will not enter the kingdom of God." Jesus takes the faith of children very seriously, and commends it to us adults as a model for our own faith. As such, we have a lot to learn from our children.

When I was a child, I had a deep and natural faith, but that did not stop me from hating going to church. One thing about children, they tell you the unvarnished truth as they see it, and if you had asked me in those days what I thought of church, I would have told you, "It's boring!" Over the years that I have been pastoring churches, I have heard similar nuggets of truth from some of our children, not always in a complimentary light. I don't think I will ever forget , for example, the child who said to his mother during a pause in one of my Easter sermons, "That man's crazy!"

On the other hand, I can also recall some words of unvarnished truth from children who love their church, who experience it as a place of warmth, nurture, and love. We adults can get so caught up in the inevitable stresses, squabbles,

and struggles of our life together that we sometimes forget how true that is. For example, one of you shared with me recently about the comment her granddaughter made the first time she came to our church. Her response to her first experience here at MUMC was to tell her mother, "Everyone is so happy here!" From the mouth of this little one, I was able to reflect that, yes, there are times when we come close to fulfilling our mission of being a place where people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Or I can remember back when our church was meeting at the Boys and Girls Club, one of our kids took it upon herself to welcome any newcomers and show them around. One of you happened to overhear her say to some first time visitors as she was showing them around our very temporary quarters, "I've been going here all my life—you're going to love it here!" From the mouth of this little one, we can see that she understood in a profound way that the church is not a building, and that she experienced herself as part of a loving, caring community of people who had nurtured her from the time she was a baby.

"Let the children come to me," said Jesus, "and do not hinder them. For to such as these belongs the kingdom of God." And all I can say is, "Amen to that!"

Still discovering the joy,



## Choir Notes

By Sally Landis

Chancel Choir will begin Thursday August 27th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome--both regular members and newcomers. Come join us for laughter, tears, prayers, practice and, oh, yes, lots of good singing! No auditions are required, but it is a very good thing if you can sing on key! For more information talk to Sally Landis, organist and choir director (465-7937, sally@lansense.mv.com).

## Opportunities to Serve

The Board of Trustees has identified several needs for yard work and light repairs at both the church and the parsonage. If you would like to help please contact Steve Rafter (673-4516) or contact the church office.

## Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network Update

By Tami Davis-Betelak

As part of the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network (GNIHN), MUMC has been committed for several years now to helping homeless families at the AnneMarie House in Hudson.

The vision of GNIHN is "To eliminate homelessness, one family at a time."

The mission of GNIHN is "To support the needs of families experiencing homelessness as they work to achieve sustainable income, housing and transportation."

Recently 3 families have graduated from the program, one mother and her son have moved in and 2 more fami-



## Shaw's Community Rewards

MUMC has been accepted into the Shaw's Community Rewards program. When you shop at Shaw's or Star Market, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a registered Shaw's reward card, MUMC will receive 1% of purchases.

In order to log in your receipts, go to [shaws.com/communityrewards](http://shaws.com/communityrewards). You will need a Shaw's Rewards Card, and our ID# 49001021439.

All of these funds have been earmarked for our mission teams. Please see Susan in the office if you have any questions or need help with logging in.

lies are expected to move in over the next couple of weeks. There are 11 families on a waiting list and director Laurie Skibba has been receiving about 4 calls a day from people in need of housing. YES .... we are part of a much larger picture than what we see on a day to day basis.

If you would like to visit the Anne-Marie house at any time this summer please contact either Tami Davis-Betelak or Bob Morgan. We can give you a tour and explain our role as volunteers.

For trained volunteers - Our next weeks of hosting are: July 26th—August 1st and September 13th-19th.

## **SHARE Food Pantry**

**By Carolyn Momonee**

June was a busy month at the SHARE Food Pantry. We have seen a significant increase in requests for help with food. In January 2009, 74 households shopped at the Pantry and needed items for 236 individuals in those families. In June 2009, 132 households shopped at the Pantry and needed items for 408 individuals in those families. Quite a jump in numbers! A sign of the times.

I share these numbers with you to let you know that we truly appreciate all your contributions and support. With the children home from school, the Pantry gets busier during the summer. The kids are hungry and thirsty! We could not fill the requests for help without your help!

I would also like to put in an extra request for brown and cloth bags (not plastic bags). We go through a lot of bags every week. We always encourage the shoppers to bring bags if they can.

For the month of August, MUMC will be collecting the following items for SHARE: Paper towels, shampoo, deodorants.



*Dave Stackpole, Katrina Team 2008, helping install insulation.*

## **Volunteers needed at SHARE for upcoming Fundrasier**

SHARE will be hosting a fundraiser titled: Share The Taste — Food Tasting, Silent Auction, Live Auction. They are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Send letters to area restaurants asking for their participation (food samples, gift certificates)
- Procure items for live auction (bigger ticket items)
- Procure items for silent auction (themed baskets)
- Procure corporate sponsors
- Publicity (advertising, save the date, invitations)
- Work at the event (February 6th, 2010) to serve food, register attendees, take money, hand out bidder numbers
- Set up and clean up for event
- Procure music for entertainment
- Be the auctioneer
- Power point presentation of big ticket items

Please contact Jenn Munroe (888-2650, [jen\\_pizzi@hotmail.com](mailto:jen_pizzi@hotmail.com)) for more information or to help.

## **Mission Trip to Katrina 2009**

Dave Stackpole will be leading an orientation for the Katrina mission trip on August 11th, 7 pm. There is still time for anyone who is wanting to go on this trip, but we will need a commitment and deposit at this meeting. We will also need all remaining paperwork from the team. If you have any questions, please call Dave (465-7885, [dstackpole@charter.net](mailto:dstackpole@charter.net)).

# Scenes from Jaiden's Angel Family Fun Day June 27th

Dear Pastor Tom & Congregation:

Thank you for your generous support of Jaiden's Angel Foundation. Your donation of your grounds and facilities ensured the success of our 2nd annual Family Fun Day, which was held on Saturday, June 27 at the church. Although this was our rain-date and we lost many original volunteers and attendees due to postponing the event, we were still able to raise nearly \$3,000 for the foundation thanks to the continued support of the community at large, and specifically to people like you! All attendees had a wonderful time and there were smiles on the children's faces throughout the day!

Best Regards  
Holleigh Tlapa  
President, Jaiden's Angel

*Please see the bulletin board for the complete letter from Holleigh.*



## Another Awesome YAAAAARD Sale!

By Pat Rafter

Our next wicked awesome YAAAAard Sale is planned for September 26th. This sale will be organized by the adult and youth missions teams. Remember, no clothing, stuffed animals, microwaves, televisions, phones, radios, VCR's, DVD players, stereos, or exercise equipment. Large furniture items will only be accepted the week prior to the sale as storage is limited. All items need to be clean and in working order. I stress clean— we spent a lot of time cleaning items! If they arrive clean that saves us a lot of time. Collection dates are:

August 29th 9-12

September 5th 9-12

September 12th 9-12

September 15th 3-6 \*\*this is a

change

September 16th 9-12 and 3-6

September 23rd 3-6 \*\*this is a

change

Last day September 24th 9-12 absolutely nothing after this date!!!

Please call Pat Rafter (673-4516) to arrange this.

We will partner up with E Waste Recyclers of Jaffrey again. We hope to get the word out to area businesses as well. On the day of the yard sale you may drop off your electronic waste at the church. There are fees for this service and a portion of it will go back to the church. Please see list of fees below. Please do not bring these items on the collection dates—only on the day of the yard sale. If you are unable to make the day of the yard sale, please contact Pat Rafter to make other arrangements.

### E Waste recycling fees

Computer Monitors \$10

TV's up to 27 inches \$15

TV's larger than 27 inches \$25

Console TV's \$25

Plasma/LCD's \$10

Complete PC's \$10

Laptops \$5

Printers \$5

Copiers \$5

Fax machines \$5

Speakers \$5

Stereos \$5

Telephones \$5 (cell and land line)

UPS \$5

VCR/DVD \$5

Keyboards/Mouse Free

If you have any questions contact Wendy Bauerschmidt at 321-1286 or [www.yourwaste.com](http://www.yourwaste.com).



### Guess Who?

This apple-cheeked young lady lives in Milford and enjoys gardening. She has three grown children, four grandchildren, and one grandsnake. Who is she?

Answer on page 12.

## Seasoned Generation By Roberta Randlett

Thanks to Dottie and Paul Dishong who hosted the annual Summer Picnic. It was a great time, and no rain this year!

Our next event is going to be something that has also become an annual event. On Saturday, September 26th we will be hosting a chicken dinner with all the "fixin's"! Carol Rowlette is the person in charge and she will be selling tickets for this much anticipated event. Our very own Lonni Stapanon and her staff will be working her skills once again to present a delicious chicken dinner. Look for Carol Rowlette, who will be selling the tickets between services beginning early September. Mark the date as you do not want to miss this delectable gourmet meal and enjoy the folks attending. See you there.



PS: Enjoy the rest of your summer but try not to miss Sunday morning services as Pastor Tom's sermon series is OUTSTANDING!!



## Boy Scout Eagle Project—Prayer Labyrinth

Many people have been wondering about the project under construction on our property next to the parking lot. Nick Tello, a local boy scout, is working on a Eagle Project that involves building a prayer labyrinth. It should be ready sometime this summer, and will be wheelchair accessible, he tells us. These pictures were taken during construction in June.



*Nick Tello and helpers at work on the labyrinth.*

## Cell Group Mission Project

Please help us gather much needed items and funds for SHARE to help people in need during this tough economic time. SHARE needs items that food stamps can't be used to purchase, such as diapers, shaving cream, razors, feminine hygiene products and other toiletries. A complete list of items will be posted in the church bulletins soon. We will be collecting these items for SHARE on August 1st from 9 to 12 at the Milford oval. If you would like to make a donation at the church please contact Barb Reed (673-6950) or Steve Rafter (673-4516) or inquire at the office. Thanks!

## Welcome to Summer, Sunday School Kids! By Shelly Frost

Summer is in full swing, the sun is shining – finally, and Summer Sunday school is going well. The kids seem to be having a great time hearing the bible stories and lessons outside in the sunshine, having the chance to run and playing with their friends old and new. Please parents, encourage your children to join us each Sunday from 9:30am-10:30am for this new summer “camp-like” Sunday school.

There are still a few teaching opportunities for the up-coming 2009-2010 rotation. If you can help and are interested we are looking to cover some Music, Video and Computer spots. Please see an Education Team member for details.

## Coming in September

The Women's Friday night Bible Study will be studying the book of Ephesians using *Understanding Your Blessings in Christ*, by Elizabeth George. This book leads you through Ephesians to discover practical and fulfilling truths for your journey through life with God.

As you study Ephesians you'll discover:

- the keys to becoming spiritually strong
- the spiritual armor that protects you in life's battles
- the incredible spiritual blessings God has given you
- the ways you can make use of these riches

Contact Rita Lines (673-0398) or Carol Rowlette (673-5403) if you would like more information or to sign up if you would like to join us. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting will be Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at the church. Cost of the book is \$5.00.

## Lamplighters Bible Study

The Lamplighters Ladies Bible Study, which meets Wednesday afternoons, 12:30—2:30 pm will begin for the fall on September 16th. At the first meeting, we will be deciding what our next study will be. If you would like to join this study, or have any questions, please contact Kathy Bradfield (487-5574, [kjbradfield@comcast.net](mailto:kjbradfield@comcast.net)).

## Youth Group News

By Steve Kimner,  
Youth Group Leader

If you happen to be around this summer and get a little bored staring at your family members, we will be offering a series of activities where you can see your friends from church or bring in your school friends for something different. We welcome everyone in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up to join us for fun and fellowship! We hope to see you!

August 9th—Bonfire at the Ladeau's house.

August 16th—Progressive Dinner—details to follow.

August 23rd—day trip to the beach.

August 30th—MUMC picnic in Peterborough.

Dear MUMC Congregation,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to go on our youth mission trip again. I had a great time last year, but I had a fantastic time this year. I grew closer to God with the evening programs this year. All week I worked on growing closer to God, and it happened.

On the job site, with my crew, I had a great time. I liked meeting new people and sharing my experiences with our group when I got back to the university. Throughout the week my crew members taught me many different things. Most importantly, I learned about the things we had in common and the differences we had. We all had one common trait, being believers in God. It was awesome! Thank you again for providing me with this remarkable experience.

Hannah Ladeau



*Christmas in July! Trevor Frost, Michele Tewksbury, Tom Knapp, Leah Knapp, Alexis Eaton, Becky Ladeau and Steve Kimner*

To my church family:

This year's Youth Mission took us to Reading, PA where we worked with the Group work camp organization. This trip to me can be described in many words: surprising, fun, teamwork and spiritual. This experience gave me the strength to work together with kids from other states, towns and churches doing jobs like painting, simple home repairs, even cleaning windows – which seems like easy enough work to do but it was great working together with so many other kids. The week went by very fast, because I made so many friends, had great laughs and enjoyed lots of fun activities like Ultimate Frisbee – in our spare time. I have to say though, "teamwork" of all the words mentioned above, is a very powerful word when you are with a group of people coming together to help other less fortunate or unable for whatever reason to do this work themselves. Thank you to our adult leaders for being there for us and with us, and thank you to my church family for all your support.

Trevor Frost

## Celebrate the Final Days of Summer with your MUMC Family & Friends!

**All-Church Picnic at MacDowell Lake – August 30th**

**By Diane Jaquith**

Invite everyone to come! All are welcome. Swimming, soaking up the sun, kayaking, horseshoeing, volleyball, field games and relay races, playground equipment for the younger set, hiking trails, kite-flying, shady benches for quiet reflection and conversation, tabletop and board games at the picnic tables. The picnic is sponsored by the Evangelism committee and is open to anyone who would like to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship. This is a rain or shine event!



The picnic will be held after the 2nd Service at the "Overlook Lake Shelter" at beautiful MacDowell Lake, 19.4 miles west of our church off route 101 in Peterborough, NH. Complete directions and sign-ups are posted on the "What's New" bulletin board to the left of the double doors in the lobby. The short version: you take route NH-101 W through Peterborough. Continue straight through the "round-about" with Shaws Supermarket on right and drive 1.6 mi. Take Union St on the 3rd right; small brown sign says: "Edw MacDowell Dam". Drive .6 mi. on Union Street. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left at Wilder Street; brown sign says: "Edward MacDowell Dam". When you arrive at MacDowell Lake, DO NOT take the left fork which takes you to the smaller Dam shel-

ter by driving over the dam itself. Instead, drive straight down the roadway, pass the left fork and several buildings on your right to the far end for parking at the Lake shelter which you will see on your left, with the lake in front of you.

We encourage folks to sign up to help us plan for enough potato and pasta salads, condiments and lemonade. The first 60 people to sign up will get a free hot dog! But even if you forget to sign up, please come! We invite everyone to bring a dish to pass such as dessert, watermelon, chips, pretzels, raw veggies, garden salad, snacks or baked beans for the "baked bean taste-off". Also bring hamburgers, veggie burgers or hot dogs to grill (with buns) on the large charcoal grill, and your own non-alcoholic beverages if you prefer.

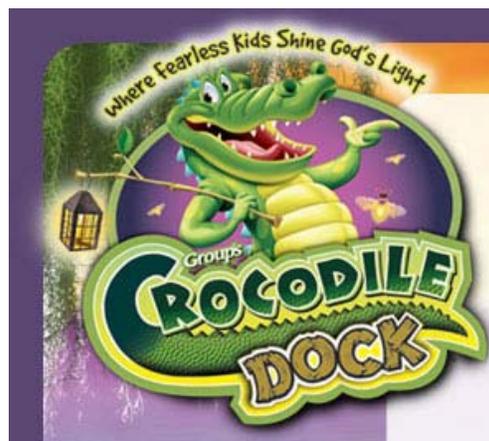
Entrance and parking is free, but a donation basket will be available to help defray the expense of the pavilion reservation (\$60), and related expenses. We have posted sign-up sheets in the lobby for the Baked Bean Taste-off contest, car-pooling, B-B-Q grill volunteers, and items you can loan for the games, such as volleyball, horseshoes, croquet set, table games or a bull-horn for the relay races.



## The Bumbaugh Family in Concert September 19th



By popular request, the Bumbaugh Family will be returning to MUMC for a concert on Saturday, September 19th at 7 pm in our church sanctuary. This Pennsylvania family has traveled the East Coast sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ through testimony and great Southern Gospel Music. Accompanying the trio are The Bumbaugh Kids. These five cousins, ranging in age from 7-17, join the family ministry during a portion of each concert to create an exceptional treat for all ages. This is one event you and your family will not want to miss! The concert is being sponsored by the Evangelism committee. Please invite your friends and neighbors! A free will offering will be taken after the concert.



Vacation Bible School was in full swing as the newsletter went to press. There will be a full report, and pictures in the next edition.

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Sarah Phillips	Aug 2
Lindsey Gutterson	Aug 5
Rudy Rumohr	Aug 8
Marty Garcia	Aug 11
Kathy Holland	Aug 14
Dave Edmondson	Aug 14
Mike Cyr	Aug 15
Jennifer Metcalf	Aug 18
Courtney Logue	Aug 19
Rob Metcalf	Aug 20
Jay Millhouse	Aug 25
Herb Goff	Aug 26

### Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Carolyn Bowman	Aug 8
Don & Shannon Gutterson	Aug 15
Steve & Kerri-Lynn Kimner	Aug 17
Herb & Candi Goff	Aug 24

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

## 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 that 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.

## Financially Speaking

As of June 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	
	\$20,792.25
Expense-budget accounts	\$25,477.51
Balance in General Fund	\$2,690.96
Mortgage Fund Income	\$5,310.00
Outreach and Mission giving	
Discretionary Fund	\$4,631.37
Mission and Outreach fund	\$1,370.48
Youth Mission	\$ 882.97
Total	\$6,884.71

## Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open every day, 10 am—2 pm. 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.

## 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)

## Guess Who answer

Callie McMahon

## August 2009 Calendar

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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.