



The Outreach

August 2010—Milford, NH

Make your portrait appointment online now!

Families and individuals can now sign-up online using the Lifetouch link on the MUMC website, milfordumc.org. Portrait sessions are available from 2:30-9:00 pm Tuesday, September 14th thru Friday, September 17th. On Saturday, September 18th appointments are available from 10 am until 5 pm. Make sure to reserve your spot soon before they fill up to assure that your time is most convenient for your family. Plan an hour or so of time for your portrait session. For those without web access, there will be an opportunity to sign up in person on a Sunday or two. Watch the bulletins for details and see the flyer on page 11 of this newsletter.

To help pull this directory together, we still need to have people help in the following areas:

1. Online Sign Ups for reserving portrait time
2. Phone Calling the Families
3. Hostess/Host on days of Photography. Times needed are 2:15-5:45 and 5:30-9:00.
4. Layout

Please contact Carol Brooks at 673-2669 to volunteer for the pictorial directory in your area of interest and availability at your earliest convenience. Any assistance you are able to provide is appreciated.

Office Coverage By Carol Brooks

Due to recent surgery, and recuperation anticipated to be six weeks long, the office will be covered by Marian Kopp and several volunteers through Labor Day. Coverage for the office has been arranged so that the majority of "office hours" will remain as is. We do ask that any emails sent to the office@milfordumc.org also be cc'd to pastor@milfordumc.org. We also recommend that you call 673-2669 before coming to the office if you need to enter the building. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during this time.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

One of the most exciting things that is bubbling up in our Annual Conference is a renewed emphasis on starting new churches. In fact, our conference is committed to trying to start 20 new churches by the end of 2012. Part of this plan involves inviting healthy, growing churches (like MUMC!) to consider planting a new church in their area.

I must admit that I got excited the first time I heard of our conference's ambitious plans. For a long time, I have had a sense that if the Church is going to reach people that our local churches are not currently reaching, it will need to be ready to do so in new ways, and particularly through planting new communities of faith that will look quite different from more traditional churches. I have even prayed about and wondered whether God would be calling me to be involved in planting a new church. And so you can imagine that when I heard about this renewed emphasis on starting new churches in our conference, I really perked up my ears.

So, how about it, MUMC? Could it be that we are being called to sponsor a new church somewhere in our region? I want to invite you to be thinking and praying about that question. In addition, if you have any thoughts, questions, or ideas, I hope you will share them with me. Feel free to email me at pastor@milfordumc.org or phone me at 673-2669. I would love to hear your thoughts about this.

Obviously, this is not a commitment to jump into blind. There is much to learn and ponder and pray over. For that reason, I am hoping to begin a new church start study group sometime in the

early fall. If you think you would like to know more about church planting, and if you would like to be a person who plays a role in helping our church discern whether or not this is something God is calling us to commit to, I would invite you to let me know that you would like to be considered for being a part of this study group.

One of the interesting things that I learned in some of my conversations with conference leaders is the fact that our church has already come up in their discussions of churches that might have the necessary energy, enthusiasm, commitment, and courage to commit to such an endeavor. Perhaps that may come as a surprise to some of you. But when you think about the fact that our church has consistently risen to the occasion and said "yes" to new efforts that many other churches seem to shrink from, it makes sense.

Of course, none of this means that we are destined to launch a new faith community. What it does mean is that it is time to start asking the question, "Is that you, God, calling? Is this a new way that you are calling MUMC to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ?" I invite you to be a part of finding the answer to these questions.

Still discovering the joy,



Pastor Tom

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, August 1st.. Please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat, no specialty breads) to be placed in the basket at the altar on Communion Sunday. The bread loaves are delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday morning.

SHARE Food Pantry By Carolyn Momonee

For the month of August, MUMC is collecting the following items for SHARE: peanut butter, juice, deodorant, and shampoo. As usual, brown bags are always appreciated.

Pantry statistics for the month of June:

The Pantry has been extremely busy this summer. During the month of June, 163 households shopped at the pantry, providing food for 528 individuals. As of July 1st, there have been 769 household appointments, serving 2,457 individuals. This is a large increase from 2009, when 2,006 individuals had been served from January thru June. During the month of June, there were 27 new households (first time coming to SHARE Pantry).

We thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry. Without your support and donations, the Pantry would not be able to keep up with the demands.

Dedicated to Pastor Tom from Nickie & Sylvia Crosbourne

Thank you Caring Pastor

Thank you, caring Pastor,
For tending to your flock;
You keep us all from weakening;
Like Jesus, You're our rock.
Thank you, special Pastor;
Your sheep you're always feeding;
Through example, guidance, and stirring talks;
You give us what we're needing.
Thank you Pastor, for teaching;
About Jesus, our Lord and Master
For all you say and are and do;
Thank you, Thank you Pastor!!!

~Joanna Fuch~

P.T. Thank you doesn't begin to cover it.

Nickie

Noise Offering will follow each service on the second Sunday of each month. This offering of spare coins 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, make it payable to Milford United Methodist Church with the memo "Wanakee Scholarships."

From Nickie

To everyone at MUMC (my home for the last 4 years).

By now many, if not all of you know that my daughter Sylvia and I will be moving later this month to Arizona. It is a move 2 years in the making. It is a little sooner than I had planned but due to my declining health it is absolutely necessary and after many, many walks and talks and most of all prayers with God at about the beginning of July everything just sort of fell into place. I know "HE" is leading this all the way. We already have a place and Sylvia a couple job prospects and interviews set up for when we get there. (we just have to figure out how to afford to get our belongings there but, once again I have to trust in God that he will provide an answer).

The #1 hardest part is leaving behind my Church and my Church family and I do consider it a Family and my Home. The first time I walked through those doors I felt welcomed with open arms. The warmth and compassion that I felt I had not felt in a Church or a Religious setting in the almost 30 years I had lived in the NH area. And as I have shared with Pastor Tom and with many people my thoughts that day were I am finally home and I can't thank each and every one of you enough for making that happen. I will miss you all.

There are so many things we can be thankful for.
Just look around and see,
All the blessings of the Lord.
Everything we have in life is given from above.
To sustain us and to keep us,
And to share God's precious Love,
Blessings come in different ways,
And sometimes can' be missed
So thank the Lord who gave them
And for all that he is.

by M. S. Lowndes

Nickie

To Pastor Tom and Church Family,

I'm writing to say Thank You for all the get well wishes. Thank you to all for your love and prayers. I know if it wasn't for everyone's love and prayers and my faith, I could not keep going. Also thank you for keeping my family in your prayers.

God Bless, Love,

Moxie

Sign-ups Taking Place Now! Church Picnic at MacDowell Lake on August 22



Please sign up at the information booth, so we can plan for enough hot dogs and hamburgers to cook on the grill! These items can be purchased on site for \$2 each, or \$1.50 for seconds & kid's orders. Also cheeseburgers will be available for \$2.50. Your signing up will also help

us plan for paper goods, plastic ware, condiments, and potato salad by Lonni, which will be provided at no extra cost. An anonymous donor has already generously paid the \$60 shelter reservation fee.

Everyone is invited to attend MUMC's 2nd annual picnic at "Overlook Lake Shelter" at MacDowell Lake starting at noon. Bring your friends and family for what is expected to be a wonderful time for all! All summer church visitors are warmly invited to attend as well. Activities include volleyball, horseshoes, swimming, beach sitting, field games & relay races (if anyone volunteers to organize them), playground equipment for the younger set, kayaking, hiking, kite flying, tabletop & board games at the picnic tables. We are in need of the loan of volleyball and a bullhorn. We also need board games.

Please bring (non alcoholic) beverages for your family to enjoy and a dish to pass such as dessert, watermelon, raw veggies, garden salad, chips, baked beans, veggie casserole, snacks, etc.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board closest to the kitchen if you would like to enter the Dessert Taste-off Contest. On that board there are also photos of last year's picnic event and directions.

The event will take place rain or shine (unless there are thunderstorms), since we will be protected in the shelter, which can seat 100 people. There is no rain date. You may wish to bring folding chairs for the beach, game viewing or for extra seating at the picnic tables and benches. There is fresh water at the shelter for drinking and hand washing, with bathrooms close by. The beach and shelter are both handicap accessible. A drop-off at the shelter (and bathrooms) can be made by using the sloping driveway to the shelter.

Directions to "Overlook Shelter" at MacDowell Lake & Edward MacDowell Dam in Peterborough, NH, 19.4 miles west of our church:

Take route NH-101 W through Peterborough. Continue straight through the "round-about" w/ Shaw's 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 2nd 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 Shelter (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. Entrance and parking is free.



Home Spun Retreat at MUMC

By Les Coates

The MUMC Home Group Ministry will be hosting a spiritual retreat open to all this September 10th-11th. We will be gathering Friday late afternoon to set up our overnight tents on the back portion of our property and joining together in prayer, food, fellowship, and worship. Many of us will be staying overnight on the premises and some will chose to sleep in the comfort of their own homes, but we will reconvene in the morning for early morning prayer and breakfast. At 10:30 am we will join together in worship and bring the retreat to a close. Please join us for what we pray will be a time of community and spiritual rejuvenation.

Rev. Ann Robertson will be preaching at the closing worship service of our retreat this fall. Rev. Robertson is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bible Society and formerly the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Westford, MA. She is the author of several books, but her most recent, *God with Skin On: Finding God's Love in Human Relationships*, thematically ties directly to the themes of our retreat and the purpose of Home Groups. Rev. Robertson was the Wilbur C. Zeigler Award for Excellence in Preaching recipient in 2000 and will most certainly be a blessing to all of us worshipping together Saturday morning.

Registration for the retreat can be completed by filling out a registration form available in the narthex of the church, the church office, or any of our Home Group meetings. There will be a \$15 fee per participant to help cover the cost of our guest speaker and food. Registrations will be accepted through Sunday, September 5th.

BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday August 21st
1:00– 6:00 PM

Here at MUMC

Appointments are recommended. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule. Walk-ins welcome. A positive ID is required.

All presenting donors...

Will receive a Red Sox/Red Cross t-shirt

Will receive a coupon from Pizza Hut

Any questions please contact Les Coates at 673-2669 or email Leslie@milfordumc.org

Education Team News

By Shelly Frost

On August 8th the Education Team would like to invite all teachers, shepherds & youth leaders for the up-coming year to join us for an appreciation breakfast meeting following the 1st service to thank you in person for your time and dedication for the new year and to discuss our plans for the fall, please plan on attending.

Sunday, September 12th will be the official opening day of Sunday School for the new year 2010-2011, we will have sign-ups on that morning and would like all parents & students for all grades pre-school through high school, along with the teachers, shepherds & adult Sunday school participants to meet in the sanctuary following the first service. Please plan on attending. Please watch for the weekly bulletin for up-dates. Adult Sunday school will also start on September 12th – if you are interested in leading please contact Deb Mentch or any Ed Team member, our beginning curriculum will be “What relying on God looks like.”

The mission of our church is to help others discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ and what better place to start than with our own children and youth? We will be starting our teacher sign-ups for next year. Please look for our table in the outer lobby and volunteer.

We are still looking to fill the following positions for next year. Please check your calendar to see where you are able to help:

2 Teachers for each subject are still needed: Music, Games, Science or Computer.

-You will teach either the Pre-K class or the grade 1,2,3 class.
- You will be teaching about 4 Sundays during the whole year.

4 Shepherds: You will be in the classroom with either the Pre-K class or the grade 1,2,3 class. You do not need to teach or prepare any lessons. Your main job is to get to know the students in your group and support them in the classroom. We would like to have two shepherds per class so you can alternate weeks to give your family's schedule some flexibility.

Adult and Youth Mission Teams

There is still time to support the Youth and Adult Mission trips by purchasing MUMC Serves Wear. The MUMC Serves Wear available for purchase includes t-shirts (short and long-sleeve), crew neck sweatshirts, pullover and zippered hoodies, as well as an apron. It is available in adult and youth sizes and various colors. Order forms are available on the information table. If you have questions feel free to contact Rita Lines at ritalines@hotmail.com Please note that before we can order we need sufficient quantities to allow us to get the bulk purchase prices.

Seasoned Generation By Roberta Randlett

June was our very successful and first time ever scavenger hunt with digital cameras. We met at 5 pm for a pot luck dinner and then were given instructions, a sheet of paper with what we were to collect and then returned to the church by 7:45. We split up in fours and off everyone went. It was thanks to Rev Bob Morgan and Everett Gale who put this most successful, fun and clever scavenger hunt together for us. Yes, each group did the Chicken Dance in front of the Milford Police Dept and with no arrests!!! Many strangers were approached to have a picture taken with each group and everyone returned with a business card in hand along with the digital pictures of various places on the list. It was super great fun and the evening was perfect weather-wise. This event will no doubt be repeated next June but, of course, with different items you have to get. By the way, if you happened to be passing by a restaurant in town early in the evening on Saturday, June 26th, you may well have seen a group of four dancing in front of it.

The July meeting was our annual BBQ at Dottie and Paul Dishongs on July 18th, Sunday afternoon. BBQ was manned by our own Paul Dishong. He does this job each year no matter the weather, rain, hail or sunshine! Thanks to the Dishongs for having this BBQ each summer.

What's happening, ladies?

The September meeting will be on Saturday the 11th, beginning at 5:00 PM. It will be our annual chicken dinner and tickets will be on sale in the narthex beginning the middle of August. Carol Rowlette is in charge and she will be available following each service ready to sell tickets, \$12.00 per person! Lonnie Stapanon and her crew will be creating a complete and delicious chicken dinner. Many of you have attended this dinner in the past so you can pass the word! See bottom of page 9 for more details.



Shutterbugs!





Seasoned Generation



Scavenger Hunt



Seasoned Generation Dinner

DATE: September 11, 2010

TIME: 5:00 PM

TICKET: \$12:00 per Person

HOT CHICKEN DINNER includes:
Beverage-salad-chicken w/vegetables-dessert
Come join us for a fellowship meal

See Carol Rowlette for your ticket or call her at 673-5403

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

MUMC is looking for a nursery care provider to care for our babies and young children during our Sunday morning church services. The position is from 8:00 am until approximately 12:00 noon every Sunday.

Please contact the SPR committee chairperson, Annie Heenan Labrecque, or any member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for additional information, or to apply. (Members of the SPR Committee include Marion Diorio, Marlene Gale, Keith Ladeau, Christian O'Shaughnessy, Claire Place, and Bill Wrocklage.)

Resumes may also be submitted to the church office and through the church email address at office@milfordumc.org

In the mean time, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** during each service, until the position can be filled. Please see Annie or Les Coates, Ministry Director, if you are able to volunteer.

Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

Jaiden's Angel Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Jaiden's Angel Golf Tournament is set for Wednesday, September 22 at the scenic Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. Several of our members and friends have enjoyed participating in this event in previous years, and we are inviting you to participate this year. Last year, we had 2 foursomes of folks connected to the church. This year, our goal is to have at least 4 foursomes. So, start planning now! If you want to create your own foursome, that's great. Or if you would like us to put you in a foursome, just let Pastor Tom know. The tournament uses a best ball format, so don't feel like you need to be a scratch golfer to participate. The price for the tournament is \$100 and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, catered banquet, and prizes. Non-golfers are invited to attend the banquet following the tournament. Details of the event are available at www.jaidensangel.org.



Dear Members & Friends,



We need you to make our new family album complete

Help us put faces with names. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story.



Each family will receive a *Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory* for participating.

Convenient

Lifetouch sets up their photography studio at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed: *No sitting Fees*
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes. You will have the opportunity to schedule your portrait session soon. Watch for your *Portrait Guide* or visit www.lifetouch.com for tips on how to prepare for your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you in our new family album,

Your Directory Committee



Greeting cards available in many design choices.

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A New Training Class is Now Forming

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in MUMC's Stephen Ministry? Your opportunity to do so has arrived. Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and help to bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people.

Stephen Ministry at MUMC will be teaming up with at least two other nearby Stephen Ministries to present the training. Current plans are for classes to begin the second week in September. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry, here's what to do!

1. Please see one of our Stephen Leaders for an application.
2. Fill it out and return it to a Stephen Leader.
3. We will then schedule a time when you can meet with a couple of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about the training and so we can learn more about you.
4. If you have any questions, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Michele Bossie	672- 4556,
Rita Lines	673-0398,
Ben Lambert	672-1425
Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey	673-2669

We look forward to hearing from you. Your involvement will only make our Stephen Ministry better!

Christian Aftercare Ministry **By Alexis Eaton**

Christian Aftercare Ministry CAM assists Christian men and women upon their release from prison to find housing, transportation, food, clothing and a church home. You can support this ministry by donating gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, bicycles, and cars. CAM needs men's (not women's) clothing, towels and linens at this time. New items are much appreciated, as are financial donations. Clothing and other small items may be left in the box in the foyer (near the SHARE donation basket). For inquiries or to donate money, please contact Margie Frank at 465-7752. Many thanks for donations already received.

Healthy Lifestyles Group **By Carol Rowlette**

Several ladies interested in good nutrition, weight loss, exercise and supporting each other are meeting Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm at the church. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions, contact Carol Rowlette at 673-5403.

Afternoon Off **By Carol Brooks**

On Friday afternoons a special program is offered here at MUMC for those caring for loved ones that have Alzheimer's or other related dementias.

Community members caring for their affected loved ones are able to drop them off at noon and return at three o'clock to pick them up. This gives the caregiver a bit of free time to run errands, get a haircut, go to a doctor's appointment, or maybe just take a walk on their own. While our guests are here, they participate in games, listen to special music, enjoy a snack, make a craft and do some exercises.

Currently our program has a guest slot available. Do you have a neighbor, coworker or friend who could benefit from some free time while their affected loved one is cared for by our trained volunteers? If so, please contact Carol Brooks at 673-2669.

We are also looking for volunteers who are available a couple of Friday afternoons a month. Most of our volunteers comment that they get as much satisfaction and reward from the program as our guests do.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Ledger	August 3
Lindsey Gutterson	August 5
Rudy Rumohr	August 8
Marty Garcia	August 11
Kathy Holland	August 14
Dave Edmondson	August 14
Mike Cyr	August 15
Jennifer Metcalf	August 18
Courtney Logue	August 19
Rob Metcalf	August 20
Jay Millhouse	August 25
Herb Goff	August 26

Anniversary's this month:

Bob & Carolyn Bowman	August 8
Don & Shannon Gutterson	August 25
Steve & Kerri-Lynn Kimner	August 17

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

Financially Speaking

As of June 30, 2010

Income toward Budget accounts	\$ 17,945.94
Expense-budget accounts	\$ 16,715.46
Balance in General Fund	\$ 4,171.86
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 9,637.50
Non Budgeted Giving	
Special Offering	\$ 1,961.00
Camperships-Wanakee	\$ 4,247.00
Outreach and Mission giving	\$ 2,498.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 968.00
Mission Trip	\$ 3,456.00
<u>Afternoon Off Program</u>	<u>\$ 329.00</u>
Outreach Giving Total	\$ 9,035.00

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - Albert Schweitzer

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 at 673-2669 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	
Marian Kopp, Office Support:	office@milfordumc.org	please submit bulletin info
Carol Brooks, Office Manager:	carol@milfordumc.org	please submit newsletter info
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	leslie@milfordumc.org	

August 2010 Calendar

1	2 7:00 Evangelism 7:00 Outreach 7 pm Home Group @ Balams	3 10-2 Senior Center 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Habitat for Humanity	4 9:30 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 3:00 Healthy Lifestyles 7 pm Worship	5	6 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off 7:30 pm Praise Band	7
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Worship times

8:30 Contemporary Worship

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.