

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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Adopt a SHARE Family for Christmas

From Pat Rafter

The Outreach committee has adopted two families from SHARE for this year's Christmas Season. On December 1 you will find a tree in the narthex with paper tags on it with items requested for our families. SHARE has specific directions and asks that only about \$65 be spent on each person. Usually there are three or four items per person in each family we will indicate how much to spend on each item. All items need to be returned to the church by **December 12** so that we have time to purchase any missing items. Please place your tag on the UNWRAPPED item and place it in the designated box in the narthex at church. Feel free to include gift bags and wrapping paper, but again nothing should be wrapped. Gift cards are a great option if you are unable to find a specific item. If you have any interest in volunteering during this season at SHARE, give Karen Graveline a call at 673-9898 or e-mail her at karen.graveline@sharenh.org. Also please try to volunteer an hour or two this year for bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

I have to tell you that Christmas is one of my favorite things about being a pastor. The Christmas story is a powerful place for people to connect with God in their lives. Some folks will argue that there are too many distractions at Christmas with the push to buy, buy, buy, to hear the true message of Christmas. I believe that the babe who lies at the center of all the hype is always close enough to break through when people are ready.



My memories of Christmas growing up are of the simplest traditions that my family would keep and among those was the simple crèche

scene, which we set up each year. It was made in Italy and the figures were not really made to be life-like, but you knew who each one was and their place in the story. The figures were kept in a small red box and at some point during advent my father would set them out on display. There was even a little hay that was stored in the box to add to the scene each year.

My memory of that simple scene brings me back to the scene of Jesus' birth. They were a mother and a father struggling to find shelter far from home with a child on the way. I can't imagine just how thankful they were to arrive even if they had to settle with the

animals because the inns were all full. Even the real babe, the first Christmas, was almost crowded out by the world's business. In that case, it was a census. In our day, it can be a million things that can keep us from coming back to see the scene and hear and experience the message.

God's gift at Christmas was love. It was the love of his son Jesus entrusted to a young girl and her soon-to-be husband. It was entrusted to the outcast shepherds who were open to the songs of the heavens. It was entrusted to the magi who believed the promises of the heavens. It was entrusted to us. We are those who need to carry that love today. We need to allow it to break through into our hearts and lives for all to experience.

Our worship theme through Advent is 'Connecting With Christmas.' We will be spending time preparing ourselves for the gift of God's love this Christmas. We will listen to the story of those who help to shape our understanding of the Christmas story including the prophets, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph. Plan to join us all four Sundays and again on Christmas Eve as we witness the scene once more and sing our praises and love.

In Christmas Love,

Pastor Wes

Lamplighter's News

From Elaine Driscoll

*"I am the bread from heaven!
Everyone who eats it will live
forever. My flesh is the life-giving
bread that I give to the people
of this world." - John 6:51*

We are continuing our study in the book of Genesis. It is interesting to read about the families as they marry, raise children and see how each generation has similar trials, problems and blessings. Our scripture discussions are very interesting and we enjoy listening to the comments and opinions expressed. We do get into some very lively conversations. Wouldn't you like to join us? All are welcome.

We meet on Wednesday from 1-3 p.m., starting with coffee and refreshments and follow with prayer concerns and bible study. We have been blessed with many answered prayers and thank God for his blessings. If you have a prayer request let us know as we are a powerful group of women.

Lamplighter's Christmas Party and Yankee Swap in December date is yet to be announced.

Please note we will not meet December 25 and January 1. Meetings resume January 8, 2014.

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

Christmas Offering Envelopes

From Pastor Wes

Attached to this newsletter you will find a special Christmas offering envelope. You may return the envelope in the offering plate at any of the services during the month of December or mail it to the church office. The funds given in these envelopes will be specifically given to support the mission of the United Methodist Church through our Mission Share giving. You will be helping people in need both close to home and across the world. These gifts will multiply far beyond our community through the power of Christ's love. Please give generously this Christmas.

Blue Christmas Service

From Pastor Wes

The Christmas season is a time that is marked by joy, but for some it is a time of great struggle. The circumstance of life can leave us in a place where we are not feeling joy. It may be because of grief, health concerns or other loss. The Blue Christmas service is a time when we acknowledge those realities. It is a time to be in worship together and look for God's support and presence.

We invite any who are struggling to join us on Tuesday, December 17th at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for our Blue Christmas Service. If you know someone who is hurting, please invite them to come or bring them yourself. The service is open to everyone.

What Being a Stephen Minister Means to Me

From Joan Lyford, Londonderry UMC

When LUMC (Londonderry) first introduced the Stephen Ministry in 2005, the idea of providing meaningful Christian caregiving peaked my interest. However, at the time I was working full time, and had recently started a Masters program. So, I knew that it was not 'my season' to participate. I was certain then though that God had planted this seed in me and I would someday become a Stephen Minister. What I didn't realize was that God would again open the door to this ministry a few years later across the world in Shanghai, China.

To my surprise, the Church I belong to in Shanghai started the Stephen Ministry shortly after we moved there for my husband's job assignment. After additional prayerful guidance, I decided to apply for Stephen Ministry and currently, I am in a class of twenty four 'soon to be' commissioned Stephen Ministers in Shanghai.

Simply put, Stephen Ministry is 'Christ Caring For People Through People'. For numerous reasons, I understand why this ministry has been so successful and why it has made a significant impact to millions of people in thousands of churches around the world. The fifty hours of Stephen Ministry training and resources that are provided by certified Stephen Leaders are extremely comprehensive, interactive, and thorough. In addition, unlike other training programs, the support for Stephen Ministers does not end when

the initial training ends. Rather, under the Stephen Ministry program, valuable peer and leadership support in addition to continued education are provided on an ongoing basis.

Perhaps the transformation I am currently experiencing in my own life is what has made the biggest impression on me so far in my journey to becoming a Stephen Minister. The valuable insights and meaningful scriptures that are an integral part of the ministry have truly changed the way I relate to others. Even though I have not yet completed the Stephen Ministry training program, I have already applied much of what I have learned and find myself interacting with my family and friends in a much more positive and impactful way. Although my initial motivation for enrolling in this ministry was to reach out to those in need of care-giving and support, God in His infinite love has personally blessed me in this ministry. For me, not only is God leading me down the path of meaningful spiritual growth, but I am also becoming a more caring and effective Christian...and the exciting part is that this is only the beginning!

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Thanks to Joan for allowing MUMC to share her thoughts on Stephen Ministry!

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Stephen Ministry Training Coming in January

From Callie McManon

MUMC's Stephen Ministry leaders have been meeting with Stephen Ministry leaders from Londonderry and Bedford and we are beginning the 50 hour training course in January. All of the sessions will be held at the Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford as it is a good mid-way point between Londonderry and Milford. Now is the time for those of you who have been thinking about Stephen Ministry to be in prayerful consideration of getting ready to participate.

The Stephen leaders will be getting to those of you who have already

expressed interest in this powerful ministry but we would love to talk with anyone who thinks this great opportunity for service might be for you. A heart that wants to help others and the ability to listen and be available are the key ingredients of a good Stephen Minister.

The training is designed to give you the tools you need to make that first caring visit and the support of your peers in Stephen Ministry helps you as you travel through any caring relationship.

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Date	Day	Time	Training Module #	Title of Module
January 14	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 1	Person of the Caregiver
January 21	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 2	Feelings; Yours, Mine and Ours
January 28	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 3	The Art of Listening
February 1	SATURDAY	9:00-2:00	Module 4 part 1	Distinctively Christian Caregiving
			Module 4 part 2	Distinctively Christian Caregiving
February 4	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 5	Process vs Results in Caregiving
February 11	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 6 Part 1	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
February 18	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 6 Part 2	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
February 25	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Modules 7 & 8	(7) Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving and (8) Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger vs. Opportunity
March 4	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 9	Confidentiality
March 11	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 10	Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There
March 18	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 11	Using Mental Health Profs. and Other Comm. Resources
March 25	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 12	Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
April 1	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 13	Dealing w/ Depression--the SM's role
April 5	SATURDAY	9:00-2:00	Modules 14 & 15	(14) Helping Suicidal Persons get the Help They Need (15) Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close
April 8	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 16 Part 1	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care
April 15	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 16 Part 2	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care
April 22	Tuesday	6:30-9:00	Module 17	How to Make a First Caring Visit
April 26	SATURDAY	9:00-1:00	Module 18	Follow Me followed by a celebration lunch

Stephen Ministry Training, continued.

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I encourage you to read the letter on page 4 from Joan Lyford from the Londonderry United Methodist Church. Her message is heard from so many Stephen Ministers. The initial intent to help others becomes blessings in all aspects of your life including your own spiritual growth.

Take a look at the proposed schedule for the training and the names of the modules on page 4. Accommodations can be made for conflicts but we are looking for that to be the exception.

Please contact any Stephen Leader to learn more. Callie McMahon 673-5239, Michele Bossie 801-6345, Jerry Theriault, 801-2765.

What Being a Stephen Minister Means, continued.

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If you would like to more about the Stephen Ministry program here at MUMC, please contact Callie McMahon @673-5239 or cmcmahon28@comcast.net, Michele Bossie @ 801-6345 or Jerry Theriault @801-2765

Christian Aftercare Ministry

is once again accepting gently used donations of the following: bed linens, towels, winter coats & footwear, socks & gloves. The need continues for pots & pans, knives, forks & spoons, and fixable men's bicycles. For more info please contact Margie Frank (465-7752) or Bob Morgan (672-1286). Thanks for the always generous donations!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who supported Anne-Marie House (AMH) this year by volunteering time and talents, including spending time at the House, donations to MUMC's Gluten-Free Raffle Basket, and participation in various AMH fundraisers.

Blessings, Tami Betelak-Davis and Jane

MUMC's Lenten Devotional Returns

From John Millhouse

The Worship Committee is again putting together a devotional modeled after the Upper Room for Lent. The meditations for each day will be written by people just like you, people who are listening to God and trying to live by what they hear. We want to encourage Christians in their personal life of prayer and discipleship. We seek to build on what unites us as believers and to link MUMC together in prayer.

Have God's care and presence become real for you in your interaction with others? Has the Bible given you guidance and helped you see God at work? Has the meaning of scripture become personal for you as you reflected on it? Then you have something to share in a meditation.

Where do I begin?

You begin in your own relationship with God. Christians believe God speaks to us and guides us as we study the Bible and pray. Good meditations are closely tied to scripture and show how it has shed light on a specific situation. Good meditations make the message of the Bible come alive.

Good devotional writing is first of all authentic. It connects real events of daily life with the ongoing activity of God. It comes across as the direct, honest statement of personal faith in Christ and how that faith grows. It is one believer sharing with another an insight or struggle about what it means

to live faithfully.

Secondly, good devotional writing uses sensory details -- what color it was, how high it bounced, what it smelled like. The more sensory details the writing includes, the better. Though the events of daily life may seem mundane, actually they provide the richest store of sensory details. And when we connect God's activity to common things, each encounter with them can serve as a reminder of God's work.

Finally, good devotional writing is exploratory. It searches and considers and asks questions. It examines the faith without knowing in advance what all the answers will be. It is open to God's continuing self-revelation through scripture, people, and events. Good writing chronicles growth and change, seeing God behind both.

How do I get started writing a meditation?

When you find yourself in the middle of some situation thinking, "Why -- that's how God is, too!" or, "That's like that story in the Bible . . ." that can become a meditation. Excellent ideas come from reading and meditating on scripture, looking for connections between it and daily life. When you see such a helpful connection, here's a simple formula for getting it on paper:

- Retell the Bible teaching or summarize the passage briefly.

- Describe the situation that you link to the Bible passage, using a specific incident. Write down as many details of the real-life situation as you can. For example, if you write about an incident when people were talking, write down what each person said.
- Tell how you can apply this spiritual truth in days to come.

After a few days, look carefully at what you have written. Decide which details best convey your message, and delete the others. Ask yourself whether this insight will be helpful to believers in other situations.

Tips to keep in mind

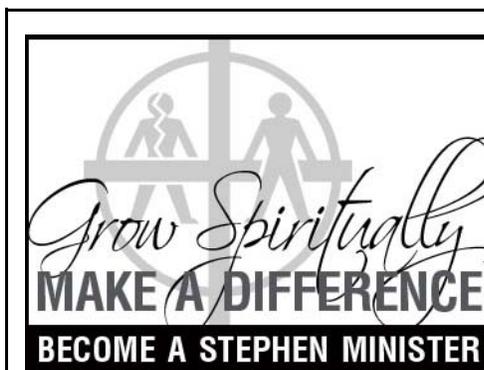
- Begin with studying and meditating on the Bible so its power supports your words.
- Connect scripture with your own life. Your experience is unique.
- Each day's meditation includes a title, suggested Bible reading, quoted scripture verse, personal witness or reflection on scripture, prayer, a "thought for the day" (a pithy, summarizing statement), and a "prayer focus" (suggested subject

for further prayer).

- Meditations should be about 250 words long.
- Avoid preaching ("you should ...," "you need to ...," "we must ...," etc.)
- Use language and examples that appeal to the five senses. Tell what you heard, saw, touched, smelled, tasted. When appropriate, use dialogue to tell your story.
- Make only one point. Think snapshot, not movie.
- Focus on how you can deepen the Christian commitment of readers and nurture their spiritual growth.
- Indicate the version of the Bible quoted in the text, and give references for any scripture passages mentioned.
- Seek always to encourage readers to deeper engagement with the Bible.
- Always give the original source of any materials you quote.

When is the deadline?

Start sending your meditations to the Church office today. We need 45 meditations. please try to get them in to the office by **February 24, 2014.**



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?

Ever Thought About Becoming a Stephen Minister?

From Callie McMahon

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

MUMC's Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

Since 2001, over 35 Stephen Ministers and 12 Stephen Leaders at MUMC have been trained and commissioned. Most, who decided to become Stephen Ministers as a way to help hurting

people in their congregation and community, very quickly have discovered that God gives them amazing blessings in return.

We are presently recruiting our next class of Stephen Ministers, and expect to begin training later on during this church year or early in 2014. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think that you might be interested, or want to learn more, please talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Michele Bossie 801-6345

Jerry Theriault 801-2765

Callie McMahon 673-5239



SHARE is collecting food for the Holiday baskets they provide in December. Feel free to leave your donations in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you!! SHARE greatly appreciates any and all donations.

Adopt a SHARE Family, continued.

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It's a great cause and most of the money stays in our local area. Some of us bring our "well behaved" dogs, it makes it hard to pass by the bucket!! Any questions regarding this mission can be directed to Liane Wright (672-6851 or tessaliane@yahoo.com). Sign ups will be in the narthex in mid-November!

Christmas Fair Update

*From Pat Rafter for
the Christmas Fair Committee*

This year's Christmas Fair is coming soon—on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There have been several people working at our weekly crafting sessions and a few who have taken things home to work on as well. We are so grateful to all those who have stepped up to lend a hand. We will have lots of beautiful crafts, jewelry, snack tins, jams, candies, baked items and food for sale. There are still needs for baked goods, fudge, fair set up, fair day and fair take down. Please consider if you can lend a hand.

If you are making cupcakes that will need frosting, they need to be at the church **by noon on Friday, December 6**. If you are making snack mixes, caramel corn, gorp, etc. they need to be to the church **on Thursday, December 5 by 10 a.m.** Please indicate if anything you make contains nuts.

This year's tea room and cafe menu sounds fantastic! We will have seating for at least 40 people at once, so please bring your family, friends and neighbors for either breakfast or lunch. Prices are all very reasonable. We will have live entertainment in the sanctuary from 9 a.m. until closing.

As always our funds from the fair will go toward local, regional and global missions. What a wonderful blessing especially at this time of the year when



Happy Birthday Bessie Jean! This beautiful hat cake (made by Kris Harrington) was shared at Lamplighter's in November to celebrate Bessie Jean Linscott's 95th birthday!



**For the month of December
MUMC is collecting
canned meats, canned fruit,
condiments, baking supplies.**

we have so much to celebrate,
remembering the birth of our Lord,
Jesus.

Peace and Joy,
The Christmas Fair Committee,
Pat, Liane, Tami, Kristi and Laura

Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

The Sunday School mission project "The Growing Tree of Gift Cards" was a great success! Although the totals are not in yet, we know the projected gifts will exceed last year's totals, coming just in time for the holidays. Thank you all for helping.

The Sunday School classes are going very well and the children are very excited to learn about God. Thank you to all the teachers who give their time and talents to work with them every Sunday. It is not too late to join in the fun! Children are welcome any time to come into a class and learn, there is plenty of space available. Teachers are also welcome, we have a rotating teaching schedule so whatever time you can give would be great. All grades are available - please speak to any Ed Team member for information.

Our next mission project is to help the David House. The David House is located on the campus of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, NH. David's House offers a comfortable home-away-from-home for families of children receiving care at CHaD (Childrens Hospital at Dartmouth). David's House also offers services for families who need a break during the day to wash clothes, have a snack, or relax. Please watch for posters with the list of items that are needed to support this wonderful home, which has helped members of our own congregation. We will be collecting

Christmas Concert

From Sally Landis

It's that time of year again when our church musical family comes together to celebrate Christmastime with our voices and instruments. Please plan to join us on **Sunday December 22 at 7 p.m.** for our concert this year, "Christmas Potpourri", a joyful mix of sacred Christmas music performed by our many church musical groups and some guests performers.

We look forward all year to this time of sharing our music with old friends and new and hope that you can make room in your busy schedule to be with us. If you have family visiting, bring them down and let's fill the sanctuary. Plan to stay after the concert for refreshments and fellowship.



items through February.

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).

There will be no Sunday School classes on Dec. 29, due to the Christmas holiday.

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, December 1.

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.



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. That's what Christmas is about, Charlie Brown.'"



Merry Christmas, MUMC.

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!

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!

Monday's at 7 p.m. @ The Mentch home, call 672-1204

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.

Soup for Wanakee



Moxie is again selling her delicious soups for only \$4 in the narthex after select Sunday services! All

proceeds from the soup will benefit our MUMC Wanakee Camperships. Look for Moxie and her soup on December 15.

Thank you!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Magnolia Coates	Dec. 2
Irma Robinson	Dec. 8
Richard Randlett	Dec. 8
Wendy Ayotte	Dec. 11
Steve Rafter	Dec. 24
Carol Rowlette	Dec. 25
Kathy Bradfield	Dec. 28
Lloyd White	Dec. 30
Elaine Driscoll	Dec. 30

Anniversaries:

Ron & Irma Robinson	Dec. 2
Mike & Debbie Logue	Dec. 28
Paul & Deanna Berkebile	Dec. 30

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
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie
 Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
 Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
 Sunday School: Shelly Frost
 Trustees: Jerry Theriault
 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
<p>1 Sermon: Connecting with Christmas Isaiah 9: 6-7 Micah 5: 2-5 12: Band rehearsal 5: Youth Group 7: Caring Vets</p>	<p>2 7: Outreach Committee</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighter's 7: Worship Committee</p>	<p>5 7: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 7:30: Praise Band</p>	<p>7 9-2: Christmas Craft Fair</p>
<p>8 Sermon: Connecting with Christmas: John the Baptist Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3: 1-12 12: Band rehearsal 5: Youth Group</p>	<p>9 7: Trustee's Committee</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighter's 7: Stephen Ministry supervision</p>	<p>12 7: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 7:30: Praise Band</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Sermon: Connecting with Christmas: Mary Luke 1: 26-38 Luke 1: 46-55 12: Band rehearsal 5: Youth Group 7: Caring Vets</p>	<p>16 7: Finance Committee</p>	<p>17 7: Blue Christmas Service</p>	<p>18 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighter's 7: Ad Council</p>	<p>19 7: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 7:30: Praise Band</p>	<p>21 9: Concert Rehearsal 9-1: Youth Group Bell Ringing</p>
<p>22 Sermon: Connecting with Christmas: Joseph Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 1: 18-25 7: Christmas Concert</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5: Family Service 7: Traditional Service 11: Communion Service</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i></p>	<p>26 7: Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 7:30: Praise Band</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 No Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>New Years Eve</i></p>				



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Sunday 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.

