



The Outreach

February 2011—Milford, NH

Benevolent Action Team (BAT)

By Leslie Coates

If you weren't in church on Sunday January 9, you missed the rolling out of our new community service mode of communication. We are asking anyone who would like to be contacted as certain needs are presented to the church to sign up to be a member of the **Benevolent Action Team** or **BAT**. This will put you on a list that is contacted immediately via text message, email, Facebook message, or phone (your choice) when manageable needs are presented to the office. The **Benevolent Action Team** is a method to help MUMC serve community needs in an efficient and timely manner.

It is through this type of service we often most tangibly help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. The type of need will include household tasks unable to be performed by the recipient such as moving window air conditioners, moving assistance, yard work, shopping, and a variety of other needs.

If you would like to be a BAT member or have questions please contact our Ministry Director, Leslie Coates at leslie@milfordumc.org or 603.418.4135.



Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this edition of *The Outreach*, Wendy and I will be well into a new adventure. We are participating in an intensive health and fitness class that will involve a whole lot of experiences that we have never been through. I can't speak for Wendy, but for me, I am nervous. I have never had a lot of discipline when it has come to either my diet or exercise. I have had periods over the last several years when I have faithfully gone to the gym, but they have not lasted more than 6 or 8 months. And as far as nutrition, well, let me just say that my diet stinks. I am a picky eater, especially when it comes to vegetables. And except for a few months stint when I was trying to lower my cholesterol, I have never paid much attention to what I was putting in my stomach. I suspect, then, that the next three months will be challenging for me. I am glad that I have Wendy by my side on this journey, and I hope that we will be able to encourage and support one another along the way.

Somehow, I can't help feeling like this will be at least as much of a spiritual journey as it will be a physical and nutritional one. I will need to rely on God's power when my own will-power and self-discipline grow weak. I will need to seek the help of others, including my faith community, for encouragement, prayer, and strength. And I will, no doubt, learn some things about why caring for my body has been so low on my list of priorities, which will no doubt have some spiritual component.

Because I suspect that I am not alone in my struggles, and because I want to share this journey with anyone who is interested, I have decided to create a blog where I will offer my reflections on what I hope will be a life-changing experience for me. These reflections will not always be spiritual in nature, but I expect my faith and my relationship with God will be reflected in what I share. I am calling the blog, "You'll Be Seeing Less of Me," and I hope you will stop in and visit the blog regularly. You can find it at youllbeseeinglessofme.blogspot.com. The name of the blog is, of course, a bit of a pun based on my hope that I will lose some weight through this process. But it also refers to my hope that through this process, people will see a little less of me, and a little more of Christ in my life. (If you are interested in following along but are not able or do not wish to follow the blog on the internet, please let me know and I will try to arrange to have my ongoing reflections printed out for you.)

Whether you choose to follow my progress on the blog or not, I do ask for your prayers and support for Wendy and me in this endeavor. And, yes, I do hope that you will indeed be seeing less of me.

Still discovering the joy,



P. S. A tip of the hat to Father Don Keegan of St. Patrick's, from whom I got the idea for the name of the blog.

Adult Mission Trip In the Works

The Adult Missions Team met in early January to start making plans for this year's adult mission trip. Currently we are looking into doing a trip more locally in early fall somewhere in Maine. Hopefully a more local trip will spark more interest from the congregation by making it a little more affordable. There is much need in northern Maine. Dave Stackpole is looking into some information on this and we should have a trip planned by mid February. Please see Dave Stackpole or Steve Rafter with your questions. More details will follow. All adults are welcome to join us!

Please look for opportunities to help your mission teams through prayer, attending a mission trip, and fundraising activities.

YAAard Sale



May 21 is the date for the Wicked Awesome YAAard Sale organized by Adult and Youth Mission Teams. Collections will begin at the end of April.

We will also be collecting electronics for recycling again. Please see Lisa Payne for info on e-recycling.

J.B. by Archibald MacLeish Staged on April 9 By Leslie Coates

As part of our celebration of Lent, MUMC will be presenting a staged reading of the play, J.B., by Archibald MacLeish. All are welcome to attend this presentation on **Saturday, April 9th at 7 pm.**  This 1959 Pulitzer prize winning play is a retelling of the book of Job and poses one of the oldest questions man has ever asked, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" In preparation for this event, we are inviting those planning to attend to read the book of Job. Reading plans are available in the narthex and we welcome you to come to a powerful staged reading with open eyes, ears, and hearts.

It Is Not too Late to Order Name Badges!

Name badges can be printed up any-time (in batches of 8 per page) by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by emailing Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed on the name badge. If you prefer a pin style rather than "clip on", please specify. When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer. We encourage everyone to wear their name badges!

CROP Walk 2011 Representative Needed

Shannon Mason will be stepping down as the CROP Walk representative for MUMC. She is looking for volunteers to step up and run it this year.

The CROP Walk kick off is going to be held on Saturday, January 22nd at 9 am. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Please contact Shannon Mason with any questions 672-0766, smason1971@yahoo.com



THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY will soon be going to the printer. Please make sure that your address, phone number, and email address is correct and up-to-date. Drop off all corrections and/or changes to the church office as soon as possible. You may also call Vivian Balam at 603-345-5434 (cell) or 603-673-0105 (office/home).

SHARE Food Pantry By Carolyn Momonee

For the month of February MUMC is collecting:
Band-aids
Antiseptic
Pain relief medications



Brown bags are always appreciated.

The pantry continues to be very busy. During the month of December 147 households shopped at the pantry, providing food for 452 individuals. This is compared to 96 households and 316 individuals in December of 2009.

The year end totals:
2010 ----1,615 households, providing food for 5,586 individuals.
2009 ----1,299 households, providing food for 4,115.

At Christmas, SHARE gave out 355 food baskets and another 25 families received food baskets from Amherst Junior Womens' Club. The 355 number is an estimate because we were making baskets for emergency, last minute requests and it was difficult to keep track. BUSY TIME!! The number could be larger.

Big Delicious Valentine Bake Sale ...You're Gonna Love It!

On Sunday, February 13th the Lamplighters' Bible Study will be holding a bake sale in the narthex to raise money for much needed tablecloths for the church. We welcome and appreciate home-made baked goods, or help the day of bake sale. Please contact Kathy Bradfield at: kjbradfield@comcast.net or 487-5574; Sue Bachelder, Vivian Balam, Elaine Driscoll, Kris Harrington, Bernice McGinnis, Claire Place, Emily St. John, Roberta Randlett, Margie Frank, or Carol Rowlette. If you'd like to donate, the following is a list of desired baked goods :



cakes, cupcakes, pies, cookies, breads, bars, fudge, and any other items you think will sell well for this occasion.

Someone will be at the church on Saturday, February 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. to accept baked goods, or you may bring them the morning of the sale. Don't forget to stop by our table on February 13th after one of the church services, to see if there is something you can purchase for your loved ones or just to enjoy yourself.

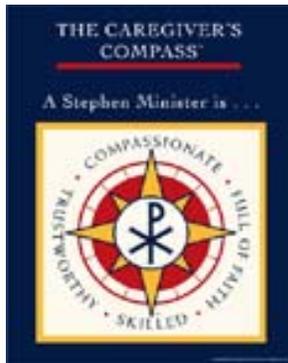
Come Join the Lamplighters

The Lamplighters' women's Bible study meets every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Presently, we are alternating between Old and New Testaments studies. Please feel free to join us.

With 11 attendees there is a great deal of diversity in thought and conversation. It is not necessary to pre-study the lesson as we read in class that which is being discussed. For about half an hour we enjoy a snack and conversation, then proceed into prayer concerns, and onto the lesson. If you have any questions phone Kathy Bradfield at 487-5574 or e-mail her at kjbradfield@comcast.net"



Claire Place



The Stephen Ministry Caregiver's Compass

The Caregiver's Compass, (look for our poster in the church lobby) is a common thread in the training and service of MUMC's Stephen Ministers. The symbol in the center of the compass is the *Chi-Rho*, an ancient symbol for Christ. It reminds Stephen Ministers of the Christ-centered nature of their caring ministry. The four points of the compass guide Stephen Ministers to be compassionate, full of faith, skilled and trustworthy.

This is an exciting time for Stephen Ministry here at MUMC. Our Stephen Minister Trainees have completed their 50 hours of training and will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. We ask for your continued prayers for not only them, but our Stephen Leaders as they use this compass as their guide for their ministry, always striving to provide Christ-like care on behalf of our congregation.

Our Stephen Ministers, Callie McMahon and Steve Kimner have returned from a week long Stephen Leader Training conference and have joined our Stephen Leader Team.

Important to Note

- Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and to care – not to counsel or advise!
- Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry and our Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best quality Christian care for their care receivers.
- Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers are never mentioned and specific details are never discussed.
- Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are assigned only to care receivers who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister.

To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact one of MUMC's Stephen Ministry Leaders.

- Michele Bossie 672- 4556
- Rita Lines 673-0398
- Ben Lambert 672-1425
- Callie McMahon 673-5329
- Steve Kimner 673-9911
- Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey 673-2669

Afternoon Off

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

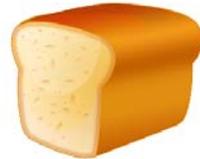
Community members caring for their affected loved ones are able to drop them off at noon and return at three o'clock to pick them up. This gives the caregiver a bit of free time to run errands, get a haircut or go to a doctor's appointment, or maybe just take a walk on their own. While our guests are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

Currently our program does have 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 the church office.

In anticipation of some volunteers returning south for the cold months, 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.

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, February 6.

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.



A 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."



Computer Lab

The computer room here at MUMC is open to the public by appointment. Contact Les Coates for an appointment at Leslie@milfordumc.org or 659-3118. Sherri Sinclair will assist with resume writing, internet job searches, etc.

Education Team News

By Shelly Frost

As the children continue their studies of "Friendship" based on 1 Samuel 18:1-4, the Jonathan and David story, we should continue to support them at home as well with all they are learning.



Please encourage your child/children to attend Sunday school weekly. The Ed Team has established the " Sunday Morning Huddle" for the children. When the bell is rung we will meet in the sanctuary doorway, briefly collect their mission project contributions - items and/or monetary funds, and then they will be dismissed to their respective classrooms. Please remember to join us for the opening, which is held on the first Sunday of the month. All students, parents, teachers and shepherds are welcome in the sanctuary after the Spirit Celebration service, for songs, lessons, and lots of fun.

For our mission project we will continue helping the Pease Greeters by supporting their efforts to help our services men and women with some simple supplies in appreciation of all they do for us. Please remember to add items to your weekly grocery list from the refrigerator list that was given to you in December. Please see a member of the Ed Team if you need a new list. Please take a few moments to fill out the Adult Sunday School Survey in your bulletin. We are looking for your input to better serve and teach the adults in our congregation. The survey may be placed in the box on the information table or given to any Ed Team Member by January 30.

Also watch for our "Corner-Chat" while the kids are in their class. Ed Team members would like to start parental dialogs in the lobby to chat about, our kids, how we teach them at home, fun learning techniques we can share, and just everyday "stuff" we all go through.

Strong Men's Club Needs Members

Here is an update on the Strong Men's Club. So far we have 2 men signed up for this group. Steve Rafter will be the leader. We are still looking for at least 25 - 30 men to join this ministry to help with sanctuary take down and set up for planned events in the sanctuary. It is a short term commitment! Please see Steve Rafter (sbrou812@aol.com) or Pat Rafter (icu2per@aol.com) if you have interest in this group. Come on guys! God knows you are out there!





To:
Everyone in the Christmas Concert

"I'm writing to say what a beautiful concert. To Sally, you always put on a good program, you haven't failed me yet. I enjoyed listening to the 'Sentimental and Sacred.' We are so lucky to have a very talented church family. Everyone did a super job, but I feel Emily Getchell-Lacey sang beautifully. Thank you to all of you."

Love to all,
Moxie

Thank you so much for supporting our troops with your coupons books. Have a Happy New Year.

Lucy Getchell
American Legion Aux. President

Winter Storm Policy

The winter storm policy is that we do everything humanly possible to have Sunday worship every Sunday. Rarely, though, it might be better to cancel services. In the event of bad weather, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7:00 am at the latest if we need to cancel so that we can alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closing at the bottom of the screen on WMUR (channel 8 for most area residents) or go to WMUR.com.

On Sundays when there is snow on the ground and worship is on, please use your discretion as to whether you should be out and about.



Have you seen the yellow and green dumpster and wondered...

It is the Paper Retriever recycling bin. If we recycle 3.5 tons a month we make \$5 a ton. Four tons a month equals \$60.00 Eight tons a month would be \$160.00. The more paper collected, the more money we earn towards our mission programs. See a list of acceptable and unacceptable items below.

If you have any further questions please speak to Steve Rafter.

Yes Please:

Magazines, newspapers, catalogs, office paper, home paper, envelopes, paperback books, old school work, workbooks, brochures, receipts, etc...

No Thanks:

Cardboard, phonebooks, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum, trash.

Spread the Word!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Suzanne Randlett	February 6
Krystal Schmidt	February 7
George Driscoll	February 8
Katrina Caldwell	February 8
Steve Kimner	February 9
Zachary Landis	February 11
Angelia Goff	February 12
Wendy Getchell-Lacey	February 14
Roberta Randlett	February 16
Sean Murphy	February 17
Julie Landis Baker	February 21
Cameron Randlett	February 22
Nathan Kimner	February 27
Jaiden Schmidt	February 28
Peggy Jenkins	February 28
Deanna Berkebile	February 29

Anniversaries this month:

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

Financially Speaking

As of December 31, 2010

Income for Budget accounts	\$34,187.37
Expense-budget accounts	\$31,959.34
Balance in General Fund	\$5,303.76
Mortgage Fund Income	\$6,453.50

Non Budgeted Giving	
Outreach and Mission giving	\$78.00
Discretionary Fund	\$680.00
Adult Mission Trip	\$600.00
Afternoon Off Program	\$344.00
Special Offerings	347.00
Mission Shares (NE Conf.)	10,424.00
Mission Trip	359.00
Outreach Giving Total	\$12,832.00

Church Office Hours

Monday's 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday's and Wednesday's 10:30 a.m.—5 p.m.
 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	

February 2011 Calendar

		1 7 pm Trustees	2 9:30 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 1:00 Lamplight- ers Bible Study 6:30 Parents' Bereavement Support Group 7:00 Worship Committee	3 5:15 Kids Bells 6:00 Adult Handbell Choir 7:00 Home Group @ Rafters 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off 6 pm Home Group @ McMahons 7:00 pm Praise Band	5 Pizza Day and Pizza Pickup
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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.