

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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Valentine's Sweets Sale

From Kathy Bradfield

The 2012's Valentine's Bake Sale will be held in the church's narthex on February 12th. The Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study is sponsoring this sale. The bake sale was a wonderful success last year, thanks to the congregation's support. Whether buying a goodie for yourself, or someone else special in your life to enjoy, your purchase will benefit the MUMC church.



If you'd like to bake something to donate for the sale, we will be accepting the baked goods on Saturday, February 11th between 9-12 at the church. We request that all baked goods be a baked from scratch. Therefore, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies are homemade and not a box-baked item. We thank you for this consideration. We are also looking for cookies for our cookie-tin sale. The cookies fit best in the tins if they are no more than 3 inches in diameter. Some top sellers

are chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies. All types are welcomed. It will be the Lamplighters pleasure to see and serve everyone at our bake-sale tables on February 12. Thank you.

***Please label if your baked goods are gluten-free, diabetic friendly or contain nuts.**

If you have any questions, please either talk with, call or email Kathy Bradfield (487-5574 or kjbradfield@comcast.net). Also, any Lamplighter member would be delighted to give you information.

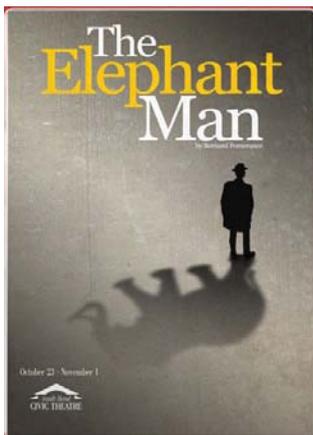
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A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

By the time we reach the end of this month, we will have begun our Lenten journey, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Some of you will no doubt remember that last Lent we to put on our own production of the play



book of Job (upon which the play was based) that included a sermon series and a congregational reading plan. Many of our members and friends seemed to appreciate the thematic unity presented throughout the Lenten season.

I am therefore excited to share with you that we will again be offering a similar multi-faceted approach to Lent, focused this year on the play *The Elephant Man* by Bernard Pomerance. The play itself will be performed on Saturday, March 24, once again under the able direction of Leslie Coates, and with most of the actors coming from the MUMC community. In addition, I will be preaching on themes suggested

by the play, and offering a congregational reading plan based on those themes, as well as opportunities to discuss those themes.

Many of us are familiar with the 1980 movie by the same name, but the movie is not based on the play. However, both the movie and the play are based on the life of John Merrick, who lived in London in the late 19th century. Due to the fact that his face and torso are hideously deformed, Merrick's early adulthood is spent as an attraction in traveling side shows. Eventually, he is taken under the care of a young surgeon, who provides him with a home and introduces him to London society. Along the way, questions around what it means to be human, our horrified but fascinated response to those who are deformed, humanity's capacity for inhumanity, and the benefits and limitations of do-good-ism are raised. It will be around these questions that I will be preaching and inviting your consideration, all the while asking how these questions fit into the Christian story.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor John

Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

What an exciting first semester for the Sunday School kids. The students collected over 500 items for Share. The contest between the classrooms has been a very exciting one and the children did an excellent job, with the help of their parents, of course. Congratulations to the Middle School class for alone collecting 197 items, but every class did a terrific job and should be applauded. Although the Sunday school will move on to their 2nd semester mission project - The Bethany Christian Services - a mission for fostering children, Share will always need our help. Continue to watch the bulletin for the suggested items and help us help Share.

The Bethany Christian Project is an organization which finds foster care for children who need a warm safe home to be in, with the hope to find a permanent loving home and family to be part of. The Sunday School mission project is to collect monetary funds to help these kids enjoy lesson in their favorite hobbies, such as dance, art, horseback riding, cooking, sports and even summer camps. From now through March we will put our efforts into helping these kids be kids. Please see any Ed Team member for more information.

A friendly reminder for all adults seeking Adult Sunday School, this is up and running and if you would like to join in on the daily reading and

Lamplighter's News

From Kathy Bradfield

The Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study Continues to meet every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the church. From 1-1:30 we have a snack, coffee, tea and socialize. At 1:30 we turn our attention to prayer concerns and then onto study. There is always plenty of lively discussion. We read the lessons for the day in class, therefore, no preparation is necessary. There are Bibles at the church to use or bring whatever version you have, as we enjoy exploring the different versions. For any questions or input, please contact: Kathy Bradfield at: kjbradfield@comcast.net or 487-5574 Elaine Driscoll at: Geldris@comcast.net or 673-4270 Carol Rowlette at: carolleero@aol.com or 673-5403

*For where two or three
come together in my
name, there am I with
them.*

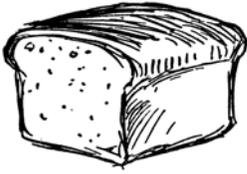
Matthew 18:20

Ed Team News, continued.

discussion. It remains available to all, after the first service each Sunday morning. For more information please see Deb Mentch.

The Broken Bread Café

From Leslie Coates



*Broken Bread Café is
a full meal
communion service*

*offered the second Saturday of each
month at 5:00 p.m. We celebrate
through poetry, music, and Holy
Communion by breaking bread
together. Broken Bread Café is open
to all.*

The Broken Bread Café has taken off with a good deal of traction. We had approximately 60 people participate in the inaugural service, and it is my impression everyone enjoyed the experience. The volunteers worked very hard to create the atmosphere we had envisioned with nice table settings, center pieces, and comfortable seating. The food was fantastic and presented in a very respectful and careful manner. Our own Chris Horne appeared as our guest artist and sounded great, providing featured music. The men at the Ash Street Shelter cheered as we brought servings from our tables to their residence in Nashua. There is also a public presence beginning to take hold. The blog at www.brokenbreadcafe.wordpress.com is getting some traffic with regular posts ranging from the meaning of worship to BB Café recipes. The Facebook page has 21 "likes." On January 19, the Milford Cabinet featured an article on Broken Bread Café that was both well written and captured the spirit of our work. I do believe the community has been

stirred a bit. It is now our job to be here with the Holy Spirit to welcome them.

There is still plenty of work to be done. The work on January 14th started at 2:00 p.m. and the last person left at 8:00 p.m. There were 3-5 people in the kitchen from 3:30-6:00, 8 people waiting on tables, 6 people doing dishes for well over an hour, and countless numbers of people moving tables and chairs, setting tables, and cleaning up afterwards. These tasks were just the things done on the day of worship, not including those shopping groceries, cooking soup, and baking bread. There were over 25 volunteers who all pitched in to make this event successful. It is clear we are going to need more help. We will become more efficient and it will not always take the energy the first one required, but people will need to rotate in and out of their roles and we need more volunteers in order to team up and keep the standard of this worship experience the highest possible. If you feel called to support the effort of Broken Bread Café through financial gift, simply write "Broken Bread Café" in the memo portion of a check and either drop it by the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you would like to roll up your sleeves and take part in the action, please contact me (Leslie@milfordumc.org or 603-418-4135) and we will work to find a role fitting your gifts.

News from SHARE

*From Carolyn Momenee and
Kathi Beane*



For the month of February MUMC is collecting: Adhesive bandages, antiseptic and pain relievers.

Winter has arrived!! The trees and lawns look so beautiful. Hope the new year has gotten off to a good start for you.

The Food Pantry continues to be busy. Our Year End Totals are as follows: There were 2,019 appointments, providing food for 6,204 people in 2011. In 2010 there were 1,762 appointments, providing food for 5,586 people. There were also 308 emergency appointments, providing food for 929 individuals this year. There were 164 emergency requests for diapers and 65 requests for emergency toiletries.

As you can see, the requests have gone up. We are so very grateful for your support and donations!

2012 Christmas Fair Report

From Pat Rafter

Workshops began in January and continued monthly through May and resumed again in August. We had a very talented group of volunteers and some months we had as many as 19 worker bees, sewing, cutting, painting, stuffing, covering and embellishing all our little treasures for this year's fair. Thanks to the many gifted hands, minds, and voices we had a very successful fair day with proceeds exceeding \$5600! All these monies went again to missions of some sort, which is the wonderful goal of the fair committee. We paid one month's worth of 2011 mission apportionments to the conference, \$1500 to GNIHN, \$500 to the Share Fuel fund, \$500 to Nashua Children's Home and \$250 in grocery cards and gas cards for the Milford Welfare Department for emergency needs. We thank everyone that has supported the Christmas Fair this year and hope you will continue to share in our mission to serve Jesus Christ.

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I PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE ... YOU MAY
NOW UPDATE YOUR FACEBOOK STATUS

Our 2012 workshop dates are:

Feb 18 9-12 Mar 10 9-12
April 7 9-12 May 12 9-12
June 9 9-12

Respectfully Submitted,
The 2011 Fair Committee
Liane Wright (chair), Tami Betelak,
Kristi O'Shaughnessy, Laura Seale and
Pat Rafter

Bits & Pieces...

Winter Storm Policy



Winter has arrived and so has the snow and ice. The winter storm policy is that we do everything humanly possible to have 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 a.m. at the latest. If we need to cancel, we alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closings at the bottom of the screen on WMUR 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.



From the Finance Committee

The weekly offering envelopes for 2012 are now available. If you are currently using the weekly envelopes and do not wish to continue in the new year (maybe because you will be contributing through online banking), please let Natalie Parker, 654-9493, or the church office know your wishes. Likewise, if you would like to begin using envelopes, please let Natalie know. We are grateful and thank you for your contributions to carry out the mission of the church, however you choose to present them.



Donate Bread Loaves

on Communion Sunday, February 5.

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.

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.

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, make it payable to Milford United Methodist Church with the memo "Wanakee Scholarships."

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 Balam's home, call 673-0105

Tuesday's at 7 p.m. @ The Reed's home, call 673-6950

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

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The McMahon's home, call 673-5239



Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime (in batches of 8 per page) by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed and whether you prefer a pin rather than "clip on". When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

None this month!

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



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.

Afternoon Off: Dee Locsin
 Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler Wall
 Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
 Church Council: Callie McMahan
 Home Groups: Les Coates
 Lamplighters: Kathy Bradfield, Elaine Driscoll, Carol Rowlette
 Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie
 Outreach: Wendy Getchell-Lacey
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie
 Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
 Seasoned Generation: Dick & Roberta Randlett
 Staff Parish Relations: Keith Ladeau
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahan
 Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
 Trustees: Jim Frost
 White Tops: Everett Gale
 Worship: Vivian Balam
 Youth Group: Becky Ladeau, Tom Knapp and Steve Kimner

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

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Tuesday: hours vary, please call ahead

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

Church E-mail Addresses:

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Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	leslie@milfordumc.org
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	office@milfordumc.org



February 2012

Sunday Worship Services:

8:30—Spirit Celebration

9:40—Sunday School

10:45—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 9: White Tops 1-3: Lamplighters 7: Worship Committee	2 5:15: Kids Bell Choir 6: Adult Bell Choir 7:30: Chancel Choir	3 12-3: Afternoon Off 7:30: Praise Band	4 8: Men's Sweetheart Breakfast
5 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 5-6:30: Youth Group	6 7: Outreach Committee	7 6:30: Quilting Ministry	8 9: White Tops 1-3: Lamplighters 7: Stephen Ministry Supervision	9 5:15: Kids Bell Choir 6: Adult Bell Choir 7:30: Chancel Choir	10 12-3: Afternoon Off 6:15: Worship Design 7:30: Praise Band	11 5: Broken Bread Cafe
12 9-2: Lamplighters Sweets Sale 12-2: Confirmation Class 5-6:30: Youth Group	13 7: Trustee's Committee	14 7: SPR Committee	15 9: White Tops 1-3: Lamplighters 7: Admin. Council	16 5:15: Kids Bell Choir 6: Adult Bell Choir 7:30: Chancel Choir	17 12-3: Afternoon Off 7:30: Praise Band	18 9-noon: Christmas Fair Crafting 6: Seasoned Generation Movie Night
19 5-6:30: Youth Group	20 7: Finance Committee	21	22 9: White Tops 1-3: Lamplighters 7: Stephen Ministry Supervision	23 5:15: Kids Bell Choir 6: Adult Bell Choir 7:30: Chancel Choir	24 12-3: Afternoon Off 7:30: Praise Band	25
26 <i>No Youth Group</i>	27	28	29 9: White Tops 1-3: Lamplighters			



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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.