

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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A Message From Pastor Tom

Dear Friends,

As most of you know by now, I announced on January 20 that I will be moving to the First United Methodist Church of Gilford, NH this coming June. It has been my privilege to serve as your pastor for these past 15 years, and I am thankful for all the wonderful relationships and opportunities for mutual ministry that have grown over those years. MUMC is a great church, and I can't imagine a better place for me and my family to have spent such a large portion of my pastoral ministry. I am excited about this new opportunity, but I am saddened that it means taking leave of the church family that has been such a huge part of my life.

Of course, I will still be your pastor for several months, and while we will be engaged in the process of saying goodbye and preparing to receive a new pastor and the gifts that he or she will bring to this faith community, there are many things that will carry on as usual. I will continue to be engaged in the life of our church, including Sunday worship, providing pastoral care, and leadership in general.

With that in mind, I do want to remind us all that Lent begins this month. As usual we will begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. You will also want to keep your eyes open for the Lenten Devotional that the Worship Committee is putting together, which will offer daily devotions, including a number written by our own members and friends. Make sure to pick up your copy so that you can make reading the daily entries a part of your daily spiritual practice during Lent. There will no doubt be other opportunities for spiritual growth during this special time of the year that I hope you will take full advantage of.

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Outreach Committee Celebrates a Generous 2012

From Pat Rafter

This year the Outreach Committee gave to the following organizations: Living Water, Marguerite's Place, UMCOR (Midwest Tornado Relief), Nashua Soup Kitchen, and Compassion International, supporting our two children, JoAnn from the Philippines and Anil from India. We also supported Kairos Prison Ministry, Church World Service Blankets, Jaiden's Angel, Nicaraguan Covenant, Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network. We also gave support to Mission Teams traveling to New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy assistance, monthly purchases to SHARE and a Christmas SHARE family. We were extremely elated by the support for the SHARE giving tree. We were able to support two families through gift cards and additional gifts that were collected. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Each time our committee met, we were immensely humbled by the generosity of the MUMC congregation through many gifts of service. MUMC gives from the mind, the heart and the soul, with all its strength! We show our connection to one another and to our Lord and Savior through these gifts of service. It is especially evident through the many that served to support missions throughout the year enabling our Outreach Funds to sustain and grow. Events like mission team fund

raising events, suppers, yard sales, clothing sales, e-recycling, Super Bowl pizzas, Vacation Bible School, the many efforts of the Sunday school children—including shoes for Guatemala— Stephen Ministry, home groups, Lamplighters and White Tops, Broken Bread Café, Christmas Fair, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, meals for those in need and lots of support to SHARE. We are sure there is something we missed as the list goes on and on.



We are so proud to be part of God's plan in helping to serve and bring those to know the light of God. Nothing makes the heart lighter than reaching out in love and service. You make our job as Outreach Committee members easy and very worthwhile.

The Outreach Committee also helps to organize coffee hour each Sunday morning. We purchase the basics: coffee, cream, sugar, tea, juice and a few other staples. The duties are shared with many committees and groups within the church. We appreciate your willingness to help make this fellowship time continue. We know it can sometimes be a drag to be making or buying more snacks for church, but there is rarely a Sunday that there is much left over. Please know we appreciate your time and talents.

Emergency Response Team— New Jersey Mission Trip Recap

From Lisa Payne

We didn't waste any time starting the Mission New Year! On January 3, 2013 seven adults piled into a large green van (owned by Rob Halstead and affectionately known as Ollie) and began a journey that would surely challenge both physical and spiritual strength. We are never 100% sure of what tasks await us until we arrive at our destination. We could be asked to do demolition work or we could repair roofs, install floors, or put up drywall and paint.



ERT Team Members: Greg Herbert, Betty Herlihy, Lisa Payne, Steve Rafter, Rita Lines, Christie Kivlehan, and Rob Halstead.

What we are always sure of is that we will be providing badly needed assistance to people who are still trying to recover from a natural disaster. The help goes beyond the damage to their homes. Sometimes their hearts ache, and we go to listen to their stories. From our temporary home at Aldersgate UMC in East Brunswick, NJ, we ventured out to work on three different projects.

First, we went to Grace Methodist Church in Union Beach, NJ, where we worked on the fellowship hall. The interior had been badly damaged by the flood water and the floors and walls need to be ripped out. Hopefully another mission team will soon re-install the floor and walls and paint. The plan is to allow the community

to use the rebuilt hall as a community center, since the Union Beach Community Center was completely destroyed during the storm.

Our second job took us to Sayreville, NJ where we met Teresa and began the task of mold remediation. She shared stories of how her friends showed up to clear her basement of all the ruined belongings and water-logged drywall.

Our third job was relatively easy. I say that because I stayed on the ground while the guys

got up on a roof and installed a very large tarp to keep water from leaking into the home. It was our only job on Sunday and it would soon be time for us to return home. The homeowner, Linda was originally from Brooklyn and she moved to Middleton, NJ not long after 911. As a nurse, she was at ground zero trying to help the firefighters and any survivors - which never came. She spoke about how she needs to go back and visit the 911 Memorial but she can't do it yet. As we sat and listened while she shared these stories we could see how painful that experience was for her – how she is still haunted by that event. And now on top of this, she was living through the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. I really

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Staff Parish Relations Committee: Our Pastoral Change

From Lisa Payne

With the recent announcement that Pastor Tom has been reappointed to a new church, come many questions and emotions as well. We are not alone with this change. Our Bishop, Cabinet, and District Superintendent are all working very hard - on our behalf - to provide us with a spiritual leader who will work alongside us to continue the ministries and mission of our church. We exist to help people find the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ – this does not change and will give us all

comfort and strength.

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the SPR committee and/or Pastor Tom, and we will be happy to answer any questions regarding the process, and what to expect in the coming months. SPR will be hosting coffee hour for the month of February and will also be make ourselves available between services with information.

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Message from PT, cont.

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Also as part of Lent, I will be offering a series of sermons on the theme of "Taking Up the Cross." This series will be based on Luke 9:23, where Jesus tells his followers, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." The cross is at the center of our faith, both because of Jesus' sacrificial death upon the cross, but also because we are called to follow Jesus in taking up the cross ourselves. During the weeks from the beginning of Lent and leading up to the start of Holy Week, we'll explore what it means to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

I look forward to sharing in a holy Lent with you all.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor John



SHARE Collection

*From Karen Graveline and
Kathy Beane*

**For the month of
February MUMC
is collecting
Canned tuna &
meats, dinner
sides, and canned fruit.**



NJ Mission Trip, cont.

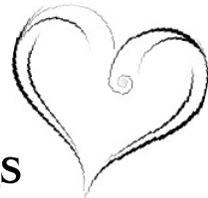
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think that the best thing we did during the entire trip was spend time with Linda and let her share her pain.

There is so much more that I wish we could share with you about our experiences; how we laugh, feel joy and sadness too. We work hard, eat well, and sleep like rocks because we are so tired. But every morning we are restored with energy, as we do devotionals with song and praise, led by Steve Rafter. These trips are so important not only for those that we serve but because each time we are sent we come home changed and hopefully better disciples.

I encourage anyone who has a desire to join us on a trip, please make it a priority and come with us. If you can't join us, then consider donating to the Adult Mission Team Fund so that we can serve more often in this capacity. And of course, keep us all in your prayers. Many thanks to Pat Rafter - who purchased our groceries for the trip and our chocolate treats as well - and to others who contributed funds to this effort! Blessings to all!

**"We can do
no great things,
only small things
with great love."**



-Mother Teresa

Christmas Fair Wrap-Up

From Tami Davis-Betelak

For many, the Christmas Fair is a year round commitment. During 2012 we met once a month for craft workshops beginning in February and as we came into the fall season we increased the frequency. All were invited to these workshops and work was found for all levels of crafters. In addition to craft workshops many individuals created items to sell during their spare time. From jams, jellies, pickles, and other edible items, knitted afghans, sweaters, etc., items for the silent auction table, and the list goes on.

The days prior to the fair were a frenzy of activity with many people getting together to create the popular gift tins, and others helping to transform the church. Behind the scenes were Shelly and Jim Frost preparing for the Cafe, and others making cookies, baked items and fudge to be sold the day of the fair. The efforts of many individuals and groups such as the Quilting Ministry and the Youth Group helped to make the 2012 Fair the most successful to date with proceeds totaling a little over \$6100.00. These funds have been dispersed as follows:

MUMC Mission Share - \$3148.00
Bridges - \$500
GNIHN - \$500
Nashua Soup Kitchen - \$500
Nashua Children's Home - \$500
Marguerite's Place - \$500

Sincere appreciation goes out to everyone who helped out in whatever way they could to make this event happen and to those who supported the fair with their holiday purchases. It truly is amazing what can be done when we come together in the name of Jesus Christ.

*With Love and Gratitude,
Pat Rafter, Liane Wright, Christy
O'Shaughnessy, Laura Seale and
Tami Davis-Betelak*

Celtic Christian Lent Event for Children and Youth

From Kara Ammon

Sunday, March 17th,
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: MUMC's
Children and Youth
Ministry Team



Come explore Celtic Christian traditions this Saint Patrick's Day. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. with activities and contemplative prayer stations followed by a simple dinner at 6:30.

This is a drop off event for Middle School and High School youth. Parents of grade school children are encouraged stay with their children and join us for the evening.

If you have any questions please contact: Pastor Tom, Kara Ammon, Kathy Moaratty, or Shannon Gutterson.

Liturgists Wanted!

*From Callie McMahon
and Diane Jaquith*

Are you looking for a quiet way to become more involved with our church while having a safe place to become more comfortable speaking in front of a crowd? Why not volunteer to be the liturgist (reader) for your favorite worship service?

To volunteer, simply contact one of the Liturgist Coordinators: Callie McMahon, who coordinates for the Spirit Celebration, at cmcmahon28@comcast.net or 673-5239 or Peg Jenkins, the new Liturgist Coordinator for the Traditional Service at ijenkins@comcast.net and 673-4930. Please feel free to call Callie or Peg with any questions. Support and encouragement will be provided!

Lamplighters News

From Carol Rowlette

"You need to keep on patiently doing God's will if you want him to do for you all that he has promised."

-Hebrews 10:36

Lamplighters bible study continues to meet every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00. We are currently studying Joshua and will move on to Ruth. All are welcome. We have lots of good times and also serious study sharing our thoughts and questions regarding God's word.

From Ed Team

From Shelly Frost

Thank you very much for all the support for the Sunday School mission project for December, we have contributed a great deal to Share, During the month of December the Children and their parent generously gave gift cards totaling more than \$350.00, from many local grocery store, pharmacies, restaurants, and bookstores to be given to those in need so that their Christmas would be a little brighter.

Starting in January we once again have begun to help the Bethany Christian project, we have many kids that are in the program who are trying to find permanent homes, so they can be a part of a normal childhood - they long to take dance lessons, play soccer, enjoy summer camp or learn to cook. Please see the pictures of these beautiful children, let us pray and support them. Monetary funds will be collected through March.

Help Our Youth Mission

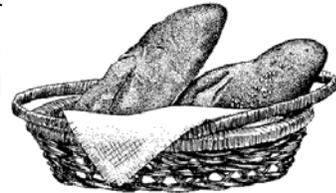
From Tami Davis-Betelak

Youth Mission Team is collecting new and used video games, DVD's and books to help with the costs of the mission trip June 23rd - 29th. If you have any video games (any system) DVD's or books that you would like to donate it would be GREATLY appreciated. There is a box in under the coat rack where you can place your donations. Many thanks to all.

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, February 3.

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.



Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at jaquith2@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.

Christian Aftercare Ministry

CAM is currently in need of men's T-shirts, jeans, boots, sneakers, cooking pots & pans, microwave ovens, coffee pots, towels, bed linens, and stainless steel knives, forks and spoons. Call Margie for information: 465-7752. We thank you for all the help you can give—may God bless you abundantly!

Join us for the next Broken Bread Café!

*Saturday,
February 9
At 5 p.m.*

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 on in 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

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 home, call 673-5239

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.



Winter Info

Winter will be arriving soon, and with it snow and ice. We do everything possible to have worship every Sunday, but rarely we might be forced to cancel services. In that event, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7 a.m. and you can check the list of closings on WMUR TV or find it on WMUR.com. Please use your discretion as well when deciding if the roads are safe in your area, and whether or not to drive in.



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
Nate Kimner	Feb. 27
Jaiden Schmidt	Feb. 28
Peggy Jenkins	Feb. 28
Deanna Berkebile	Feb. 29

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.



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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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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.

Afternoon Off: Carol Brooks
Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler-Wall
Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
Church Council: Callie McMahon
Home Groups: Pastor Tom
Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and
Carol Rowlette
Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie
Outreach: Pat Rafter
Praise Band: Michele Bossie
Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
Seasoned Generation: OPEN
Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne
Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
Trustees: Jim Frost
White Tops: Everett Gale
Worship: John Millhouse
Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Kathy Moaratty

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



February 2013

Sunday Services:
 8:30-Spirit Celebration
 9:30-Sunday School
 10:45-Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30—Praise Band	2
3 5-6:30—Youth Group	4 7—Outreach Committee	5	6 7—Worship Committee	7 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	8 7:30—Praise Band	9 5—Broken Bread Café
10 5-6:30—Youth Group	11 7—Trustee's Committee	12	13 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:30—Quilting Ministry at the Gale's 7—Ash Wednesday Service	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	15 7:30—Praise Band	16 9:30-12:30—Christmas Crafting
17 5-6:30—Youth Group	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i> 7—Finance Committee	19	20 7—Administrative Council	21 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	22 7:30—Praise Band	23
24 5-6:30—Youth Group	25	26	27 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	28 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir		



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Sunday 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.

