



The Outreach

January 2010—Milford, NH

Rising Above: A Joyful Journey Capital Campaign

By Brad Reed

The initial phase of the "Rising Above" Capital Campaign has come to an end. Now comes the hard part- the part where we have to follow through on our commitments for the next two years. The Capital Campaign Team wants to THANK the entire congregation for your participation and support.

As of this writing we have 85 giving units committing approximately \$175,000 over the next two years. This will cover our current mortgage payment and allow some money to be applied to our principal.

While not quite reaching the monetary goal we set for ourselves, the Rising Above has been successful in many ways. We had a far better participation and involvement than previous campaigns from the congregation. This is reflected in the sharp increase in the number of giving units. Also of note was the first time involvement to a MUMC capital campaign for some newer members. The team wanted to try some slightly different slants on some time tested aspects of our campaign and all seemed to prove successful. From the "pony express" through the "main event" each and every undertaking was a success and something to remember for a long time.

THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and many thanks to a great capital campaign team that I the pleasure to work with. Brad Reed

Executive Director
"Rising Above: A Joyful Journey"



L to R: Pastor Tom, Andy Baver and Brad Reed dressed up to serve food (not sing) at the Capital Campaign Leadership Event.



L to R: Adriana Putney, Riley Mason, Stephanie Kimner, and Hanna Millhouse

All age groups enjoying the Capital Campaign Brunch.



L to R: Jaclyn Rafter, Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Audra Millhouse, Steve Kimner, John Millhouse, Jeff, Tim and Betty Herlihy

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I have a question for you to ponder as we begin a new year. How full is your 2010 calendar? Perhaps it is already crowded. For a lot of us, our 2010 calendar may have been quite full before the new year even began. But again, how full is your 2010 calendar?

I have noticed over the years, as I suspect you have, that the already frenetic pace of modern-day life has been kicked up a few notches. We are, as a general population, busier than ever. The expectations of what we are supposed to be doing in order to be good workers, parents, citizens, church members, lovers, etc., keep getting higher, don't they? And yet, I suspect for many of us, in spite of all frantic pace, we often feel as if we are not really getting anywhere, and that there are many losses associated with our busyness. For example, we run around getting our children from this activity to that, when perhaps what they most need is some quiet time with us.

Some years ago, Judith Viorst wrote a cute little poem called "Self-Improvement Program" in which she outlines a seemingly endless list of activities that she is involved in trying to be the person she thinks she needs to be for herself and others. Then she sighs and concludes,

"And I'm working all day and I'm working all night
To be good-looking, healthy, and wise.
And adored. And Contented. And Brave. And well-read.
And a marvelous hostess. Fantastic in bed.
And bi-lingual, athletic, artistic—

Won't someone please stop me?"

The problem is that no one else will stop us. The demands from employer, family, church, community are not likely to decrease, of that we can be sure. Sometimes God throws us a curve that forces us to slow down. But most of the time, unless we take responsibility for our own slowing down, it isn't going to happen. The turn of a new year is an opportunity to reflect on our commitments and our priorities. As we transfer our commitments from one calendar to a new one, perhaps

it is a good time to take a look at how we are living our lives, what we are saying "yes" to, and what we are saying "no" to.

The turning of a new year is an excellent time to reorganize and shed those commitments and habits that have outlived their usefulness. But even if there is no way for us reduce our commitments, the new year can be time to recommit ourselves to finding a way to experience rest and renewal in our lives. Even if we take just 15 minutes out of our day to slow down, to reflect, to pray, we will at least be giving our souls a little time to recoup, to graze, to be renewed so that we can face the rest of our day with grace and equanimity. I hope that you will join me in committing to making time for God and for self-renewal in 2010.

Grace and peace,



Pastor Tom

P.S. This January, I will be giving a series of sermons entitled, "When Christians Get it Wrong," in which we will be talking about some of the ways in which Christians make it difficult for unchurched folks to take our witness and faith seriously. If you have a friend or a relative who has been turned off by the un-Christlike behavior of Christians, I hope that you will consider inviting them to worship during this month as we take a frank and open look at some of the church's shortcomings, both historic and contemporary, and search for ways to become more authentically Christ-like in our attitudes and behavior.

See you in church!

Worship Opportunities By Elaine Driscoll

Luke 2: 13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

"It was not a silent night."

In keeping with Pastor Tom's Advent Sermon Series, the MUMC Christmas Tree was decorated with musical instrument ornaments, loaned and/or donated by several church friends. Many thanks to Roberta Langis and Kathy Bradfield who arranged the beautiful decorations.

Many friends helped to enhance our church with window lights and wreaths or contributed poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary. It has been an inspirational Christmas season and celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Join us Wednesday January 6, 2010 for "Gifts of Hope" By Leslie Coates

"**Gifts of Hope**" is a celebration of spoken word and song. It includes an improvisation on some of Charles Dickens' famous words (as well as a little Dr. Seuss!), a tender ballad about the wistfulness of the season, a moment of madcap hysteria when a church school pageant goes to 'peace-es', familiar carols, and some musical and poetic reflections on the contrast between our hustle-bustle schedule and the way the manger touches each of us personally. As we move into Epiphany, this will be a wonderful way to reflect on the Christmas season and look forward to the light of the

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, January 3rd. 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. Many times their freezer is empty and they are very thankful for our bread delivery. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Gifts of Hope

A festive and poignant celebration of the season in word and song

Performed by Leslie Alan Coates

Poetry by
Maren Tirabassi

Original Songs by
Christopher Anthony Cote



Wednesday, January 6th, 7pm
Epiphany Celebration
Milford United Methodist Church
Milford, NH

Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study

By Vivian Balam

What a difference a day makes! The Lamplighter's Christmas luncheon was to take place Wednesday, December 9th, however, a snowstorm had us postpone one day. We gathered together for delicious food, fellowship, and a "Yankee Swap"... There was much laughter and a few "gift swappings"... We said goodbye to Lois Brooks as she is moving to Concord to live nearer her daughter and we will miss Kathy Bradfield for a few weeks as she and her husband, John, are heading "south" to escape the joys of snow shoveling. She might find a few of us in the trunk of her car!

The Lamplighter's Bible Study will resume again Wednesday, January 6th at the church from 1-3 p.m. We will be discussing the book "Psalms/Proverbs" by Jack W. Hayford. For more information, please contact Vivian Balam at 673-0105 or cell: 345-5434.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or would you like to celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers for your special occasion. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Contact and payment instructions are on the flower chart. Thanks for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.



Sitting L to R: Bernice McGinnis, Kathy Bradfield, and Elaine Driscoll

Standing L to R: Roberta Randlett, Emily St. John and Vivian Balam

Annual Reports Due January 20th

If you were the head of a committee or group here during 2009, please submit your annual report to office@milfordumc.org no later than January 20, 2010. Thanks in advance for your submission.

Milford Area Seniors

The Senior Activity Center meets at MUMC every Tuesday, 10 am—2 pm. The seniors enjoy speakers on all kinds of topics, games, craft projects, music, health screenings, and of course — Bingo. They would love to have you join the group, volunteer, or plan an activity. This group is open to everyone 55 and older, from anywhere in this region. Invite a friend or neighbor. And don't forget to bring a sack lunch. If you would like more information, please see Claire Place, or Susan Drew.

Welcome To Our New Members!

On December 13th our congregation was blessed to have these twelve people join. If you have not yet had the opportunity to welcome them, make sure to say hello and introduce yourself the next time you see these new faces.



Loreen and Gary Daniels



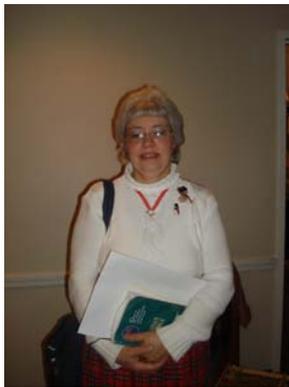
Caitlyn and Annie Labrecque with sponsors Priscilla Lambert and Vivian Ross



Alisa Stapanon
with sponsor Callie McMahon



Graham Gordon, Dorothy Ledger, Nancy
Nilsen and Ruth McLaughlin



Gloria Nelson

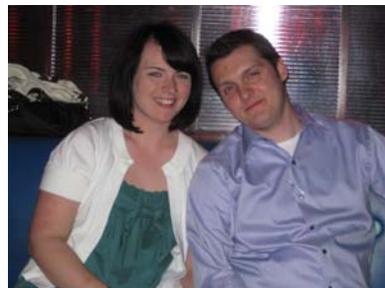


Eleanor and Frank Flanders

Another Busy Year Here at MUMC



Year 2009 in Review in Photos



Afternoon Off Training on Saturday morning February 13th **By Carol Brooks**

On Friday's there is a special, caring outreach here at MUMC that serves our community members in a very practical way. Families caring for loved one's with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are able to have a few hours to themselves. Trained volunteers here at MUMC care for our guests who enjoy trivia, music, puzzles, snacks, crafts and games during the three hours on Friday afternoons. Volunteers go away feeling rewarded and somehow refreshed knowing that their time was well spent. Family members get a short, but well deserved break from their everyday care giving responsibilities. The next training session for volunteers is planned for Saturday February 13th from 9:00 am until noon. Volunteers need to be available from 11:30-3:30 on Friday's at least once or twice a month. We are especially in need of male volunteers at this time. Contact Carol Brooks if you are interested in volunteering or know of a family who could use a break.

Guidelines for a Happy Church Home

If you get it out...put it away where you found it
If you drop it...pick it up.
If you dirty it...clean it up.
If you turn it on...turn it off.
If you open it...close it.
If you hang it...take it down.
If you break it...fix it, or tell someone who can.
If you use it...leave it the way you found it.
If it cries...love it.

As our church family continues to grow and the building is used more often, please keep these guidelines in mind. Items have frequently been moved, and not returned to where they originated, items have been broken and not fixed or reported. Use poster tape when hanging items on painted surfaces so paint does not peel upon removal. (better yet, use the bulletin boards provided or door surfaces) If you have any questions, please refer to the building use form available on the website, ask a staff member or a building trustee committee member. Thank you in advance for your cooperation to keep our church facility clean, safe and in good shape for everyone's enjoyment and use.

Thanksgiving Dinner

To all who donated food, time and service to make MUMC's 4th annual Thanksgiving Dinner a success, we truly thank you for your contributions. We could not pull off this community dinner every year without the support of the whole congregation.

SHARE Food Pantry **By Carolyn Momonee**

For the month of January, MUMC will be collecting the following items to donate to SHARE: Diapers in medium and large sizes, baby wipes, brown paper bags and cloth bags. Please place your contributions in the big basket in the lobby.

Sunday School News

By Shelly Frost

Happy New Year from all of us on the Education Team to all of you - We are all praying for a wonderful, healthy & successful New Year. Thank you to all who have helped with teaching in the past year and continued support for 2010. The children are the future of the church and their education is a very important aspect for the success of MUMC.

Thank you also to the children for their commitment to the Capital Campaign, because of their kind, caring and sharing involvement to the campaign their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Teacher spots are still available for this year's rotation & for Jr. Church, if you have time available please contact Kim Pfeil or Ed Team members for details on open spots. If you are currently scheduled to teach during the up-coming year, please touch base with anyone from the Education Team, so we may update our e-mail/phone list in case of changes during the current program.

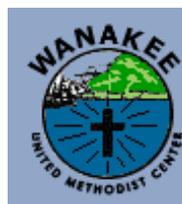
Confirmation classes have started up for the new year, please keep all of our young candidates & mentors in your prayers as they embark in this very important journey to becoming members of MUMC. Any questions regarding confirmation please contact Kara Ammon or Pastor Tom.



Sunday School kids giving to the Capital Campaign on Commitment Sunday

Left: Nicholas and Lindsey Gutterson with Shawna Frost

Right: Allison Betelak



Wanakee

The Wanakee Concert Series will begin on January 24. Don't miss **The Eclectic Classical Woodwind Quintet** in concert right here at the **Milford United Methodist Church, 327 North River Road, Milford NH on Sunday, January 24 at 2:00pm.** Members of the Quintet include Nancy Tong and Kim Thibodeau.

February 28 – PB&J Jazz Ensemble

March 28 – Temple Dance Band

April 25 – The Two Jims Guitar Duo

May 23 – Bells and Brass Concert featuring MUMC's own Handbell Choir

June 24 – The MUMC Praise Band

(Concerts are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2 pm.)

All concerts are **FREE** although donations to our scholarship fund are gratefully accepted. The entire family is welcome to attend. Free refreshments will be served after the concert. Come join us for a fun afternoon.

The Wanakee Boosters exist to promote and provide information about the joys of attending summer camp at Wanakee United Methodist Center along the shore of Lake Pemigewasset, in Meredith, New Hampshire. The Wanakee Boosters raise money throughout the year to provide scholarships for those who want to attend summer camp.

Contact Mary Tyler-Wall at 603-878-0664 or marytw2009@gmail.com for more information.

Seasoned Generation

By Roberta & Richard Randlett

Our Christmas Party held on Sunday December 13th was well attended despite the weather not being very cooperative. Nonetheless, our party went on. It was the annual potluck and yankee swap and it was, as always, a great time. The Dishong's opened their home once again, decorated so beautifully. We shared a delicious meal and then proceeded to have our Yankee Swap. Without fail, there is always one gift that is the hit and this year was no different. It was a "flying boar" and it was too funny! Gratefully, everyone returned home safely but little thanks can be given to the weather, just to good driving skills.

On Saturday January 23rd, we will be having our "Planning Meeting" and we would love for all of you to come, please bring finger food and share ideas for the New Year. We hope to have some new and exciting events to be shared, discussed and decided on. It's a very congenial group and new folks are welcomed, and very much wanted. Each month, the bulletins and Outreach Newsletter have something about the Seasoned Generation, as to what we have done and what we plan to be doing.

We want to thank Carolan and Dave Robinson for being co-chairs this year, but they have given that up as they are gone to Florida for a good part of the winter! We miss you when you are away, but know when you return you'll be back in the fold of the Seasoned Generation. Cindy Geiger and Claire Place will be our new co-chairs for 2010 and we are so grateful to them. They will be a great help, in fact, have been already!



L to R: Robert Morgan, Dottie Dishoong, Carol Rowlette, Carolan Robinson, Priscilla Abdinoor and Gloria Nelson



Enjoying the delicious Potluck dinner!



Preparing for Yankee Swap

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Joey Metcalf	Jan 6
Don Gutterson	Jan 8
Harry Tong	Jan 10
Bridget Baker	Jan 13
Stephanie Kimner	Jan 13
Marian Kopp	Jan 18
Luke Betelak	Jan 26

No Anniversary's

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

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 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.

New Church Office Hours

Monday's 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Tuesday's and Wednesday's 10:30 am-5 pm
Thursday's from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Most days there is someone in the office before and/or after these hours, but it would be best to call ahead to check if you need to get into the building.

*Please note that there are no office staff hours on Friday's.

New 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	

Financially Speaking

As of November 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	
	\$22,643.29
Expense-budget accounts	\$19,312.31
Balance in General Fund	\$ 9,038.30
Mortgage Fund Income	\$16,848.10

Outreach and Mission giving	
Mission Shares (2 months)	\$ 0.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 225.00
Mission and Outreach Fund	\$ 494.00
Church School Missions	\$ 560.00
Afternoon Off Program	\$ 272.00
VBS Mission	\$ 470.00
Total	\$ 4349.00

January 2010 Calendar

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3 8:30 Contempo- rary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	4 7 Evangelism 7 Outreach 7 Cell Group	5 10-2 Milford Area Seniors 7 Trus- tees	6 9:30 White Tops 1 pm Lamp- lighter's Bible Study 7 pm "Gifts of Hope"	7 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Youth Choir 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir	8 12-3 pm After- noon Off 7:30 Praise Team	9
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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.