



# The Outreach

January 2011—Milford, NH

## Join a Home Group at Milford United Methodist Church

MUMC Home Groups are going strong and would like to have anyone who is interested stop by for a visit. Leadership training was completed in December and it looks like groups are continuing to grow spiritually and physically. Though no plans to multiply (by dividing) have been made yet, it surely won't be long before new times and locations are available.

Currently there is a group meeting on Monday nights at 7 pm at Bill and Vivian Balam's house (100 Summer St; 673-0105), co led by Jim Lawler with a special service focus on the communities at The Mill, Granite Square, and now a Bible study at Ledgewood. A second group meets on Thursday nights at 7 pm at Steve and Pat Rafter's house (45 Highland Ave; 673-4516) co-led by Barb Reed and has done service for individuals in the community as well as raise funds for Share in downtown Milford. The third group meets at Callie McMahon's house (6 Johnson St; 673-5239) and is co-led by Lonni Stapanon. This group is taking an interest in the needs of marginalized women (the group is also made up of only women) and is currently raising funds for projects they are hoping to pursue in the future. This group meets at 6 pm and begins each week with a shared meal.

The groups also come together to serve as a unified whole. They will be hosting a **New Member Luncheon on January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the church for the new members and their sponsors.

Looking into the more distant future they will be fully participating in the church wide events, **Change the World Weekend on May 14-15** and the **MUMC Prayer Retreat on June 3-4**.



## Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Although I was raised in the church, my faith did not become real or personal to me until I was in my mid-teens. Since that time, however, my faith has been the one constant that has sustained, guided, and motivated me. As time has gone by, the central magnetic force that has helped me stay connected to God through all the questions, struggles, times of wandering and wondering, is Jesus. Through my earliest awareness of him, through my studies in seminary, through my day to day walking with him, Jesus has never stopped being endlessly fascinating, challenging, and inspiring. I have never once been bored with him. Infuriated, confused, unsure, yes. But never bored. There is just something about Jesus that will not let me go.

And, of course, I am not alone. Much greater minds and hearts than mine have been captured by this simple carpenter who, as has been pointed out, never traveled more than 200 miles from his home, never wrote a book, never held political office, or did any of the things we usually associate with greatness, power, and influence. And yet, he is, in the minds of millions of people the single most influential person in human history.

None of that, of course, means that anyone has been able to fully capture who Jesus was and is, or what he is all about. That is part of what

makes Jesus so endlessly attractive—one can think they have him pinned down but somehow he winds up wriggling his way out of our static notions of who he really is. It is a life-long journey.

As part of that journey, this new year I will be offering a series of sermons called **“Who Is This Man?”** in which we will attempt to strip away some of the layers of perception and misperception that have been added over the years, and get to know Jesus through the eyes of one of his earliest biographers, Luke. Luke’s account of Jesus (found, not surprisingly, in the book of Luke in the New Testament) is based upon eyewitness accounts of people who actually knew Jesus when he walked the earth. I hope you will join me in this journey of discovery as we seek to come a little closer to understanding just who is this man called Jesus. And if you have a friend that is asking questions or seems drawn to Jesus, why not invite them to join you.

Still discovering the joy,



P.S. Wendy and I want to thank all of you for your generous Christmas gifts, cards, and warm wishes.

## **Ham and Bean Supper January 22 5:30 pm—6 pm**

The adult missions team will be having a ham and bean supper Jan 22 as a fundraiser for their 2011 Missions Trip. The destination is unknown at this time. The dinner menu includes ham and beans, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, and ice cream for dessert. Chef for the night will be Russell Wells. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children. Advanced ticket sales are \$7 and \$5. Do you have interest in joining this year's mission team? Please come to our planning meeting on Jan 9 at 6 pm. Three fundraisers are planned for this year to help lower costs to those who participate in the fundraising efforts. Please see Pat or Steve Rafter for meal tickets or call 673-4516 to reserve your spot. Seating is for 100.

### **Adult and Youth Mission Teams Band Together**

Adult and youth mission teams will combine efforts to once again offer Super Bowl XLV pizza's. Pre-sales will begin on Jan 16 between services and after second service or by calling 673-4516 and leaving your order. Choices are: Cheese \$15, Greek \$20 and spicy BBQ chicken \$20. Pizza's will be ready for pick up on Saturday, Feb 5 between 4 and 5. Order your pizza's ahead of time as chances are there will be none left!

### **Adult and Youth Mission Trips Planning Meeting January 9 at 6 pm**

Adults and those youth with their parents who are interested in attending the mission trips planned for this year are all asked to please attend a meeting on Jan 9 at 6 pm. We will all meet together at first and then break off into groups to discuss specifics of each trip. The adults have yet to decide where they will be going this year; this will be decided at this meeting. Contact for youth is Becky Ladeau and adults is Dave Stackpole.

### **It Is Not too Late to Order Name Badges!**

Name badges can be printed up anytime (however, 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](mailto: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!

## **Evangelism Team is Seeking New Members!**

Do you have fresh ideas for helping others discover (and rediscover) the joy of personally knowing and serving Jesus Christ?

What are ways our church can communicate better and be a light to the world?

Do you desire to take action, working with others in a supportive small group setting to achieve these goals?

If so, contact a member of lay leadership, or Deb Mentch (from evangelism) at [Deb.Mentch@gmail.com](mailto:Deb.Mentch@gmail.com) to join our team or to ask questions. Come to the information booth in the foyer on Jan 9th and we'll be happy to answer your questions regarding the evangelism committee.

Past major activities sponsored by evangelism include the annual church picnic, which has brought people together to get to know each other better, so that we may share experiences, have fun together and help each other grow in our faith. Our fall concert has brought both new and familiar faces through our doors to increase our presence in the community and to witness to Christ through music. If you have a favorite group you'd like to see at MUMC, please let us know.

In addition, we have sought to be intentional about reaching out to people in small ways to promote a welcoming atmosphere to help people

connect to each other in order to encourage deeper discipleship. We have provided name badges to anyone desiring one and sponsored training sessions for Liturgists to raise their level of effectiveness. Our members and Leslie Coates set up the information booth in the foyer so that visitors would have a place to ask questions. We recently instituted a prayer tent in the parking lot, during the last two wicked awesome yaaard sales to offer a quiet place for prayer, meditation and conversation and to establish a Christian presence during the event.

New members from various perspectives are welcome. Please pray about the possibility of your joining our team!

## **SHARE Food Pantry By Carolyn Momonee**

For the month of January MUMC  
Is collecting:

Diapers—medium  
and large  
Baby wipes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner



Brown bags are  
always appreciated.

## Conversation About New Church Starts

Where are we headed next? It is in our mission and in our very DNA as Methodists to be considering the next frontier for our work to find its place. As part of the conversation, we are introducing the subject of a new church start. Church planting has come a long way since Charles Wesley and even grown quite a bit in the last 30 years, but the core mission is still the same, "to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ" and to help do just that EVERYWHERE we are able. Is MUMC being called to help develop new faith communities? Please join us for a round table discussion, moderated by Leslie Coates, of the possibilities for MUMC on **January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

## Calling All Lovers of Theatre

MUMC will be presenting a staged reading of the 1959 Pulitzer Prize winning play, *J.B.*, by Archibald MacLeish on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (during Lent). A retelling of the book of Job in verse, this play takes a hard look at the human condition of suffering and survival in the same frank terms found in the Old Testament book. Directed by our own Leslie Coates, this presentation will be open for anyone to participate regardless of previous experience. Though there may not be enough speaking roles for everyone, there will be plenty of work to go around. If you like theatre, music, visual art, or technical audio/visual, you will love being a part of this MUMC community effort. If you are interested in any way, contact Leslie at 603.418.4135 or [leslie@milfordumc.org](mailto:leslie@milfordumc.org).



## Going Green—Update on Electronic Newsletter Distribution

As you may remember, the Administrative Council approved a proposal to begin distributing the *Outreach* newsletter electronically. Our hope was to begin this process very soon after that. That has turned out to be more difficult than we had at first imagined, but we are determined to continue to move towards the goal.

If you are open to receiving your newsletter via email, **please let us know your preferred email address** if you have not already done so. You can do this by emailing the church office at [office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org).

If you do not wish to receive your newsletter via email, we are happy to continue sending you your newsletter through the mail. **Please let us know that you want to continue to have your copy of the *Outreach* mailed to you.**

Thank you!

## Christmas Craft Fair Was a Huge Success!

Thanks to all who participated in thought, word, and deed! Over \$5800 was raised! Two months of Mission Shares will be paid and \$500 to Bridges out of the fair proceeds. Bridges is a nonprofit agency that helps women of domestic and sexual violence and has offices located in Nashua and Milford. Plans for 2011 Christmas Fair are underway. If you would like to join the committee, please speak with Liane Wright or Pat Rafter. We have several areas of need and want to promote an entire congregational effort. Our hopes are that missions shares can be paid through weekly giving so that all of next year's fair proceeds can go toward local charities. We would like to adopt the theme of "Many Hands Makes Light Work". It sure feels good when we all work together in making great things happen for our community. Please begin thinking how you can reorder your life to help the different functions of our church to reach out into our community and thus sharing the Word of God through service.

Craft workshops will begin on January 22, 9 am—12 pm. We will be working on sewing our cute little stuffed friends. There is a job for all skill levels, please consider joining us for a fun-filled morning! We hope to have monthly workshops through June. Can't make a workshop but want to help.....we have ideas for projects that

can be taken home. We also need some people that are interested in canning jams, jellies, dilly beans, pickles, and relishes, as gardens begin to produce again. We are also looking for wood workers. Our painters are looking for some items to be cut out for different projects. We will supply the materials, all we ask is that you cut and sand the pieces for us. Do you knit or crochet? Blankets, mittens, baby sets, slippers, and scarves are always great sellers. If you have project ideas, please let us know.



As always we count on your donations of coffee cans (tin not plastic), canning jars (mason type only, not just any glass jar), misc. crafting supplies, and fabrics. Just place them in the fair box under the coat rack.

Thanks again for all your help in making the Christmas Fair such a great success! Hope to see some of you at the workshop on Jan 22!  
Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings,

The 2010 Fair Committee and "old" past chairs  
2010: Liane Wright, Laura Seale, Kristi O'Shaughnessey  
"Old": Pat Rafter, Tami Betelak and Barb Reed

## Seasoned Generation Holds Christmas Party

By Roberta and Richard Randlett

Another big "thank you" to the Dishong's for hosting our annual Christmas party. Dottie decorates their home so beautifully and we all get to enjoy her talent with decorating. We had our pot luck supper and, once again we had people bringing the best food. We ate it up with joy and a lot of laughter. The Yankee Swap is always a good time and it was once again. This time laughter was mostly over a bar of soap! The weather may not have been particularly inviting but the evening was bright and cheery and everyone there had a wonderful dinner and a neat gift to take home with them. Thank you, once again, Dottie and Paul, for making the "party" the best!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 22, and it's our "Planning meeting"!! We need many people there to help us plan our year's activities. We had one new event that took place last June, the scavenger hunt, and all who attended had a blast. It had been years since most of us had done that, and we all wanted it repeated so we will most likely add that to the activities. Richard and I are coming with some ideas and we hope all of you who can make it will come with some fresh ideas to make our Seasoned Generation another successful year! We had a few new faces this year and are hoping to have a few more in the coming year. Come on by

and see for yourself, you will be pleasantly surprised as we're usually younger than we think !

We will be meeting in the church narthex at 7 p.m. There will be (decaf) coffee and tea available and, of course, some goodies to share. We hope many of you come and help make our 2011 year a huge success!!

Call Roberta or Richard Randlett at 672-4997 if you would like more information on the Seasoned Generation!

Happy New Year to all!



Old Farm Girls - Beauty soap

### **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).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



In January 2011, MUMC will be sending two of our Stephen Ministers, Callie McMahon and Steve Kimner to a week long Stephen Leader Training conference. When they return they will be commissioned as Stephen Leaders and join our Stephen Leader Team.

We are excited to announce that also during January, our Stephen Minister trainees will be finishing up their 50 hours of training. We also look forward to their commissioning. They follow a long list of dedicated MUMC folks who over the last ten years have also been trained as Stephen Ministers. This year we joined with our neighboring Stephen Ministry at Bethany Covenant in Bedford and shared the training duties. It has proven to be extraordinarily successful and we are looking forward to other joint ventures.

Stephen Ministry is much bigger than our own Stephen Ministry

It is the brainchild of the Rev. Kenneth Haugk, a clinical psychologist who was associate pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis when he saw people slipping through the cracks within his congregation because of too many needs and too few staff members.

Studying Ephesians 4:12 and God's provisions "to equip the saints for the work of ministry," Haugk (pronounced Howck) concluded that one of his pastoral roles should be to equip lay people to use their spiritual gifts to minister to others. So he developed a training program in Christian care giving, recruited and trained nine "Stephen Ministers" within his church, and matched them with people in crisis.

The impact was immediate. People began receiving the focused Christian care they needed, and Haugk had more time to perform other pastoral duties. Later, two Stephen Ministers raved that "this is good stuff" and insisted Haugk take Stephen Ministry to other churches.

"Thirty years later, we've trained over 50,000 Stephen Leaders, and they, in turn, have trained over a half million Stephen Ministers," says Haugk, now 60 and executive director of Stephen Ministries. "We struck a chord because we live in a world where hurts happen and hurting people are in need of care. Parents die, people get divorced, illness strikes, all sorts of stuff."

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 or Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey - 673-2669

## Afternoon Off By Carol Brooks

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, December 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.



**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."



## Education Team News By Shelly Frost

Happy New Year to you all. As the new year begins the children will begin a new chapter called "Friendship", based on 1 Samuel 18:1-4 (the Jonathan and David story.) It is a wonderful way to being a new year.

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. Parents you are welcome to stay for adult Sunday school after the children have been dismissed to class.

The mission project for the next two months (Jan.- Feb.) will focus on helping the Pease greeters. Their efforts support our services men and women with some simple supplies, to show our appreciation for 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.



## Calling all Strong Men

Pat Rafter is looking for strong men; well let me rephrase that. I am looking to form a group of men that can be called upon to help set up the sanctuary for different events that occur throughout the year. I am looking for one of these men to be the lead person for this group and with either a quick phone call or a blitz email can get a group of 8 or 10 men together to take care of clearing the sanctuary of chairs and then return to set the sanctuary back up. I've done it with a group and it can be done in less than an hour or 30 minutes if you work as a team with a plan. Having a group like this lifts a great load off the committee that is putting on an event. You will be notified by the office at least 1 week prior to an event so that a team can be pulled together. This team will be provided with the floor plan for the event so that you know where tables and chairs need to go and you will also have a plan as to how to reset the sanctuary. The lead person will have a key and security code to open and close the building. I am looking for 25-30 men to be part of this group. So if you are able bodied please step up and lend a hand....remember "Many Hands Makes Light Work!" You can contact me @ [icu2per@aol.com](mailto:icu2per@aol.com) or speak with me at church (first service). I'm trying to remember to wear my name badge!





To Acolytes:

Thank you for being acolytes. Everyone tells me what a good job you all are doing. Thank you also for wearing the robes.

If anyone seven years old to sixth grade would like to be an acolyte let me know and I will sign you up.

Thank you,  
Moxie Roby

### **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](mailto:Leslie@milfordumc.org). or 659-3118. Sherri Sinclair will assist with resume writing, internet job searches, etc.

### **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](http://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.



### **Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study Resumes**

On December 8th the Lamplighter's Bible study had a very festive Christmas luncheon with a lively Yankee Gift Swap. Each member brought in a food dish to share and what a delicious feast we had, not to mention the good time. We resume our Bible Study on January 5th at 1 p.m. Presently, we are alternating between Old and New Testament books for study and one will be chosen at that time. For about a half-hour we have a snack and chit-chat, then proceed to prayer concerns, and then the lesson. Please feel free to join us. If you have any questions phone Kathy Bradfield at 487-5574 or e-mail [kjbradfield@comcast.net](mailto:kjbradfield@comcast.net).



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

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

### 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 November 30, 2010

Income for Budget accounts	\$19,734.05
Expense-budget accounts	\$20,801.03
Balance in General Fund	\$11,955.73
Mortgage Fund Income	\$5,835.50

Non Budgeted Giving	
Outreach and Mission giving	\$190.00
Discretionary Fund	\$438.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$100.00
Afternoon Off Program	\$344.00
Outreach Giving Total	\$1,072.00

## 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	<a href="mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org">pastor@milfordumc.org</a>	
Marian Kopp, Office Support:	<a href="mailto:office@milfordumc.org">office@milfordumc.org</a>	please submit bulletin info
Carol Brooks, Office Manager:	<a href="mailto:carol@milfordumc.org">carol@milfordumc.org</a>	please submit newsletter info
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	<a href="mailto:leslie@milfordumc.org">leslie@milfordumc.org</a>	

# January 2011 Calendar

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2 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Worship 4:30 Jr. High 7:30 Sr. High	3 7 Evangelism 7 Outreach  7 pm Home Group @ Balams	4  7 pm Trustees	5 9:30 White Tops  Noon bulletin deadline 1:00 Lamplighters Bible Study 7:00 Worship Committee	6 5:15 Kids Bells 6:00 Adult Handbell Choir 7:00 Home Group @ Rafters 7 Disciples Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	7 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off  6 pm Home Group @ McMahons  7:30 pm Praise Band	8
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## January 2011

### 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.