

Milford United Methodist Church

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The Outreach

July 2010—Milford, NH



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Swashbuckling Bible Adventure! Incredible Music!*

All Hands on Deck!

Milford United Methodist Church

July 19 through July 23, 2010
6:00 to 8:15 pm

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Summer is a time for hitting the road, isn't it? Especially here in New England! Relieved of any worry about ice and snow, we take to the highways on the way to camps and cottages, lakes and parks. And seasoned travelers that many of us are, we've learned a few things along the way about what makes for safe and pleasant travel—things like what to pack, what not to pack, tourist traps best avoided, good places to stop and eat, routes that tend to get bogged down by traffic, routes that are more scenic and leisurely.

This summer, we here at MUMC will be going "on the road" as well, as we present a series of sermons called "On the Road: Travel Advice for Jesus Followers." As followers of Jesus, we are called to be pilgrim travelers, "on the road" in service to Christ and to the people he loves. Good thing for us, then, that in Luke 10:1-11, Jesus provides his followers with some great advice to guide us as we embark upon the critical tasks of mission and witness. There are a number of important travel tips offered by Jesus in this passage, and over the next ten weeks, Les Coates and I will be sharing our thoughts on those tips. So, when you are not literally "on the road," come join us this summer as we embark on the greatest mission trip of all—living

daily for Christ in the here and now of our lives.

Still discovering the joy,



Pastor Tom

Worship Committee By Vivian Balam

We are currently looking for someone in the first service who will organize and obtain greeters. (for 1st service only). There are many willing volunteers on the list. It is a fun position working with smiling, happy people. If you can help out for a few minutes a week, please call Vivian Balam at 673-0105 or cell 654-3454. Thank you.

Committee Chairperson Changes

Effective immediately, Scott Heinlein is now the chairperson for the Finance Committee. Annie Labrecque is the new chairperson for the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She can be reached at 654-7899 or annie@windermere-academy.com. Please welcome both Scott and Annie to their new roles. Many thanks to Bill Jaquith as he steps down from his leadership role on the Finance Committee.

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, July 4th. 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.

SHARE Food Pantry By Carolyn Momonee

For the month of July, MUMC is collecting the following items for SHARE: paper towels, tissues, band-aids, toilet paper and small size depends. As usual, brown bags are always appreciated.

Pantry statistics for the month of May:

The Pantry continues to be very busy. During the month of May, there were 126 household appointments, providing food and necessities for 407 individuals. There were 24 new households (68 individuals) in May. There were 13 emergency food pantry visits. We have added evenings appointments, twice a month, to accommodate shoppers who are not able to come during the day.

We are looking for volunteers to help with runs to the dump now and then. With the summer weather upon us, we tend to need more dump trips. If anyone is interested in helping out now and then, please have them call the SHARE office, 673-9898 to leave their name and phone number. Thank you.

Wanakee Time Is Here!

The new Wanakee season is underway! Bags are packed with swim suits, bug repellent, cameras and extra sneakers.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed regularly to our monthly "Noise Offerings", and who have attended our Wanakee Benefit Concert Series. These fundraisers have helped to send many of our campers to Wanakee this summer. But as you can see on page 5, we are sending A LOT of campers to Wanakee this summer, and most are attending with assistance from MUMC. The Wanakee Fund could use some additional help.

If you would like to make a further donation to our Wanakee Fund, please write a check to MUMC with "Wanakee" on the memo line. You can put it in the offering plate, mail it to the church PO Box 476, or leave it with Carol or Marian in the church office.

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."

Lamplighter's Clothing Sale By Kathy Bradfield

Thank You for all donations to the "gently used" clothing sale on June 5th. We raised \$915 for the Capital Campaign fund. Clothing that was not sold was donated to Care After Ministry, Boys & Girls Club or SHARE. Some suits went to a college where students need interviewing suits and are unable to personally obtain them. Thank you also, to all the people that volunteered in some way to help the cause, or supplied racks, props, signs, ideas, etc...The Lamplighter's Bible Study.



YAAAARD Sale By Pat Rafter

Thanks to all that helped with the YAAArd Sale, Electronic Recycling, Cafe, used clothing sale, and the prayer tent on June 5. It was a great day despite the early morning rain and thunder. Over \$3400 was raised for missions, over \$900 on clothing. We so appreciate everyone's efforts.

The next YAAArd Sale will be on Oct 2. The YAAArd Sale portion of this event will be a Finance committee run event. This is a small committee and will need some extra hands to get the job done. Please contact Scott Heinlein or any finance committee person if you are able to help out with Saturday morning collections, and yard sale set up and take down. Pat Rafter will only be available for guidance for this sale. More specific information will be in the August and September Outreach. Missions teams will still be holding their cafe and electronic recycling on this day. So start collecting your donations now and let your friends, family and neighbors know as well. The recycling event was great, but we know there are more unused electronics out there in your basements, closets and attics! Questions regarding the electronic recycling please contact Lisa Payne at 512-0931.

Time for Wanakee Camps

Please consider sending MUMC Wanakee Campers and Volunteers a note during their camp week. The address is Wanakee UM Center, 75 Upper New Hampton Rd., Meredith, NH 03253

Camp Starts	Camp Event	Campers/Volunteers
June 27	You N' Me 1 Vacation Camp 1 Splish Splash 1	Maria and Karah Wright Chloe Robinson Bronwyn Tyler-Wall
June 30	Dr. Seuss Goes to Camp	Bronwyn Tyler-Wall
July 4	Mad Scientist Senior High	Matthew Labrecque Emily Getchell-Lacey Jay Millhouse
July 11	Climb Higher Footnotes	Leslie Drew Leslie Drew Anastasia Feraco Katrina Feraco Kathryn Galley Emily Getchell-Lacey Kerri-Lynn Kimner (volunteer) Nathan Kimner Stephanie Kimner Riley Mason Hanna Millhouse
July 18	Leader in Training Survival Camp Off-Broadway	Valerie Magri Allison Betelak Ashley Wells
July 25	Night Camp 1 Night Camp 2 Choose Your Own Adventure Happy Feet Mission Vacation Pies 'R' Us Camp Nurse	Brian Murphy Shannon Drew Tessa Wright Michael Murphy Olivia Murphy Sophie Murphy Patience Roby Jaiden Schmidt Mary Munroe (volunteer)
August 8	Sports and Games 2 Water World Xtreme Adventure	Josh Brown Danny Getchell-Lacey Jason Magri Sarah Halstead Adam Magri Pastor Tom (volunteer)
August 11	Games, Games, Games	Matthew Labrecque
August 15	Ropes Rocks and Rivers 3 Musical Theater Camp	Gabe Chevalier Nancy Tong (volunteer)

See page 3 for more Wanakee update

Don't Miss the Church Picnic on August 22 YOU are invited!!

The 2nd annual church picnic will start at noon, on Sunday, August 22 at beautiful MacDowell Lake in Peterborough, NH just 19 miles from our church. It will be held at the same "Overlook Lake Shelter" as last year, which is handicapped friendly and affords us protection from the rain and sun. Park entrance and parking is free.

Bring your friends and neighbors, church visitors, your bathing suits, sunscreen, outdoor game equipment, kayaks, board games and bring a big appetite! You may also bring folding chairs if you prefer them.

We ask each family unit to bring a dish to pass or a dessert and their favorite nonalcoholic beverages. This year, the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, potato & pasta salads by Lonni, paper goods, and plastic-ware will be provided with a small charge levied for hot dogs and hamburgers, to help defray expenses. Please sign up in the lobby to help us with planning the correct amounts.

A second new feature this year will be a "Desert Taste-off" contest which will be limited to the first 10 people to sign up. Last year's "Baked Bean Taste-off" contest winner was Gerrie Hopkins. A panel of 5 lucky judges will be selected from the July sign-ups.

Invite everyone to come! Activities include volleyball, horseshoes, young children's playground, swimming, kayaking (if you bring a kayak & safety jackets), tabletop & board games at the picnic tables (you bring the games), hiking trails, kite-flying (you bring the kite), and shady benches for quiet reflection and conversation, the Youth Group will once again be setting up for the picnic and organizing activities.

The picnic is sponsored by the Evangelism committee and is open to anyone who would like to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship. Stay as long as you wish, as we have rented Shelter #2 (Overlook Lake Shelter) which holds 100 people, for the whole day. Running water and flush toilets are nearby. Directions will be posted at the Information Booth in the lobby. Event will be cancelled only in the event of thunderstorms.



Relaxing and talking after lunch at last year's church picnic!

Education Team News

By Shelly Frost

What a wonderful celebration of the Children on June 13th - thank you to all the children involved in the special day, the singing, dancing, hand bells, choir, skit of the "boys lunch", greeting & ushering etc supported by all the children of MUMC was amazing. Thank you also to the congregation for coming to enjoy the day with them. Special thanks to Shannon Gutterson & friends for their hard work in organizing and their dedication to make it all come together.

The Education Team would like to thank all the students, parents, and teachers for making this such a successful year of Sunday School. Although there will not be summer Sunday school, we will begin our "new" Sunday school programs on September 12, please watch the weekly bulletins for information & registration.

The mission of our church is to help others discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ and what better place to start than with our own children and youth? We will be starting our teacher sign-ups for next year. Please look for our table in the outer lobby and volunteer.

We are still looking to fill the following positions for next year please check your calendar to see where you are able to help:

2 Teachers for each subject: Art, Cooking, Music, Story Telling, Games, Movie, Science or Computer.

-You will teach either the Pre-K class or the grade 1,2,3 class.
- You will be teaching about 4 Sundays during the whole year.

4 Shepherds: You will be in the classroom with either the Pre-K class or the grade 1,2,3 class. You do not need to teach or prepare any lessons. Your main job is to get to know the students in your group and support them in the classroom. We would like to have two shepherds per class so you can alternate weeks to give your family's schedule some flexibility.

1 Teacher for the 6, 7, 8th grade class: This class needs a team of 2 or 3 teachers willing to teach 3 weeks at a time and rotate with each other. We are adding the 6th graders to this group for next year.

We are also looking for leaders for Jr. Church, through the summer - please contact Ed Team members for information.



Youth at yard sale.

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 has a guest slot available. Do you have a neighbor, co-worker 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 Carol Brooks at 673-2669.

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.



Nursery Attendant Position

We are looking for a person who enjoys caring for young children. The position covers both of our service times, beginning at 8 am and ends at about eleven during the summer and noon the remainder of the year.

Please speak with the chairperson, Annie Labrecque or any other member of the Staff Parish Relations (SPR) committee (Marion Diorio, Marlene Gale, Linda Lambert, Keith Ladeau, Christian O'Shaughnessy, Claire Place, Bill Wrocklage) if you are interested.

Nursery Volunteers are needed for each service until the above position is filled. Please see Les Coates, Ministry Director if you are available to cover one or both services. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Summer Computer Lab **Available by appointment**

On Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm, the computer room here at MUMC is open to the public. Sherri Sinclair is available to assist with resume writing, internet job searches and other basic computer functions.

Ann-Marie House Improvement

Boy Scout John Ste. Marie did a bake sale here at MUMC in March to help finance the new storage shed built at the Ann-Marie House in Hudson. He thanks all those who made it possible for his completion of the Eagle Scout award. Photo of finished shed at left.



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name _____

Child's age: ____ Date of Birth: _____ Last school grade completed: ____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone _____

Home e-mail _____

+ In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

VBS 2010

Congratulations Graduates

High School:

Alexis Reed, daughter of Brad and Barb Reed, graduating from Milford High School on June 12th. She will be attending Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania in the fall as a nursing major.

Kevin Cyr, son of Faith and Mike Cyr, graduating from Milford High School and will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall to study marketing and business management.

Kyle David Driscoll, grandson of George and Elaine Driscoll, graduating from Keene High School, Major is Computer Science. He plans to continue his education.

College:

Amanda Meredith Daley, daughter of Donna Daley, graduated from Tufts Dental School on May 23rd. She has no definite plans but is looking for work and exploring all her options.

Pictorial Directory Needs Volunteers

Although summer has just arrived, September will be here before we know it. Portrait sessions are scheduled to take place Tuesday September 14th thru Saturday September 18th. Make sure to reserve an hour or so of time for your portrait session. A link will be added to our website sometime in July for online reservation and for those without web access, there will be an opportunity to sign up in person on a Sunday or two. Watch the bulletins for details.

To help pull this directory together, we need to have people help in the following areas:

1. Online Sign Ups for reserving portrait time
2. Phone Calling the Families
3. Hostess/Host on days of Photography. Times needed are 2:15-5:45 and 5:30-9:00.
4. Layout

Please contact Carol Brooks at 673-2669 to volunteer in your area of interest and availability at your earliest convenience. We appreciate any assistance you are able to provide.

Dear Members & Friends,



We need you to make our new family album complete

Help us put faces with names. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story.



Each family will receive a *Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory* for participating.

Convenient

Lifetouch sets up their photography studio at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed: *No sitting Fees*
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes. You will have the opportunity to schedule your portrait session soon. Watch for your *Portrait Guide* or visit www.lifetouch.com for tips on how to prepare for your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you in our new family album,

Your Directory Committee



Greeting cards available in many design choices.

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Seasoned Generation

By Roberta and Richard Randlett

Our May meeting was really a good one, everyone did enjoy it a great deal. We started with a pot luck supper, food was very good. It always is when we have pot luck's!! We set up card tables in the Narthex and decorated a bit with the beautiful red, white and blue as we met the weekend before Memorial Day. Following our dinner, we went into the sanctuary for a very special DVD. Jim Frost came down to run it for us and we are eternally grateful to him. By the way, he even had "dinner music" for us while we ate. Thank you very much, Jim. The DVD was done by Cyndi Geiger who had taken beautiful photographs of historical buildings and places and set it all to music. It was EXCELLENT and we had a very appreciative audience. Thank you, Cyndi!!

When you read this we will already have done this particular meeting. The June meeting was on Saturday, the 26th and it was our first SCAVENGER HUNT. We had to bring digital camera's and were given a list of things to find/take picture or we had to do something different. This was put together by Bob Morgan and Everett Gale and it was a whole lot of fun. We had a Pot luck dinner before we embarked on this very special Scavenger hunt. Yes, we Methodists like to eat!!! Thank you, Bob & Everett for the work you put into this fun evening.

Our July meeting will be on July 18th, a Sunday afternoon and it's our annual cook out at Dottie and Paul Dishong's home in Amherst. This is always a very nice time and we have it rain or shine. We all bring a dish to share and Paul cooks the meat on the grill and he does so in rain or shine weather.

September's meeting will be earlier in the month than usual. It will be Saturday, Sept 11th and our annual Chicken dinner cooked and served by our own Lonnie Stapanon and her very capable staff. The price is not yet set but from late August Carol Rowlette and a few others will be selling tickets for this very popular dinner. The money from this dinner will be going to pay down our Missions obligation.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Confirmands

The following youth were confirmed as full members of the Milford United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 6th.

At the 8:30 service:

Jamie Ammon
Riley Mason

At the 10:45 service:

James Halstead
Stephanie Kimner
Jason Magri
Hanna Millhouse
Michael Murphy

Thanks to their families and mentors for guiding them in this process.

Christian Aftercare Ministry **By Alexis Eaton**

Christian Aftercare Ministry CAM assists Christian men and women upon their release from prison to find housing, transportation, food, clothing and a church home. You can support this ministry by donating gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, bicycles, and cars. CAM needs men's (not women's) clothing, towels and linens at this time. New items are much appreciated, as are financial donations. Clothing and other small items may be left in the box in the foyer (near the SHARE donation basket). For inquiries or to donate money, please contact Margie Frank at 465-7752. Many thanks for donations already received.

Healthy Lifestyles Group **By Carol Rowlette**

Several ladies interested in good nutrition, weight loss, exercise and supporting each other are meeting Wednesday afternoon's at 3 pm at the church. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions, contact Carol Rowlette at 673-5403.

Finance Committee **Scott Heinlein**

MUMC's collections for 2010 continue to be at a lower level that is required to meet our 2010 budget. However, all expenses have been paid to date except for Mission Shares, which we have not been able to pay any so far this year. We did end May with a slightly positive general fund. Our building fund contributions have been enough to pay 7 months of 2010. In February MUMC began paying at a lower rate of interest (6 ½%: \$5745 monthly). We will continue to pay at the original loan rate of 8% (\$6700 monthly) so that we will put at least \$11,500 to principal per year. At this rate MUMC will have reduced the principal by roughly \$100,000 from the original amount when the loan comes up for renewal in 2012.

The stewardship campaign started in late April and ran until May 23. A total of 77 responses were received for a total commitment amount of \$153,264. This compares to our last stewardship campaign, which resulted in 92 responses for a committed amount of \$238,842. This represents a decline of about 35% and could impact some programs planned in 2010. We will continue to accept pledges so if you haven't done so and would like to make a commitment, please send it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you to all who have already submitted responses. New pledges will be effective 7/1.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Bob Bowman	July 3
Rachel Rumohr	July 4
Cherilyn Taylor	July 5
Nicole LaJeunesse	July 8
Joe Balzano	July 8
Alison Kopp	July 10
Ray Marcos	July 10
Alexander Baker	July 12
Emeline Tyler-Wall	July 12
Betty Schult	July 15
Kirk Randlett	July 15
Michael Murphy	July 15
Rich Masters	July 17
Shannon Gutterson	July 18
Debbie Logue	July 23
Zachary Tewksbury	July 23
Joshua Rafter	July 25
Emily Getchell-Lacey	July 25
Carolyn Bowman	July 30
Paige Robinson	July 31

Anniversary's this month:

Mike & Faith Cyr	July 21
Alexis Eaton & Tom Knapp	July 26

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

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 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	

Financially Speaking

As of May 31, 2010

Income toward Budget accounts	\$21,155.79
Expense-budget accounts	\$18,447.53
Balance in General Fund	\$ 2,941.38
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 7,848.50
Non Budgeted Giving	
Outreach and Mission giving	\$ 65.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 100.00
Youth Mission	\$ 968.00
Mission Trip	\$ 3,456.00
<u>Afternoon Off Program</u>	<u>\$ 392.00</u>
Outreach Giving Total	\$ 4,981.00



L to R: Clothing sale cashier: Vivian Balam, Bernice McGinnis assists a customer.

July 2010 Calendar

				1 7:00 Barefoot Disciple Home Group	2 No Afternoon Off	3
4 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Traditional Worship	5 Office Closed 7 pm Home Group	6 10-2 Senior Center	7 9:30 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 3:00 Healthy Lifestyles 7 pm Master Planning 8 pm Vision Planning Meeting	8 7:00 Barefoot Disciple Home Group	9 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off 7:30 pm Praise Band	10
11 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Traditional Worship	12 7 pm Evangelism 7 pm Outreach 7 Finance 7 pm Home Group	13 10-2 Senior Center 7 pm SPR	14 9:30 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 3:00 Healthy Lifestyles 7 pm Stephen Supervision	15 newsletter deadline 7:00 Barefoot Disciple Home Group	16 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off 7:30 pm Praise Band	17
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25 8:30 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Traditional Worship	26 7 pm Home Group	27 10-2 Senior Center	28 9:30 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 3:00 Healthy Lifestyles 7 pm Admin Council 7 pm Stephen Supervision	29 7:00 Barefoot Disciple Home Group	30 Noon-3pm Afternoon Off	31 Youth return from Mission Trip Wedding

Food for Thought!

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence...**'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'**



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Worship times

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Traditional Worship

Free childcare

Change Service Requested

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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.