

# The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church  
July 2012—Milford, NH



## You're Invited to MUMC's Annual Church Picnic!

*From Diane Jaquith*

Sign-up for the Annual Church Picnic on August 19! Everyone is invited! MUMC's annual picnic will again be held at the Overlook Lake Shelter at MacDowell Lake in Peterborough, starting around noon. Bring your friends and family for a wonderful time of food and fellowship! Activities include horseshoes, volleyball, swimming, beach sitting, field games & relay races (but will need volunteers to organize them), playground equipment for the younger children, hiking, and tabletop & board games at the picnic tables.

Please bring a dish to share for the grand buffet as well as (non-alcoholic) beverages for your family to enjoy. Charcoal grilled (angus beef) hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hotdogs should be



*Everyone loves a picnic!*

pre-ordered. We hope to hold the line on at last year's prices: hot dogs - \$2, hamburgers - \$2.50 and cheeseburgers - \$2.75. Children in families receive a 50¢ discount per item. All money collected will help cover the \$60 shelter reservation, all meats, buns, condiments, paper goods, plastic eating utensils and charcoal. If you prefer to bring your own veggie burger, please sign up for planning purposes, but a small contribution toward expenses would be

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## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, we have begun to enter into a conversation that, while it is challenging and difficult at times, is an important one in our time and place. That conversation has to do with what it means for us as followers of Jesus Christ to love our neighbors who are gay or lesbian. Our church is home to folks with a variety of perspectives, which means that it has not always been clear just how welcome gay and lesbian people are in our services or in general church life. While we have members and friends in our church who are gay and lesbian, we have operated on a "don't ask, don't tell" basis. Some of us, myself included, have wondered whether that is the best way of responding to our gay and lesbian neighbors.

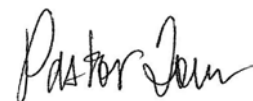
We have taken a couple of tiny steps in beginning this conversation, but we need to keep going. That is why I am inviting you to participate in this summer in a video-based program called *Bridging the Gap: Conversations on Befriending Our Gay Neighbors*. Produced by an outfit from Canada called New Direction, *Bridging the Gap* is a four session interactive DVD resource that addresses the question "How would Jesus want us to treat our gay and lesbian neighbors?" The resource draws on the experience and journey of six Christians dealing with the reality of same-gender attraction in their lives. Their wit, wisdom, and practical suggestions stress many questions that Christians commonly wrestle with. In addition, leading

pastors and authors share their insights from years of pastoral care and relationship with gay and lesbian people.

I hope you will join me this summer in participating in the conversations this resource will generate. One of the things I appreciate about this resource is that it mirrors our church in that the presenters come from a variety of perspectives, but are seeking to understand one another and come to a common understanding, not so much about how we understand homosexuality as an abstract issue, but how we treat the real, living human beings who are part of our families, who live in our neighborhoods, who work alongside us, who happen to be gay or lesbian.

Unfortunately, we will have to work around my schedule to fit these four gatherings into the summer months. That means that there will be a considerable gap between the first and second gatherings. But the dates for the four sessions will be as follows: Thursday, July 12 and Tuesdays, August 14, 21, and 28, all at 7:00 in the sanctuary. While it would be great if you could attend all four gatherings, I recognize that with vacations, etc. that may not be possible. The curriculum is such that you will benefit even if you are only able to come to one session, and we will benefit from having your voice included in the conversation. So, come when you can, and come ready to grow!

Still discovering the joy,



## Church Picnic, continued.

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appreciated. We will also have water available for \$1 a bottle. Entrance to the lake/dam area & parking are free.

There will be a number of sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board nearest the sanctuary doors in the lobby: (1) to order hot dogs & hamburgers (2) to loan equipment such as horseshoes or a bull-horn, (3) to enter the Best Dessert Contest (back by popular demand!), (4) for car-pooling, (5) to organize games or (6) help with clean-up. For more information, e-mail Diane at [djaquith2@gmail.com](mailto:djaquith2@gmail.com).

The event will take place rain or shine (unless there are thunderstorms), since we will be protected in the shelter, which can seat 100 people.

**Directions** to Overlook Shelter at MacDowell Lake & Edward MacDowell Dam in Peterborough, NH, 19.4 miles west of our church:

Take route NH-101 W through Peterborough. Continue straight

through the round-about with Shaw's Supermarket on right and drive 1.6 mi. Take Union Street on the 3rd right; small brown sign says: "Edw MacDowell Dam". Drive 0.6 miles on Union Street. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left at Wilder Street; brown sign says: "Edward MacDowell Dam". When you arrive at MacDowell Lake, DO NOT take the left fork which takes you to the smaller Dam Shelter (by driving over the dam itself). Instead, drive straight down the roadway, pass the left fork and several buildings on your right to the far end for parking at the Lake shelter which you will see on your left, with the lake in front of you.

We'll see you at the picnic!!



*Watching the Games is fun too!*



*Deb leads after-dinner games!*

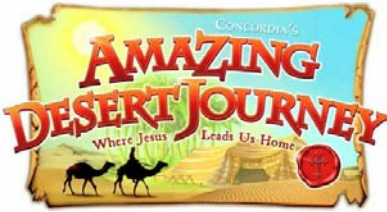


*Order your burgers and hotdogs!*



# Vacation Bible School is Almost Here!

*From Shelly Frost*



Back by popular demand VBS is coming to MUMC, summer 2012.

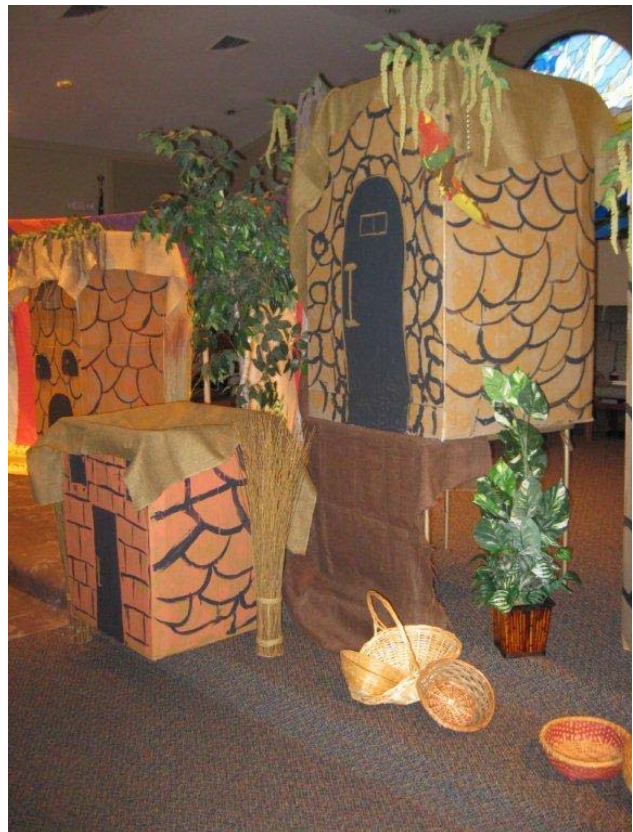
Come on an "Amazing Desert Journey" with Jesus. Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School the week of July 23-27 2012, from 6 - 8 p.m. We will travel through the desert to find our oasis with God. Come join us each night to discover the joy of God's word, in song and the long desert journey of fun. Our registration form follows, so please register now by filling it out and leaving it in the church office or mailing it to PO Box 476, Milford, NH 03055. For more information please contact Shelly Frost for questions and/or volunteer opportunities at: [jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net) or 672-3043.

Please see below for a list of items that the VBS team will need to have a successful, new items will be added.

- Old curtains (at least 6' long)
- Throw rugs
- Silk potted plants (all sizes)
- Lighted palm trees
- Strings of white Christmas lights
- Wood or plastic milk crates
- Easy-ups
- Glass Jars with covers (cleaned - 16-24 oz.)
- Tin cans (soup or larger, not tuna), cleaned
- Bags of bird seed

- Large zip-loc type storage bags (60 needed)
- Knitting yarn (any color)
- Tissue paper (any color)
- Egg cartons
- 2 liter soda bottles
- Elbow macaroni and/or dried beans (any kind)
- Clothespins

Items may be brought in and put in the middle school classroom, please label it "for VBS". Thank you for your support.



*The "stage was set" for MUMC's Vacation Bible School last year. What fun will 2012 bring?*



***Vacation Bible School, July 23-27, 2012***  
***"Amazing Dessert Journey"***

**Parents/Guardians:**

**Address/ City / State / Zip:**

**Telephone numbers Home / Cell**

**E-mail address**

**Child #1:**

Birth date & Last grade completed:

Dietary allergies:

Special conditions: (medications, fears etc)

**Child #2:**

Birth date & Last grade completed:

Dietary allergies:

Special conditions: (medications, fears etc)

**Child #3:**

Birth date & Last grade completed:

Dietary allergies:

Special conditions: (medications, fears etc)

## PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission for images of my child, captured during the Milford United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School through video, photo and/or digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of the Milford United Methodist Church to share with the congregation during VBS closing, worship service and for photo keepsake, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of Participant (please print):

Age:

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature

I would like to help out at VBS in the following capacity:



## Child and Youth Collaborative Group

*From Kara Ammon*

We are starting a collaborative discussion group to support our child and youth programming. If you are involved in or interested in child and youth programming here at MUMC we need your input. We plan to meet approximately 4 times a year beginning this summer. Individuals interested in joining this discussion team please contact Kara Ammon: call 547-3208 or e-mail galleyslave@comcast.net.



## Volunteers Needed

*From Pat Rafter*

The church calendar is open for Oct 6. This date has been set aside as a date for a fall yard sale. I am looking for at least 12 volunteers to commit to helping with this event. This will be a fundraiser for the General Fund. If I hear from 12 people by Aug 31 then the event will occur, if not, then there will be no fall yard sale. Commitment entails being available for at least 2 of the 3 Saturday drop offs, committing to at least one day during the week prior to the sale for set up and the day of sale for either opening, cashiering or clean up. If you are interested please contact me, Pat Rafter, email (ICU2per@aol.com) or phone 673-4516.

## *To Our Church Family*

*Danny and I want to thank all of you for sharing the renewal of our vows. We got married on June 4, 1977 at the First Congregational Church in Mont Vernon. We got married there because my mom was born and raised and moved to Milford at 10 years old.*

*Special thanks to Elaine, George, Nancy, Rev. Morgan, Carol & Don, Arthur & Marilyn, Theresa & Lydia, and Deb Mentch. Thanks to all that brought food to share. Thanks to our two granddaughters for reading a story about 35 years of marriage. Also thanks to our great niece, Jade, who was our flower girl. Also, thanks to Nancy for playing the piano and to Pastor Tom for doing the program.*

*Thank you again, God Bless and Love,  
Mauricina (Moxie) and Daniel Roby*

## News from SHARE

*From Carolyn Momnee  
and Kathy Beane*

**For the month of July MUMC is collecting: Juice, paper towels, hand bar soap.**



In May there were 170 standard household appointments providing food for 545 individuals. There were 14 new households. There were 47 emergency requests for food, serving 145 individuals. Clients come in for a 2 day supply of basic food staples to hold them over until they are able to have a full appointment. This more than doubled the amount of emergency requests in May of 2011 when there were 20. There were also 13 emergency requests for diapers and 11 requests of emergency help with toiletries.

As you can see, the Pantry continues to be busy so your donations are truly needed and appreciated. Children will be home from school soon and as we all know, children are always hungry and thirsty. They will not be getting the school lunches so we anticipate the request for food will go up in July.

Hope you have a wonderful summer. Thank you again for supporting the SHARE Food Pantry.

## Seasoned Generation

*From Richard & Roberta Randlett*

Our ANNUAL PICNIC this year will be at the Randlett's at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Meat will be provided and everyone else please bring a dish to share. If it rains a back up date will be announced. Directions will be provided.

The June SCAVENGER HUNT was a great success. Carol Rowlette and Corrine Pelchat provided the sites we were to find and photograph, such as: the childhood home of Milford's own Fritz Wetherbee, the location of the Garden St. School, the Fletcher's Paint store, Violette's IGA, and Ames department store, to name a few! Irwin and Peggy Jenkin's team were the winners.

In September Cyndi Geiger will take us on another visual trip (to be announced at a later date) and in October we will hold our annual Chicken Dinner. Carol Rowlette will be selling tickets leading up to this event.

Used brick pavers available—great for landscaping of garden beds, walkways or patios. Most are clay, some are cement. Easy access by driveway for pickup.

Sally Landis, 63 Truell Rd, Hollis





# MUMC KIDS FUN PAGE!

## SUMMER JOKES!

Why wouldn't they let the butterfly into the dance?

*Because it was a moth ball!*

Where would you put an injured insect?

*In an ant-balance!*

What is green and can jump a mile in a minute?

*A grasshopper with hiccups!*

What did one firefly say to the other?

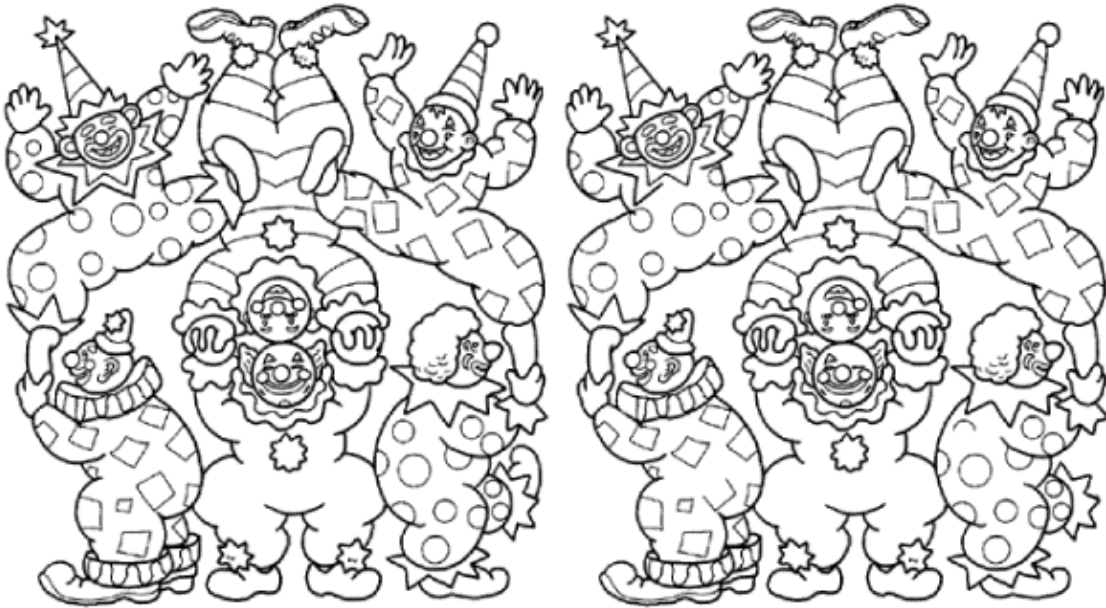
*Got to glow now!*

## SUMMER SUDOKU

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters S-U-R-F. Don't guess—use logic! The solution is posted on a bulletin board at the church!

F			
			R
S			
			U

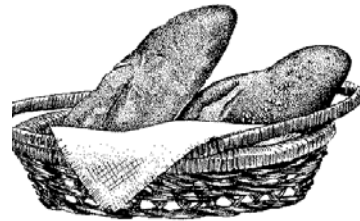
## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES



## Bits & Pieces...

### Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, July 1.

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 (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 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

The needs are always for small appliances, stainless steel knives, forks and spoons, men's t-shirts, jeans & sneakers, cooking pots and pans, microwaves, hot plates, coffee pots, towels and bed linens. Thanks so much for your continued generous donations that are so appreciated. For information, call Margie Frank at 465-7752.



### A Noise Offering

Following each service on the second Sunday of the month we will have a "Noise Offering." This donation of your spare change will benefit the Wanakee Scholarship Fund that helps youth to participate in our United Methodist summer camp located in Meredith, NH. If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to Milford United Methodist Church with the memo "Wanakee Scholarships."



## 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!

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

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

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



"I'm signing up for church camp even if they **do** rough it there. Did you know they don't even have wifi?"

Laughter of Lilacs

Rainbows of roses

Songs of the robins

Lily of the valley  
borders

Sunshine to warm  
the heart

Oh what joy this  
season does impart!

*by Anne Morrow Lindberg*

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays:

Bob Bowman	July 3
Rachel Rumohr	July 4
Cherilyn Taylor	July 5
Alison Kopp	July 10
Ray Marcos	July 10
Alexander Baker	July 12
Emeline Tyler-Wall	July 12
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
Emma Ayotte	July 30
Paige Robinson	July 31

### Anniversaries:

Irwin & Peggy Jenkins	July 20
Mike & Faith Cyr	July 21
Tom Knapp & Alexis Eaton	July 26

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.

## For Information about our Committees & Groups

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the calendar, here's who to talk to.

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

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

## Office Hours

Summer hours are: Mondays, 9-3, Wednesdays, 9-2 and Thursdays, 9-3

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

## Church E-mail Addresses:

Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey:	<a href="mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org">pastor@milfordumc.org</a>
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	<a href="mailto:office@milfordumc.org">office@milfordumc.org</a>



# July 2012



**Summer Sunday  
Worship Services:**  
8:30—Spirit Celebration  
10:00—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i>	<b>2</b>  7—Outreach Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9—White Tops  7—Worship Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off  7:30—Praise Band	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7—Trustee's Committee	<b>10</b>  6:30— Quilting Ministry at the Gale's	<b>11</b> 9—White Tops  7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off 6:15— Worship Design 7:30—Praise Band	<b>14</b>  5—Broken Bread Café
<b>15</b>  2—PB&J Band Concert to benefit Wanakee Campers	<b>16</b>  7—Finance Committee	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9—White Tops  7—Ad Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off  7:30—Praise Band	<b>21</b>
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## July 2012

Worship times  
8:30 Contemporary Worship  
10:45 Traditional Worship  
Free childcare

Change Service Requested

# Milford United Methodist Church

*Discover the Joy!*

### *Our Mission:*

The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

### *Our Vision:*

We will help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ by:

- Providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences.
- Establishing and encouraging small groups for study, support, prayer, fellowship and service.
- Empowering people to discover, develop, and deploy their gifts for ministry.
- Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

### *Our Values:*

We commit ourselves to:

- Know scripture and live it.
- Act with integrity.
- Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.
- Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.

