

The Outreach

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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter just two weeks before Lucy and I will physically move to Milford. It has taken many weeks of preparation by you and us to make this move possible. Much of that preparation has been the process of saying goodbye. You have shared your love and thanks with Pastor Tom and his family after their 16 wonderful years of ministry with you. We have walked a very similar path with our friends here at Londonderry as we have completed 13 years of ministry with them.



The process of saying goodbye has reminded me of the importance of the stories that we share as we remember where we have been and what we have accomplished. In the coming months, you will begin to hear my story and I will be listening to yours. We will also begin creating our shared stories as we face the joys and difficulties of life and ministry together. The church is at its best when it is creating memorable shared stories. Stories of compassion, love and mission at work.

Beyond our own stories, we need to be listening to the stories of those outside the walls of the church. Just like Jesus, we need to be ready to sit down with those that others have overlooked or turned away from. When we do, we can share the story of Jesus' saving love and invite them to share the journey with us. As part of Bishop Devadhar's Episcopal address at Annual Conference, he invited Pastor Rebecca Lambert to share her story. Just a few years back, she was homeless and addicted, but she came to a United Methodist church for a free meal and felt special because of the way she was treated. That began her journey with that community and

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with Jesus that has now resulted in her becoming the pastor of that same community. She now shares her story of welcome and her own miracle with others.

This summer I will be listening to your stories, but I will also be listening for the stories of the people of Milford and the other communities around Milford. I want to try to understand who needs to experience the miracle of what Jesus can do in their lives. I invite you to be doing the same and sharing together about what you are learning. I believe in those stories we will hear the call of God for our continuing ministry with Jesus and with one another.

Lucy and I look forward to beginning this journey with you.

In Christ's miracle working love,

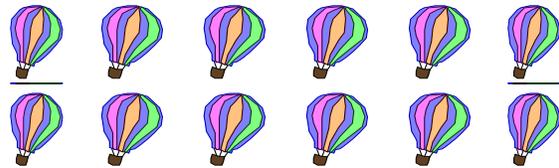
Wesley

SHARE Collection



**For the month of July MUMC
is collecting Bar soap,
shampoo & conditioner,
deodorant, toothbrushes**

The Food Pantry remains very busy this time of year. With kids getting out of school for the summer, we have a greater need for kid-friendly food items. While The Pantry has a decent amount of mac & cheese, we are very low on other items especially peanut butter, canned fruit and sandwich bread. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!



Church Mice



When You Thought I Wasn't Looking...

A message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Today I said a prayer for you. How will you touch the life of someone today?



Sounds on the Souhegan Summer Concert Series



The Milford Recreation Department invites the public, all ages, to come to **FREE** band concerts every Wednesday night during the summer. The concerts are held at Emerson Park, 7-8:30 p. m. In the event of rain, concerts will be moved

indoors to the Town Hall auditorium – with the exception of July 4th (rain date July 5).

Emerson Park is accessible from the Post Office parking lot, 12 Mont Vernon Street, or park next to the Masonic Temple at 30 Mont Vernon Rd.

Here's the schedule:

Thursday, July 4th – Rob Oxford, Country/Folk – at Keyes Park stage, 8-9:30 pm.

Wednesday Summer series:

July 10—Jandee Lee Porter Band, Country

July 17—Hollis Town Band

July 24—Bedford Big Band

July 31—Amherst Town Band

August 7—Amoskeag Strummers, Town Band

August 14—Temple Town Band

August 21—Studio Two, Beatles Tribute Band

August 28—Brass Connection, Brass Band

Vacation Bible School

From Shelly Frost

"Step right up and get your ticket" for the celebration of

Jesus' love at the Everywhere Fun Fair, where God's world comes together with our neighbors from afar. We will enjoy carnival activities and experiences that will demonstrate God's welcoming love to everyone. Each night we will encounter ways to love and serve God and be a good neighbor to the world. So, mark your calendars for **July 22-26, 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**

If you would like to participate and help with this year's VBS please contact Shelly Frost at jstsfrost@comcast.net, there are multiple ways you can be a part of VBS. Teens, this is a good way to get some community service hours.



Stephen Ministry is proud to announce that we will be sending another person to Stephen Leader training in August. Congratulations and thanks to Jerry Theriault for stepping out in faith to take this training and help this important ministry continue to make a difference for those in need of care.

Ed Team Thanks!

From Shelly Frost

The Education Team is in need of Sunday school teachers for the upcoming 2013-14 school year. Teachers are a part of a group of three or four teachers that rotate on a regular basis, so you may only teach every three or four weeks. No experience is necessary, and you do not need to have a child who is Sunday School age. We have amazing curricula that is very easy to follow with lots of ideas and suggestions. You may choose which age group you would like to work with. Please thoughtfully consider teaching this year, it is truly a rewarding experience!!! Please contact any Ed Team member for more information. They are: Shelly Frost, Laura Seale, Kristi O'Shaughnessy, Jenny Lawton or Cathy Brown. Thank you!!!!



Do It All in Jesus' Name

From Callie McMahon

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others--listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We want to start another training class soon.....

Welcoming Pastor Wes and Lucy

The welcoming committee will be hosting a brunch for Pastor Wes and his wife Lucy on **July 7th**, his first day preaching at MUMC. We have plans for a light brunch of quiche, yogurt, fruit, punch, coffee, tea and cake. Call any one of the brunch committee members to see if you might still be able to contribute to the menu need. More importantly... be there so we can show our new Pastor and his wife what a welcoming church MUMC is!

To help out, contact Callie McMahon 673-5239, Carol Rowlette 673-5403, Sue Bachelder 673-0453 or Kathy Bradfield 487-5574.

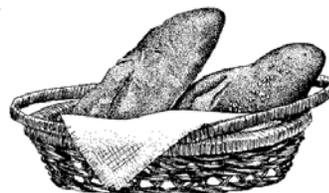
The Adult Mission Team is having a meeting to plan the fall mission trip for September. The meeting will be held at the church on **Sunday, July 14 at noon** for anyone who is interested. Please see Steve Rafter if you have any questions.

Due to summer schedules and fewer committees to help with Sunday Coffee hour, July and August coffee hour will be just coffee and juice. The Ad Council has agreed to keep the coffee ready and juice available. Please consider staying to help the ushers with clean up whenever you can in these two months.

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, July 7.

Please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat, no specialty breads) to be placed in the basket at the altar. The bread loaves will be delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday.



Do You Have a Name Badge?

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

Due to the generosity of God's people, the CAM storage rooms for the Manchester area are packed full!! Please hold off on any donations to CAM for the next few months. A notice will appear in the church bulletin and the newsletter, The Outreach, when we resume collections. Thanks for heeding the call in the past. Please continue to pray for released prisoners - that they continue to grow in the grace of Jesus' love.

Help Our Youth Mission Team

Clean out those old CDs, DVDs, video games - including Wii, Nintendo, Xbox, etc and help the Youth Mission Trip! This does not include VCR tapes. And you need to have the original box that your old CD, DVD, or game came in. Then bring it on in to the church and put it in the bin under the coat rack. Liane Wright will take care of the rest. Those old dust collectors can bring a lot of money for our Youth Mission Trip. Thanks!

Bits & Pieces...

Donation of Altar Flowers



Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Contact and payment instructions are on the flower chart. Standard arrangements are \$35. Thanks for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.

Have you visited a Home Group?

Our Home Groups are a wonderful way to get to know people in our church, share our faith and build connections. You are welcome to join us anytime!

Monday's at 7 p.m. @ The Mentch home, call 672-1204

Tuesday's at 7 p.m. location TBD, call Russ Wells for info., 562-8686

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

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

A Noise Offering

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



make it payable to MUMC with the note "Wanakee Scholarships" in the memo space.

For one swallow does
not make a summer,
nor does one day; and
so too one day, or a
short time, does not
make a man blessed
and happy.

-Aristotle

Anniversaries and Birthdays

July Birthdays:

Bob Bowman	July 3
Rachel Rumohr	July 4
Cherilyn Taylor	July 5
Alison Kopp	July 10
Emeline Tyler Wall	July 12
Kirk Randlett	July 15
Michael Murphy	July 15
Rich Masters	July 17
Shannon Gutterson	July 18
Joshua Rafter	July 25
Emily Getchell-Lacey	July 25
Carolyn Bowman	July 30
Emma Ayotte	July 30
Paige Robinson	July 31

July 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.

Church E-mail Addresses:

Pastor Wesley Palmer:
pastor@milfordumc.org

Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:
office@milfordumc.org

For Information about our Committees & Groups

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

Afternoon Off: *Currently Inactive*

Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler-Wall

Chancel Choir: Sally Landis

Church Council: Callie McMahon

Home Groups: Pastor Wes

Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and
Carol Rowlette

Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie

Outreach: Pat Rafter

Praise Band: Michele Bossie

Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart

Seasoned Generation: OPEN

Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne

Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon

Sunday School: Shelly Frost

Trustees: Greg Herbert

White Tops: Everett Gale

Worship: John Millhouse

Youth Group: Tom Knapp

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

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

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



July 2013

Sunday Services:
8:30-Spirit Celebration
10:00-Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Welcome Pastor Wes! 7—Outreach Committee	2	3 8—White Tops 7—Worship Committee	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Brunch for Pastor Wes and Lucy, after the second service	8 7—Trustee's Committee	9	10 8—White Tops 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	11	12	13 9-11—Yard Sale Drop Offs
14 12—Adult Mission Trip meeting	15 7—Finance Committee	16	17 8—White Tops 7—Ad Council meeting	18	19	20
21	22 6-8:30 - Vacation Bible School!	23	24 8—White Tops 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 8—White Tops			



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Summer Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:00 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.

