



The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
July 2023, Milford, NH, Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Pastor's Corner

Co-travelers in Christ,

Sending you my love and warmest wishes. Here are some of the things that went on this week at the mission trip..

Deep Blessings

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MUMC Saturday am.



Stopping to eat.



Arriving 1st night



Time to rest.



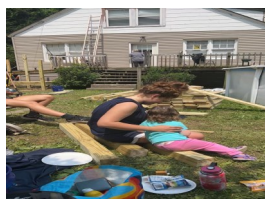
Mr. Kimner's truck.



Team fist bump



With the home owners



The Work site.



The team.



Always time for some fun!



Pastor John



Join the UMC Creation Justice Movement’s monthly Café webinars. June’s topic was net-zero, specifically the [Just and Equitable Inter-agency Commitment to Net-Zero](#). The discussion was led by Rev. Jenny Phillips, Senior Technical Advisor, Environmental Sustainability at General Board of Global Ministries and Jake Barnett, Managing Director, Sustainable Investment Strategies at Wespath. The conversation was to help us define what net-zero means for our denomination and discussed the work, the tools, the partnerships, and how we are all learning together as people of faith to ensure a just, equitable, and net-zero future. For more information go to <https://umcreationjustice.org/movement-cafe/>.

VBS
July 10-14



As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they’ll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they’ll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives.

7/12-7/14,
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages K- grade 6

Contact LeeAnne Steenhoek if you have questions
christianinformation@milfordumc.org

VBS Set Up 7/12 & 7/13 9-12
Help is welcome.



Next Crafting Day
To be determined
Crafting Bags for Green Project
Christmas Crafting back in August

A small raised bed for all to share

Thanks to KL Kimner for weeding the raised bed!

There are still a couple of Cecile's raspberry bushes. I planted cherry tomatoes and a larger variety tomato, a couple rows of green beans and wax beans. A few summer squash plants and some cucumbers left over plants and seeds from our attempt at retirement gardening. The fruits of this can be shared by all. If you pick something try and pull a few weeds too. If it is successful maybe we can try a few more beds next year. Thanks to our irrigation no one has to be responsible for watering other than God.

Praise be to God!

Join Us in July
Wednesday's at 6:00


HYMN SING

"This is in place of Pot Luck".

Milford United Methodist
Children's Church



Finding freedom

What does freedom look like to you? In *GraceLaced*, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I'm determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in Christ.

Janna Firestone



In July SHARE Is Collecting

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal



Something of Interest From Voice

There was a Celebration of Juneteenth on 6/19 at Bicentennial Park in conjunction with the Granite State organizing Project (GSOP). In case you don't know - slavery legally ended with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Yet two years afterward this was not widely known in Texas. On June 19, 1865, Union troops reached Galveston to begin informing the state's enslaved people they were freed from bondage. Emancipation's anniversary was commemorated at different times throughout subsequent years, but Texas always had Juneteenth. Similar celebrations began to coalesce around that date, too. In 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday. The gathering had several speakers, a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and closing prayer by Pastor John.

As highlighted in the General Board of Church and Society newsletter, you can also watch and share the UMC Juneteenth video "[Juneteenth: Hope for the future wrapped in a history Lesson](#)," produced by United Methodist Communications.

You can read our Bishop Peggy Johnson's message on Juneteenth where she calls on United Methodists in New England to recognize Juneteenth (June 19) in worship and to do the work of dismantling racism. [Read more](#) Looking for something to do? You can join discussions held by the Goffstown Library. What is Bullying is being held on Thursday, July 13th at 6:30pm and How To Be An Ally is on Thursday, July 20th at 6:30pm. Both meetings are via Microsoft Teams. For more information and to register go to the Goffstown Public Library events calendar.



Lamplighters From Carol Rowlette

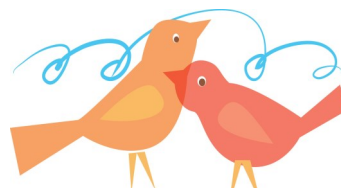
Hosea 3:4-5. For the Israelites will live many days, without a king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

Hosea had a difficult command from God to fulfill. This prophetic book says that the prophet's message is the revealed "word of the Lord". The strange command regards Hosea, his wife and children. Names of the children carry an important role in the story, a divine message to the people of Israel. Hosea states the parallels between his relationship with his wife and God's relationship with the nation of Israel.

The people had made a covenant with God but sadly they went after false gods. Chapter 4 will examine God's Wayward People.



Lamplighters Bible Study will meet this summer Wednesday's 1:00 - 3:00 pm.



**NO ONE ELSE KNOWS THE
STRENGTH OF MY LOVE FOR
YOU, AFTER ALL, YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE WHO
KNOWS WHAT MY HEART
SOUNDS LIKE FROM THE IN-
SIDE.**

Family Life

By LeeAnne Steenhoek, Youth and Family Ministry Director

Trees:

We talk about the vibrance and vitality of trees in Children's Church and how we can learn from them by digging in our roots and stretching our branches. We make connections. We are connected. OUR DOOR IS OPEN, WAITING FOR YOU!

This Children's Day we learned about trees as we honored Pastor John:

Khalil Gibran says, "The hearts affections are divided like the branches of the cedar tree; if the tree loses one strong branch; it will suffer but it does not die; it will pour all its vitality into the next branch so that it will grow and fill the empty places."

Trees symbolize eternal life, strength, resilience, and constancy. When a tree loses a branch, it continues to reach for the heavens. When resources of food and water, are scarce trees share food and water, in an interconnected web of strength and protection in adversity. The cedar / cypress is mentioned in scripture.



The Cypress / Cedar is:

first of trees (1 Kings 4:3)

strong and durable (Isaiah 9:10)

graceful and beautiful (Psalm 80:10, Ezekiel 17:22)

high and tall (Amos 2:9, Ezekiel 17:22)

fragrant (Song of Songs 4:11)

spreading wide (Psalm 80:10-11)

Let this tree be a symbol of Pastor John Whitley's ministry here with Christ's church we call MUMC and the life he leaves with us when it is time to say goodbye. Let this tree be a reminder of MUMC and God's children of all ages, her music, her prayers, and commitment to being the "church that does things".

Our MUMC Family Out in the World

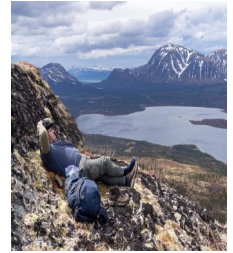
Happy July! Here are some joyful MUMC Family from June.



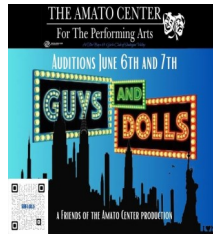
The Hopkins triplets all graduated this year! Congrats, Addie, Camie, & Jack!



Congrats Cora & Avery Herlihy, last day of school 2023



Trevor Frost at the at "Composing in the Wilderness" What an experience!



Ben Erdody is playing Sky! Yay Ben!



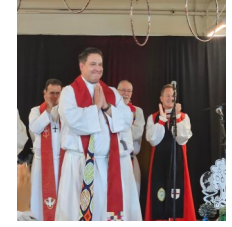
Karin Harvey-Olson & Mattie Enjoy pool time!



The Whitley's beaming at Ordination!



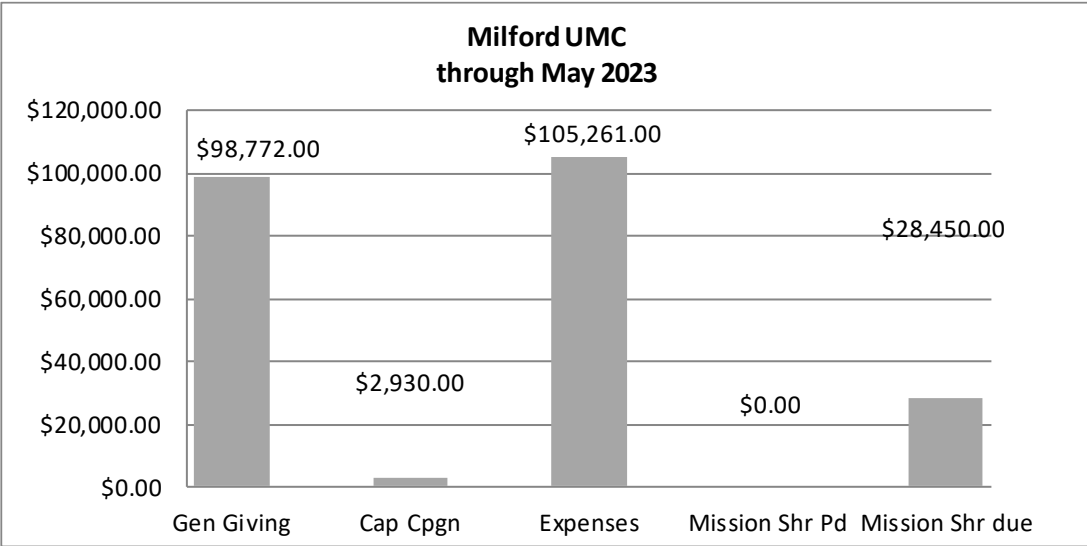
And a few more Ordination pics



Have you got pics of you & yours sharing the joy? Let's share here. Send to me; at office@milfordumc.org, or friend me on Facebook and share what you're up to.

Financial Reports

From Kirk Randlett, for the Finance Committee



General Giving	\$98,772.00
Mortgage Fund	\$2930.00
Expenses	\$105,261.00
Mission Shares Paid	\$0,00
Mission Shares Due	\$28,450.00



- The miracle of giving is that giving makes miracles.
—Bishop Robert E. Goodrich



If you see any of these folks around town, be sure to wish them a happy day!

Birthdays:

- July 2:** Sue Story
- July 3:** Jess Hart
- July 4:** Jack Seale
- July 6:** Lindsay Lambert
- July 12:** Eme Tyler-Wall
- July 13:** Paula Muller
- July 15:** Kirk Randlett
- July 15:** Mishell Pfeil
- July 17:** Rick Masters
- July 18:** Shannon Gutterson
- July 18:** Cameron O'Shaughnessy
- July 21:** Kyle Leach
- July 21:** Brady Mason
- July 21:** Art Harkness
- July 22:** Kris Harrington
- July 23:** Rebecca Hart
- July 23:** Ellen Mercer
- July 24:** Neva Harvey-Olson
- July 25:** Josh Rafter
- July 25:** Grace O'Shaughnessy
- July 26:** Holleigh Tlapa
- July 31:** Aspen Tlapa

Anniversaries

- July 26:** Tom Knapp & Alexis Eaton
- July 27:** Pastor John & Elizabeth Whitley
- July 31:** Jaclyn & Tim Herlihy

We would love to include you on the birthday and anniversary list. Won't you share your special dates at office@milfordumc.org.



This Month's Lectionary

July 2: Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

July 9: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23: Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30: Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Driving Ministry

If you are in need of a ride and have no place to turn, call the office and we will notify the driving ministry to help you out.

This program is primarily directed to our handi-capped and seniors, but anybody who needs a ride and can't find one is eligible. There is no charge for this service. Office 603-673-2669 Steve Takacs 603-672-5118 office@milfordumc.org trumpetchoo@msn.com



Committees, Groups and Ministries

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the

Administrative (Ad) Council: Janet Hromjak

Reviews monthly committee meetings, discusses pending issues and votes on church-wide decisions.

Adult Mission Trip Steve & Pat Rafter

Bell Choir: Heidi Rocha

For adults and older kids interested in hand bell ringing.

Christian Aftercare Ministry: Callie McMahon

Serving primarily men leaving prison, helping them settle in new homes and productive, positive lives.

Chancel Choir: Jennifer Erdody

Open to adults and teens interested in singing in the Chancel Choir at the second service.

Community Supper: Kerri-Lynn Kimner

*A supper we host at SHARE in Milford every 6-8 weeks. Volunteer to help bake or prep ahead of time, or to work at the supper itself. **Restart Coming Soon***

Driving Ministry– Steve Takacs

Provides transportation for those in need of help

Finance: Andy Baver

Oversees church financial commitments

Home Groups: Steve Rafter (Thursday) or Callie McMahon (Friday) *hold due to covid*

Expands spiritual experience in a social context, meeting at a host's homes.

Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll & Carol Rowlette

A Bible-study group for women.

Nominations: Pastor John. Matches people with

the committees they might be interested in serving on.

Outreach:

Focuses on ways our church can reach out to the local, regional and international community.

Children & Family : LeeAnne Steenhoek

Focuses on involving Children and Families in church events and spiritual growth.. Family Worship room available

during service

Children's Church: LeeAnne Steenhoek
10:40 Sunday morning year round.

Praise Band: Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne, Rudy Rumohr

Contemporary Christian music that plays at the first service on Sunday.

Staff Parish Relations (SPR): Sue Rudolf

This committee acts as liaison between our staff and the congregation.

Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon

Provides confidential one-on-one Christian care with trained lay ministers.

Trustees: Steve Rafter

Oversees and facilitates the care and keeping of the church building and parsonage.

White Tops: Everett Gale

A social group for retired men of all denominations.

Worship Committee: Carol Rowlette

Plans and facilitates Sunday service needs and organizes special Sundays

Worship Design: Steve Rafter

Plans music and worship for the contemporary Sunday service.

Vacation Bible School: TBD

VOICE *Giving voice to the marginalized in our community. Janet Hromjak, Claire Holston, Callie McMahon. Esther Thayer, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Kathy Wood, Anika Weis*

Men's Group: Jim Lawler

For men interested in fellowship and service. Meet Sunday Evenings

Youth Mission Trip Tom Knapp

Works with the youth and organizes mission work near and far.



For Virtual Services starting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, join Us On-Line from our Facebook page Milford United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation or YouTube milfordumc or from the Website milfordumc.org

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Sunday Worship Times:

8:30 Spirit Celebration, 10:30 Traditional Service,
Children's church 9:40
Watch Us Online Facebook & YouTube @10:30
Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Milford United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Church

Discover the Joy!

Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

We will help all 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.

Welcoming & Inclusion Statement:

Milford United Methodist Church is a welcoming and inclusive church which celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We welcome and serve persons without regard to age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical abilities. Milford United Methodist Church recognizes the diversity of the Body of Christ and gives thanks to God for this divine gift. We invite ALL to discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.