

The Outreach

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MUMC Joins the Big Day of Service

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day when seventeen of us joined churches from all over New England to serve our neighbors in Nashua on May 4th for Church World Service's Big Day of Serving. MUMC-ers were tasked with cleaning up and beautifying three miles of rail trail. Other teams worked on painting and improving the area around Broad Street School and other outdoor work. Joining a church from Kennebunkport, Maine, our group was dispatched with rakes, shovels, trash bags and gloves.

Working in small teams of four or five people we raked out the area around the trail and disposed of massive amounts of trash and debris. Luckily, the weather was perfect, the company was great and delicious bagged lunches were provided by other volunteers happy to serve us. Many of us agreed, the spirit of God's love was felt in the work of so many people coming together to do good. The many smiling faces of the people we met who use the trail everyday were just the icing on the cake. Thanks to everyone who supported us in our work. We look forward to serving again and invite you to join us next time!

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*Danny Getchell-
Lacey, Max
Ayotte, Tessa
Wright, Emma
Ayotte and
Jessie Hart
were just five
of the hard
workers
representing
MUMC. See
more photos on
page 4.*



A Message From Pastor Tom

Beloved MUMC members and friends,

This is my last of so many letters to you that will appear in the Outreach, and it is one of many "lasts" that we are experiencing together during this time of pastoral transition. With each of these "lasts," the reality that as of July 1, I will no longer be your pastor becomes more real. As you can imagine, there are many different emotions that make their way through my heart and mind. It seems to me that those feelings are best conveyed face to face, and so I will attempt to do so in the weeks that remain, whether in sermons, group presentations, or personal conversation.

At the same time, there are also some practical matters that need to be conveyed in this final letter. Specifically, I need to make it very clear that I am duty bound to follow the standard ethical guidelines around pastoral transition, including the guidelines that dictate that I cease to perform pastoral functions for MUMC members and friends as of July 1. At that point, you will have a new pastor, who will then be responsible for your pastoral needs. As such, after July 1, I will not be returning to MUMC in order to conduct funerals, baptisms, and weddings except at the invitation of the pastor-in-charge. I recognize that it would be quite natural for some folks to be inclined to request that I would come back to perform these sorts of services, especially early in this time of transition. However, I ask you to please consider the position

that puts both me and the new pastor in. On the one hand, it is not fair to the new pastor to have his or her predecessor continuing to provide pastoral care and services to folks that are no longer the predecessor's responsibility. At the same time, I will have my hands full with taking care of the needs of the folks in my new church and community. Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through the high points and struggles of your lives, but that you will also be under the capable care of your new pastor.

Speaking of your new pastor, Wes Palmer: as many of you know, I have known Pastor Wes as a friend and colleague for a number of years, and I am thrilled that he will be your new pastor. I trust that all of you will welcome Wes and his wife Lucy warmly, and do everything you can to help Wes get quickly established as MUMC's pastor. I have great hopes and expectations that all of you will forge a strong and lasting bond with Pastor Wes.

I will miss you both collectively and individually, but know that I will be watching from a distance and praying for you and for MUMC always with both gratitude and affection.

Grace and peace,



Yard Sale Wrap-Up

From Pat Rafter

The first of four yard sales for this year was a "wicked" success! God gave us an incredibly beautiful day too! Thanks to all those of you gave, prayed, purchased and participated in the event.

About \$2700 was raised for youth and adult missions. Kudos to Dan Betty and his angels for pulling the clothing sale together. Lonnie and her helpers did a great job with the cafe and I just loved the fried dough!

The next Yard Sales are planned for **July 20, Aug 31, and Oct 5**. With drop off days on the Saturdays prior to each sale (watch the calendar and bulletins for reminders!).

Rumor has it Pastor Wes loves yard sales and has been very instrumental with the yard sales at his present church! Let's show him how awesome ours are! To that end, I am looking for interested volunteers to help with these efforts. So far I have only two helpers interested in helping with the next three yard sales. If I can't get at least 6 more helpers we will have to cancel those yard sales. This would be very sad as it is a great community outreach and fund raiser - and just *what* will I do with myself!!

Please let me know if you are able to help, contact me @ icu2per@aol.com (please put "Yard Sale" in subject).

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Thank You Celebration for Pastor Tom & Family

From Lisa Payne

We hope you have marked your calendar and are planning to join us on **June 9th, 12:15 p.m.** for our church's Thank You and Well Wishes Celebration for Pastor Tom and his family. The afternoon promises to be filled with fond memories, laughter, tears, music and lots of food!

We will have a basket at the event to collect any personal notes and sentiments that you wish to share with Pastor Tom and his family. It's never too late to volunteer to bring a dish so don't hesitate; surprise us with one of your favorites! Or just show up with your big ol' heart and wish the family well!

To ensure enough seating, it would be helpful to RSVP directly to Lynda Gianopoulos at lgianopoulos@comcast.net or call Lynda at 424-4390.

If you have any questions (or ideas/suggestions), please don't hesitate to e-mail or call Diane at 673-8093 (or cell: 557-5729). Thank you.

*Diane Jaquith & Lisa Payne
Thank You Celebration Co-chairs*



MUMC Joins the Big Day of Service, Nashua



Lunch break! Left to right: Russ Wells, Karen Swindell, Wendy Ayotte, Keith Swindell, Max Ayotte, Tom Knapp, Tessa Wright, Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey, Danny Getchell-Lacey, Tess Swindell, Dave Boissonault, Emma Ayotte, Jerry Theriault, Cathy Brown, Jessie Hart, Rebecca Hart and Deb Mentch.



Left: The Rail Trail in Nashua where MUMC-ers worked.

Right: The Big Day's opening ceremony, filled with music and prayer to start the day off right!



Right: Thank you notes from school kids were posted in all the windows of Broad Street School, in the neighborhood where we worked. What a great way to end the day!



Ed Team Thanks!

From Shelly Frost

The Education Team would like to thank all the teachers, parents and students who participated in the 2012-2013 Sunday School program. Once again it was a successful year, raising more than \$1000 for SHARE, The Bethany Christian Project and the Anne Marie House as our mission projects. Our donations consisted of collecting food, gift cards, white shower products and monetary funds. This allowed us to help many people in our community and the surrounding communities.

Along with our missions, the children had a great year of learning the word of God. We would not have been able to do this program without the continued help and support from the teachers that give their time each week unselfishly. Have a great summer and again thank you all for your support. Watch for information to come regarding the new year.

Thank You Talented People!

A big thank you to all our performers, artists and talented people; and everyone who came to watch the talent show or buy the products and/or services. The Talent Show and Silent Auction was a big success. As you know, this was a fundraiser for our youth mission team. The team is set to leave at the end of the month and they wouldn't be able to go without the support of the congregation.

Yard Sale Update, cont.

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Lastly, we have several pieces of furniture left, if you know of anyone looking for a sleep sofa @ \$25, and matching chair @ \$20, two recliners @ \$25 each, a coffee table @ \$20 and two end tables @ \$15 each or take both for \$25. I would love to unload these at anytime, they take up a lot of space in the garage. Get in touch with me if you are interested.



Paul and I would like to thank our church family for all the cards, condolences and prayers during my illness and the passing of our son. A special thanks to Wendy for visiting me in the hospital and to Pastor Tom for his love and support during this sad time. It is truly appreciated.

*Paul & Deanna
Berkebile*

Get Ready for 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.** Watch for the June Outreach for registration forms and more details. If you would like to participate and help with this years Vacation Bible School, please contact Shelly Frost at: jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net. There are multiple ways you can be a part of VBS.

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.

Help Pastor Wes Learn our Names!

From Diane Jaquith

Do you have a name tag? Do you wear it? If you need one, please tell us how would you like your name written on your name badge by clearly writing it out

on the sign-up sheet located on the visitor information table. They are printed after we have two names on the list. You may also contact Diane Jaquith at djaquith2@gmail.com.

If your name tag is lost or worn, simply request a new one. Look for your new name tag on the alphabetized boards on both sides of the front windows in the lobby. It will be the "pin" style unless you request a "clip". You may return your badge to the boards or simply take it with you after the service.



First Friday Breakfast for High School Youth!

Join Mr. Knapp and the other High School kids for breakfast at the Union Street Grill on the first Friday of each month. We meet at 6:30 and head to school after we eat. For more information speak to Mr. Knapp.

New Pastor Welcoming Committee

From Chris Horne

As part of the Staff Parish Relations committee, I am organizing the MUMC new pastor and family welcoming efforts. This is an opportunity to reach out and really make Pastor Wes and Lucy feel at home, and the more folks we can engage in the process, the better. There are so many humble, yet meaningful ways to help them make the transition, and show our spirit. As a group we can disperse our efforts and together make a significant impact. Please join me (their new next-door neighbor) in rolling out the red carpet for them.

Contact me at: chrishorne1@myfairpoint.net and I will send you a list of what we have come up with so far. Then let me know how you would like to contribute, and of course, we are always open to more ideas.



SHARE
Collection

For the month of June MUMC is collecting canned pasta, canned fruit, sandwich bread, mayonnaise & other condiments.

Lamplighter's News

From Carol Rowlette

Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.
Colossians 3:14

The Lamplighters finished our study of Ecclesiastes at the end of May. Although there are only twelve chapters we had much discussion regarding Solomon's wisdom. At times we questioned his wisdom, not quite understanding his thoughts about life. We ended the study with the final conclusion as Solomon said: *"Respect and obey God. This is what life is all about."* (Chapter 12:13)

Our last regular meeting will be **June 12** and we will each bring our own brown bag lunch.

For information regarding the Lamplighter's Bible Study please call:

Elaine Driscoll
Geldris@comcast.net
or 673-4270



Carol Rowlette
carolleero@aol.com
or 673-5403

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, June 2.

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 jaquith2@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

Christian Aftercare Ministry to ex-offenders is in need of: jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, linens, china, gift cards, & small appliances. When in doubt about a donation, please contact Margie Frank at church or at her home in Hollis, 465-7752. To donate smaller quantities, please put them in the CAM box in the narthex. Larger quantities could be picked up by contacting Rev. Robert Morgan at church or at his home in Milford, 672-1286. Your generosity for helping to fill these needs is greatly appreciated by CAM staff and recipients.

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

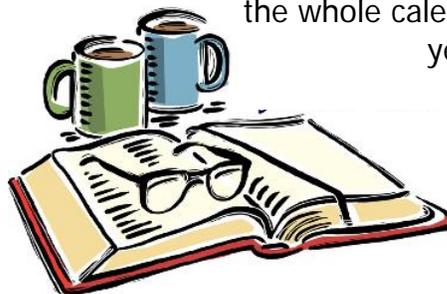
A Noise Offering

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.



Adult Sunday School

Meeting Sunday mornings between services. All are welcome. Join us weekly (or drop in when you can) for thoughtful discussions of the Sunday's scripture based on the Lectionary. (The Lectionary is a list of selected scripture readings set out ahead of time that take us through the whole calendar year.)





June 2013

Sunday Services:
8:30-Spirit Celebration
10:45-Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Confirmation & Communion Sunday</i> 5-6:30—Youth Group 6:30—Parent Meeting for Youth Mission Trip	3 7—Outreach Committee	4	5 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's 6:30—Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7—Worship Committee	6 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	7 6:30—First Friday Youth Breakfast w/ Mr. Knapp 7:30—Praise Band	8
9 <i>Children's Sunday</i> 12:15—Farewell Party for Pastor Tom & Family	10 7—Trustee's meeting	11	12 8—White Tops 1—Last Lamplighter's meeting for the summer 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	13 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	14 6:15—Worship Design 7:30—Praise Band	15
16 <i>New Member Sunday & Recognition of our Graduates</i> Father's Day	17 7—Finance Committee	18	19 8—White Tops 6:30—Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7—Ad Council	20 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Last Chancel Choir rehearsal for the summer	21 7:30—Praise Band	22
23 <i>PT's Last Sunday</i> Youth Mission Team leaves For PA 30	24 7—Outreach Committee	25	26 8—White Tops 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	27	28 7:30—Praise Band	29



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Sunday 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.

