

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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The Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale is Coming!

From Callie McMahon

By the time you read this in the June Outreach, all the drop offs will be done and we will be waiting in anticipation for sale day, **June 8 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.** The day before the sale is busy with set up and there are still lots of ways to help on sale day. Stop by if you are able to help!

In addition to the usual yard sale fare, this year's "wicked awesome" sale will also have a gently used clothing, shoes and accessories sale available at the same time. Our MUMC Café will be open from 7 a.m. through the close of the sale with coffee, and goodies for breakfast and lunch.

We will also have electronic recycling. Our prices are comparable to other recycling places and part of the proceeds go to the church. Fees for these items are paid at the time of drop-off the day of the yard sale. You can see these prices on the church website, www.milfordumc.org. Click "Happenings" and then "Documents".

All the proceeds received from the yard sale are used to support the mission work of the youth and adults at the church and the greater UMC. The adults work in Maine and have worked in New Orleans. The youth have been to New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia to name a few. When you stop by, ask us about how you might participate if you are interested.

Thanks to all of you who have been helping with this event so far. We really couldn't do it without you. If you would like to help with anything mentioned above, call Callie, 673-5239.



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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

It simply doesn't seem possible that the end of June will mark one year since Lucy and I arrived in Milford. In some ways, it feels that I have been with you much longer than a year as I have worked with some folks in many different meetings over these months. Other times I am reminded of the many folks I have yet to get to know and all the names that I am still learning. The learning curve for our ministry together continues to arch forward.

I had joked in a sermon a couple of weeks ago that I had had sermons "die" before (didn't quite get their point across). After worship, someone said to me as they were shaking my hand, "That hasn't happened since you've been here!" I thanked them for the compliment, but I know that not everyone hears the message in the same way. Some methods or words work for some people and not for others. A sermon might feel very powerful for one person and to the person three seats over it simply never connects.

That's why worship is not just an hour-long sermon and church isn't just about what happens on Sunday morning. We are a community that seeks to live the love of Christ for one another and for the wider world. We don't just do it with words, but with our actions and our hearts. During the month of June, our church will once again be serving one of the free Community meals at the

SHARE center. Our first two efforts were well received and they reminded me of how much fun it can be to serve others in significant ways. If you are able, try to take part in serving one of these meals and get your own battery recharged.

You will hear me talk a lot about our "faith journey". I find that one of the most helpful ways to think about our experience with God. Every journey takes you through various terrains and experiences. Some can be more challenging. Others may be more refreshing or relaxing. When I recognize that I am not alone on the journey, I can listen to the experiences of others and their journeys and learn how to improve my own. I can also share what I have learned in my journey of faith to help fellow travelers.

I am glad that our journeys of faith now share a common place at MUMC where we can be learning together. Remember even though I am your pastor, I do not direct your journey, but we can be very intentional fellow travelers on the journey. Whenever you have questions about this journey of faith, please remember that you can reach out to me or other fellow travelers on this journey with God. I look forward to continuing on this faith journey with MUMC and all those who will join us in the coming months.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Wes

Community Supper Is June 17!

From Wendy Ayotte

MUMC is hosting its next Community Supper at SHARE on Tuesday evening, June 17. As always we will need lots of help with this fun, rewarding ministry!

One simple job is to help baking some sweet treats for dessert at the supper. Cookies, brownies and cupcakes are popular, but we would also love a big bowl of fresh fruit salad or any other delicious desert you can think of. Items can be dropped off at the church on Sunday, June 15, or during office hours on Monday or Tuesday. Be sure things are in sealed bags so they stay fresh, or leave them in the refrigerator if that is necessary.

Another job that is extremely helpful is to help pre-cut all the veggies we use for the sauce and salad at the supper. On Monday afternoons (usually around 2) we need 4-5 people to spend an hour cutting up the vegetables. You'll bag them and store them in the refrigerator to be taken to SHARE the next day.

Lastly, of course, we need volunteers the night of the supper. You would need to arrive around 4:30 and will be dispatched to help set the tables, fill water pitchers, slice bread, assemble salads and prepare coffee among many other jobs. Our guests eat from 5:30-6:30 and everyone that is volunteering has a chance to sit down and eat as well. It is such fun to meet new people and enjoy a meal with our community.

After the dinner, we clean up. We have always been done by 7:30—usually a little earlier.

The Community Supper has quickly become a vibrant mission project, drawing in youth and adults, and providing a specific and rewarding way for MUMC to serve our community at large. It takes dozens of volunteers to make it work, but anyone can help. It always feels more like a party than a job. If you haven't gotten involved yet, you're encouraged to give it a try. If you aren't sure how your talents would fit in, give Wendy a call during office hours and we will figure out a way that you can get involved.

Sign ups are in the narthex. Find a friend and sign up together! It is sure to be another great night.



**SHARE
Collection**

**For the month of June
MUMC is collecting
canned meats, side dishes
(seasoned pasta mix,
hamburger helper, etc),
and sandwich bread.**

Annual Conference 2014

From Pastor Wes

The 2014 New England Annual Conference will be held at Gordon College from **June 11 through June 14**. The Conference brings together clergy and lay members from all of the United Methodist Churches across New England (except the western portion of Connecticut which belongs to the New York Conference). This year MUMC will be represented by David Stackpole and Pastor Wes.

The Conference will hear reports about the work of the church in New England and around the world over the past year. They will also look forward to the coming year of ministry setting goals and casting a vision of what is still possible in Jesus' name. The 2014 Conference theme is "*On the Wings of Love, Powered by Presence and Service.*" The Conference always features powerful worship and preaching. We honor the pastors who are retiring after many years of service and we will also ordain new persons to be working in the leadership of our future ministry together.

You will hear more about the work of the Conference and the decisions which will help to guide all of our work in the coming years. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes or Dave before our after this year's session.

Lamplighter's News

From Carol Rowlette

"I pray that the Lord will bless and protect you and that he will show you mercy and kindness. May the Lord be good to you and give you peace."

-Numbers 6:24-26 CEV

Our study of the laws and instructions given to Moses for the Israelites is



finished and we have moved on to the Book of Numbers. This book explains why the Israelites remained in the desert for forty years and why

Joshua was chosen to be their new leader. Follow along with us this month as the Old Testament is an education in history.

We will not be meeting the months of July and August. Study begins again September 10.

All women are welcome to join us each Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served, followed by prayer concerns and bible study.

For more information please contact Elaine Driscoll (673-4270) or Carol Rowlette (673-5403).

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

From Shelly Frost

The 2014 VBS program is underway and plans are being made for another amazing MUMC adventure into the "Workshop of Wonders". This year's VBS is will be held **July 28—August 1 from 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** each night. If you are interested in helping with this year's program please contact Shelly Frost at jstsfrost@comcast.net. Registration forms will be available in June. Thank you.

This year's VBS mission project will be "Building the future to help those in need". There is a list of items below that we are asking you to donate, and we will be using these items to build Care Bags for both SHARE and the Milford Welfare Department. The VBS kids will be involved in assembling the bags. If you are able to help, please bring in donations and put them in the box marked VBS in the narthex.

Another part of this mission is Birthday

Bags. For a Birthday Bag we will put together a boxed cake mix, candles, a can of frosting and sprinkles to be given to SHARE. If you can donate please bring in these items, and the children will add a homemade birthday card to make someone's day extra-special. Any questions about this please contact Shelly Frost at jstsfrost@comcast.net.

- Bottle of water
- Granola bar
- Socks
- Hand wipes
- Packet of tissues
- Maxi pads
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Nail clippers
- Band aids or small first aid kit
- Lip balm
- Comb or brush
- Mints, cough drops or gum
- Bar of soap
- Hand towel and/or wash cloth
- Travel size shampoo



Christian Aftercare Ministry

From Margie Frank

CAM continues to need gently used vacuum cleaners, large towels, dishes, knives, forks, and spoons, etc. We cannot take winter clothing items again until Fall. Generous donations from MUMC have been greatly appreciated! Thank you for including this ministry among your outreach programs. Please put items in the

CAM box in the church narthex. Receipts available upon request. Questions? Call Margie at 465-7752 or Rev. Bob Morgan at 672-1286. Thank you for all your support of this important ministry.

25th Anniversary CROP Walk Wrap Up

From Lisa Payne

The 25th Anniversary of the Souhegan Valley Crop Walk was a great success! The weather was touch-and-go for a while but the rain held off and it turned out to be perfect walking weather. At 2 p.m. (following a blessing from our very own **Pastor Wes**) over 272 participants from 10 area churches, and many other community organizations, left St Patrick's church and walked around and through Milford (for 3 miles) to raise over \$37,000 for this cause.

While the Walk does take physical effort, it is primarily focused on raising money through the "pledges" garnered by walkers from friends, family and colleagues; and it is symbolic, in the sense that people walk in sympathy with those who must walk miles every day as a necessity of life. Our CROP Walk is but one of 1,500 locally-run such Walks fostered by Church World Service of Elkhart, IN, taking place across the country each year, raising over \$22M for humanitarian aid causes.

At the Walk Celebration Pizza Party on May 8, individual walkers were recognized for their participation and accomplishments. The Walk's biggest fund-raiser, Tom Hunsader, brought in over \$4,500 in pledges from friends and fellow parishioners at St. Patrick Church, and from former work colleagues. Vern Trudo, who walked in 23 of the past events, is now 89 and no longer able to walk very far. Nevertheless, he raised over \$2,000 this

year, appealing by mail and e-mail to his faithful former donors. Since he could not walk himself, he had two "deputy walkers", Tom Werst and Dave Poltack on the route representing him. Other major fund-raisers were **Rick Bogle** and Stephanie Ouellette, who each raised close to \$1,100. Matthew Cobleigh (age 9) raised \$325; and Michael Cobliagh (age 13) and Drew Whitney (age 14) each raised close to \$500. The youngest walker was Isabelle Miller, who just turned six a month ago; and Phoebe Handwerk was second-youngest, being only a few weeks older than Isabelle. The eldest walker this year was **Rev. Bob Morgan** (83), pastor emeritus of the Milford United Methodist Church, followed closely by **Everett Gale**, age 82. The largest families on the Walk were the Tonnesens, an extended family of seven, and **David and Linda Boissonnault** and their four children, **Allie, Sam, Cooper and Ella**.

As for MUMC participation, we had 45 walkers this year. This was short of our goal of 75, but our efforts are responsible for raising \$4998 (\$2 short of our \$5000 goal).



Pastor Wes shares a prayer before setting out

Thank you walkers, sponsors and “pray-ers” too! Maybe next year we can break that 75-walker goal and raise \$10,000!

Donations to the Souhegan Valley CROP Hunger Walk are accepted until the end of November 2014, so it is not too late to be a part of it financially. Go to: <svnhcropwalk.org> to make a donation on-line. Or send your check, made to “CROP Walk” to Paula Schmida, 34 Thornton’s Ferry I, Amherst, NH 03031.



Above, the MUMC Delegation celebrates before the walk. We had 17 more walkers this year than last—next year we will try to increase our numbers even more. We hope you can join us!



Above, the Boissonaults were the largest nuclear family to walk, and below, walkers included the Kimners, Millhouses, Boissonaults, Tom Knapp and many others—47 MUMC walkers in total!



Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

Children's Sunday is on June 8th. This is the close of the Sunday School program until Fall. From everyone on the Education Team we would like to thank the children, parents and especially the teachers who came every week to give their time and support to teach the children about God.

We'd like to thank all those who “Gave 5” minutes to talk to the kids about our church and the Methodist faith each Sunday before classes started, and also all those who supported the mission projects that the Sunday School kids were involved in (SHARE, David's House, Lions Club, and Imagine No Malaria). Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, June 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 morning.



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.

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 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!

Sermons and Scripture Readings for June

June 1—“Glorifying Jesus” Acts 1: 6-14, John 17: 1-11

June 8— Children’s Sunday, Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

June 15—“Peace With Justice” II Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

June 22— Rev. Morgan preaching

June 29— Stephen Ministry Sunday, Psalm 13, Matthew 10:40-42

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 Lawler's home, call 673-7513

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

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The Hopkins home, call 673-3257

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.

Youth Group Calendar

If you are in Middle School or High School, join us for some fun! During the school year, we usually meet on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30, unless otherwise noted. There are two Youth Group meetings left for the year and you are invited to join us! Here's what we are planning:

June 1—Senior Visits

June 8—Year-End Cookout!

(location to be decided, watch for info. in the Sunday Bulletins)

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Dan Roby	June 2
Corinne Pelchat	June 9
Shirley Stackpole	June 11
Lori Murphy	June 14
Everett Gale	June 20
Nick Gutterson	June 21
Kaleen Fortunato	June 22
Claire Place	June 25
Raymond Parent	June 25
Hanna Millhouse	June 28
Clarence Blair	June 29
Eloise Carleton	June 30

Anniversaries:

Richard & Roberta Randlett	June 2
Danny & Moxie Roby	June 4
Sean & Lori Murphy	June 8
Dave & Shirley Stackpole	June 9
Dan & Wendy Ayotte	June 13
Dick & Barb Medlyn	June 14

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.

- Bell Choir: Mary Tyler-Wall
- Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
- Church Council: Callie McMahon
- Home Groups: Pastor Wes
- Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and Carol Rowlette
- Outreach: Pat Rafter & Paul Berkebile
- Praise Band: Michele Bossie
- Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
- Staff Parish Relations: Bruce Houston
- Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
- Sunday School: Kim Pfiel
- Trustees: Steve Rafter
- White Tops: Everett Gale
- Worship: John Millhouse
- Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Kerri-Lynn Kimner

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

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri
2 p.m.-6 p.m.

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



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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 5-6:30—Youth Group, Senior Visits	2	3	4 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Worship Committee	5 6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal	6 7:30—Praise Band	7 7-1—Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale
8 Children's Sunday 5-6:30—Youth Group, Year-End Cookout!	9 7—Outreach Committee 7—Trustee's Committee	10	11 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	12 6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal	13 7:30—Praise Band	14
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16 7—Finance Committee	17 4:15-7:30—SHARE Community Supper	18 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Ad Council	19 6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal	20 7:30—Praise Band	21
22	23	24	25 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	26 6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal	27 7:30—Praise Band	28 8:30-5:30—Lifeline Screenings
29	30		<p>Remember! Sermons and Scriptures are listed on page 10, and HOME GROUPS are listed on page 11.</p>			



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Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:45 Traditional Worship
**Free childcare

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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.

