

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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MUMC Prepares to Welcome Pastor Wes and Family!

From Lisa Payne and the SPR Committee

We are happy to announce that our Bishop, the Cabinet, our District Superintendent Jan Davis, and the SPR Committee, have completed the search and appointment process for our new Pastor.

On July 1 of this year, our new Pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Wesley Palmer - he prefers Pastor Wes or Wes or Wesley.



He grew up in Maine as a "preacher's kid" and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1978. He graduated in 1982 from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology, and received his Masters of Divinity in 1985 from Drew University School of Theology. In 1997, he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Bangor Theological Seminary.

He has served churches in North Sullivan, Prospect Harbor, Gouldsboro, and Guilford in Maine. From 1990 until June of 2000, he served as pastor of the Conway and Center Conway United Methodist Churches in Conway, NH and for the past 13 years, he has served as pastor of the Londonderry United Methodist Church.

Pastor Wes has a passion for preaching and for singing. He loves to see people discovering their faith and their own gifts for ministry. He wants worship to be a time of discovery for everyone who comes. He's been the MC at Vacation Bible School openings and loves to provide worship at a Nursing Home. He has enjoyed many different mission trip

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A Message From Pastor Tom

Dear Friends,

Lately I find myself thinking a lot about the famous passage from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, which begins with those well-known words, "To everything there is a season." (If you're like me, whenever you hear or read those words, you automatically start singing, "Turn! Turn! Turn!"—in fact, I'm doing it even now, and I bet a lot of you are too!) But seriously, there is a profound truth contained in those words. There is a season, a right time, for everything.

Part of what's got me thinking about this passage is the fact that we are in the season of Lent. Lent provides us with a needed time to examine ourselves and recheck and renew our commitment to following Jesus along the way of the cross. This is not an easy thing to do, and left to our own devices, we might well find reasons to put off doing so to the point where we never actually get around to really looking at ourselves. But the Church in its wisdom long ago came to understand that there is a need for a season of intentional and communal self-examination. Because, after all, "to everything there is a season."

And as Lent has progressed this year, I

find myself with an increasing appreciation of the overall wisdom of the Christian calendar. Once again, long ago, the Church began to formulate its own calendar, different and separate from the Gregorian calendar that we use for purposes of scheduling our lives. The church's



calendar guides our worship and reflection, and it is known as a *liturgical calendar* or "calendar of the Christian year."

A good explanation of the way this calendar works can be found at the Christian Resource Institute's website, *The Voice* (<http://www.crivoice.org/chyear.html>). I invite you to learn more about the church calendar, and to adapt to its ancient rhythms in your devotional life. Because it, too, is predicated on the truth that "to everything there is a season."

Finally, the truth of Ecclesiastes is pressing upon me as I prepare to say goodbye to you all in June. We have enjoyed a wonderful season together, and I have been blessed and privileged to be your pastor for these many years. But nothing is permanent. There is a season for enjoying one another and growing together, and sometimes it feels like we want to hold on to that season forever. Or there is the opposite

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experiences including one to Honduras with Church World Service in 1999. He has also traveled to Maine with the NH District mission team several times. He has been a regular volunteer at AnneMarie House over the past few years.

He will be joined by his wife Lucy. Lucy is a full-time home maker, and animal lover, volunteering her time at the Methuen SPCA caring for abused, abandoned, and surrendered horses.

In their spare time, Wesley and Lucy enjoy their dog Daisy and traveling. Pastor Wes also enjoys an extensive collection of books and paraphernalia from the Peanuts comic strip and a growing CD collection of his favorite

music. They have two grown sons Adam and Timothy.

The coming months will offer opportunities for all of us to learn more about Pastor Wes and his family. As is customary, he will join us for a communion Sunday between now and July.



In the meantime the SPR committee will continue to work on the transition plans for welcoming Pastor Wes and Lucy as well as begin the preparations for thanking Pastor Tom and his family for all they have done for us, and expressing our heartfelt goodbyes. We have lots of work to do, and welcome any volunteers who wish to help during this time of change. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the SPR, listed below.

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Meet the Staff: Mary Tyler-Wall

My name is Mary Tyler-Wall. I am a wife, a mother and the Handbell Choir Director at Milford United Methodist Church.

In 1999 my daughter Kathryn and I moved to New Hampshire from Walton, New York to marry Jim Wall. We bought a house in Milford and began searching for a church. It didn't take long. I felt immediately comfortable when I visited the Milford United Methodist Church. Pastor Tom visited our home and mentioned there was a vacancy for a Bell Choir Director. I had found my church home and a part time job! Jim and I joined the church in December 1999.

In 2003 we moved to Temple NH. We love the town and have been members of the Temple Band since 2000. I play the oboe and Jim plays the trombone. Monday night's band rehearsals were our date night. A baby sitter came every Monday night allowing us to play music together. Since then, Kathryn has joined the band on clarinet and Bronwyn now plays trombone. Eme plays piano, but will start a band instrument next year in 5th grade.

I direct the Temple Dance Band—an 18 piece big band. I am on the Board of the Temple Band Organization and I recently was asked to be the assistant director of the concert band. I also play with the Brookline Christmas Band and occasionally with PB& J Jazz Ensemble. I perform annually with the Temple

Drama Club and am also a member of the Temple Elementary School Parent Teacher Team.



At MUMC I have participated in Sacred Dance, Chancel Choir, the Lenten Dramas, the Church Band, the Praise Band, the Worship Committee, directed the Children's Choirs, directed and co-directed Vacation Bible School, took a Mission Trip to Owego, NY with the youth group and organized the Wanakee Fundraising Concerts. I have also attended Wanakee several times and send my children every year.

I graduated from SUNY Fredonia where I studied music and graduated with a degree in Sociology. I am a certified para-educator and am currently employed by the Conval School District as a substitute teacher. My favorite grades to work with are K-4. Slowly I am working on my Masters Degree in Elementary Education at Granite State College.

A fun fact is sometimes I arrange music for the handbell choir to perform. Once I even wrote an original piece called *The Mom Boogie*. One of the themes in *The Mom Boogie* is a song from our black hymnal called *Guide My Feet*. To me that is the mom anthem – “guide my feet, hold my hand, stand by me while I run this race for I don't want to run this race in vain.”

Trustee's Update

From Jim Frost

The Board of Trustees takes care of the physical buildings and property owned by the church which include the church building itself, the grounds, and the parsonage. Care of these properties include upkeep and maintenance issues at both locations.

Work continued at the Parsonage that included stump grinding and fill being brought to further clean up the front yard. We also put the plans together for the master bath remodel with expected completion during spring of 2013 along with other improvements scheduled for this coming year.

We have also been attending to the up-keep of the church and its grounds. This included items of maintaining the HVAC systems, lighting—both interior and exterior—for general, every day activities.

We would like to thank all that participated in Levi Sunday clean up last year as it was a delight to see the members become active in the in caring for their church. During this clean up, it was identified we had an issue with grubs throughout the lawn. The cost associated with the lawn restoration will continue into 2013. This year, Levi Sunday is planned for Sunday, April 28 (rain date: May 19). We will work again on cleaning up the church and grounds. Many hands make light work, so wear your Levi's to church on April 28th and join us for Levi Sunday 2013!

Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

Please encourage your children to attend Sunday School. The on-going mission project is to help the Bethany Christian project, we have many kids that are in the program who are trying to find permanent homes, so they can be a part of a normal childhood - they long to take dance lessons, play soccer, enjoy summer camp or learn to cook. Please see the pictures of these beautiful children, let us pray and support them. Monetary funds will be collected through March.

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feeling for some, who want a particular season to get over with as soon possible. But while all these feelings are understandable, the world as God has created it pushes against our desire to hold on or to rush through. Because, again, "to everything there is a season."

In this season of Lent, and in this season of transition in the life of our church, may we learn to trust the rhythms of life—and to trust that God's presence hovers over and directs it all.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Jim



Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

From Elaine Driscoll

This winter our bible study has been on portions of the Old Testament and we started with the book of Joshua. After Moses died the Lord commanded Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River to the promised land. To accomplish this God used Rahab to hide the Israelite spies from the enemy.

On to the book of Ruth, an inspiring story of faith and commitment. Ruth followed Naomi to Bethlehem, where she stated "your people will be my people and your God my God".

We continue to be inspired by women of the bible and our current study is the book of Esther. Come and join us as we review this powerful drama in the Old Testament.

The Lamplighters continue to meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., starting with coffee/tea, prayer concerns and study. All women are welcome.

For more information contact the following:
Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or Geldris@comcast.net
Carol Rowlette at 673-5403 or Carolleero@aol.com

Talent Show and Silent Auction

From Susan Drew

Get ready all you talented people! MUMC is having a talent show in combination with the yearly silent talent auction to benefit the youth mission team.

The Talent Show will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2013, 7 p.m. That will end our Silent Talent Auction which will run the preceding two Sundays. For the Talent Show we are looking for all types of talent that are appropriate for the Sanctuary... meaning juggling chain saws and the like won't work. We'd love to have singers, dancers, jokesters, and impressionists... what else can you think of? If you can think it up, I bet we can find a place for it!

For the Silent Talent Auction – in the past, Youth Mission Team members, and others who want to support their good work, have volunteered yard work, tutoring, babysitting, dinners and bake goods, etc. If you have a talent to offer, let us know!

Please contact the talented team of Susan Drew (susan.drew@comcat.net), Pastor Tom (pastor@milfordumc.org), and/or Angi Perron (angip@comcast.net) with your ideas, and questions.

We will have a Talent Show meeting in March for auditions and practice. Watch your bulletins!

Easter Services



Sunrise Service
7 p.m.,
Congregational Church of Milford

Spirit Celebration
8:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m.

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.

If anyone is interested in helping with this year's
Vacation Bible

School

in July 2013,
please contact Shelly Frost,
jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net

Thank you!

SHARE Collection

*From Karen Graveline and
Kathy Beane*

For the month of March MUMC is collecting canned fruits, juice, canned pasta, coffee & tea



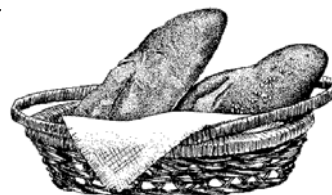
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM • Mike Peters



Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, March 3.

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

CAM always needs men's T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, cooking pots, pans, cutlery, small electrical appliances, towels, & linens. The CAM staff and I thank all the donors for their continued - amazing - generosity.
*Call Margie Frank for ideas or suggestions.
(465-7752)*

Join us for the next Broken Bread Café!

*Saturday,
March 9th
At 5 p.m.*

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. @ 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 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.



Winter Info

Winter will be arriving soon, and with it snow and ice. We do everything possible to have worship every Sunday, but rarely we might be forced to cancel services. In that event, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7 a.m. and you can check the list of closings on WMUR TV or find it on WMUR.com. Please use your discretion as well when deciding if the roads are safe in your area, and whether or not to drive in.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Keith Taylor	March 6
Sabrina Logue	March 13
Pat Rafter	March 14
Tom Getchell-Lacey	March 14
Bronwyn Tyler-Wall	March 14
Nicole Masters	March 14
Kevin Cyr	March 17
Rick Westergren	March 26
Robyn Metcalf	March 28

Anniversaries:

Robert & Dorothy Ledger	March 5
Kevin & Susan Drew	March 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: Carol Brooks
 Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler-Wall
 Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
 Church Council: Callie McMahon
 Home Groups: Pastor Tom
 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: Shannon Gutterson
 Trustees: Greg Herbert
 White Tops: Everett Gale
 Worship: John Millhouse
 Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Kathy Moaratty

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

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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:	pastor@milfordumc.org
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	office@milfordumc.org



March 2013

Sunday Services:
8:30-Spirit Celebration
9:30-Sunday School
10:45-Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30—Praise Band	2
3 5-6:30—Youth Group	4 7—Outreach Committee	5	6 8—White Tops 12:30—AED Training 1—Lamplighters 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Worship Committee	7 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	8 6:30—First Friday Youth Breakfast with Mr. Knapp 7:30—Praise Band	9 5—Broken Bread Café
10 New Member Sunday 5-6:30—Youth Group	11 7—Trustee's Committee	12	13 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters	14 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	15 7:30—Praise Band	16 9:30-12:30—Christmas Crafting
17 5-7:30—Youth Lent Event	18 7—Finance Committee	19	20 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Ad Council	21 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	22 7:30—Praise Band	23 5-7—Spaghetti Supper
24 Palm Sunday 5-6:30—Youth Group Easter Sunday 31	25	26	27 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters 7—Stephen Ministry supervision	28 Maundy Thursday 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	29 Good Friday 7:30—Praise Band	30



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Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
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.

