

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
March 2014—Milford, NH



One Great Hour of Sharing

From Pastor Wes

Sunday, March 30th will be when we receive our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 50 years, this special offering has been collected in our denomination. Funds from the offering go to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief which is one of the mission arms of the United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is an organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. It provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. They are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

Special offering envelopes will be made available on Sunday, March 30th. Please be generous in responding to this important ministry. Checks should be made payable to MUMC.



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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

The season of Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves for the gifts of Easter. It is a holy time to draw closer to God in our lives. The old tradition associated with Lent is to "give something up." That tradition is an adaptation of the tradition of fasting and also an acknowledgement of Jesus' time in the wilderness for the forty days after his baptism. Lent is much more than just that one tradition. It is a time for self-examination and for recommitment.

Lent may be the most important season of the church year to be in church. The discipline of weekly worship helps to remind us of our dependence upon God and our need to turn to God to truly understand our lives. I recently had a conversation with a younger woman who had suffered a very difficult loss. Not knowing what to do, she called me and simply said, "I need something bigger." She didn't know what that was, but there was a part of her that believed it had something to do with God. It was the complete devastation of loss that finally brought her to that place. Lent invites us to make those discoveries without having to endure such hardship.

When Jesus was led into the wilderness, he had just had a very powerful encounter with God's Spirit in the midst of his baptism. We are told that the Spirit then led him into the wilderness. Many people live in a spiritual

wilderness in their lives today. They simply have no connection with God in their lives. For others, their connection with God has not been developed or nurtured beyond the most basic of understandings. All of us can use the season of Lent to grow in our love for and understanding of God.

I encourage you to commit yourself to a season of growth in Lent. Commit to being in worship every Sunday. Plan to attend the special services on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Open yourself to new practices of prayer and daily devotional reading. Don't just give something up for Lent, but instead take on the fullness of God's love for you.

In God's ever growing love,

Pastor Wes



What if today, we were just grateful for everything?

David's House Sunday School Mission Project

From Carol Brooks

The MUMC Sunday School recently decided to collect grocery items for David's House in Lebanon as their mission project. Collection of items for this home away from home for seriously sick and injured children began in December and wrapped up on Sunday February 16th.

We are so grateful for the Sunday School children's participation and generosity. In total, 173 grocery list items were collected, and since many of those were multi-packs, the impact was great. Deliveries were made to David's House on January 12th and again on February 19th. Gift cards to Shaw's were also included.

Thank you to Shelly Frost, all of the Sunday School teachers, children, families and friends that participated and made this endeavor such a success. Also thanks goes to Roy and Liz Fairbairn for assisting with the last delivery with their truck in the bad weather.



Above: Beth Brooks and Cathy Labonte (House Manager) of David's House. Below right: a box of goodies ready for David's House. Below left: the truck packed and Lebanon bound.



Habitat For Humanity

From Paul Berkebile

MUMC has been a covenant partner with Habitat for many years, but the relationship between Habitat and it's faith partners has been dormant because of the lack of a coordinator at Habitat. Paul Mangold has taken on that responsibility and is eager to have us work with them.

Habitat is known for their work in building new homes, but they also do many small jobs to existing homes for people who can't afford to hire professionals. This can include such things as repairs and handicapped accessibility. Many people it seems are reluctant ask for help and Habitat is looking for such jobs because they have the ability but no one asks. If you know of such a need let Paul Mangold know at 321-3924.

They also need volunteers for their ReStore store on Amherst Street in Nashua, where they sell excess donated items, and of course volunteers for their construction projects. They do construction mainly on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Donation of food for the volunteers is also a way to serve.

A new construction project will be starting in Nashua in April.

We hope to have a meeting with the congregation scheduled for March 24th. Watch for details.

Ash Wednesday

From Pastor Wes

Our annual Ash Wednesday service will be held at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th** in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and calls us in worship to a time of repentance. Please plan to join us for this special service.



**SHARE
Collection**

**For the month of March
MUMC is collecting
Bar soap, shampoo &
conditioner, deodorants,
and dental products.**

No winter lasts
forever; no
spring skips its
turn.

-Hal Borland

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 auction to benefit the youth mission team. The Talent Show will take place on Saturday, **April 5th, 2015, 7 p.m.** That will end our 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.... If you can think it up, I bet we can find a place for it!

For the Silent Auction – we can use all kinds of items – gift baskets, crafts, talents, again... you name it. Be thinking about what you can offer! Please contact Susan Drew (susan.drew@comcat.net), with your ideas, and questions.

Give Me Five!

From Shelly Frost

The Ed Team will be launching a "Give Me 5" program, during our opening time prior to the start of classes. ALL are welcome to join in our Sunday School opening.



"Give Me 5" will give members the opportunity to speak five minutes to the children about a specific topic or answer a simple question, to help them understand more about the

Methodist faith & the church. We are very excited about this new program and hope that the congregation will support our efforts in teaching the children.

Don't forget about Adult Sunday School also held between services and Youth Group for Students from 6th grade - 12th grade, held at MUMC from 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening (unless otherwise specified by the leaders).

THE TRUSTEES HAVE CHOSEN APRIL 27 FOR OUR

LEVI SUNDAY

EVENT. PLEASE PLAN TO WEAR YOUR JEANS TO CHURCH THAT DAY AND JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP FOR ONE HOUR OF LIGHT YARD WORK ON OUR CHURCH GROUNDS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW PRIDE IN OUR PROPERTY AND JOIN TOGETHER TO TAKE CARE OF GOD'S CHURCH. WE WILL HAVE A LIST OF CHORES TO CHOOSE FROM SOON.

Craft Fair Saturdays

From Callie McMahon

The March meeting of the Christmas Crafting Saturday will happen on March 8th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All levels of crafting ability can help at these get-togethers and there is much fellowship and laughter as we let our creative juices flow...or ooze, depending on your perspective!

The craft fair is a very big fundraiser for the church and the more we do now, the less we will have to do in the weeks before the fair. This would be a great blessing as we all know how busy we get around Christmas. We have a great start already and more hands could make it even better. What do you have planned for that snowy, gray March Saturday? We'd love to see you.

Contact Liane Wright or Pat Rafter with any questions.

Lamplighter's News

From Carol Rowlette

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

-Exodus 20: 2,3

We are well into our study of Exodus and have followed the Israelites through the Red Sea and into the desert. Upon arriving at Mount Sinai, God presented Moses with the Ten Commandments for the people. We will continue on this journey for the next several weeks.

All women are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served, followed by prayer concerns and bible study. Our discussions are lively and interesting, as God speaks to us through the Old Testament.

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

MUMC Helps With Community Suppers!

From Wendy Ayotte

MUMC has joined with other area churches to host Community Suppers at SHARE, allowing them to offer a meal once a week to those in need. We are looking for 16-20 volunteers to help provide our first supper at SHARE on March 18th. If you are available that evening (3:30-7:30 p.m.) or would like more information please call the church office or e-mail office@milfordumc.org to sign up. We will also need 2 shoppers and 4-5 people to cut vegetables at MUMC the day before (Mon., 3/18) Kids who want to volunteer at SHARE need to be in Middle School or older, and preferably joined by a parent.

Wicked Awesome Yard Sale

From Callie McMahon

Plans are underway for the next Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale on **Saturday, June 7, 2014, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.** Set up will be June 6, and final clean up on June 8. With the expectation of the new Herlihy baby, Grandma Pat will be helping but not leading the charge for this one so those of us trying to fill in for her (three of us) will need all the help we can get from you!

Drop off dates are **May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Drop off tasks are helping unload donations and pricing and sorting. If you have ever gone to a yard sale you are qualified to help.

The set up involves moving the priced items to the yard sale tents so it is ready for our customers.

Activity the day of the sale could be cashier, help with the café or mixing with the customers and helping them when they need it. I know this might sound a lot like work, but it is generally great fun and has been a great fund raiser for our church. If you have never been involved, I urge you to give it a try.

We will also have electronic recycling again, for details please get in touch with Lisa Payne at lpayne@xrsolutions.com. Spread the word about electronic recycling to your friends, family and neighbors, most of the prices are better than what you would have to pay to get rid of your old stuff at the

dump. The bonus is that a portion comes back to the church!

If anyone is interested in coordinating a clothing sale during this event, please let Callie McMahon or Liane Wright know. You would need to coordinate help for drop off dates and set up, sale and clean up for this portion of the sale.

Please contact Callie McMahon at cmcmahon28@gmail.com, or 673-5239, Liane Wright at 533-7302, or Lisa Payne at lpayne@xrsolutions.com if you are willing to help or if you have questions.

We look forward to having you join us in the fellowship of this event.

Start your spring cleaning early...you know what they say about one man's junk.....



Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, March 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 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!

Home Group Sponsored Retreat

Please save the date of **March 31st, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The home group leaders are planning a church wide retreat for that day. We have tentatively scheduled the Fresh Air program from the UMC Conference to come to present a program on prayer. It will cover individual prayer and congregational prayer. The plan right now is to close the day with a cookout. We are trying to decide if we will extend the fellowship time into Saturday evening. Either way, it should be a refreshing start to our summer.

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.



Moxie's Soup!

Moxie will be selling her amazing soups after church to raise money for Wanakee Camperships. Look for her (and you won't have to make dinner!) on March 16 & 30 and April 27.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Keith Taylor	March 6
Sabrina Logue	March 13
Pat Rafter	March 14
Bronwyn Tyler-Wall	March 14
Nicole Masters	March 15
Kevin Cyr	March 17
Janet Johnson	March 23
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.



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.



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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>2 Sermon: Transfiguring Light II Peter 1: 16-19 Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p>5—Youth Group 7—Caring Vets</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters</p> <p>7—Ash Wed. Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6—Bell Choir rehearsal 7—Concert Rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30—Praise Band</p>	<p>1 9—CROP Walk Kickoff meeting</p> <p>8</p> <p>10-1—Craft Fair Workshop</p>
<p>9 Sermon: Lord ENduring Temptation Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>5—Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7—Outreach Committee 7—Trustee's Committee</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters</p> <p>7—Stephen Ministry Supervision 7—Worship Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6—Bell Choir rehearsal 7—Concert Rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30—Praise Band</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5-7—Spaghetti Supper</p>
<p>16 Sermon: Life ENlightening Testimony Psalm 121 John 3: 1-17</p> <p>10:30—Ed Team 5—Youth Group 7—Caring Vets</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7—Finance Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>MUMC hosts Community Supper at SHARE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters</p> <p>6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Ad Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6—Bell Choir rehearsal 7—Concert Rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30—Praise Band</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Sermon: Living Water ENding Thirst Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-30</p> <p>5—Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7—Habitat for Humanity meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8—White Tops 1—Lamplighters</p> <p>7—Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7—Concert Rehearsal 8—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30—Praise Band</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Sermon: Light Encouraging Touch Psalm 23 John 9: 24-41</p> <p>5—Youth Group</p>	<p>31</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.

