



# The Outreach

May 2009—Milford, NH

**Box City, Rivier College  
April 4th—5th**



Sixteen members of our youth group, and three adults went to Box City at Rivier College on April 4th. The Box City event is sponsored by the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network and is a way that we can educate people, specifically young people, about the myths that surround homelessness. Homelessness affects individuals and families of diverse backgrounds and situations. The focus of the GNIHN is to reach out to homeless families in the community in an effort to find stability and permanent housing. Your support of the GNIHN and Anne Marie House helps to make this possible.

"My Box City experience was very enlightening. We learned tons about homelessness and the stereotypes of homeless people. Did you know that children make up the majority of the homeless population in this country? We also learned that we can do our part by volunteering at the Nashua Soup Kitchen, and GNIHN."

*By Jack Betelak*



## Message from the Pastor

Attention, all artists! God is calling you to use your artistic gifts for the glory of God! Actors, painters, sculptors, weavers, potters, quilters, writers, crafters, photographers, videographers—the list goes on and on, but the one common denominator is that God has given you a talent that can be used to deepen the experience of worship—yours and your fellow worshippers’.

In most Protestant churches, worship has traditionally been expressed in a way that included lots of spoken words and music, but little in the way of visual or sensual expression and experience. In other words, especially since the Enlightenment, worship developed into a feast for the ears, but a famine for the eyes. Certainly much of the music and spoken word that is offered in this sort of worship is beautiful and rich. But more and more we are realizing that there are so many additional ways we can engage our entire being in worship besides exercising our sense of hearing. Worship in many churches is becoming more of a feast for all of the senses, and appreciation for all the many and varied worship arts is on the increase. We can see any number of examples of this here at MUMC, but there is room for a lot more.

That is where those of you who are gifted in the various visual and graphic arts come in! I suspect that there are many of our mem-

bers and friends who have never really had the chance to use these gifts in service to God as a means of enhancing the worship experience. Consider this letter your invitation to begin exploring how you can begin to do so!

Maybe you would like to design and create altar cloths, or put together altar arrangements to fit the theme of a particular Sunday. Maybe you would like to put together a photography exhibit celebrating the beauty of God’s creation. Maybe you would like to compose a poem that could be part of a bulletin cover or read as part of worship. Maybe you would like to create a computer graphic presentation that could be used during our worship. Who knows—the sky is the limit. Be thinking and praying about your gifts, and how God might be calling you to use them—and let me know. I would love to help you use your gifts for the glory of God, and in ways that will deepen the worship experience for our members and friends.

Many forms of artistic expression have been hijacked for purposes that serve prurient or merely commercial interests. For those of us who are artistically gifted, we have an opportunity to redeem these art forms and use them to give praise to the One who is the Creator of all creativity. And along the way, worship might just get a whole lot deeper.

## Good to Great Update

By Chris Willard

Cell groups are now meeting near you! Currently, there are three groups meeting weekly in Milford:

Mondays, 7 pm @ 6 Johnson Street  
(Callie’s McMahon’s home)

Thursdays, 7 pm @ 16 Christine Drive  
(Bob and Pat Levesque’s home)

Thursdays, 7 pm @ 45 Highland Avenue  
(Steve Rafter’s home)

Feel free to drop in on any one of them, or, if none of these times work for you, keep your eyes open for new groups forming soon! Remember, establishing cell groups is a key component to our mission of helping people

discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. Cell groups provide a small group environment where we can share our spiritual lives together, minister to each other, serve our community together, and become better disciples of Jesus together.

Also, the Good to Great team is continuing to meet and look ahead to the future. Currently, they are assembling a 3-5 year strategic plan for our church. If you would like to be involved in the work of the Good to Great team, contact Chris Willard at [cwillard@milfordumc.org](mailto:cwillard@milfordumc.org)

## News from the Worship Committee

By Elaine Driscoll

Communion will be observed on May 3rd. Please remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar. Bread loaves are delivered to SHARE on Monday morning. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Mother's Day is May 10th. We will be celebrating all mothers, grandmothers and other women who have played important roles in our lives.

Altar Flowers may be purchased for any special occasion or to honor or remember a special person in your life. The Flower Chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Our cost for an altar arrangement from Woodman's Florist is \$25. If you have any special requests please talk to Roberta Langis, the Flower Coordinator, at 673-4560, or e-mail bertlangis@aol.com.

Thinking ahead...Crochet, anyone? We are looking for people who love to crochet and have the pattern for making angel tree decorations. We intend to use these for the next Christmas celebration. Please contact Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or e-mail Geldris@aol.com, or any member of the Worship Committee.

## SHARE

For the month of May, MUMC is collecting Catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, and pickle relish. Just put your contributions in the big basket in the lobby.

Thank you!

## New Members

MUMC welcomed 14 new members on April 19th. Bill and Vivian Balam, Amy Holland, Shannon Mason, Christian and Kristi O'Shaugnessy, John and Candice Swanson, and Paul and Holleigh Tlapa joined in the 8:30 service. Marilyn McNamara, Deb Mentch, and Jason and Libby St. Jean joined in the 10:45 service. Please see the bulletin board for their pictures and a short biography.

And make them feel welcome!

## Go Green! Update

MUMC has begun its Go Green! Recycling program. Look for paper recycling receptacles in each of the classrooms, the office and the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

Thank you to Trevor Frost for his continued efforts to help our church be more environmentally healthy.



## Levi Sunday

Back by popular demand (or at least the Trustees) is Levi Sunday. Wear your Levi's to church on Sunday, May 17th, and then stick around to help do some odd jobs around the church. The

Trustees will put together a list of tasks that can be done, such as raking, weeding, and clearing out the shed. See Steve Rafter, or any of the Trustees, if you have any questions.

## YAAAAARD Sale

Wicked Awesome YAAAAard Sale planned for Saturday, June 6th 7 am-1 pm. Looking for volunteers to help sort and price the week prior to the sale. Pat Rafter will be at the church every morning, June 1st—5th, from 9-12. Please feel free to drop in anytime to give a hand. Help will also be needed on Thursday, June 4th to set up tables under the tents and again on Friday 9-? to get everything moved out of the shed and under the tents.

So please start your spring cleaning and think of what you can donate. Everything needs to be clean and in working order. We do not take televisions, electronics, microwaves, computers, stuffed animals, or clothing. Drop off dates are May 16th, 23rd and 30th from 9-12. If these times do not work for you or you need to have someone come pick your things up please call any member of the Finance Committee or Pat Rafter to arrange a pick up time. Last date for pick ups/drop offs is June 4th by noon!

Please don't forget that there will be a food tent with some special fixin's by Chef Lonni. They will be serving 8 am-1 pm! Menu to be posted soon!!!!



## Thank you for the support!!

Tom Knapp and I would like to thank our entire church family for the support shown us during our recent sub sale. This sale was to help us raise money for our three day breast cancer "Walk for a Cure" in July. As always Milford United Methodist came through. We both are very pleased with the support that the church is showing us as we undertake this mission that is very personal to both of us. Thanks again !!!

If anyone has any questions feel free to talk to either of us.

Brad Reed

## Seasoned Generation

By Roberta Randlett

At our March movie night we enjoyed a wonderful comedy titled *Evan Almighty* starring Morgan Freeman. It was a great comedy and it even had a wonderful moral to it. Those who attended had an enjoyable evening and delicious treats.

We had a good discussion regarding renaming our group. It's been suggested that the word, "Seasoned" generates some negative opinions of exactly who we are. Well, we're a very active and lively group and we have many different ideas that go

into our upcoming plans. Perhaps if your idea of this group is less than ACTIVE, come and give us a try. For instance, our April activity was bowling.

The popular Ice Cream Social is coming up on May 16th. Please RSVP to Carolan Robinson (672-8833) by the 14th. We order our ice cream from the very delicious Cold Stone Creamery. Cost is \$5 per person. Come join us for a special treat, and maybe a change in our name.

## Going Once! Going Twice! Sold!

By Lisa Payne

Yes, those were the words repeated over and over again from our very own talented, and witty, Mr. Tom Knapp. We had a huge assortment of food at our Talent Auction on April 19th, as well as exercise classes, and body relaxing massages (they certainly go hand-in-hand). We sold oil changes, yard work, home repair, car washes, babysitting, arts and crafts such as leaf casting, flower arranging, tote bag making, pottery lessons and scrapbooking. We sold music lessons, chemistry tutoring, computer assistance, and fishing. We had it all!!

Thanks to everyone who contributed a talent and to those who recognized the value of each! We raised over \$1,700 for our adult and youth mission trips. Way to go team!



*Thank you to members of our youth group who helped shovel up the tons of sand left over from our snowy winter, and for putting up our cross on top of the rock outcropping. Pictured here: Trevor Frost and Hannah Ladeau (top), Nathan Kimner, Meredith Poplar and Mr. Knapp (at left).*

## Mission Trip to Katrina 2009

Dave Stackpole held an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 21st for everyone that was interested in this year's mission trip. We still have spaces if you missed the meeting. See Dave to get on the mailing list for upcoming meetings and training sessions for new team members, or if you have any questions.



*Tim Herlihy hard at work. For more pictures of the last two mission trips go to our website: [www.milfordumc.org](http://www.milfordumc.org).*



## Join us for Sunday School

By Shelly Frost

The Lenten season was a wonderful celebration for all the children in Sunday School – after learning about the Easter Story, we ended the series with an Easter egg hunt provided to the younger children by the Jr. & Sr. High kids, a great time for all. In May we will finish up the second half of the “Psalms and Songs” unit which we started in November. The book of Psalms is a collection of songs and poetry that God’s people used to worship.

The Education Team has started to sign up teachers for the new summer Sunday school program. The teaching commitment is for 1 week and is a different format than the regular school year program. It will be more like a “summer camp learning program” with songs and outdoor games and activities. We will continue to sign up teachers until the spots are filled, so please check your calendars and contact Liane Wright or Education team members to make this a wonderful summer program for all the children of our church.

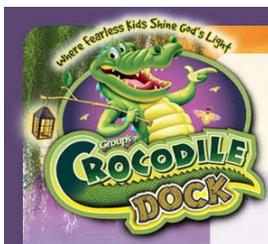
The Education Team is also very excited to have the new adult Sunday school class now in progress: “Unlearning Church”, taught by Chris Willard. This program is exploring why we do some of the

things we do at church and what the church must begin doing to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In conjunction with the Pease greeters, the Education Team has challenged the Sunday school kids to collect 600 pairs of white socks (adult-size, at least mid-calf length) and simple knit hats for the troops in Iraq & Afghanistan. These socks & hats are given to the outbound troops who pass through the Pease airport by the greeters. Please help the kids meet their goal. All donations will be collected from now through May and can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Contact the Education Team or Kathy Holland for more information.

As the end of another successful year comes to a close, the Education Team would like to thank all the teachers and helpers who made this possible; without your support this would not be a success. We are already looking ahead to the upcoming year. We’ve selected the topics and are planning to start signing up teachers in May, so please look for our table in the narthex and make a 4 (or more) week commitment to the children of our church. Thank you all for your continued support to the Education Team and our kids.

## Vacation Bible School



The Amazing MUMC VBS 2009 is rolling! Or, should I say floating...swimming, anyway. MUMC VBS is goin' south to the bayous of Louisiana

for Crocodile Dock.

We are looking for anyone 14 and older to join our Bayou Crew of teachers, helpers, builders, snack artists, game fa-

natics, and craft gurus. If you are interested join us at our meeting Tuesday, May 5th at 7 pm in the sanctuary to learn more and to start planning for July 20th -24th and the best MUMC Vacation Bible School ever.

P.S. You can even check us out online! Go to <http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/VBSMUMC2009> to check out our theme, pre-register, or sign up to help!

## Wanakee Benefit Concert Series



*The Temple Dance Band warming up for the March Wanakee Benefit Concert. Can you spot MUMC members John Millhouse, Cecil Rowlett, and Jim Tyler-Wall?*

MUMC's own Spirit Celebration Band will perform on Sunday, May 31st at 2 pm for the Wanakee Boosters concert series. All concerts are FREE although donations to our scholarship fund are gratefully accepted. The entire family is welcome to attend. Free refreshments will be served after the concert. Come join us for a fun afternoon.

The Spirit Celebration Band performs some of the most popular songs from today's contemporary Christian scene as well as a number of original pieces. The exhilarating mix of singers, electric guitars, bass, drum set and saxophone lead worship at the Milford United Methodist Church each Sunday morning at 8:30 am for the Spirit Celebration Service.

## It's Time to Think About Summer Camp!

We hope this finds you well and looking forward to summer and Camp Wanakee. The brochures are out and the camp is gearing up for another wonderful summer in "The Beautiful and Spiritual Place in the Hills."

Every year MUMC sends many campers, young and young at heart, to Camp Wanakee. Last year we had about 40 campers from our Church. It was hard to be a week at Wanakee and not see a friendly face from MUMC.

One of the things MUMC is committed to is sending as many children to camp as possible. Camp is a wonderful place where many children find new friends and a new relationship with God. To assist with this, MUMC is committed to giving scholarships to campers wishing to attend Wanakee. We have pledged over the years to provide half scholarships to any child wishing to go to Wanakee. You may have seen fundraisers such as the Wanakee Concert Series or Moxie's Soup Sales. Donations from the Spring Cantata also went to the scholarship fund. These funds were raised to help support sending kids to camp.

If you have a child going to camp, please e-mail one of your Wanakee Boosters listed below. This is what we need to know:

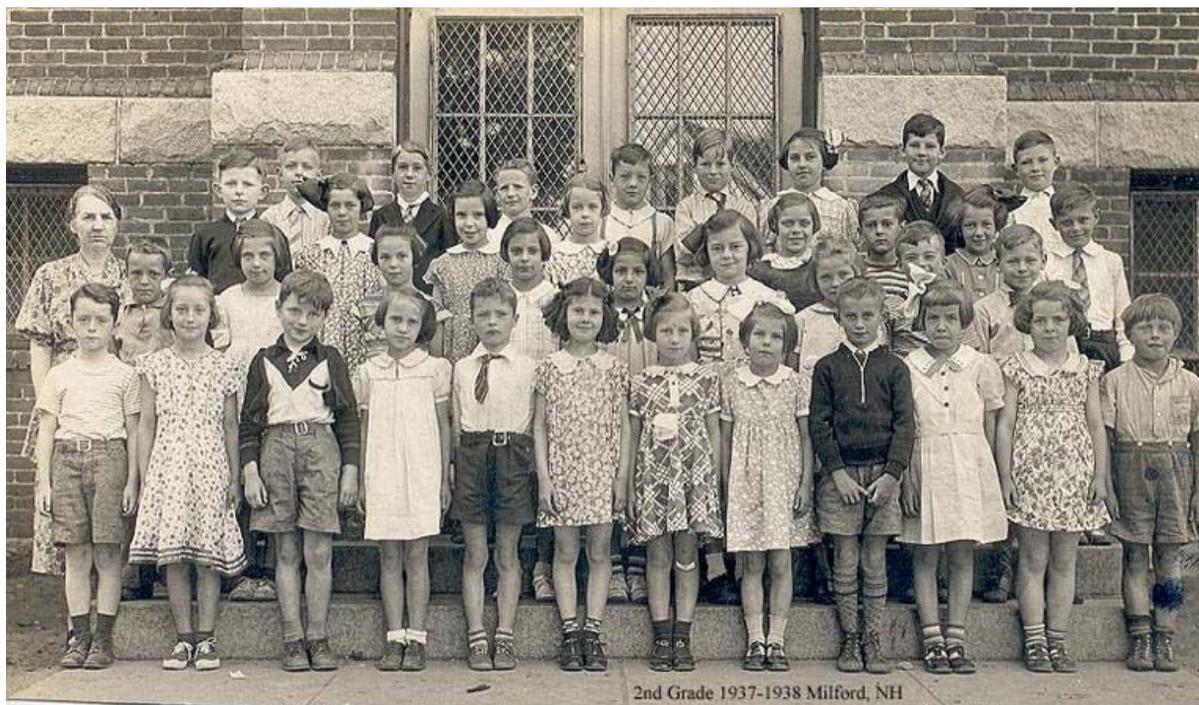
- The name of the camper
- The name of the camp they will be attending.
- The date of the camp they will be attending.
- If you would like a scholarship.

Scholarship money will be based on half of the price of the camp. Checks for half of the amount of the camp will be given directly to you. You are responsible for registering your child.

Please e-mail us even if you don't want a scholarship. We like to keep the congregation informed of who is going to camp. Some kids might even get some extra mail. Thank you for supporting Camp Wanakee!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Tong wlctongn@hotmail.com  
Kerri-Lynn Kimner skkimner91@comcast.net

## Guess Who?



How many MUMC members and friends can you recognize in this picture? This is the 2nd grade class from 1937-38, taken in front of the Garden Street School, Milford, NH.

Answers on page 10.

## Quilting Ministry

The Quilting ministry moves to the home of Carolan Robinson in May. They will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays, at 7 pm. Please call Carolan (672-8833) if you have any questions or need directions.

You do not need to have any quilting experience to join the group. The quilters donate their quilts to various charities as chosen by the group.

## Milford Area Seniors

MUMC plays host to the Milford Area Seniors every Tuesday, 10 am—2 pm. Coming in May are the following activities:

- Speaker from Living At Home Senior
- Ala Carte singing quartet
- Computer classes
- Bingo games
- Elmar singing duet
- Food and fellowship
- Craft projects
- Health screenings
- And more!

We can always use more participants and more volunteers! Join us any time.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Chris Willard and Lindsey Jones who have announced their engagement. Chris and Lindsey plan to be married on August 23rd in Nashville, TN, where they met in college.



Congratulations to John and Candice Swanson who were married in our church on March 14th. John and Candice live in Milford, and joined the church on April 19th.

## Peanut-free Reminder

We have members and friends of MUMC with peanut allergies. This is just a reminder that the nurseries need to stay peanut-free. Please read your children's snack labels carefully. Those little devils get into everything! We also request that you mark any after-church goodies if they include peanuts. Thank you!

## Crop Walk 2009

CROP Walk is Sunday, May 3rd, beginning at 2 pm. MUMC usually meets at St. Patrick's Church at 1 pm for a team picture. How many walkers in MUMC orange will there be this year? We had 80 signed up when the newsletter went to press.

CROP Walk-ers help fight hunger and poverty around the world. Up to 25% of what is raised will stay right here in the Souhegan Valley, going to SHARE and the Wilton Open Cupboard. There are two loops—one 6.2 miles, or the shorter 1.8 mile loop. We hope everyone can join us walking, sponsoring or praying.



*Tevyn Aubry, Trevor Frost, Jay Millhouse, Meg Battersby, Rachel Rumohr and Nathan Kimner are some of the 103 walkers who participated in Crop Walk 2008 from MUMC.*

## Spaghetti Fundraiser

Come and Carbo-load with us at the Spaghetti Dinner, May 2nd 5-6:30 pm. Tickets are Adults—\$10, Juniors (12 and under) - \$5. The menu includes choice of marinara or meat sauce, bread, salad and dessert. You can get ready for the Crop Walk the following day, help the mission teams going to Pennsylvania and Katrina, and see Pastor Tom in a tutu. We hope. We only need 100 walkers. You don't want to miss it!

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Colton Tewksbury	May 5
Don Brooks	May 8
Leslie Drew	May 10
Kathy Breault	May 15
Sarah Stringer	May 15
Doris Fonden	May 16
Jenny Lawton	May 21
Martin Betelak	May 26
Nancy Tong	May 31

### Happy Anniversary to:

Steve & Pat Rafter	May 4
Jim & Mary Tyler-Wall	May 15
John & Kathy Bradfield	May 21

If you would like to be included in the birthdays and anniversary list, please contact the church office.

### *Correction!*

Last month I made an error in the anniversaries and birthdays. It should have read this way:

Moxie Roby's birthday	Apr 17
Jim and Kaleen Fortunato's Anniversary	Apr 17

## New Church Email addresses

The church has moved to a new email system. We hope you are now using the emails listed below:

Pastor Tom: [pastor@milfordumc.org](mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org)  
Chris Willard: [cwillard@milfordumc.org](mailto:cwillard@milfordumc.org)  
Marian Kopp, Carol Brooks and the Church office: [office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org)  
Susan Drew: [susan@milfordumc.org](mailto:susan@milfordumc.org)

## Financially Speaking

March 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	\$24,366.24
Expense-budget accounts	\$21,011.60
Balance in General Fund	\$6,314.35
Mortgage Fund Income	\$5,402.00

Outreach and Mission giving	
Discretionary Fund	\$256.00
Mission and Outreach fund	\$1,000.00
Youth Mission	\$4,399.00
Total	\$5,655.00

## Children's Choir Director Position Available

MUMC is looking for some help with one of its Music Ministries. A description of this job is available in the church office. Please contact any member of Staff Parish Relations if you are interested.

## Guess Who answers

Thank you to Marian Blanchard Kopp for this picture. You can find her in the back row, 3rd from the right.

Chick Ethridge, 3rd row, last person on the right.

Larry Fournier, brother of Verna, back row, 3rd from the left in the dark suit.

Priscilla Conti Jowders, mother of Pat Rafter, 3rd row, 2nd person from the left.

Shirley Langille Smith, long time member now living in Vermont, 2nd row, 4th person from the left.

## May 2009 Calendar

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**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.