

# The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church  
May 2013—Milford, NH



## Thank You Celebration for Pastor Tom

*From Diane Jaquith*

Please help us to say goodbye and give heartfelt thanks to Pastor Tom and his family by celebrating our time together with a memorable farewell send-off on Sunday, June 9 starting at 12:15.

We will need many volunteers for this special event. Please contact Lisa Payne at [lpayne@xrsolutions.com](mailto:lpayne@xrsolutions.com) or Diane Jaquith at [djaquith2@gmail.com](mailto:djaquith2@gmail.com) or any

member of SPR if you would like to help and find sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.



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We are planning:

1. A potluck luncheon. Please sign up using the Bulletin insert to let us know what you plan to bring or contact Lynda Gianopoulos at [lgianopoulos@comcast.net](mailto:lgianopoulos@comcast.net).
2. A lively "roast" and time of fond remembrance of PT's 15 years of faithful service. Please contact Deb Mentch if you have remarks, a song or (limited) stories to share by cell/text 554-753 or home: 672-1204 (and leave your name).
3. A gift of money to show our appreciation and affection. Checks should be made out to Gerrie Hopkins and given to Susan Drew (1<sup>st</sup> service) or Gerrie Hopkins.
4. Possibly other surprises. Please contact Lisa Payne or Diane Jaquith with plans or ideas.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

1. Set up tents
2. Set up tables and chairs, cover tables with tablecloths,

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## A Message From Pastor Tom

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this, our church will have launched this year's financial stewardship program, during which we will all be invited to turn our attention to our relationship with our financial resources. I have long believed that when a person or an institution experience financial difficulties, those difficulties are almost always symptomatic of a deeper spiritual problem. And that is because our relationship with our money, the way we spend it, the way we save it, and how we invest it, are all deeply spiritual matters. While money is in itself neither good or bad, our use of money and the way we feel about it are definitely not morally neutral matters. As the scriptures remind us, "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). And so, while one end result of our financial stewardship program involves an invitation for our members and friends to make a commitment for their support

of MUMC and its ministries for the next twelve months, I sincerely hope that will not be the only outcome--that it will also result in our truly growing spiritually as we reexamine our relationship with our money and learn some ways in which we can use our resources in ways that reflect our stated values and beliefs, and that line up with God's best intentions for us.

I do want to mention that our commitment Sunday will take place on May 19, and that you will be getting more information in the weeks to come. I hope that you will be in prayerful consideration regarding not just your financial giving to the church, but your overall relationship with your money and your possessions, and that you will enter into our stewardship program with an openness to growing spiritually.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Tom*

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### Church Mice

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# From the Ed Team

*From Shelly Frost*

The NEW Sunday School mission project will go through the end of May. We will be helping the Anne Marie House with a project called "Whiteout Shower". The Anne Marie House, as described, is a place that supports the needs of families experiencing homelessness. They provide a safe and secure housing as they work to achieve income, housing and transportation on their own.

This project is to appear like the many "whiteout snow conditions" that we

have already experienced in our wonderful New England weather this past year. In a whiteout snow condition there is an abundance of white in front of you. In the project for the Anne Marie House, lets see how much white we can collect for them, items such as paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, toilet tissue, cotton balls, Q-tips, kitchen towels, laundry soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bar soap, shampoo/ conditioner, shaving cream and dish soap to name a few. Please watch for our posters to go up and help the Sunday School kids reach their goal of 300 items or more.

Please encourage your children to attend Sunday School.

If any children are interested in singing a song or doing a dance on Children's Sunday, June 9th, please let your Sunday school teacher know. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday school time during the month of May."

The end of the Sunday School year will be coming to a close on Sunday, May 19th, the official last day for classes. Anyone who would like to teach in the up-coming year, please contact Ed Team members for details and fall sign up.

NOTE: There will be no Sunday School on May 26, Memorial Day.

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## Thank You PT, cont.

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- set out trash cans
- 3. Food Service (Contact Priscilla Abdinoor at cilla2@myfairpoint.net or sign up)
  - 4. Set up/organize and monitor buffet table
  - b. Set up and monitor coffee/ beverage station
  - c. Cut and serve cake
  - d. Break down buffet table and beverage station
- 4. Photograph and/or take movies of event
- 5. Clean-up
  - a. Put away tables and chairs & cleanup
  - b. Kitchen cleanup
  - c. Take down tents

# It's Time to Think About Summer Camp!

*From Nancy Tong & Kerri Lynn-Kimner*



Every year MUMC sends many campers, young and young at heart, to Camp Wanakee. Last year we had about 30 campers from our Church. It was hard

to be at Wanakee for a week without seeing 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.

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 Tier Three price of the camp with a cap of \$200.00. Checks for half of

the amount of the camp will be given directly to you. You are responsible for registering your child. Please let us know by May 15 if you would like a scholarship.

Please e-mail us even if you don't want a scholarship to let us know your camper is attending. 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

## Yard Sale Date Change:

*The Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale scheduled for Aug. 24 is being moved to August 31. Please make a note of it.*

*The Sale scheduled for May 18 is still a go—we'll look forward to seeing you then!!*

## 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: [hryshorne1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:hryshorne1@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.

## 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](mailto: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.



On behalf of all teens, parents and leaders, the Youth Mission Group would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all that contributed to the success of the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.



Your attendance, participation and involvement helped us raise over \$800 and were greatly appreciated! We couldn't have done it without YOU!

**SHARE**  
Collection



**For the month of May  
MUMC is collecting**  
Canned tuna & meats,  
dinner sides, juice  
macaroni & cheese.

## 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.

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.

## 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 year's Vacation Bible School, please contact Shelly Frost at: [jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net). There are multiple ways you can be a part of VBS.





## Heeding God's Call

*From Margie Frank*

Eloise Carleton, a faithful member of the Lamplighters Bible study here at MUMC (although she attends the Bridge church), volunteered (at age 72) to go to Papua New Guinea for a three month stint teaching fourth graders. The regular teacher needed to come to the States for personal reasons.

In just four months Eloise, a retired teacher from Mont Vernon, raised all the finances she needed for this experience. She has been in Papua New Guinea now for three weeks and has adjusted well to the time, climate and elevation. She teaches all the regular subjects, plus Bible, to eighteen students from different countries on the Wycliffe compound in the town of Ukarumpa. The students are from all over the world: four from the United States, six from PNG, four from Korea, two from Holland, one Swiss/German, and one from Great Britain. Fortunately, they all speak English! Some are children of Wycliffe missionaries in PNG for Bible translation work.

Please join us in praying for Eloise's continued health as she carries the Light of God's love to those children and everyone she meets in Papua New Guinea.



## Lamplighter's News

*From Elaine Driscoll*

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

Our study during the month of April has been on Ecclesiastes. This book is believed to be written by Solomon, and at first glance appears to be rather pessimistic. Although he states in various ways "everything is meaningless", he concludes in Chapter 12 "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man". Following God's ways gives life meaning.

The Lamplighters meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for coffee/tea, prayer requests and concerns, followed by study and discussions.

All women are welcome.

*Expect to have hope  
rekindled.  
Expect your prayers to  
be answered in  
wondrous ways.  
The dry seasons in life  
do not last.  
The spring rains will  
come again.*

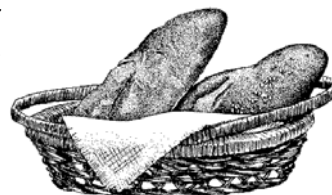
*—Sarah Ban Breathnach*



## Bits & Pieces...

### **Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, May 5.**

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](mailto: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

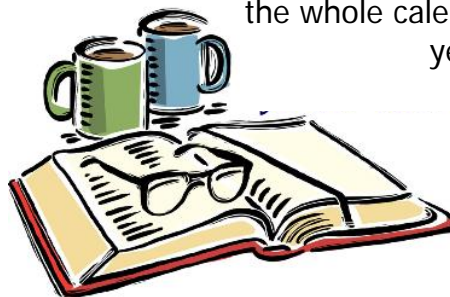
### A Noise Offering

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.)



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays:

Colton Tewkwsbury	May 5
Don Brooks	May 8
Leslie Drew	May 10
Kathy Breault	May 15
Jenny Lawton	May 21
Martin Betelak	May 26
Nancy Tong	May 26

### Anniversaries:

Steve & Pat Rafter	May 4
Jim & Mary Tyler-Wall	May 15

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  
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*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:	<a href="mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org">pastor@milfordumc.org</a>
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	<a href="mailto:office@milfordumc.org">office@milfordumc.org</a>



# May 2013

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's  6:30—Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7—Worship Committee	<b>2</b> <i>Nat'l Day of Prayer</i>  6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30—First Friday Youth Breakfast w/ Mr. Knapp  7:30—Praise Band	<b>4</b>  9-11—Yard Sale Drop-offs  7—Youth Talent Show & Auction
<b>5</b> Communion Sunday  CROP Walk  5-6:30—Youth Group	<b>6</b>  7—Outreach Committee	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's  7—Stephen Ministry supervision	<b>9</b>  6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>  6:15—Worship Design  7:30—Praise Band	<b>11</b>  9-11—Yard Sale Drop-offs
<b>12</b>  <i>Mother's Day</i>  5-6:30—Youth Group	<b>13</b>  7—Trustee's Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's  6:30—Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7—Ad Council meeting	<b>16</b>  6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>  7:30—Praise Band	<b>18</b>  7-1—Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale
<b>19</b>  5-6:30—Youth Group	<b>20</b>  7—Finance Committee	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8—White Tops 1—Lamplighter's  7—Stephen Ministry supervision	<b>23</b>  6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	<b>24</b>  7:30—Praise Band	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  5-6:30—Youth Group	<b>27</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	<b>31</b>  7:30—Praise Band	



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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.

