

The Outreach

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CROP Walk

From Pastor Wes

Spring is coming, and that means the Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk is just around the corner, on **Sunday, May 4th**, to be exact. This will be the twenty-fifth year for the annual event. Last year's CROP Hunger Walk, on May 5th, 2013, raised \$34,009, with 293 walkers, from age 7 – 82 participating. The money has been put to work helping to those in need around the world, and in our own community, through SHARE and Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton.

The Chair of this year's walk is our own Pastor Wes. He will be talking about the Walk with area clergy and helping to promote participation within the community. The CROP Walk Organizing Committee has set a goal of having 350 walkers who will collectively raise over \$35,000 this year.

Kim Pfeil and Lisa Payne are serving as MUMC's CROP walk recruiters. We have set a goal of having 75 walkers from our church this year. We hope to raise over \$5,000. Please speak with Kim or Lisa to sign-up and become part of the MUMC Crop walk team.

The CROP Hunger Walk is for all ages. Strollers and dogs are welcome. The Walk this year is about 3 miles, shorter than usual, to allow time to celebrate the 25-year history of our Walk. There will be ice cream at the end. A commemorative t-shirt is being planned. Go to our own web site www.svnhcropwalk.org for information on how to pre-register and order yours. Prizes will be given for walkers raising the most in sponsor donations: in various age categories for youth, for adults, and for families raising donations together. There are also prizes for the youngest and oldest walker, the largest family (household) on the walk, the best sign carried on the walk, and the best banner at the start.

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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

We have entered the season of Easter. It is a time when the church continues to lift up the gifts of Jesus' resurrection and how it has given us grace and life. We are an Easter people and so we seek to live in the light of Jesus' resurrection all the time. On Maundy Thursday, we held our Holy Communion and Tenebrae service. At the time of Tenebrae, I was sitting with the other readers at a table behind the altar. After each reading we would extinguish a candle moving us towards complete darkness. When only the Christ candle was left burning, I was preparing to stand and carry the lit candle out of the sanctuary. When I looked up, I saw the light of Christ reflecting off the back of the cross.

In many ways, that is the Easter truth. On the other side of the cross is the fullness of God's grace and forgiveness. The light of Christ's resurrection shines fully beyond the time of violence and death on the cross. Easter season is about learning to trust that truth more fully throughout our lives. During May, our theme will be Jesus as we will explore Seeing Jesus, Hearing Jesus, Risking Jesus and Knowing Jesus. I hope you will plan to join us in worship and continue to build upon your own Easter experience of resurrection.

The other lesson I have been continually reminded of recently is the connection between living a resurrection

life and the act of serving. One place I have particularly seen that service lived out is as we have begun participating in the free Community Supper mission at the SHARE building. MUMC has served two of these meals so far and each one has been an opportunity to share the truth of Jesus' resurrection not with words, but with the act of feeding and serving people. Our next time to serve will be in June. Contact Wendy Ayotte in the office if you would like more information.

I would encourage you to consider finding new ways to be in service as part of your continued celebration of Easter. The "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday reminds of the commandment which Jesus shared with the disciples and us at they sat at the last supper. "Love one another as I have loved you." He said it after he had very intentionally gone around the table washing each of his disciples' feet. He then told them to do the same for one another and for everyone.

You can find many ways to serve both within the church and through missions that the church supports beyond our walls. Community suppers, Anne-Marie House, Habitat for Humanity, Wanakee, Sunday school, youth group, SHARE and the list goes on. Let us love one another as Jesus loves us and in doing so we will discover our own resurrection.

In Easter love,



Imagine No Malaria

From Callie McMahon



Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations... slipping away. Slipping

through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you.

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.

Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model.

Starting April 27th and continuing through Mother's Day, May 11, you will find a special envelope in the Sunday bulletin. The United Methodist Church is being challenged to raise funds that will be matched when collected as part of a Mother's Day Event.

A gift to Imagine No Malaria changes lives – your donation helps provide bed nets, medicine and training to health workers. A small sacrifice that means the difference between life and death in Africa.

United Methodist churches everywhere have been revitalized by including these messages of hope in worship services, Sunday School programs and church-wide events. Imagine No Malaria is a great opportunity for young people to make an impact. Our own Sunday school children are making Imagine No Malaria their quarterly mission right now.

★ ★ New Members ★ ★

Have you been considering becoming a member of Milford United Methodist Church? If you have, please speak with Pastor Wes about upcoming opportunities to join our congregation. Church membership is the way we say to our selves and the world, "This is my church family." When you join a church for the first time, you make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If you move to anew community, you can transfer that previous membership to a new church. You are welcome to join MUMC at whatever time you are ready. Speak with Pastor Wes by calling the office at 603-673-2669 or by emailing him at pastor@milfordumc.org.

Community Supper Was Fun for ALL!

From Wendy Ayotte

MUMC hosted its most recent Community Supper at SHARE on April 15. We served nearly 80 people (plus our hungry selves!), collected \$138.54 in donations and had another great night.

Each time we host a supper, it takes numerous volunteers to shop, bake desserts, and cut veggies ahead of time, plus 15-20 to make, serve and clean up after the meal. It truly is a community mission. The support we have had from our Outreach Committee and especially our Youth Group has been phenomenal. The mood is fun and fast-paced and there is a feeling of fulfillment after we put away those last few dishes and close up for the evening that is indescribable. I encourage everyone to get involved at least once and be part of the fun!



**For the month of May
MUMC is collecting
canned fruit, baking
supplies (flour, sugar,
etc.) & boxed mixes,
coffee tea & juices**

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

-Hebrews 6:10



Right: Dan Ayotte, Ruth McLaughlin, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Janet Bogle, Kathy Bradfield and Tom Knapp served with smiles.



Deepening the Congregation's Prayer Life

A *Fresh Air* Module

Developed by the New England Annual Conference Spiritual Formation Initiative

From Callie McMahon



On May 31st, the Home Groups will be bringing you a workshop on prayer. This workshop will help our congregation discover ways to deepen our prayer life. It includes activities and instruction that are applicable both to individuals and also to groups within the church.

Through instruction and practice, participants will learn ways of prayer and will explore suggestions for ways that to practice prayer in church settings and at home and work.

The workshop lasts for at least three hours, with one short break. The tentative schedule is below.

I. Welcome & Introductions *(30 minutes)*

Topic, flow of the day, guidelines for interaction, personal introductions.

II. Part One – Personal Prayer Practices *(60 minutes, including a brief break)*

Reflections on prayer and befriending silence; introduce breath prayer; how to develop a daily practice.

Break: 15 minutes

III. Part Two – Prayer in the Congregation *(60 minutes)*

Covenant Prayer Group; Prayer in Church Meetings; Beginning a Prayer Group

IV. Closing – Review and Reflection *(15 minutes)*

Our presenter is The Rev. Dr. Wanda Stahl an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. Prior to accepting her position at Boston University, Wanda served as Director of Christian Formation for the New England Annual Conference of the UMC for 12 years. Wanda received her M.Div. from Boston University School of Theology and her Ph.D. in Religion and Education from Boston College. She has completed programs in Individual Spiritual Guidance and Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats from the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, MD and considers it a privilege to accompany people on their faith journeys in a variety of settings. Her professional study and leadership have been in spiritual formation and the building of congregational life. Wanda lives in Scarborough, ME where she enjoys gardening, walking the beach, and many other excuses to be in the natural world.

Our church will benefit incredibly from a renewed prayer life. With challenges

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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.

Wanakee Scholarship Concert

Celebrate Music

From Kerri-Lynn Kimner

The Stagecoach Women's Chorus presents their spring concert, *Celebrate Music*, on May 18, at 3:00. The Stagecoach Women's chorus was founded in the fall of 2011 and is dedicated to excellence in choral singing. Enjoy music from a variety of genres including show tunes, pop, classical, jazz and ballads. There will be a freewill offering and all proceeds will go to the Wanakee Scholarship Fund. Come help us celebrate spring and raise money for a good cause.



Youth Mission Trip to Pocahontas, VA July 19-26

Church Mice

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Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

The Education Team is collecting used eye glasses for the Lions Club, and the Recycle for Sight project. Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions in developing nations lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and continue to lend their support to the Lions Recycle for Sight program. It is our effort with the help of the Sunday School Children and help the Lions with this mission. Please bring in your used glasses and give them to an Ed Team member or a Sunday School child for this collection.

Our "Give me 5" program is going very well, the kids enjoy hearing from the adults and learning different thing about the Methodist church. If you are interested in getting involved in this program and giving us five minutes to talk to the kids, please contact Ed Team members for details.

Currently, June 8th is the date scheduled for Children's Sunday, please watch for more details.



Lamplighter's News

From Elaine Driscoll

“When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai he gave him the two tablets of the testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.”

-Exodus 31:18 NIV

Our journey through Exodus has been inspirational. Moses has received the Ten Commandments from God, as well as instructions for the Israelites for living, the setting up of the Tabernacle and the Priests. However, the people continue to sin and disobey God, for they were a “stiff-necked people” and a challenge for Moses and his brother Aaron.

Our bible study will begin with Leviticus during May. 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. God speaks to us through the Old Testament as we follow the Israelites on their journey toward their promised land.

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



Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale

From Callie McMahon



Plans are underway for the next The 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. Those of us trying to fill in for her (three of us) will need all the help we can get from all of you.

Drop off dates are Saturday's, May 3, May 10, May 17, 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. Activities we need help with on the day of the sale would 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!

Doris Houston (with the help of Andrew) is running the clothing sale to be held with the yard sale. Doris can be reached at 654-5529.

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...

**Don't miss the
drop-off dates!!**

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

9 a.m. until noon

Please call the office if you have items to donate and cannot make one of these dates!

CROP Walk, continued.

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Every year about 1,500 CROP Walks are held across the U.S., collectively raising over \$20 million. The money goes for refugee relief, disaster recovery and basic development around the world (including in the U.S.) through Church World Service, or one of its USAID partner agencies. Twenty-five percent of what is raised is set aside for local community programs, in our case, to support SHARE in Milford and Open Cupboard Pantry in Wilton.

Registration on Walk Day, May 4th, starts at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, and the Walk steps out, following opening exercises, at about 2 p.m.

In a time when human suffering around the world and at home is ever more present to us, rather than withdraw in apathy or resignation, there is one thing we can do: join in the CROP Hunger Walk. We can walk in sympathy with those who must walk. When we walk together, we demonstrate concern and action. And by asking those who cannot walk to be sponsors, they can "walk with us" and help generate resources to relieve suffering and build a better world. That is how our walking makes a difference!



Prayer Life, cont.

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from the world around us, issues of finance and direction for mission, and our personal daily struggles, prayer is the only way to stay grounded in the will and calling of Jesus Christ.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6 ESV

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7 ESV

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26 ESV

Cost for the program is \$10/ family unit and should be appropriate for high school age youth as well. The morning will conclude with a cookout in the back field at the church and all are welcome to stay for the fellowship. Please see Callie McMahon to sign up. We are in the discussion stage of a possible evening fun time as well. Stay tuned for more information from the bulletins and May Outreach.

Please plan to join us for this event. We look forward to being in fellowship with the Body.

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, May 4.

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 May

May 4—"Seeing Jesus" Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, Luke 24:13-35

May 11—"Hearing Jesus" Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

May 18—"Risking Jesus" I Peter 2:2-10, Acts 7:55-60

May 25—"Knowing Jesus" Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

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! We usually meet on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30, unless otherwise noted. Here's what we are planning this month:

May 4—CROP Walk

from 2-4 p.m.

May 11—Mother's Day

Chicken BBQ, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 18—TBD

May 25—TBD

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Don Brooks	May 8
Leslie Drew	May 10
Bob Masquelier	May 13
Theresa Carey	May 14
Kathy Breault	May 15
Sarah Theriault	May 17
Jenny Lawton	May 21
Jerry Theriault	May 21
Shirley Blair	May 26
Martin Betelak	May 26
June Bragdon	May 28
Nancy Tong	May 31

Anniversaries:

Steve & Pat Rafter	May 4
Jim & Mary Tyler Wall	May 15
John & Kathy Bradfield	May 21
Clarence & Shirley Blair	May 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.



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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sermons and Scriptures for May are listed on page 10.</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9-noon—Yard Sale Drop Offs</p>
<p>4</p> <p>1—CROP Walk (Registration begins at 1, walk at 2)</p> <p><i>No Youth Group</i></p>	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>8—White Tops</p> <p>1—Lamplighters</p> <p>7—Worship Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9-noon—Yard Sale Drop Offs</p>
<p>11</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>5:30—Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7—Outreach Committee 7—Trustee's Committee</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>8—White Tops</p> <p>1—Lamplighters 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9-noon—Yard Sale Drop Offs</p>
<p>18</p> <p>3—Women's Stagecoach Chorus Concert</p> <p>5:30—Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7—Finance Committee</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>8—White Tops</p> <p>1—Lamplighters 7—Ad Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6—Handbell rehearsal 7:30—Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9-noon—Yard Sale Drop Offs</p>
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Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 Contemporary Worship
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.

