



The Outreach

November 2009—Milford, NH

Katrina Mission Team 2009



Please keep the Katrina Mission Team 2009 in your prayers the week of October 25th-31st as they travel to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Katrina recovery. This is our 3rd annual trip. Hopefully someday our teams will no longer be needed in Louisiana!

Back row from left: Dick Garland, Wayne Morrison, Dave Stackpole, Lonni Stapanon, Pat Rafter, Steve Rafter, Rita Lines, Sylvia Crosbourne, Lise Norbotten, and Doris Houston. Front row from left: Catherine Sprigg, Christopher Burke, Christi Kivlehan, Lisa Payne and Ruth Johnston. Missing from picture, but part of the team are: Callie McMahon, and Nancy Morrison.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Church Family at MUMC

MUMC will celebrate our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th, 1 pm. We will once again need volunteers in all areas — cooks, set-up and tear down, serving, donating food or supplies, and more.

Remember, our dinner is open to anyone in the church or in the community who would like to come. You don't need to be needy, but you should plan to have a good time.

Please talk with Callie McMahon (673-5239), Turkey Specialist, if you would like to help out.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends —

As always, fall finds us in fine form with all sorts of things going on here at MUMC. So, rather than focus on a single topic, let me highlight four themes;

1. Rising Above: A Joyful Journey Stewardship Campaign. We will be launching this important and exciting campaign on November 1st, with November 22nd set for our celebration Sunday. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for information as it becomes available, and be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to do in response to this crucial campaign. Now is a good time to make sure you open all letters and emails sent to you from your church, and become as informed as possible as to what this campaign is all about.

2. Afternoon Off. Afternoon Off is MUMC's respite care program for families who are caring for loved ones who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia. After playing a critical role in creating and sustaining this wonderful ministry, Bob and Pat Levesque are stepping down. We thank Bob and Pat for their inspiration and hard work in founding this wonderful ministry, and we will miss them. We are pleased, however, to announce that Carol Brooks has been chosen to carry on the leadership and administration of the Afternoon Off program, and that this position will now be a paid staff position so as to best be able to sustain and develop this important program. On a separate note, there is still room for volunteers (especially **male** volunteers) to help out with this program. For more information, contact Carol, office@milfordumc.org or by calling the church office at 673-2669. Training is provided for all volunteers.

3. Nominations. As those who attended the church conference on October 7th know, we voted at that time to hold a special church conference on December 16th at 7:00 pm for the purpose of electing officers and committee members for 2010. All MUMC members are encouraged to attend this meeting. In the meantime, the Nominating Committee will be hard at work trying to discern who among our members and friends are best suited to fill the openings in our teams and necessary committees. Please pray for them, and pray also that you will be open to God's call in the event that you are invited to serve.

4. MUMC Messenger email messages. For some time now, I have been sending out weekly messages via email to anyone who would like to receive them. These messages contain devotional material, suggestions for preparing for the coming Sunday's worship services, as well as timely reminders of upcoming events in the life of the church. If you do not currently receive the MUMC Messenger and would like to, you may request to be put on the mailing list by sending an email to the church office at office@milfordumc.org.

See you in church!



Worship Opportunities

By Elaine Driscoll

There are many ways to serve God and your church, and below are listed two urgent needs:

Communion Steward for the Contemporary Worship Service. Duties require providing bread loaf and bread cubes as well as assisting to fill communion cups.

Acolyte Coordinator for the Traditional Worship Service. Responsible for recruiting, training, and scheduling children to serve as acolytes during the Traditional Service. Involves working with young children (at least 7 years old) and their parents.

Contact Elaine Driscoll (673-4270 or Geldris@comcast.net) or speak to any member of the Worship Committee.

Veterans: We are looking for photos of all veterans within our church family. On Sunday November 8th we will recognize those who have served, or are currently in service, with a video display. Please drop photos to the church office by November 1st. Be sure to put your name or other identification on the back of the photo so they may be returned.

Ring the Bells!

By Mary Tyler-Wall

The Adult Handbell Choir will be going back to their regularly scheduled Thursday evening 6 - 7 pm practice time in November. Youth Bells will continue to meet on Thursdays at 5:15 pm.

Youth Choir

By Shannon Ward

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility with rehearsals and scheduling conflicts — helpfully we have all the kinks worked out!

We will be splitting the choir into two sub-groups: Children's Voices for ages 5-10/11, and Youth Choir for ages 11/12 and up. The purpose of this split is to allow our singers to do more age appropriate music (i.e. one part for the younger group, multi-part for the older group). Thus I will be splitting the rehearsals as follows:

Sunday:

12:15-12:40 pm Children's Voices

12:40-1:05 pm Youth Choir

Thursday:

6:15-6:40 pm Children's Voices

6:40-7:05 pm Youth Choir

The Choir is more than welcome to warm-up and sing with the younger group in preparation for their rehearsal (and to help out with the younger group) but are by no means obligated to do so.

I am hoping this will accommodate all singing levels and that we can sing even more wonderful music here at MUMC. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (802-745-7004, shanonanon324@gmail.com). Thank you, and please don't forget to discuss this with your children!

Chancel Choir Notes

By Sally Landis

Choir rehearsal for the Christmas Concert begins on Thursday, November 5th. If you are interested in being a part of our popular and beautiful concert on Sunday, December 20th, please see Sally.



Three Reasons To Consider Becoming a Stephen Minister:

1. You will learn to turn danger into opportunity. The Chinese word for crisis is made from a combination of two other characters: danger and opportunity. Every crisis, whether it is a divorce, the loss of a spouse, or sudden unemployment provides both an opportunity for growth as well as a danger of choosing destructive solutions. The care of a dedicated, trained, Christ-centered Stephen Minister can help a person in crisis find equilibrium and wholeness.

2. Stephen Ministers are skilled caregivers. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training before they are commissioned and assigned to care receivers. They learn skills such as listening, identifying and expressing feelings, setting boundaries, and being assertive. They also learn about specific challenges such as hospitalization divorce, grief, and depression. Stephen Ministers feel well prepared to walk alongside people in crisis,

whether it is with an assigned care receiver, or in their own relationships with family, friends and coworkers.

3. Stephen Ministers experience the joy of fellowship with one another. Stephen Ministers meet about an hour a week with their care-receivers, but they also meet twice a month in small groups with other Stephen Ministers. Here, in a confidential manner, they share the joys and challenges of their caring relationships, pray for one another, offer encouragement and practical help, and relate to one another in a deep and spiritual way. The bonds of friendship and commitment are strong and positive.

To find out more about what this ministry has to offer, contact your Stephen Leaders: Pastor Tom (673-2669), Rita Lines (673-0398), Michele Bossie (672-4556), and Ben Lambert (672-1425)

Knitters Needed

By Kathy Holland

The Charlie Company from the Milford National Guard Armory is deploying to Afghanistan late this year. I am joining forces with the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary to provide hand-knitted helmet liners for the 154 troops who will go from this area. If you would like to join our efforts please contact me, Kathy Holland (673-1368, bluclrthru@aol.com). The hats you make are a sign of your love, honor and respect. Thank you!

Hospital Visitation Changes

Due to federal regulations, the church has no way of finding out who is in the hospital. If you or a family member are in the hospital or if you know of a member or friend of our church that has been hospitalized, please call the church office at 673-2669. Please don't assume we know that someone is in hospital. We would rather get ten calls about the same person than to get none at all.

Opportunities to Serve - Master Plan

The Board of Trustees is looking for volunteers to help develop a Master Plan for the church and its properties. If you have the experience or interest in this project, please contact Steve Rafter (673-4516, sbrou812@aol.com).

Help Wanted—Shovellers

The Board of Trustees is looking for anyone who would like to shovel the walkways this winter. The church pays by the hour. Please be advised that only those over 18 may use the church snow blower, although a high school student can shovel the walkways if they wish. Please contact Steve Rafter (673-4516, sbrou812@aol.com) if you want to be added to the list of shovellers that are called on a storm-by-storm basis.



Shaw's Community Rewards

MUMC has been accepted into the Shaw's Community Rewards program. When you shop at Shaw's or Star Market, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a registered Shaw's reward card, MUMC will receive 1% of purchases.

In order to log in your receipts, go to shaws.com/communityrewards. You will need a Shaw's Rewards Card, and our ID# 49001021439.

All of these funds have been earmarked for our mission teams. Please see Susan in the office if you have any questions or need help with logging in.



Consigning for Good

Consigning for Good, is now open at 172 South Street, Milford (in the old Expressions Gallery building). If you have items you wish to get rid of, from just a few to an entire house full, this shop will gladly sell them. You will get a donation letter so that you can write the items off your taxes, and 50% of the selling price will be given to the charity of your choice, namely us! We have 4 MUMC ministries that you are able to donate to:

1. The General Fund
2. Mission Teams
3. Afternoon Off
4. Wanakee Scholarship Fund

For instance, if you have a piece of furniture that you no longer need, you just have to contact the shop, tell them you'd like to donate to the MUMC General Fund (or one of the other 3 ministries) and all the work is done for you. The shop is open every day 11 am—7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Dargie, www.consigningforgood.com.

All Things Outreach

By Alexis Eaton

Thank you Tami! The committee wishes to extend a huge thank you to Tami Davis-Betelak for her generous gifts of her time and energy for the past several years in her efforts as volunteer coordinator for both the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network. Not only has Tami organized all of the area volunteers for these ministries, she has volunteered herself, each time MUMC was scheduled, at each of these locations. Tami has also organized the bell ringing for the Salvation Army in our community for the past several Christmas seasons, raising thousands of dollars each time for national and local use. Along with signing up other volunteers, she rang bells and picked up donations. As Tami takes a much-deserved break from these ministries, we bless her for walking the walk, for serving the mission of our church, and for being a steady force for good in our community.

VBS—The Vacation Bible School raised \$460 for Project Peanut Butter, a program in Malawi, Africa, which provides nutrition for undernourished folks as well as factory jobs for local residents. Well done!

Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network—The Network, located at the AnneMarie House in Hudson, provides transitional housing for homeless families. MUMC is one of several area churches supporting the Network with volunteers and donations. Although AMH has an in-house volunteer coordinator, each church (or group of churches in our case) has a representative who acts as a liaison between the church and AMH and who helps enlist volunteers for our hosting week. *We are in need of a new representative from MUMC.* Please contact Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082) if you are interested. Our next hosting week is November 1-7 and we really need people to help out.

Nashua Soup Kitchen — MUMC helps out at the Soup Kitchen one weekend every

other month. We are in need of a coordinator to publicize the sign up sheet and enlist volunteers for our weekend. Please see Tami Davis-Betelak if you are interested.

SHARE—If anyone, or any committee, cell group or other group within the church is interested in adopting a local family in need for Christmas, please contact SHARE (673-9898, share.outreach@hotmail.com). You will be given a wish list for a family (small or large, your choice) so you can shop for gifts and drop them off at SHARE. Families will be getting toys from the Holiday Toy Store, so toys will not be included on the list, but information on shopping for the Toy Store is provided for those who would also like to shop for toys.

Bell Ringing — MUMC has enjoyed “ringing the bells” at Christmas for many years. We need a few people to take on a leadership role for this ministry. If you would like to be part of a team of people to coordinate this, please see Tami Davis-Betelak.

Habitat for Humanity — MUMC is a covenant church with Habitat, meaning we support the organization with donations, prayers, and by spreading the word about their work. The Faith Relations Committee, chaired by the Rev. Chip Robinson of the Episcopal Church in Milford, is made up of representatives from area churches who act as liaisons to their congregations. We are in need of a representative to attend the Faith Relations Committee meetings to keep us informed of Habitat’s ongoing needs and projects. Please contact Rev. Robinson (chipmilford@aol.com) if you are interested in representing MUMC at the meetings.

Financial Stewardship — Recent donations made by the Outreach Committee on behalf of MUMC include \$500 to Jaiden’s Angel Foundation, \$50 to GNIHN, \$50 to the SHARE Food Pantry, \$300 to the Kairos Prison Ministry, and \$400 to the Nashua Children’s Home.

Pictures from the Pumpkin Festival October 10-11

This year MUMC had two booths at the Pumpkin Fest. The Mission Teams were selling soup in front of a store front on the Oval. We also had our yearly Bean Bag Toss that benefits our nursery and Wanakee camperships. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, ate, or tossed a bean bag!



Callie McMahn, Lonni Stapanon and Marcy Stanton shopping. Thank you to Gerry Hoppe for the pictures at our soup stand.

The Mason Family hard at work .



Allison Betelak waiting for the next customer.



Anika Moody, Hannah Ladeau, Jack Betelak and Meredith Poplar working the soup table.

Rising Above: A Joyful Journey Capital Campaign

By Brad Reed

This fall MUMC will be conducting a capital campaign targeted to reduce our debt so that we can once again move forward with our building and our programs.

Dates to remember:

- October 31st through November 8th – Pony express information delivery
- November 7th – Leadership event
- November 8th – General meeting
- November 21st – Prayer vigil
- November 22nd – Main event
- December 6th – First Fruits Sunday.

Please see any team member for details and if there are any questions:

Minister—Pastor Tom

Executive Director—Brad Reed

Campaign Manager—Andy Baver
Administrative Director—Susan Drew
Communications Directors—Vivian and Bill Balam

Major Event Directors—Barb Reed and Pat Rafter

Spiritual Directors—Carol Rowlette
Prayer Coordinator—Jim Lawler
Stewardship Education Coordinators—Diane and Bill Jaquith

Community Distribution Coordinator — Christian O'Shaughnessy
Student/Child Director — Shelly and Jim Frost

Electronic Media Coordinator—John Millhouse

From the Finance Committee

By Bill Jaquith

Our collections improved in September but we are still at a lower level than at the same time last year. MUMC paid two month's Mission Shares in September bringing us to five months paid so far this year. Other than normal expenses, the repairs to the HVAC system was paid in the amount of \$2461 of which Cogun, the builder, has agreed to pay \$2,000.

The discretionary fund remains in good shape but payments to the mortgage fund have dropped below what is required. To make up the difference, the Treasurer has had to use \$7,000 of our reserve funds. To keep the need of the mortgage fund in everyone's mind the weekly church program will show not only last week mortgage fund collection

but our YTD average and what we need weekly.

The finance committee will make a decision as to whether we should continue with First Giving, an on-line fundraising tool, which requires an annual payment of \$300 and does not appear to result in much activity. We will work with the Trustees to develop a long range plan for repairs of the parsonage and church.

Budget requests for 2010 are due by October 31st. See me or Kirk if questions arise. Given the economy and present state of giving to both the general and mortgage funds, we are requesting that budget requests stay flat.

The Bumbaugh Family Concert – September 19th

By Diane Jaquith

The Bumbaugh Family delivered a powerful and inspiring performance of gospel and contemporary music before a nearly packed audience in our Sanctuary on September 19. As they testified to the life-changing power of Jesus Christ through their music, they also told of the recent miracle of a narrow escape. During the previous month of concert appearances, their bus caught fire. Suddenly they lost both steering and brakes on dangerous mountain turns. Miraculously their vehicle came to a safe stop in the only place possible. Strangers from nowhere stepped right in to douse the fire. In an e-mail from Fawn Bumbaugh Stitely, she told of a similar event the day after our concert, as they were returning home to south-central Pennsylvania. A fire broke out from leaking oil at the rear of a borrowed

bus, delaying their arrival home by several hours. Again, all passengers were safe and sound! The Bumbaugh's could use our prayers at this challenging time as they struggle to figure out the logistics of keeping their concert schedule without a suitable vehicle. Fawn also wished to convey their sincere appreciation for the warm welcome, hospitality and generous financial support they received from the people who attended the concert. If you would like to download a sample of their music or follow their blog, their website is www.thebumbaughfamily.com.

The Evangelism committee wishes to thank all those who came out in support of the concert. We welcome your suggestions for groups we might consider in the future. You may contact members of the committee or place suggestions in the Suggestion Box in the Narthex.



The Bumbaugh family enjoying home-made soup and sandwiches, provided by the Evangelism Committee, before the concert.

Youth Group News

By Steve Kimner, Youth Group Leader

We are getting back into the swing of things and pursuing fun! The middle school group went out to the corn maze and the high school group watched movies a few weeks ago. Both groups planned and held a Halloween party for the younger members of the congregation. We had a hayride, played some fun games, did a few crafts, and even launched a few pumpkins into the air. Fall is such a great time of year to enjoy the outdoors and be with friends.

We are also planning and working on the next youth mission trip for this summer. We will be headed to Owego, NY on July 28th, 2010. We currently have 20 young people from within our church ranks and from the surrounding communities signed up to participate. That is six more than last year (a growth of 42%; yes I am a math geek). We will be getting into the fundraising mode once again by doing various projects around the community. Look for opportunities to support the mission teams (youth and adult). We are so blessed to have had so many of your support us in the past and pray for you continued support this year.

Our November fundraiser is the Cold Stone Creamery Thanksgiving Holiday Pie Fundraiser. Who doesn't love these yummy ice cream pies? We've included an order form here for your convenience! Just fill it out and bring it to church with you, or mail it to the church office. If you're dieting, but you'd still like to participate, you can order a pie to be donated to SHARE.

So, if you are in middle school or high school, come visit us on a Sunday afternoon (4:30 for middle school and 6:00 for high school) and get to know

some new people and take a break from mom and dad! See you soon!

Middle School Youth Schedule:

November 1st—Leaders Choice
November 7th — Saturday morning for SHARE — Meet on the Milford Oval at 9 am
November 8th — Leaders Choice
November 15th — Bowling
November 22nd — Project for the Christmas Fair
November 29th — Leaders Choice
December 6th—Movie Night
December 12th—Gift Wrapping at SHARE
December 13th — Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 19th — Christmas Party

Sr. High Youth Schedule:

November 1st—Leaders Choice
November 7th — Saturday morning for SHARE — Meet on the Milford Oval at 9 am
November 8th — Leaders Choice
November 15th — Bowling
November 22nd — Thanksgiving Dinner Set Up
November 29th — Care Packages for College Kids
December 6th—Movie Night
December 12th—Gift Wrapping at SHARE
December 13th — Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 19th — Christmas Party

1. Select Pies and Quantity \$15.00 Per Cold Stone Ice Cream Pie

_____ Pumpkin
(Pumpkin Ice Cream in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust with Cinnamon Frosting)

_____ Caramel Apple Pie
(Sweet Cream Ice Cream with Apple Pie Filling, Cinnamon and Caramel in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust with Cinnamon Frosting)

_____ Cookies & Cream
(Sweet Cream Ice Cream & Oreos in Graham Cracker Pie Crust)

_____ Caramel Turtle Treat
(Sweet Cream with Pecans, Caramel and Fudge in Graham Cracker Pie Crust)

2. Circle Pick Up Location: Manchester Nashua

3. Circle Pick – Up Date: 11/21 11/22 11/23 11/24 11/25 (Open ‘til 5:00pm)

4. Name _____ Phone _____

Payment : Check made out to **MUMC Youth In Mission** Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Cash \$ _____ Credit Card at time of pick-up (MC/VISA/AMEX/DISC)

Please donate my order to **SHARE** (no Credit Card orders on SHARE donations)

GROUP: PLEASE RETURN THIS ORDER TO COLD STONE CREAMERY

_____ Cut or tear here _____

Customer: Keep This For Your Records & Pick-Up @ Cold Stone Creamery

1. Select Pies and Quantity \$15.00 Per Cold Stone Ice Cream Pie

_____ Pumpkin
(Pumpkin Ice Cream in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust with Cinnamon Frosting)

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(Sweet Cream Ice Cream with Apple Pie Filling, Cinnamon and Caramel in a Graham Cracker Pie Crust with Cinnamon Frosting)

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(open ‘til 5 pm)

Check if credit card payment due at time of pick-up

*Thank you for supporting
MUMC Youth In Mission
and the Cold Stone
Creamery Thanksgiving
Pie Fundraiser*



Manchester: 102 March Ave. Phone: 627-2411
T.J. Maxx Plaza @ South Willow St.

Nashua: 2 Cellu Dr #111 Phone: 882-0550
Next to the Target Plaza on Amherst St (101A)

Both Locations Open ‘til 9pm (5pm 11/25) for Pie Pick-up

For more information on fundraising for your group, please call 603-880-3472.

Sunday School News

By Shelly Frost

As the Lessons of Jonah continue the children are very eager and willing to learn. The rotation groups from Pre-K through 6th grade seem to be going very well. The 7th/8th graders are fitting right into their new room and program. Sr. High students have finished their special series on finances with Mark Feraco. We want to thank Mark again for his time and knowledge that he shared with them.

The Education Team will continue with the current mission project in conjunction with Outreach to help the Share program, the Sunday School children are encouraged to bring in new underwear and sock for kids of all ages. Please also see the weekly bulletin for the specific food items needed and send them in with your child/children to Sunday School.

A Bible study series on a Lifestyle Stewardship starts on November 1st during Adult Sunday School. It will be led by Pastor Tom. Please plan to attend these classes as we begin our capital campaign, Rising Above: A Joyful Journey.

If anyone is interested in teaching Jr. church please see Deb Mentch. Jr. church is held during the 2nd service for children Pre-K through 1st grade.

Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study

The Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study is meeting at the church on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Kathy Bradfield (487-5574, kjbradfield@comcast.net).



Wanakee Thank you Letters

Dear Church Family:

Thank you very much for the scholarship to help my family pay for my weeks at Wanakee. It is my favorite place in the world, and without your help it would be hard to get there. Thank you all also for the donations to the noise offerings whether quiet or loud. Thank you again!

With love,
Emily Getchell-Lacey



Dear MUMC Family —

Thank you very much for helping me go to Wanakee. I had so much fun there.

Sincerely,
Danny Getchell-Lacey

Seasoned Generation

By Roberta Randlett

Our September Chicken dinner was, as usual, a HUGE success. We had over 35 folks for dinner. Lonnie Stapanon did her magical thing, with the help of Callie McMahan, and cooked us a scrumptious chicken dinner with all the fixings!! This included an over-the-top heavenly apple crisp for dessert that was totally delicious. Thanks, Lonnie and Callie, you two make quite a team. Thank you, Carol Rowlette, for handling this meeting, getting it all set up and ready for the lovely dinner. The Narthex was truly transformed.

October 24th is our annual Masquerade party. Each year it's always been a big success and each year the weather has cooperated. We're hoping that is true again this year!!

Our group does not meet in November, but many will help with the annual Thanksgiving dinner our church puts on for those in need whether that is due to the economy, or they are without any family in this area to celebrate with. We feel sure this year will be yet another big success story, perhaps even more will be in attendance this time.

December will be the annual Christmas party at Paul and Dottie Dishong's lovely home in Amherst. Plans for a wonderful time are already in the works. The highlight of the party is the Yankee Swap. Sometimes, things are hidden from view but then, not for long as they are hunted down and found and

most often, TAKEN and yes, hidden again from view. We all have a lot of laughs and a very terrific time. All are welcome on Sunday afternoon, December 13th, beginning at 4 pm. Directions to the Dishong home will be available for those who wish to join in the fun.

It's been a good year, a very fast year or at least it seems that way. For me, I do not know where the weeks fly away to, but life must be good when it's moving this quickly.

The January meeting will be an evening of ideas as we attempt to plan out the years activities. We are hoping that a lot of new ideas will be on the table for consideration and we hope to have many of you in attendance. Having said that, we hope to see new faces in our group soon. We are open to any ideas and some of us are already writing down ideas for new plans for the coming year. Come join us for our Christmas party and then in January come share with us. Our Seasoned Generation is a very welcoming and yes, lively group.

We wish you all, and all our church family a very happy and wonderful Thanksgiving with loved ones and for those who do not have anyone nearby, our church's arms are wide open and invite one and all to the wonderful dinner prepared--just for you!!

Safety Precautions for the H1N1 Virus

From the Department of Health & Human Services

Human cases of an influenza A (H1N1) virus infection that has a swine component have been identified in the United States. Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection also have been identified internationally. An investigation and response effort surrounding the outbreak of swine flu is ongoing on the national level and here in New Hampshire. The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include:

- Fever (greater than 100°F)
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Stuffy nose
- Chills
- Headache and body aches
- Fatigue

Some of the people who have become ill with swine flu reported diarrhea and vomiting also. Severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported as well.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is working very closely with all our State partners as well as with health officials in at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and officials in other states to monitor and respond to this outbreak of illness. The DHHS Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is performing active surveillance for any potential cases. DHHS will keep the public updated with information as it becomes available because this is a constantly changing situation.

This illness is spread from person to person and there is no risk of contracting this flu virus by eating pork. There are, however, some basic precautions that everyone should be taking to prevent becoming ill or spreading illnesses, not just swine flu are:

- Stay home from work or school if you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneezes with your sleeve

Wash your hands frequently.



Guess Who?

This picture was taken around 1931 in Maywood, NJ. Can you guess who this young man is now? He has lived in Milford for the past 10 years. Before that he lived in Florida, Goffstown and Merrimack. He is a retired Field Technical Representative. He has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. He likes to travel, is a ham radio enthusiast, and helps Harry Tong with his mailings.

Who is it? See page 16 for the answer.

MUMC Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 5

Christmas Fair is just around the corner. Please think about attending one of the many craft workshops between now and then or making something at home to donate to the cause. Our inventory was nearly sold out last year. What a blessing! The fair committee attempted to get things started last spring by holding several workshops in January, February and March. We did get a jump on sewing projects, but the workshops were not well attended. Our 2 workshops held recently were not well attended either. If you are making things at home please let us know so that we can plan for that. Items needed are knitted items, pickles, relishes, strawberry jam, hand painted decorations, larger wooden crafts (if you are handy with the saw, we have a few projects!), baked goods, cookies, candy/fudge, snack mixes for our popular tins or something for the silent auction table. If this isn't your bag please consider another way you could help out with the fair and help-

ing to make it a success like signing up to help set up, work the day of the fair or clean up after the fair.

Here are a list of upcoming workshops:

- Friday Oct 23 at Pat Rafter's 6:30 to 9
- Friday Nov 6 at Pat Rafter's 6:30 to 9
- Wednesday Nov 11 at Pat Rafter's 10 - 2
- Friday Nov 20 at Pat Rafter's 6:30-9
- Tuesday Nov 24 at church 2-5
- Tuesday Dec 1 at church 2-5
- Wednesday Dec 2 at church 10-2
- Thursday Dec 3 at church 10-2
- Set up tables in Narthex Thursday Dec 3 7 pm
- Fair set all day Friday Dec 4 starting at 8 am
- Fair day 9-1, clean up 1-2.

Hope to see you,
Pat Rafter (673-4516, ICU2per@aol.com)
and Barb Reed (673-6590, NORTHWDS28@aol.com)

Milford Area Seniors

The Senior Activity Center meets at MUMC every Tuesday, 10 am—2 pm. The seniors enjoy speakers on all kinds of topics, games, craft projects, music, health screenings, and of course — Bingo. They would love to have you join the group, volunteer, or plan an activity. This group is open to everyone 55 and older, from anywhere in this region. Invite a friend or neighbor. And don't forget to bring a sack lunch. If you would like more information, please see Claire Place, or Susan Drew.

Oops!

In the last edition of Guess Who?, I aged Roberta Randlett by several years. Her photo was taken in 1938, not 1934 as reported. I'm sorry Roberta! But I do think you're gorgeous at any age.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Karen Taylor	Nov 2
Faith Cyr	Nov 2
John Bradfield	Nov 6
Jade Caldwell	Nov 6
Gail Westergren	Nov 17
Sherry Balzano	Nov 17
Monica Boore	Nov 19
Matt Tong	Nov 23
Ralph Taylor	Nov 24
Bill Wrocklage	Nov 26
Ashley LaRicca	Nov 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Ray & Judy Green	Nov 1
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If you would like to be included in the birthdays and anniversary list, please contact the church office.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open every day, 10 am—2 pm. Most days there is someone in the office before and/or after these hours, but it would be best to call ahead to check if you need to get into the building.

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
Marian Kopp, Carol Brooks and the Church office: office@milfordumc.org

Guess Who answer

Bill Wrocklage

Financially Speaking

As of September 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	\$20,118.86
Expense-budget accounts	\$25,140.18
Balance in General Fund	\$ 3,211.57
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,784.00
Outreach and Mission giving	
Mission Shares (2 months)	\$4,951.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 650.00
Mission and Outreach Fund	\$ 900.00
Youth Mission	\$ 0.00
Special Offering Fund	\$ 228.00
Wanakee Camperships	\$ 0.00
Total	\$6,729.00

Winter Storm Policy

Winter seems to be coming early this year! Snow in October, oh my!

The winter storm policy is that we do everything humanly possible to have Sunday worship every Sunday. Rarely, though, it might be better to cancel services. In the event of bad weather, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7:00 am at the latest if we need to cancel so that we can alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closing at the bottom of the screen on WMUR (channel 8 for most area residents) or go to WMUR.com.

On Sundays when there is snow on the ground and worship is on, please use your discretion as to whether you should be out and about.

November 2009 Calendar

1 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 12:15 Youth Choir 3 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	2 7 Cell group 7 Outreach 7 Evangelism	3 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 7 Trustees	4 9:30 White Tops 1 Bible study	5 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Youth Choir 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir	6 12- 3 Afternoon Off 6:30 Craft wkshp at the Rafters 7 Women's Bible study 7 Praise Team	7 7 Capital Campaign
8 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 12:15 Youth Choir 3 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	9 7 Cell group 7 Finance	10 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 7 Worship 7 SPR	11 9:30 White Tops 10-2 Craft wkshp at the Rafters 1 Bible study 7 Master Planning 7 Stephen Supervision	12 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Youth Choir 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir	13 12- 3 Afternoon Off 7 Praise Team	14
15 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 12:15 Youth Choir 3 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	16 7 Cell Group	17 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center	18 9:30 White Tops 1 Bible study 7 Church Council	19 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Youth Choir 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir	20 12- 3 Afternoon Off 6:30 Craft wkshp at the Rafters 7 Women's Bible study 7 Praise Team	21
22 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 12:15 Youth Choir 3 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	23 7 Cell group 7 Phase II	24 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 2-5 Craft wrkshp at MUMC 7 Quilting	25 9:30 White Tops 1 Bible study 7 Stephen Supervision	26 1 Community Thanksgiving Dinner	27 7 Praise Team	28
29 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 12:15 Youth Choir 3 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth	30 7 Cell group	Dec 1 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 2—5 Craft wkshp at MUMC	2 9:30 White Tops 10-2 Craft wkshp at MUMC 1 Bible study	3 10 Craft wkshp 5:15 Kids bells 6 Adult bells 6:15 Children's Choir 6:40 Youth Choir 7 Cell group 7 Fair set up 7:30 Chancel choir	4 All day Fair set up 7 Women's Bible Study 7 Praise Team	5 9—1 Christmas Fair 1—2 Clean up



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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.