



The Outreach

October 2009—Milford, NH



Gerri Hopkins awarded First Place by Michele Bossie in the hotly contested Baked Bean Bake-off.

Highlights of MUMC's First Annual End-of-Summer Picnic

After the threat of stormy weather passed, around 70 picnickers were treated to a sparkling afternoon at MacDowell Lake in Peterborough. Lonni's potato and pasta salads were a big hit, as well as the smorgasbord of delicious side dishes and desserts prepared by our many talented cooks. The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and brought such wonderful food, the loan of equipment, and of course, the perfect weather. Special thanks to the Youth Group and their leaders for the efficient early morning set-up of the picnic supplies and for their challenge to the adults for a volleyball tournament. Did we hear the fighting words: "You're going to eat your shorts?" Thanks also to Brad Reed for grilling the dogs and burgers, to Lonni for making the delicious salads and to Paradise Farms on Center Road in Lyndeboro for donating a bushel of Jersey Mac apples for all to enjoy.

Gerri Hopkins was the winner in the Baked Bean Taste-off, narrowly beating out Barb Reed by one vote. Delicious beans, Gerri! Next year, how about a

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Church Charge Conference — October 7th, 7 pm

The MUMC Annual Church Conference will be held Wednesday, October 7th, 7 pm with our Tri-State District Superintendent presiding. All voting members are urged to be present for a time of worship, and a business meeting.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

One of the most meaningful practices that Christians regularly participate in is Holy Communion. In Communion, we celebrate the incredible gift of God's love as exemplified in Jesus' offering of his broken body and shed blood for our sake. One of two sacraments recognized by the United Methodist Church (baptism is the other), our Wesleyan heritage encourages us to frequently and regularly offer persons the opportunity to receive Holy Communion.

One of the questions I hear people often ask me as pastor is at what age children are welcome to partake in Communion. This is a reasonable question, especially since there are different practices within different churches with respect to this matter. In some churches, one must reach a certain age and then go through a period of instruction before receiving one's "first communion." In other churches, only those who are full members of the church are able to receive the sacrament. In still other churches, only those who are baptized are allowed to receive, regardless of age.

So, then, what is our practice here at the Milford United Methodist Church? In accordance with our Wesleyan understanding of God's grace, we believe that the Lord's Supper should be made available to all. And when we say "all," we mean *all*, regardless of age. We do not require that children (or adults, for that matter) undergo training in order to be qualified to partake in Communion. Obviously, we do not recommend that an infant who is not yet eating solid foods receive the communion elements. Other than that common sense suggestion, we do everything we can to avoid erecting

any sort barriers for any person receiving the sacrament of communion.

The main concern that people seem to have about our church's practice is that children below a certain age have no way of understanding Communion, and that, even with older children, they will have no understanding of what Communion is all about without appropriate instruction. However, it seems to me that these concerns are based on the assumption that the effectiveness of impact of Communion is predicated on a certain level of understanding of the sacrament that we achieve. I certainly hope that this is not true! Because if that is the case, who is to say that *any* of us adequately understand what is widely understood to be "a holy mystery." For that matter, it means that only people who pass a certain level of intelligence qualify for the sacrament—but what about people with cognitive disabilities, whether because of genetics, accident, or aging? I vividly remember a man who lived at a nursing home where I offered monthly Communion services. When he received one of the little communion cups we used at these services, he would always say, "Bottoms up!" before he threw the grape juice down his gullet. I am quite certain that he thought he was getting a shot glass with some sort of liquor in it. But I also know that he had regularly worshiped at his home church when he was more able, and he never missed a service at the nursing home. Should he have been denied Holy Communion because he had lost the ability to understand it? I don't think so!

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News from the Worship Committee

By Elaine Driscoll

We celebrate the beginning of our fourth year in our new building and eagerly anticipate the upcoming church services and other events that are planned. The summer services were inspirational and very well attended.

Communion Steward is needed for the Contemporary Worship Service. Duties entail providing bread loaf and bread cubes, as well as assisting to fill communion cups. For more information please contact Elaine Driscoll (673-4270, Geldris@comcast.net)

Message from the Pastor, continued

The bottom line is this: we Methodists invite toddlers to the Communion table for the same reason we baptize infants who are utterly unable to have the first clue of what their baptism might mean; because we believe that the sacraments are much more about what God is doing through them about our understanding, intentions, or even our choice to partake in them. This is not to say that the sacraments are magical acts in and of themselves. It is to say that we believe that in some way God is somehow present whenever we gather at the table or around the baptismal fount, and that his presence is not limited to only those who "understand" what is happening to them. And for that, we thank God, as we recognize the limits of our own understanding! As our Bishop Peter Weaver says, "Grace abounds, all around, and all around grace abounds."

Still discovering the joy,



World Communion Sunday is October 4th. Please remember to bring bread loaves for SHARE.

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 rehearsing on Tuesday evenings 6 - 7 pm for October. Youth Bells will continue to meet on Thursdays at 5:15 pm

Youth Choir

By Shannon Ward

Due to overwhelming request and response (which was greatly appreciated), rehearsals for the Youth Choir will be held on Thursdays after Kid's Bells from 6:15 - 7 pm. Members of the Youth Choir who are also in Kid's Bells should plan on bringing a bag dinner or snack to eat in between the rehearsals. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns (shanonanon324@gmail.com).



Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

During the time of the early church, the apostles decided to choose among their faithful disciples those who would be sent into the community to minister to the needs of the people. "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit..."

Acts 6:5 NRSV

MUMC's Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual sup-

port to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

Since 2001, 30 Stephen Ministers and 9 Stephen Leaders at MUMC have been trained and commissioned. Most who decided to become Stephen Ministers as a way to help hurting people in their congregation and community have very quickly discovered that God gives them amazing blessings in return.

We are presently recruiting our next class of Stephen Ministers, and expect to begin training later on during this church year. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think that you might be interested, or want to learn more, please talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey (673-2669), Rita Lines (673-0398), Pat Levesque (673-8868), Michele Bossie (672-4556) or Ben Lambert (672-1425).



Katrina Team members don't need a lot of experience — most of the work done can be taught on-site.

Mission Trip to Katrina 2009

Please keep our Katrina Mission Trip 2009 Team in your prayers this month as they travel to New Orleans for our 3rd annual mission trip. Sixteen members and friends of MUMC make up this year's team of workers. They will be meeting one last time to finalize arrangements on Tuesday, October 13th, 7 pm. If you would like to help the mission team, they could use donations of Wal-Mart gift cards to be used for purchasing their food while they are there, and gas cards. Please see Dave Stackpole (465-7885, dstackpole@charter.net) with questions.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Plans for the 2009 Thanksgiving Dinner are underway. The dinner will be Thanksgiving Day and we will serve our guests at 1 pm.

The Thanksgiving Gobbler will be in the Narthex starting Sunday, October 18th. There will be many ways for you to help with the dinner from donating food items or cash to helping with the various activities that need to be completed to make this a success. Here are some needs:

- **Promotions:** Susan Drew will be helping with the Electronic Bulletin Board and contacting area newspapers but we still need flyers and other communications to get the word out.
- **Ride Coordinator:** In the past we have not used this service but we want to have it available so we can pick up guest who would not otherwise be able to get to the dinner.
- **Dinning Room and Sanctuary Set Up and Break down:** The church youth will be cleaning out the sanctuary so we can set up but we still need to get the rest done. Got a group of friends who could take on part of this?
- **Delivery Help:** We have only delivered about 8 meals in the 4 years we have done this.
- **Carvers, Servers, Dishwashers** (we will use disposable plates);
- **Food Prep Help and Trash Removal.**

Please look for a way you can help. Last year we served a good number of people from outside the church and we feel we may be serving more this year.

Please see any of the following people to see where you can help. Thank You! Doris Houston (654-5529), Callie McMahon (673-5239), Lisa Payne (512-0931) and Lonni Stapanon (620-1107).

Update on VBS Mission Projects

By Wendy Getchell-Lacey

Project Peanut Butter (PPB): PPB is a therapeutic feeding program for malnourished children in Malawi and Sierra Leone, on the continent of Africa. It was founded by Dr. Mark Manary, a pediatrician at St. Louis Children's Hospital and a professor of pediatric medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Manary has worked in Africa for over 2 decades and in the year 2000 was the first to conduct clinical trials of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), a peanut/dairy/vitamin/mineral food that offers a 95% recovery rate for severely malnourished children and is given in the home. In 2007, the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition, the World Health Organization and UNICEF issued a joint statement, establishing Dr. Manary's community based treatment programs and formula as the most effective method by which to treat severely malnourished children the world over. **Above information taken from PPB literature.* During VBS 2009, MUMC families and friends raised \$465. It takes \$15

Operation Christmas Child

By Wendy Getchell-Lacey

During late October and early November of 2009, MUMC will once again take part in Operation Christmas Child, which is a project that "brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's Love". Be watching in your bulletins and other sources for more information. Should you wish to donate online, please go to www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive.

to provide enough RUTF to save one child's life, therefore 31 children will have the chance to grow and live happier lives. Prior to VBS, MUMC Outreach had sent \$250 to PPB. PPB continues to need our support. Check out their website at www.projectpeanutbutter.org. See Wendy Getchell-Lacey if you would like a brochure regarding the Peanut Butter Project.

Operation Kid-to-Kid: is a partnership with Group Publishing, Inc. and interdenominational Christian organizations dedicated to creating hands-on service opportunities for children in North America. Through the Crocodile Dock VBS program, kids here at MUMC made cuddly "Comfort Critters", which will eventually be sent to children caught in domestic disaster/crisis through Operation Kid-to-Kid's partnership with the Salvation Army, International Bible Society, and other first response, domestic disaster relief organizations. For more info check out www.OK2K.org.

Afternoon Off Training

Bob and Pat Levesque will be training volunteers on Saturday, October 17th, 9-noon. This is a wonderful and necessary ministry to our community on Friday afternoons. You don't need to have any experience, and you don't need to be here every Friday. If you would like to hear more about Afternoon Off, or sign-up for training, please call the Levesques (673-8868).

Thank You from the Pease Greeters

By Kathy Holland

The summer sundries drive to benefit deployed troops concluded on Labor Day. Collection boxes placed in Amherst, Milford and Wilton collected over 800 items needed/wanted/appreciated by our servicemen and women overseas, and all donated have been shipped to waiting troops by Pease Greeters. (We ship over 225 lbs. of goodies to troops every week. All goods are donated, and it only costs \$12 to sponsor the mailing costs of a box! Each box goes to a unit, so many soldiers get a nice surprise from the U.S.)

I deeply appreciate the generosity of this church and community in reaching out to show our troops that they are remembered and supported. The following businesses were most gracious in allowing the collection boxes to take up a couple square feet in their stores: Union St. Grill, Medlyn Motor, Structures Salon and Walgreens in Milford. In Wilton, the effort was supported by Hometown Cafe & Bakery and The Woolery Yarn Shop. The box in Amherst was at Black Forest Cafe. MUMC and The Woolery still have collection boxes out, as women continue

to knit helmet liners, and occasionally another package of white cotton mid-calf length socks shows up.

Knitters - 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 the hand-knitted helmet liners for the 154 troops who will go from this area. If you want the hat you are/will be knitting to go to this local unit, please indicate that along with your name attached to the hat(s) you donate. Whether the hats go to local National Guard or to soldiers leaving the country through Pease in Portsmouth, the hats you make and donate will be a sign of your love, honor and respect.

I am always available to answer questions about Pease Greeters and/or the hat project. Additionally, I welcome the chance to speak to groups outside of the church that might be looking to take on a project of any sort that benefits our deployed troops. Call me at 673-1368 or email BluClrThru@aol.com. Reference "Pease" in the subject line please.

God bless all who serve and all who support those who serve and defend.



The Horne and Hart girls helping at last years Pumpkin Festival.

Visit MUMC at the Pumpkin Festival

MUMC will be set up on the Community House Lawn with the Bean Bag Toss again during the Pumpkin Festival, October 9-11. If you would like to help out for an hour, please see Susan. Otherwise, stop on by and toss some bean bags! It's only \$1. Everyone wins a prize! Proceeds this year go to Wanakee camperships and to pay for babysitters for church events.

Another Awesome YAAAAARD Sale!

By Pat Rafter

Don't forget our wicked awesome YAAAAard Sale on September 26th. This sale is being organized by the adult and youth missions teams. Remember, no clothing, stuffed animals, microwaves, televisions, phones, radios, VCR's, DVD players, stereos, or exercise equipment. Large furniture items will only be accepted the week prior to the sale as storage is limited. All items need to be clean and in working order. I stress clean— we

spent a lot of time cleaning items! If they arrive clean that saves us a lot of time. Collection dates have passed, but we hope you will be able to come and pick out a bargain to take home.

We're sorry to report that we will not be able to recycle your electronic equipment at the yard sale this month as previously reported.

From the Finance Committee

By Bill Jaquith

We finish August with our income the same as last year at this time but our expenses higher. Because of this we have only paid four months of Mission Shares and owe four more months payments. We are current on our mortgage payments but have had to dip into our reserves to pay the monthly payments since contributions to the mortgage fund have dropped off. We have been able to fund the refurbishment of the parsonage kitchen last month with our thanks to the Trustees for a fine job.

Did you know that you can contribute to MUMC through direct deposit? It's fast and easy once you set it up with your bank. And, then your giving stays constant if you go away.

In October MUMC will begin a Capital Drive designed to reduce the amount owed on our mortgage. It is hoped that enough can be raised to reduce the size

of the mortgage to a level that our church can handle should the expected future inflation raise our mortgage rate. Our mortgage rate is set every five years. The Capital Drive will be critical to the future of MUMC's ability to serve out the Church's mission and consider building expansion. The Finance Committee hopes that all members will prayerfully consider what they can give to reduce the mortgage. Volunteers for the campaign are always welcome. See Brad Reed or me if interested.

Highlights of MUMC's First Annual End-of-Summer Picnic

Desert Taste-off?! The most popular activities were eating, conversing and relaxing, but swimming, horseshoes, volleyball, fishing and Bananagram (table game) were enjoyed by many.

We are already looking at Saturday or Sunday dates in 2010 to book the picnic shelter with Sunday, August 22nd as a possible date. What date do you prefer? Please put your signed vote and reasons in the Suggestion box on the information/brochure table in the Narthex. All suggestions to improve next year's picnic are also welcome! You may also speak to members of our committee: Kathy Holland, Jim Lawler, Deb Mentch, Lisa Payne, Patience Roby, Stew Ross or Diane Jaquith.



Delicious food and wonderful company, enjoyed by about 70 MUMC members and friends.



Many thanks to members of our wonderful Youth Group for arriving early to set-up for the picnic! Thanks also go to Becky Ladeau and Tom Knapp, the leaders!



Thank You from our Youth Mission Trip Members

Dear MUMC,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to travel to Reading, Pennsylvania to be servants of God, to help people in need. It was great to meet people from many different states come together and form one team to help fix peoples homes.

Throughout the week I made so many new friends and by the end I didn't want to leave. In our spare time we played ultimate frisbee and each day the teams got bigger and bigger!!

It was awesome to be able to help a 96 year old lady named Willie Mae. Willie Mae helped me and my crew grow closer to God by opening her doors to us. She always said, "This is not my house this is God's house". Willie's ministry was feeding other residents of Reading who came to her door needing food, whether she knew them or not. And on thursdays she goes to the local food pantry to help hand out food to people who are less fortunate than her. Willie knew how to share God's love. Thank you adult leaders and congregation for making this week possible!!!!

Love,
Alexis

Dear Church Family,

This summer the Senior High Youth Group headed down to Reading, PA to help spread God's love through mission work. Once there, we were split into different teams with many other youth groups from around the country. Everyday, we learned so much about God, and how we can gain a stronger relationship with him. The families we worked with always felt so blessed to have us there. Knowing that we were sharing God's word and love made us feel blessed too. It didn't matter if you were a great carpenter, a good electrician, or even if you were lucky enough not hit your thumb with the hammer. What really mattered was that we were there to learn, to grow, and to spread God's Everlasting Love.

Jay Millhouse

Invitation to the New Testament

Paul Berkebile will be leading this 9-week study beginning, Thursday, September 24th, 7 pm at the church. Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Sunday School News

By Shelly Frost

The regular Sunday School year has begun and the children of MUMC are very eager and willing to learn the lessons of God and his disciples. Our rotation group of Pre-K through 6 graders have enjoyed stories of Jonah in many ways such as computer lab, art, storytelling and music. The 7th/8th graders are very excited about their new room and the *Claim to Life* series, which is a meaningful lesson of vocabulary such as promises, belonging, blessing etc. Sr. High students have been busy learning about finances, how to manage their new income, as some are beginning to work and "how does God fit in", this is a special series by Mark Feraco.

The Education Team will continue its efforts to select mission project fitting for the Children of our church. Children love to help other children in need so in conjunction with the Outreach Committee

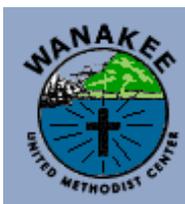
their on-going work with SHARE, the Sunday School children are encouraged to bring in new underwear and socks for kids of all ages. Please also see the weekly bulletin for the specific items needed and send them in with your Sunday School student.

Adult Sunday School started a 6 week series called *God is Closer Than You Think*, led by Pastor Tom. Please watch for new session as they are scheduled. If you have any suggestions or a specific topic you would like to see come to the Adult Sunday School classroom, please see Deb Mentch or any Education Team member.

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

Soup for Wanakee

By Moxie Roby



Soup for Wanakee will be sold on the following dates:

- October 11th and 25th
- November 15th
- December 13th

Each contain is \$4. All proceeds from soup sales goes directly to fund camperships for Wanakee. Enjoy a tasty lunch and send a kid to camp. Its all good!

Lamplighters Bible Study

The Lamplighter's Bible Study will be meeting at the church starting September 16th, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. At our first meeting we will decide our course of study and discuss avoiding obstacles to effective prayer with James 1: 5-8, Psalms 78, 79 and 103 as passages to aide in this discussion. All are welcomed. Any questions call Kathy Bradfield (487-5574, kjbradfield@comcast.net).

Milford Area Seniors Celebrate 1st Anniversary Health Care Seminar

The Milford Area Seniors will celebrate the 1 Year Anniversary of the Senior Activity Center on October 3rd, 2009. The Senior Activity Center opened on September 27, 2008, with their well-attended Health & Wellness Expo. The Center has been open each Tuesday since then, 10 am – 2 pm in their temporary home here at MUMC. Each week the seniors meet for coffee and goodies, guest speakers on a wide range of topics, arts and crafts projects, health screenings, computer classes, games and more.

As part of their 1st Anniversary Celebration, the Activity Center will meet on Saturday, October 3rd, 10:30 am for coffee and cake, and a health seminar regarding Medicare Plan B and the Donut Hole, beginning at 11 am. Many seniors have questions regarding their coverage. There will be information, and a time for questions. The Celebration will also feature a table for people to register to become members of the Milford Area Seniors.

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! The shop is due to open in early September. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Dargie, www.consigningforgood.com.

Save your pennies for The Care Center!

The 18th Annual Penny Pickers is the Nashua Pastoral Care Center's most unique fundraising event! Volunteers will once again canvass neighborhoods in Greater Nashua for three weekends in the fall collecting spare change to support the Care Center's programs. **Volunteers needed!** We need 2½ - 3 hours of your time with a partner to Penny Pick or tag at one of our tag locations. **Penny Picker Days:** Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th; Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st; Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. To volunteer or make a donation call Cindy at 886-2866 x10 or email cindydc@nashuanpcc.org. Be sure to register early to Penny Pick or Tag in your neighborhood!

The Nashua Pastoral Care Center has over 20 years of experience serving the disadvantaged in the Greater Nashua region providing direct assistance to families at risk of homelessness. Their mission is to offer support and provide services to assist individuals and families transition from crisis to self-sufficiency. **Visit www.nashuanpcc.org.**

Seasoned Generation Annual Halloween Party Coming!

By Roberta Randlett

When you read this, our Chicken dinner with everything from soup to nuts plus entertainment may have already taken place. We give a great big thanks to Lonnie Stapanon and her very capable team for once again making this dinner a huge success. The food is always excellent and the service is top drawer. Thank you to everyone who works on this annual event. A special thanks to Carol Rowlette who makes the arrangements and takes care of all the details.

It's almost October, which means it's time for our annual Masquerade party! You better be thinking about your costume. If you do not care to wear a costume no problem, but still come and enjoy the fun. All we ask is that you bring a snack to share and a big smile. The party is at Roberta and Richard Randlett's home, 7 Captain Seaver Rd, Brookline, Saturday, October 24th. The party starts at 7 pm and be prepared to have a great time. Call Randlett's (home—672-4997 or cell 533-3597) to let us know if you're able to join in on the fun.

We do not have a meeting in November, but we do have our annual Christmas party in early December. Watch your newsletters and bulletins in the coming months for more information.

Blessings to everyone.



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 as well. 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 in 1934, in Westwood, MA. The young lady now lives in Brookline with her husband. They are both retired. She has 6 children, and 12 grandchildren. Between she and her husband, they have been involved with most ministries of the church. When she is not here, this lady can be found at Curves, or doing yoga, cross-stitching, reading or singing.

Who is it? Answer on page 16.

MUMC Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 5

It is hard to believe that Christmas Fair plans are underway. Our church is full of talented people, and it is amazing what happens when all those talents come together! We need you to put on your creative hat -- can you help in some way with the fair?

Here are the categories that will make up the fair this year. What interests you? We would love your help.

- Baked Goods
- Candy/Fudge
- Cookie Run
- Country Cupboard
- Christmas Decorations/Ornaments
- Christmas Wreaths/Centerpieces
- Gift Tins/Baskets
- Jewelry
- Knit Items
- Silent Auction Table
- Breakfast in the English Tea Room
- Delicious Luncheon

Christmas Ornaments: Would you enjoy making some ornaments for the fair? We set up a Christmas tree on fair day to display all the different ornaments that have been made.

1) Make some ornaments at home at your convenience and donate them to the fair. Some suggestions: crocheted snowflakes, folded ribbon ornaments, painted wooden or glass ornaments.

2) Do you have an ornament idea to share? We are interested in new ideas. Please share your ideas or even lead a small workshop. With a little instruction we can all make the item for the fair!

Country Cupboard: Each year the Country Cupboard needs to be stocked with fresh canned items. This is a reminder that we need jellies, jams, preserves, pickles, and relishes for fair day. All these items are excellent sellers.

1) Make your favorite homemade canned item. We would appreciate donations to help stock the cupboard. We need a variety so please see Pat Rafter and let her know what you are willing to donate.

Knit and Fleece Items: We also would appreciate donations of knit goods (baby afghans and sweater sets, scarves, hats, mittens for all ages, dish cloths). Also fleece items are great gift ideas.

Pull out your recipes because we need bakers and candy/fudge makers. We also need cooks, servers, dishwashers, sales persons, greeters. We could use your help for several hours or all day if you would like. It is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit as we all work together. Please consider how you can help to make this year's fair the best fair ever. Sign up sheets to help the day of the fair will be posted in November.

We are collecting the following items in good condition: Place items in the plastic container under the coat rack labeled "FAIR".

- Mason jars – all sizes
- Tins (Christmas and others)
- Vases/Containers for flower arrangements
- Jewelry
- Coffee cans with plastic lid – 13-16 oz size
- Yarn (baby colors are needed)
- Old keys

Upcoming Craft Workshops:

- Sunday, Sept. 27 (3-5 pm) Barb Reed's home, 28 Crestwood Ln, Milford
- Saturday, October 10 (9 – 12 noon) at the church
- Friday, October 23 (6:30-9 pm) Pat Rafter's home—45 Highland Ave, Milford
- Friday, November 6 (6:30–9 pm) Pat Rafter's home
- Friday, November 20 (6:30-9 pm) Pat Rafter's home

All levels of crafters are welcome. Bring your scissors and glue gun if you own these items. Any questions or comments please contact: Pat Rafter (ICU2PER@aol.com, 673-4516) or Barb Reed (NORTHWDS28@aol.com, 673-6950).

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

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| Mike Bothwick | Oct 1 |
| Danny Getchell-Lacey | Oct 1 |
| Dave Stackpole | Oct 4 |
| Samantha Randlett | Oct 5 |
| Lisa Svenson | Oct 9 |
| Steve Takacs | Oct 10 |
| Beth Brooks | Oct 11 |
| John Millhouse | Oct 11 |
| Paul Berkebile | Oct 12 |
| Olivia Masters | Oct 13 |
| Audra Millhosue | Oct 13 |
| Kathryn Galley | Oct 14 |
| Shannon Drew | Oct 18 |
| Jeanne Desrosiers | Oct 20 |
| Matthew Hoffman | Oct 27 |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| George & Elaine Driscoll | Oct 6 |
| Don & Carol Brooks | Oct 14 |

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

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
Susan Drew: susan@milfordumc.org

Guess Who answer

Roberta Randlett

Financially Speaking

As of August 2009

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| Income toward Budget accounts | \$20,015.08 |
| Expense-budget accounts | \$15,297.37 |
| Balance in General Fund | \$8,296.89 |
| Mortgage Fund Income | \$4,980.00 |
| Outreach and Mission giving | |
| Discretionary Fund | \$ 600.00 |
| Wanakee Camperships | \$ 0.00 |
| Youth Mission | \$3,561.00 |
| Total | \$4,161.00 |

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.

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.

October 2009 Calendar

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| | | | | 1 5:15 Kids bells 6:15 Youth Choir 7 Bible Study 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir | 2 12- 3 After- noon Off 7 Women's Bible study 7:30 Praise Team | 3 10-2 Milford Area Sen- iors— Medicare Seminar |
| 4 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 4:30 Jr Hiigh Youth 6 Sr High Youth | 5 7 Cell group 7 Outreach 7 Capital Campaign | 6 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 10 Playgroup 6 Adult bells 7 Trustees | 7 9:30 White Tops 12:15 Bible study 6 SPR 7 Charge Con- ference | 8 5:15 Kids bells 6:15 Youth Choir 7 Bible Study 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir hancel choir | 9 12- 3 After- noon Off 7:30 Praise Team | 10 9-12 Craft workshop |
| 11 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday school Soup 4 Wana- kee 10:45 Traditional Worship 3:30 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth | 12 7 Cell group 7 Finance 7 Evangelism | 13 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 10 Playgroup 6 Adult bells 7 Worship 7 SPR 7 Katrina meeting | 14 9:30 White Tops 12:15 Bible study 7 Stephen Ministry | 15 5:15 Kids bells 6:15 Youth Choir 7 Bible Study 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir | 16 12- 3 After- noon Off 7 Women's Bible study 7:30 Praise Team | 17 9-12 After- noon Off Training |
| 18 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 Traditional Worship 3:30 Sacred Dance 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth | 19 7 Cell group 7 Sr. Center meeting | 20 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 10 Playgroup 6 Adult bells | 21 9:30 White Tops 12:15 Bible study 7 Church council | 22 5:15 Kids bells 6:15 Youth Choir 7 Bible Study 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir | 23 12- 3 After- noon Off 6:30 Craft workshop at Rafters 7:30 Praise Team | 24 7 Seasoned Generation Party at the Randletts |
| 25 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday school Soup 4 Wana- kee 10:45 Traditional Worship 4:30 Jr Hi Youth 6 Sr High Youth | 26 7 Cell group 7 Phase II 7 Capital Campaign | 27 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 10 Playgroup 6 Adult bells | 28 9:30 White Tops 12:15 Bible study 7 Stephen Ministry | 29 5:15 Kids bells 6:15 Youth Choir 7 Bible Study 7 Cell group 7:30 Chancel choir | 30 12-3 After- noon Off 7:30 Praise Team | 31 |



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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.