

# The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church  
October 2011—Milford, NH



You are cordially invited  
to MUMC's  
5 Year Celebration!



Wow! Has it really been five years?

Our church family will celebrate the  
**fifth anniversary**  
of being in our present home on

**Sunday, October 9th**  
**after 2nd service.**

We hope you will join us.

Please feel free to bring pictures  
or stories to share.



*Vivian Balam, and the Worship Committee*

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## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

It may be hard to fathom, especially for those of us who have been around MUMC for a while, but we have been worshiping in our North River Road facility for a little over 5 years now. Can you believe it? It's an awful cliché, I know, but it really does seem like just yesterday when we held our first services at the new building five years ago. And yet, an awful lot of things have happened in that time.

When we opened the door to our new building to the public for the first time, I don't know if we knew exactly what we were in for. I'm not sure we completely understood that we were at the same time opening the door to a new era in the life of our church—an era of increased opportunities for service, witness, visibility, and vitality. If I can be forgiven for tooting our horn a little bit, since our doors have opened, worship attendance at our services has increased by 35%, and we are now the 10th largest church in our conference in terms of weekly attendance. During that same time, church membership has increased by 38%, and we have received 176 new members. And of course, significant new ministries such as home groups, Afternoon Off, youth and adult mission trips, and our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner have been added to the already existing menu of opportunities for service and growth in

discipleship.

All of this means that we have a lot to celebrate. To that end, I hope you are planning to join us on Sunday, October 9 for our 5th Anniversary Celebration. During our worship services that day, we will be setting aside some time to give thanks to God for an awesome 5 years here on North River Rd. Not only do we hope that you will be there, we also hope that some of our former members and friends will be there to celebrate with us. We'll spend time in each service looking back and remembering, and we will also gather for a reception after the 10:45 service. Plan now to be there!

In addition, whether you are newcomer to MUMC or a long time member, perhaps you have some words of thanksgiving, celebration, or gratitude you would like to share with the congregation. Please feel free to share those thoughts with me by e-mailing them to [pastor@milfordumc.org](mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org), and we will try to find a way to include them in our services or during the reception.

I look forward to seeing you at our Anniversary Celebration on October 9!

Grace and peace,



## Seasoned Generation News

*From Roberta Randlett*

Saturday evening, Sept. 24th we had our annual Chicken Dinner, we were sold out. Lonnie and her crew did another outstanding job for us and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Carol Rowlette did a great job selling tickets and made it a great success again!! Thank you, Carol! The profits from this dinner have gone to the Pastor's Discretionary fund.

October 22nd will be another of Cyndi Geiger's wonderful slide shows. Her shows are not to be missed. It will start at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary and following the slide show we will have coffee and goodies!!! Don't miss this one, it's always a wonderful show. Please bring a "goodie" to enjoy with coffee in the narthex. We look forward to seeing all of you and, by the way, bring a friend along as it's a real treat.

December is our annual Christmas party, hosted by Dottie and Paul Dishong at their home in Amherst. This will be on Sunday afternoon, Dec 11th at 4 p.m. Bring a dish to share for the dinner and a gift for the Yankee Swap. It's always fun!!! We always keep our fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate. This is always a treat as Dottie always has her home so beautifully decorated. Mark your calendar and come to enjoy a very special "Christmas party"!

## Quilting Ministry

Starting on Tuesday October 4th, at 6:30 pm, the Quilting Ministry will be meeting at Marley Gale's home. No experience is needed, come prepared to cut, iron, sew, and have a good time. For additional information, please contact Marley Gale (672-9441) or Rita Lines (673-0398).

### Craft Fair Workshop

Attention all crafters and willing helpers, we need you! The Christmas Craft Fair is about 2 months away. We would love you to join us and help start new projects and finish some others. We promise activities for all abilities, a good time, fellowship and breakfast. Please join us on Saturday, October 15th from 9 to 12 at the church.

## Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network

We are looking for more volunteers that are interested in helping at the Anne-Marie House in Hudson. The time commitment is flexible and typically involves 3-4 hours once every 6 weeks. (However you can volunteer as much as you like). Training and information sessions are held monthly. If this is something that you would like more information about please contact Tami Davis-Betelak at 672-9082 or 801-5256. The next week of hosting at the Anne-Marie House will be Sept. 18-24th.

## Online Contributions to MUMC

*From John Bradfield*

Sunday morning, scrambling to get the kids dressed and out the door. Searching for the weekly giving envelope and the checkbook. Rushing out the door, writing a check in the car, or worse yet, in the church.

Has this ever happened to you? What if there was a way to set your weekly giving to the church and make your offerings hassle free? If you have online bill-pay with your bank, that way is here. Most of us are using online banking in some form or another and this is an opportunity to take one more item off of your list each week. It's fast and easy and doesn't cost you, or the church, anything.

MUMC will have a steadier cash flow for use in the mission of the church. With the electronic bill-pay feature, the bank will mail a check each week (or month) to MUMC on your behalf. This lets the Financial Secretary get the funds deposited in a timely manner and allows the church to better fulfill its mission. In these tough economic times, steady cash flow for the church is critical to MUMC being able to continue to help the community.

So, sign up with your bank today. It's free, simple, and tremendously beneficial for both you and the church! All the details are provided in the box at right.

## How to Make Online Banking Contributions to MUMC

Specify to your bank:

- Weekly or monthly
- The day of the week or month
  - The "paid to" (MUMC)
  - The dollar amount
- The "memo" line (optional)  
*For example: the envelope number or whether the contribution is for the general fund, building fund, etc.*
- Where to send the check  
*MUMC—Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 476  
Milford, NH 03055*

The bank will then write a check for the specified amount and the day you have chosen. The check is mailed to MUMC, with no cost to you for the postage. The amount is automatically deducted from your checking account.

MUMC receives your check in the mail and confidentially records your contribution.

**It's EASY and FREE—  
Sign up at your bank  
TODAY!**

# Lamplighters Women's Bible Study Group

*From Elaine Driscoll*

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light for my path."*

*Psalm 119: 105*

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We had our first meeting on September 7th with 13 in attendance. During our social time we had a special dessert to share to celebrate Emily St. John's 80th birthday, which was the following day.

After devotions and prayer concerns we discussed the first 3 chapters of the gospel of Matthew. This gospel study will continue for the next few months.

Elaine Driscoll is the facilitator for September; Kathy Bradfield will be facilitator for October.

The Lamplighters meet each Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 and all are welcome. No preparation is necessary; just bring your bible.

There is some interest in starting another bible study on a different day. Please talk with one of the Lamplighter members to express your interest, or contact the following:

Kathy Bradfield 487-5574  
kjbradfield@comcast.net

Elaine Driscoll 673-4270  
Geldris@comcast.net

## News from SHARE

*From Carolyn Momonee*

**For the month of October MUMC is collecting: cereal, paper towels, and toilet paper.**



Can't believe summer is on its way out and autumn is just around the corner. Hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer.

We are still asking for toilet paper from everyone as it is a necessity that we go through quickly. The pantry continues to be busy. Here are the statistics for the month of August:

- 193 standard household appointments, providing food for 582 individuals (a week's worth of food)
- 19 new households--first time coming to the Pantry
- 27 emergency food appointment, providing food for 84 individuals (2 day supply of food)
- 14 emergency requests for diapers

Thank you for your important support of the SHARE Food Pantry.

Due to a scheduling conflict **Voices Behind Bars**, a night for prisoner awareness and prison ministry is being rescheduled. If you are interested in learning more, speak with Les Coates or wait for the next issue of The Outreach.

## Bits & Pieces...

### Christian Aftercare Ministry

We are in immediate need of plain, new or used bath towels. Thanks for your always generous response to our needs. For information call Margie at 465-7752.



### 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, make it payable to Milford United Methodist Church with the memo "Wanakee Scholarships."

### Trivia Question: What do the following people have in common?

President Ulysses S. Grant  
Author Norman Vincent Peale  
Singer Roberta Flack  
Actor Tim Curry  
Radio Host Rush Limbaugh  
Activist Rosa Parks  
President George W. Bush

Journalist Rex Reed  
Football Coach Tom Landry  
Director George Lucas  
Jeff Smith, the Frugal Gourmet  
Author Steven King  
Actor Christopher Walken  
Senator Hilary Clinton

*Answer appears on the bottom of page 8.*

### Donate Bread Loaves

on Communion Sunday, October 2.



Please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat, no specialty breads) to be placed in the basket at the altar on Communion Sunday. The bread loaves are delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday morning.

# 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.



## Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime (in batches of 8 per page) by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at [djaquith2@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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(See Genesis 6-8)

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YOU THROW THE CATS OVERBOARD AND I'LL  
TELL YOU WHERE I FOUND THE BRANCH

## Autumn Office Hours

Monday:  
office closed

Tuesday through  
Friday:  
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Office Phone:  
673-2669

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays:

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

### Anniversaries:

George & Elaine Driscoll	Oct. 6
Don & Carol Brooks	Oct. 14
Bill & Vivian Balam	Oct. 20

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

## For Information about our Committees & Groups

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the calendar, here's who to talk to.

Afternoon Off: Dee Locsin  
 Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler Wall  
 Chancel Choir: Sally Landis  
 Church Council: Callie McMahan  
 Home Groups: Les Coates  
 Lamplighters: Kathy Bradfield or Elaine Driscoll  
 Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie  
 Outreach: Wendy Getchell-Lacey  
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie  
 Youth Group: Becky Ladeau, Tom Knapp and Steve Kimner  
 Seasoned Generation: Dick & Roberta Randlett  
 Staff Parish Relations: Keith Ladeau  
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahan  
 Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson  
 Trustees: Steve Rafter  
 White Tops: Everett Gale  
 Worship: Vivian Balam

*Any questions? Please call our office during office hours, listed below.*

### Church Office Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday—Friday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

At times, our hours may vary slightly. If you need to be sure someone is here, feel free to call ahead.

### Church Email addresses:

Pastor Tom	<a href="mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org">pastor@milfordumc.org</a>
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	<a href="mailto:leslie@milfordumc.org">leslie@milfordumc.org</a>
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	<a href="mailto:office@milfordumc.org">office@milfordumc.org</a>

*Answer to page 6 trivia question: They are all Methodists. Jeff Smith is ordained!*



# October 2011

## Sunday Worship Services:

8:30—Spirit Celebration

9:40—Sunday School

10:45—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9 am—3 pm Leadership Workshop
<b>2</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance 5 p.m.— Youth Group	<b>3</b> 7 p.m.— Outreach Committee Meeting; Balam's Home Group	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m.— Quilting Ministry 7 p.m.— Trustee's Committee meeting	<b>5</b> 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Worship Committee	<b>6</b> 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7- Rafter's Home Group 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> MUMC's 5 Year Celebration!  5 p.m.— Youth Group	<b>10</b>  7 p.m.— Balam's Home Group	<b>11</b>  7 p.m.— Staff Parish Relations Committee	<b>12</b> 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.- Stephen Min Supervision	<b>13</b> 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7- Rafter's Home Group 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal	<b>15</b> 8 a.m.— Men's Breakfast 9 a.m.— Crafters Workshop
<b>16</b> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance  5 p.m.— Youth Group	<b>17</b> 7 p.m.— Finance Committee meeting; Balam's Home Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Ad Council meeting	<b>20</b> 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7- Rafter's Home Group 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal	<b>22</b> 7 p.m.— Seasoned Generation Slide Show
<b>23</b> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance  5 p.m.— Youth Group <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> 7 p.m.— Balam's Home Group  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Stephen Min Supervision	<b>27</b> 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7- Rafter's Home Group 7:30-Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal	<b>29</b>



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## October 2011

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.