

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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Broken Bread Café Returns With a Pop!

From Wendy Ayotte

The Broken Bread Café returned to MUMC, after being held in private homes this summer. It returned with a 'POP!' ...but we'll get to that later.

After Les' move to Kansas, the regular BBC volunteers were left with a quandary—who would lead the way with our non-traditional service that had quickly become a valuable worship experience for so many MUMC members and friends? The job was daunting but, as you often hear around church, "many hands make light work." The slower summer season was used as a time to regroup and decide how to proceed without the amazing creativity and time commitment that Les and Trisha had made every month to the Broken Bread Café.



Taylor Bossie and Jessica

On September 8th, the BBC returned to our church building and the turnout was better than expected.

Volunteers had to pull in an extra table from the narthex and squeeze additional chairs around the tables, but everyone was warmly welcomed and the service was a great success.

The Praise Band performed three original songs written by the team of Rafter, Bossie and Willard. While everyone enjoyed coffee, tea, and lemonade Pastor Tom discussed the questions inspired by John 1:35-42, "What are you looking for?" and "What is the most important question you've been asked?" and read the written responses from those in

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A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

It used to be that New Hampshire voters could count on being left pretty much alone once the presidential primary was done and over with. But now, our beloved Granite State has become a "swing state," and in a close election, even our tiny little four electoral votes are seen as potentially critical. So, like you, my phone is lighting up with calls from opinion pollsters and campaign workers. This month will probably see things coming to a fever pitch as election day draws nearer.

Add that to the nonstop election coverage from the media, tightly contested local races, and our own varying degrees of passion for the political process and we can easily find ourselves swallowed up and more than a little preoccupied with the whole process. One danger that accompanies this tendency is the temptation to participate in the rancorous, divisive, and sometimes just plain old hateful rhetoric that is an increasing feature of our national, statewide, and even local political campaigns.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to participate responsibly in the world around us, including the political realm. Our values and our faith have implications for the policies and laws we support or reject, and ultimately for the candidates we vote for. But they also

have implications for *how* we participate in our political process.

A short time ago a colleague shared with me a helpful article from *Relevant* magazine entitled "Seven Things Christians Need To Remember About Politics." You can find the article on the Relevant website (www.relevantmagazine.com). But here in brief form are the aforementioned seven things;



1. Both parties go to church. In other words, there are faithful Christians on virtually all sides of our political divides.
2. Political talk radio and cable "news" only want ratings.
3. Those who argue over politics don't love their country more than others.
4. Thinking your party's platform is flawless is a mistake.
5. Scripture tells us to pray for our governing leaders (2 Timothy 2:1-4) and to respect those in authority (Romans 13:1-7).
6. Don't be paranoid. The country is not going to be destroyed if your candidate loses.
7. Stop saying, "This is the most important election in the history of

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attendance. But what about the 'pop?'

All would agree, the questions asked by Pastor Tom in his sermon were answered most poignantly by Taylor Bossie. After a delicious meal of homemade soups and bread, Taylor and the Praise Band performed the song by City and Colour, *What Makes a Man*. Afterwards, he took a moment to tell the congregation about what he was looking for, which was to spend his life with girlfriend Jessie. And then he popped the most important question—"Will you marry me?" to the joy of everyone present. We are happy to report the answer was yes, and the service wrapped up with flurry of congratulations to the happy couple and Kleenex for mom Michele!

The next Broken Bread Café will take place on **October 13 at 5 p.m.** We hope you will join us for what is always a dynamic and thought provoking service. We may not always end with a marriage proposal, but you never really know what will pop up at the BBC!



Present Tense

Poem By Jason Lehman
Contributed by Lisa Payne

Exploring the question "What are you looking for?" Lisa Payne remembered this poem, written by a 14 year old boy. She read it during the service and we were asked to re-print it here. Enjoy.

Present Tense

It was spring, but it was summer I wanted,
The warm days, and the great outdoors.
It was summer, but it was fall I wanted,
The colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air.
It was fall, but it was winter I wanted,
The beautiful snow, and the joy of the holiday season.
It was winter, but it was spring I wanted,
The warmth and the blossoming of nature.
I was a child, but it was adulthood I wanted,
The freedom and respect.
I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted,
To be mature, and sophisticated.
I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted,
The youth and the free spirit.
I was retired, but it was middle-age I wanted,
The presence of mind without limitations.
My life was over,
and I never got what I wanted.



Spiritual Gifts Seminar

From Steve Kimner

Have you ever asked yourself any of these age-old questions?

Who am I?

Why am I here?

What does God want me to do with my life?

If you have, we have the course for you!

Stephen Ministry will be sponsoring a two day course titled *Discovering God's Vision for our Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*. You will explore biblically based answers to these questions in various ways. The course will be led by Steve Kimner. Each session combines lecture, experiential exercises, and practical application. *Discovering God's Vision for our Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts* also relates the topic of spiritual gifts to the aspects of Christianity and spiritual growth such as discipleship, community, lay ministry,

grace, and personal growth.

Here are some of the topics we will cover in the course:

- You Are No Ghost
- The Jesus Connection
- Love: The Heart of Spiritual Gifts
- Spiritual Gifts and Burnout
- Bloom Where You Are Planted

The course will be held on Saturdays, October 13 & 27 from 9:30 to 2:30. Please note the dates have changed from what was published in the Outreach last month. If you have any questions regarding this course, please ask Steve either by phone at 930-0909 or by email at skkimner91@comcast.net. You will see and hear more about this in the coming weeks so stay tuned for additional information.

The Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale is coming!

October 6th from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

It's Pumpkin Festival weekend too!

Get out and enjoy!

Thanks to all who have stepped up to fill the needs for the clothing sale and cafe as well as Wicked Awesome (Yard Sale) helpers.

We'll see you at the Sale!



Seasoned Generation News

*From Carol Rowlette and
Roberta Randlett*

As usual, Cyndi Geiger's visual trip was fabulous. This one was of this country where she has traveled and taken wondrous photo's. She puts her beautiful photos together and makes an interesting visual trip for all of us to enjoy. She adds music and we were treated to an entertaining evening of "travel". Thank once again, Cyndi, for an exciting trip, everyone loved it.



The Annual Seasoned Generation Chicken Dinner will be held on October 20th at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per

person. Proceeds will go toward the church mortgage. Contact Carol Rowlette for your ticket soon because seating is limited. Dinner will be served in the Narthex, however, it won't look much like the Narthex once the tables are set up and a delicious dinner is served to you! The dinner will be prepared by our own in house Chef, Lonnie Stapanon. If you have never come to our Chicken dinner then you don't know what you are missing. Expect to have a wonderful meal, great conversations and lots of fun. Hope to see you there. Thanks you, everyone, for your support in the past.

Music Notes *From Sally Landis*

I would like to thank all who contributed to our summer worship music. Everyone was great!

I would also like to thank the "angel" who paid for the repair of our organ. It was an expensive rebuild, but the organ is working fine now and should be for years to come.

Our Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday evening December 16th this year, a week earlier than usual. I would like to have some kids (4th through 7th grade) join us . Rehearsals for the kids will be on Thursdays in November and December from 6:15 to 7 p.m. (except Thanksgiving). In December the kids will need to rehearse also with the adults at 7 pm. Let me know if you are interested in singing.



*"October is the
fallen leaf, but it
is also a wider
horizon more
clearly seen. It is
the distant hills
once more in
sight, and the enduring
constellations above them
once again."*

-Hal Borland

Lamplighter's

From Elaine Driscoll

We are well into our study of the Gospel of John, as we begin this new season. However, it is never too late to join us and we welcome all women. We each bring our own bibles and explore the various versions.

From 1-1:30 we have coffee, tea and snacks. At 1:30 we begin with devotions and prayer concerns, followed by our bible study. There is always plenty of lively discussion.

For questions or more information please contact the following: Elaine Driscoll at Geldris@comcast.net or 673-4270 or Carol Rowlette at carolleero@aol.com or 673-5403



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our nation." It's not.

I hope these reminders will be part of what guides is in the next several weeks. And then, don't forget to vote on November 6, and to enjoy the relative silence starting the next day.

Still discovering the joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor John".

Thursday Night Home Group Bible Study

From Pat & Steve Rafter

We have been thinking how we can help our members and friends with their faith journey and deepening their relationship with Our Lord and Savior. We have decided to offer a 13 week Bible Study within our Home Group **beginning on October 4** called "Experiencing God" by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King. Every Sunday in the month of September, someone from our home group will be available between services with the book for you to look at. If you would like to join our Bible Study or join the home group, please let Steve Rafter (sbrou812@aol.com) or Betty Herlihy (herlihymb01@comcast.net) know and we will get a book to you. We meet every **Thursday night at 7 p.m.** at the Rafter's home 45 Highland Ave. in Milford. All are welcome, if we get too big for the Rafter living room, we may need to move to the church! That would be a wonderful "problem!"

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Thanks to Mikeel Rice

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I'M NOT SURE IF THESE ARE GETTING THROUGH, AS IT IS SUPER-CLOUDY AND I DIDN'T WIN THE LOTTERY YESTERDAY, BUT I'LL TRY AGAIN ...

Ed Team News

From Shelly Frost

As we begin our new year, we will start our mission project by helping out SHARE. Although SHARE needs everything to put into the pantry the following items are what we will start with. Simple spices and dried herbs, such as salt, pepper, basil, oregano etc. As always monetary funds may also be given. if you have any questions please feel free to contact any Education Team member.

If you have not registered your student for Sunday school classes, please see Ed Team members or your classroom teacher for a registration form.

The Adult Sunday School class will meet in the old nursery between the services. All are welcome to attend as we begin to study Romans. The NIV study bible states Romans provides the basic gospel of God's plan of salvation. Justification by faith and righteousness from God are major themes. Another study Bible states many of Christianity's basic truths are found in Romans. Please join them as they journey through Romans for the next few weeks.

Lastly, please mark your calendars - there will be NO Sunday school on November 25, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



News from SHARE

From Kathy Beane

For the month of October MUMC is collecting: Cereal, canned fruit, salad dressings



We continue to see an increased need for the services provided by SHARE and greatly appreciate the generosity of your organizations. We could not do what we do without your help!

On a side note, I also wanted to let you know that Carolyn Momenee is retiring from SHARE this month. As you know, Carolyn has been working tirelessly for so many, many years to help those less fortunate in our community. She has decided to take a step back from the SHARE organization to spend more time with her ever-growing family and pursue her other interests. We wish her the best in all her new adventures and look forward to hearing about them when she visits us!

Additionally, Karen Graveline has accepted the position of Program Manager for SHARE, overseeing the different areas of service we provide to our clients. She is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor and has extensive experience working with the homeless and others in need of basic services. We are very happy she has decided to join us!

Thank you again for all your support!



Can you believe it?

Christmas is coming!!

Help us get ready!

Prepare the Church for Advent

Craft Fair Workshops

From Pat Rafter

The Christmas Craft Fair will be here before we know it—December 1st! Please come and join us on the following dates and times.

Oct 13 from 9-12

Oct 27 from 9-12

Nov 3 from 9-12

Nov 17 from 9-12

Nov 24 from 9-12

If anyone is interested in doing projects at home, but needs ideas/supplies please contact: Liane Wright, Christi O'Shaughnessy, Laura Seale, Pat Rafter or Tami Betelak.

Is decorating for the Christmas season your special joy? Worship Committee is looking for a few people to prepare the church for Advent. For details contact John Millhouse at 672-2225 or Millhouse@me.com, or other members of the Worship Committee.

Help the Christmas Fair Cookie Run

Please save your SMALL METAL coffee cans for our cookie table at the Fair. Place under the coat rack or give to Elaine Driscoll by Nov. 15! Thank you!

The Chancel Choir presents a

Christmas Cantata

Sunday evening, December 16th at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar for this special night!

Outreach Fun Page



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Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

He didn't have the guts!

What do you call a skeleton who won't work?

Lazy Bones!

What do skeletons say before they eat?

Bone appetit!

When does a skeleton laugh?

When something tickles his funny bone!

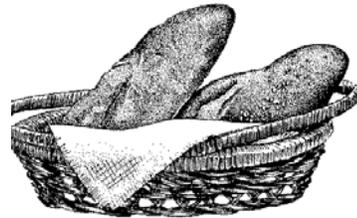


Color in the Halloween Parade!

Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, **October 7.**

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



Do You Have a Name Badge?

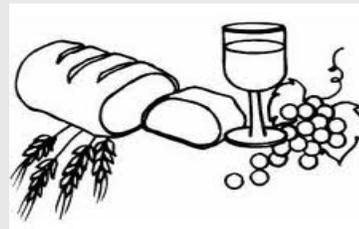
Name badges can be printed up anytime by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at jaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed and whether you prefer a pin rather than "clip on". When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer.

Christian Aftercare Ministry

CAM is currently in need of men's T-shirts, jeans, boots, sneakers, cooking pots & pans, microwave ovens, coffee pots, towels, bed linens, and stainless steel knives, forks and spoons. Call Margie for information: 465-7752. We thank you for all the help you can give—may God bless you abundantly!



Join us for the next Broken Bread Café!



*Saturday,
October 13
At 5 p.m.*

Bits & Pieces...



Donation of Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Contact and payment instructions are on the flower chart. Standard arrangements are \$35. Thanks for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.

Have you visited a Home Group?

Our Home Groups are a wonderful way to get to know people in our church, share our faith and build connections. You are welcome to join us anytime!

Tuesday's at 7 p.m. @ The Reed's home, call 673-6950

Thursday's at 7 p.m. @ The Rafter's home, call 673-4516

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The McMahon's home, call 673-5239

A Noise Offering

Following each service on the second Sunday of the month we will have a "Noise Offering." This donation of your spare change will benefit the Wanakee Scholarship Fund that helps youth to participate in our United Methodist summer camp located in Meredith, NH. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to MUMC with the note "Wanakee Scholarships" in the memo space.



Join us for the Blessing of the Pets

October 6

at 11 p.m.

Please bring your pet, properly restrained or in a carrier, and enjoy this special service. Then shop our Yard Sale and go on to enjoy the Pumpkin Festival!

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 Takacs	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

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office at 673-2669 or leave a note for Wendy on her desk on Sunday.



For Information about our Committees & Groups

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

Afternoon Off: Dee Jacobs
 Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler-Wall
 Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
 Church Council: Callie McMahan
 Home Groups: Pastor Tom
 Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and Carol Rowlette
 Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie
 Outreach: Pat Rafter
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie
 Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
 Seasoned Generation: Dick & Roberta Randlett
 Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahan
 Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
 Trustees: Jim Frost
 White Tops: Everett Gale
 Worship: John Millhouse
 Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Steve Kimner, and Kathy Moaratty

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

Office Hours

Monday, noon-3; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

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

Church E-mail Addresses:

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Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	office@milfordumc.org



October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 7—Outreach Committee	2	3 9-3—Yard Sale set-up 6:30—Quilting Ministry 7—Worship Committee	4 9-3—Yard Sale set-up 7:30—Chancel Choir	5 9-3—Yard Sale set-up 7:30—Praise Band	6 7-1—Yard Sale 11— Blessing of the Pets
7 5-6:30—Youth Group	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> 7—Trustee's Committee	9 Yard Sale Clean-Up 7—SPR Committee	10 8—White Tops 1-3— Lamplighter's 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	11 7:30—Chancel Choir	12 6:15—Worship Design 7:30—Praise Band	13 9-12— Christmas Crafting 9:30-2:30— Spiritual Gifts Seminar 5-Broken Bread Cafe
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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.

