

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
October 2013—Milford, NH



Adult Mission Team Returns From East Machias, Maine!

From Lisa Payne

Our trips always start with a lot of thought about what will happen during the week. The reality is always a hundred times better than our imagination!

On September 15th seven members of the Adult Mission team traveled to East Machias, Maine to help families with some badly needed home repairs. The team led by Steve and Pat Rafter included Doris Houston, Steve Story, Christi Kevlihan, Chris Costantino, Lisa Payne and our loving mascot Willie Rafter (the best dog *evah!*). While we go to



Christi Kevlihan, Chris Costantino

fix roofs, paint, build decks, demolish unsafe structures, clear debris, stack wood, and a ton of other tasks, we have learned over the years that we are also called to help heal hearts. And while you might think that is a job reserved for certified professionals, we have learned that all it takes is an open and compassionate heart, guided by the love of Jesus.

On this trip we heard stories of broken dreams; we witnessed physical and mental disabilities, and saw the sadness of a broken heart that could only make one ache with compassion. And through all of this, the people we helped held their heads high, worked alongside us, graciously accepted us into their homes and in the end, we became family.

We started each day with devotions and song, and ended each day with the witness of God's presence in our day. We

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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

In one of my earlier churches, I had a gentleman who came to church once a year. It so happened that that once a year was always during our four-week stewardship emphasis. He always said, "whenever I go to church all they talk about is money." He was right, but only because of when he happened to come. The church has to talk about money because it is an essential part of accomplishing our mission and ministry. We talk about money because we need to remind ourselves of our need to give.

As a pastor, I have to keep an awareness of the financial needs of the church. I have to try to find that place where our financial resources are able to match the financial demands of doing ministry. It is a delicate balance of planning and faith that allows us to accomplish the remarkable things that we do in Jesus' name.

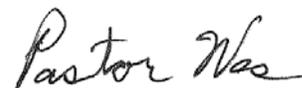
In my first three months here at Milford, I have come to see that we are currently not in a balanced position. Our giving is not adequate to meet our financial obligations. If you read the financial information that is shared in the weekly bulletin, you know that we are running over \$1,000 a week behind our budget. We have been able to manage so far by delaying certain obligations and relying upon reserve funds to meet other needs. That process can not continue.

The Finance Committee and the Administrative Council have been discussing these concerns and we have decided to ask for the congregation's help. We need to increase our giving in order to meet our financial obligations. During October, we will be sending a letter to all of our current contributors seeing if we can all make some additional gift to the church on an ongoing basis. There are over 140 regular givers to our church and it is our hope that many of them will be able to increase their giving to help us meet our goal.

The Finance Committee will also be working to find areas where the budget can be cut back so that the gap is not as great as it has been. We will be inviting everyone to bring an additional commitment slip to worship on **Sunday, October 13** so that we can commit our gifts together before God.

I won't be talking about money every week in church, but when we need to address the balance of our resources and need I will be the first one to make sure that everyone knows what is necessary.

In God's generous grace,



Adult Mission Team, continued.

laughed, sang and shared stories of the moments that opened our eyes to the Lord. It was, and always will be, a humbling experience.

These trips are so important - not only for those that we serve but for each team member - we come home changed and hopefully better disciples. We encourage anyone who has a desire to join us on a trip, please make it a priority and come with us. If you can't join us, then consider donating to the Adult Mission Team Fund so that we can serve more in this capacity. And of course keep us all in your prayers.

Thanks to all who donated their time, money, and prayers; all of which make this mission work happen. And a special thanks to Down East Maine Missions (our host) and to all the families that welcomed us into their hearts!

Peace and Love to All!
MUMC Adult Mission Team



Above: Doris Houston, Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne and Willie the Wonder Dog



Above: Steve Story and Pat Rafter



SHARE is starting to ramp up collection of food for the Holiday baskets they provide in November and December. Feel free to leave your donations in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!! SHARE greatly appreciates any and all donations.

Last and Final Yaaard Sale for 2013

From Pat Rafter

We have done pretty well on our yard sales this year and hope to close out the season with a bang! Hopefully this article came to you before the **last drop off on September 28**. If not there is always next year!!

The Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale will be the following **Saturday, October 5 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.** Lots of hands are needed for this last sale of the season, especially during the day on Friday, October 4 for set up, and then final clean up at 1 p.m. on October 5. Anyone interested in helping please see/call/e-mail Pat Rafter at 673-4516 or icu2per@aol.com.

We will have electronic recycling again, for details please get in touch with Lisa Payne at lpayne@xrsolutions.com.

We are still not sure if there will be a clothing sale, but since no one has come forward at this time I think it is safe to say there will not be a clothing collection. Things could change however, so keep your eyes peeled!

Spread the word about electronic recycling to your friends, family and neighbors, most of the prices are better than what you would have to pay to get rid of your old stuff at the dump. The bonus is that a portion comes back to the church! Hope to see you at the sale, pray for dry weather!

Sunday School and Other Sunday Activities

From Shelly Frost

If you have not registered your child or children for Sunday School yet it is not too late! Please obtain a 2013-2014 registration form from your students teacher. We have another exciting education program planned for this year, don't miss out.

The Sunday School mission projects are well underway. From now until December we will be collecting gift cards in any amount, from any local store or restaurant. These will go to several local charities that are in need of some extra help.

As the holidays approach we will help SHARE, AnneMarie House and the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire just to name a few. Please help the children of the Sunday School program to help the community by supporting their efforts. Monetary funds can also be accepted and the Ed Team will purchase the gift cards for you.

Don't forget about Adult Sunday School. It is held between services at 9:30 a.m. MUMC also has Youth Group for Students from 6th grade - 12th grade, held at MUMC from 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening (unless otherwise specified by the leaders). Check the Sunday bulletin for the Youth Group's activity schedule.

Celebration for our New District Superintendent

From Pastor Wes Palmer

On **Sunday, October 20 at 4 p.m.** at the Hampton United Methodist Church in Hampton, NH there will be a Service of Celebration for our new Tri-State District Superintendent Rev. Jim McPhee. Everyone is welcome to join in this time of celebration that will be followed by a time of fellowship. The Hampton UMC is located at 525 Lafayette Road in Hampton, NH. Rev. McPhee began his new role on July 1. He previously served on the New England Conference staff and as the Bishop's assistant.

Kairos Prison Ministry

From Rev. Robert Morgan

Rev. Morgan will be participating in another Kairos Prison ministry weekend in October at the State Prison for men in Concord. An essential part of this ministry is the support that people in churches offer through their prayers over the weekend. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex running from **4 p.m. on Thursday, October 10th through 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 13.** If you are willing to pray for the men and their ministry for one or more of the half-hour periods, please sign up. This program has been shown to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those inmates who have been involved, and you can be a part of it by caring in this way.

SHARE Collection



**For the month of October
MUMC is collecting
canned fruit, canned pasta,
dinner sides, coffee & tea.**

Veteran's Day Recognition

Again this year we will honor our veterans with a slideshow on **Sunday, November 10.** Any veteran with a connection with MUMC is welcome to submit a photo. Please provide veteran's name, branch of service and years served with the photo. Send photos to the church office by November 3, 2013.



Lamplighter's News

From Carol Rowlette

*Genesis 1:1 In the beginning
God created the heavens and
the earth.*

*Genesis 2:2 By the seventh
day God had finished his
work and so he rested.*

The name "Genesis" comes from the Greek word meaning "beginning" and that is where the Lamplighter's started our September study. Imagine twenty women sitting around tables discussing the book of Genesis. Well, we came up with many, many questions and just as many comments, opinions, thoughts and ideas. It is amazing the discussions we come up with which are always interesting, intriguing and stimulating.

We meet every **Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00**. We gather at 1:00 for coffee and refreshments and follow with prayer concerns and Bible study.

A little history about the Lamplighters: Started about ten years ago when Emily St. John asked several women if they would like to get together to study the Bible. Six to eight women met in the old education building (on Mt. Vernon St.) and also in some private homes. When the new church was built we started meeting in the kitchen annex and had grown to ten members. We have now grown up to twenty six ladies. How exciting!!!!!!!

ALL are welcome. Come and join us.

Our service project is to support Share by donating goods needed on the last Wednesday of each month.

For more information please contact:

Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or
Geldris@comcast .net

Carol Rowlette at 673-
5403 or
Carolleero@aol.com



Women's Bible Study

Get ready for the Christmas Fair!

From Liane Wright

We will be crafting for the fair **every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** beginning October 12th at the church. No matter your crafting ability (or inability!) we will find a project for you. Come join us any Saturday or all of them. We would love to see you there.

For those of you that like to do a little baking ahead of time perhaps you could think about making cookies, baked goods or cupcakes and freeze them until the week of the fair. Baked goods are always big sellers and we usually sell out. If you have any questions please call or email Liane Wright at 672-6851 or tessaliane@yahoo.com.

Church Conference

From Pastor Wes

Our Church conference will be held on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.** at the church. This annual meeting is where we meet with the District Superintendent and review the ministry of the previous year and look forward to the work of the coming year.

The theme for the church conferences in New England this year is "Strangely Warmed: Formed by God, Powered by Prayer to Service." This will also be our first meeting with our new District Superintendent Rev. Jim McPhee. Please put the date and time on your calendar now and plan to join us for this important time in our church life.

Christian Aftercare Ministry is accepting donations of the following: Pots and pans (all types and sizes), knives, forks, and spoons, and men's bicycles, new or fixable if used. For information call Margie Frank at 465-7752, or Rev. Bob Morgan at 672-1286. Thank you for all you do to benefit CAM!

White Tops

From Everett Gale

The White Tops continue to be a very active group of men whose ages range from the 60's to late 90's. We have twenty members at present.

We meet every **Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at the church. We have coffee and doughnuts and enjoy a variety of subjects for discussion. We also talk about timely information we may not have known about or have previously had an interest in.

For a change in menu, we go out for breakfast every once in a while.

We collect two dollars a week to help pay for the coffee and doughnuts. The extra funds go to help those in need or to purchase equipment helpful to the church, SHARE or other organizations providing a service to our community.

Everyone is welcome and do not have to be a member of our church. Come and join us for a fun and enjoyable morning.

Church Mice

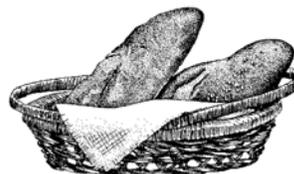
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Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, October 6.

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



Camp Wanakee Benefit

Silent Auction to benefit the campers of Camp Wanakee! Starting on September 29, we will be auctioning off a quilt to raise money toward Wanakee scholarships. Thank you quilting ministry for donating the quilt! MUMC has made a commitment to offer half scholarships to all campers. We will keep bidding open until October 29. Please help us with this important ministry and help send a kid to camp! For more information, talk to Nancy Tong or Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Wanakee Boosters.

Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mailing Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed and whether you prefer a pin rather than "clip on". When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer.

Help Our Youth Mission Team

Clean out those old CDs, DVDs, video games - including Wii, Nintendo, Xbox, etc and help the Youth Mission Trip! This does not include VCR tapes. And you need to have the original box that your old CD, DVD, or game came in. Then bring it to the church and put it in the bin under the coat rack. Liane Wright will take care of the rest. Those old dust collectors can bring a lot of money for our Youth Mission Trip. Thanks!

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!

Monday's at 7 p.m. @ The Mentch home, call 672-1204

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

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The Hopkins home, call 673-3257

A Noise Offering

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



make it payable to MUMC with the note "Wanakee Scholarships" in the memo space.

Soup for Wanakee



Moxie is again selling her delicious soups for only \$4 in the narthex after select Sunday services! All

proceeds from the soup will benefit our MUMC Wanakee Camperships. Look for Moxie and her soup on October 13 & 27, November 17 and December 15.

Thank you!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Dave Stackpole	Oct. 4
Samantha Randlett	Oct. 5
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

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.



Church E-mail Addresses:

Pastor Wesley Palmer:
pastor@milfordumc.org

Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:
office@milfordumc.org

For Information about our Committees & Groups

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

Bell Choir: Mary Tyler-Wall

Chancel Choir: Sally Landis

Church Council: Callie McMahon

Home Groups: Pastor Wes

Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and
Carol Rowlette

Outreach: Pat Rafter

Praise Band: Michele Bossie

Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart

Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne

Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon

Sunday School: Shelly Frost

Trustees: Jerry Theriault

White Tops: Everett Gale

Worship: John Millhouse

Youth Group: Tom Knapp, Kerri-Lynn
Kimner

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

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri

2 p.m.-6 p.m.

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



October 2013

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighters 6:30: Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7: Worship Committee	3 6: Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30: Chancel Choir rehearsal	4 7:30: Praise Band rehearsal	5 7-1: Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale
6 Sermon: "Faith Increases" II Timothy: 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10 5: Youth Group, Leader's Choice 6:30: Caring Vets of NH	7 7: Outreach Committee	8 7-9: Church Conference	9 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighters 7: Stephen Ministry Supervision	10 6: Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30: Chancel Choir rehearsal	11 7:30: Praise Band rehearsal	12
13 Sermon: "Faith Praises" Psalm 66:1-12 Luke 17:11-19 5: Youth Group, Leader's Choice	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> 7: Trustee's Committee	15	16 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighters 6:30: Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7: Ad Council	17 6: Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30: Chancel Choir rehearsal	18 7:30: Praise Band rehearsal	19
20 Laity Sunday 4-6: Youth Group, Hiking	21 7: Finance Committee	22	23 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighters 7: Stephen Ministry Supervision	24 6: Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30: Chancel Choir rehearsal	25 7:30: Praise Band rehearsal	26 9-noon: Youth Group, collect for SHARE
27 Guest Preacher	28	29	30 8: White Tops 1: Lamplighters 6:30: Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's	31 <i>Halloween</i> 6: Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30: Chancel Choir rehearsal		



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Summer Sunday Worship Times:
8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:45 Traditional Worship starting Sept. 8
**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.

