



The Outreach

September 2009—Milford, NH

Fear Not!



Crocodile Dock, MUMC's Vacation Bible School 2009, was a lot of fun. Here is our Pre-school class, their Bayou Crew leader and teachers. Check out more pictures, and a thank you from Jim Tyler-Wall, Director, on page 5.

Welcome Shannon!



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Shannon Ward joins the MUMC staff as our new Children's Choir Director.

"Hello everyone! My name is Shannon Ward and I am the new Youth Choir Director here at MUMC. I wanted to first thank you all for being so kind and welcoming during my first two visits to MUMC – it's comforting to not only find a place where I can share my love of music, but also share my faith and spirituality with such friendly and warm people.

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,


Well-known poet T. S. Eliot once wrote, "What life have you, if you have not life together?" And surely there is truth in that simple but profound statement. What would our lives be without relationships with others to share it with? And yet, here is the rub—relationships, while potentially rewarding and fulfilling, are also difficult and risky. We humans are both complex and sufficiently broken enough to cause one another a great deal of pain and heartbreak along the way. At the same time that we are hardwired with the need for connection and community, we also come armed with all sorts of defense mechanisms, fears, and quirks that make the initiation, nurture, and maintenance of good relationships a challenging endeavor. Even so, many of us have experienced that the effort expended keeping healthy and vital relationships alive is more than worth the pain involved.

Because authentic relationships are so important, this month I will begin a series of sermons called "**I and Thou: Forging Authentic Relationships Through Faith.**" In this series, we will be looking at what the Bible has to say about the most important relationships in our lives—our children, spouses, parents, friends, co-workers, and, especially, the relationship that is the key to all our other relationships, our relationship to God. Using humor, real life stories, and some recent findings from the world of psychological and scientific research, we'll explore how we can put some of the relationship principles from the scriptures into practice in our day-to-day lives.

I want to invite you to make an effort to be present throughout this series.

But I also want to encourage you to see this sermon series as an opportunity for you to invite some of the people to whom you relate—friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers—to join you for worship. Virtually all of us, whether we consider ourselves followers of Jesus or not, are invested in seeking and having great relationships—perhaps they can learn something from us! See you in church!

Still discovering the joy,



Thank you!

Thank you all so much for your love, support, thoughts, prayers and generosity as we begin the chapter of our life. MUMC has meant so much to us both, and we will always fondly remember this church family. Please keep in touch; although we don't have a forwarding address yet, feel free to email - drwillard@gmail.com. Thanks and God bless!

Chris Willard and Lindsey Jones

Youth Bells

By Kerri-Lynn Kimner and Nancy Tong

Youth Bells will start on Thursday, September 10th at 5:15 pm. Children in grades 3 and up are welcome to join. No previous experience is needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and come give it a try. We look forward to seeing you.

Choir Notes

By Sally Landis

Chancel Choir began rehearsals on August 27th but if you were still on summer vacation, we welcome you to choir practice any Thursday at 7:30 pm. Our first performance will be September 13th at the 10:45 am service.

I would like to welcome Shannon Ward to our music ministry. She will be directing the youth choir and brings a delightful enthusiasm to the position. There will be information on rehearsal and performance times in our usual information outlets. We all look forward to having Shannon on our musical team and know that all will make her feel welcome.

There are many opportunities to serve musically at MUMC--children's bells, adult bells, Chancel and youth choirs, sacred dance, Praise Band, and MUMC concert band. Please consider joining one or more of these groups if you have some musical talent. The blessings you will receive go way beyond the joy of performance but also include fellowship, support and sharing with the others in the group and the knowledge that you are adding to the experience of worship.

For questions or additional information see me or any of the other group directors.

Ring the Bells!

By Mary Tyler-Wall

The Adult Bell choir will begin meeting for the fall on September 3rd at 6 pm. If you have any questions please contact Mary (878-0664, or marytw2009@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary, just a willingness to work well with others. Come see what bells are all about!

Shannon Ward

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So who am I? This past May, I graduated from Keene State College with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education with specializations in Choral and Vocal music, and will be student teaching throughout this upcoming fall. My main instrument is voice, and I also play piano, guitar and flute. Other than music and teaching, I love to be outdoors, go to movies, spend time with friends and family, and travel anywhere that my beat-up old Pontiac can take me.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to re-start the Youth Choir program here at MUMC. I have some great ideas and plans for our young voices, and I look forward to meeting everyone and most importantly: getting the kids singing! I will be planning and preparing to start rehearsals and performances in the next couple of weeks, so feel free to stop me and chat if you have any questions. I will be attending service each Sunday, and will be in the music room in between/after services. As sign-ups, rehearsals and performances are scheduled, I will post notices in the music room and in the weekly bulletin. For now, if you or your child have any questions about or interest in joining the Youth Choir, please feel free to email me at: shanonanon324@gmail.com.

Thank you and I look forward to sharing the joy of music and God with you all!"

Shannon Ward



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.



Lisa Payne, Katrina Team 2008, takes a break and plays with one of the home's residents.

SHARE Food Pantry

By Carolyn Momonee

I hope you have all been enjoying a wonderful summer, no matter what the weather. The SHARE Food Pantry has been extremely busy this summer, no surprise to anyone with the state of our economy. We would like to thank you for all your support and your donations.

I have added brown paper bags and/or cloth bags to the list of needed supplies. We are constantly running out of bags as each client that comes to pick up food leaves with filled bags. We encourage people to bring their own bags but that doesn't happen very often. Some do bring cloth bags. When we give them out we ask them to use them in the future.

Thank you again for your donations. It is wonderful when the community takes care of the community!

MUMC's collections for September are: Canned meats and canned fruits, and brown paper bags or cloth bags.

Mission Trip to Katrina 2009

We currently have 16 people going on our Fall mission trip to help with repairs that are still needed to homes following Hurricane Katrina. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th, 7 pm, at the church to finalize all plans. The team could use donations of Wal-Mart gift cards and gas cards for use while they are in Louisiana. Please see Dave Stackpole (465-7885, dstackpole@charter.net) with questions or to make a donation.

Vacation Bible School Crocodile Dock, July 20th – 24th By Jim Tyler-Wall

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School, and extra special thanks to the Bayou Crew Leaders without whom Crocodile Dock wouldn't have been possible! Together we helped forty kids learn to "FEAR NOT!" and trust in God's amazing love and awesome power. The weather didn't always cooperate, but the Bayou Crew's never noticed, because our wonderful volunteers kept the Dock Rockin'! I can't say thank you enough to everyone who gave their time and energy to make this year's vacation bible school a great one.



For those who missed it, you didn't see the amazing sets that brought you right into the swamp. You could feel the mosquito's biting and the 'gator's lurking under the dock and in the trees that lined the swamp. If you weren't there you didn't get to rock out to the fantastic music by the always amazing MUMC VBS Crocodile Rock Band.



You missed out on the great games and cool crafts and delicious snacks...Oh, and the cook out, you missed the great food and fun of the cook out on Friday night. But don't worry, there's always next year and I hear there is a High Seas Adventure coming.



Another Awesome YAAAAARD Sale!

By Pat Rafter

Our next wicked awesome YAAAAard Sale is planned for September 26th. This sale will be 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 are:

August 29th 9-12

September 5th 9-12

September 12th 9-12

September 15th 3-6 **this is a

change

September 16th 9-12 and 3-6

September 23rd 3-6 **this is a

change

Last day September 24th 9-12 absolutely nothing after this date!!!

Please call Pat Rafter (673-4516) to arrange this.

We will partner up with E Waste Recyclers of Jaffrey again. We hope to get the word out to area businesses as well. On the day of the yard sale you may drop off your electronic waste at the church. There are fees for this service and a portion of it will go back to the church. Please see list of fees at right. Please do not bring these items on the collection dates—only on the day of the yard sale. If you are unable to make the day of the yard sale, please contact Pat Rafter to make other arrangements.

E Waste recycling fees

Computer Monitors \$10

TV's up to 27 inches \$15

TV's larger than 27 inches \$25

Console TV's \$25

Plasma/LCD's \$10

Complete PC's \$10

Laptops \$5

Printers \$5

Copiers \$5

Fax machines \$5

Speakers \$5

Stereos \$5

Telephones \$5 (cell and land line)

UPS \$5

VCR/DVD \$5

Keyboards/Mouse Free

If you have any questions contact Wendy Bauerschmidt at 321-1286 or www.yourwaste.com.

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).

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tyler and Laura Green on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Rae. She was born August 2nd, and was 7 pounds 9 ounces. She joins her big sister who is 3 years old. Proud grandparents are Judy and Ray Green, and aunt Jessica.

News from the Worship Committee

By Elaine Driscoll

This has been a very short summer season, but we are pleased our worship attendance has been very encouraging. We have enjoyed our many guests this summer and look forward to seeing more of you as we start our fall season.

Communion will be observed on September 6th. Please remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar. Bread loaves are delivered to SHARE on Monday morning. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Altar flowers may be purchased to

honor or remember a special person or event in your life. The Flower Chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Our cost for an altar arrangement from Woodman's Florist is \$25. For any special requests please talk to Roberta Langis, Flower Coordinator, (673-4560, bertlangis@aol.com). We are still looking for anyone who can crochet and have a pattern for making angels for our Christmas tree decorations. Please contact Elaine Driscoll (673-4270, Gel-drisc@comcast.net), or any member of the Worship Committee.



Guess Who?

Can you pick out two MUMC regulars in this company picture from Digital Equipment Corporation, circa 1981? One currently lives in Wilton and decorates cakes. The second lives in Hollis and is active in mission work. See answers page 12.

Youth Group News

By Steve Kimner, Youth Group Leader

We are beginning the 2009-2010 year with a bit of a change in format. We really want you to get the most out of your experience by attending on a regular basis. With that in mind, the leaders have decided to have two groups for the first time. Here is how it is going to start out for this year. We would like the 6th to 8th graders to attend a session on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 6 pm. The 9th to 12th graders will attend a session from 6 to 7:30 pm. We realize that this may pose a bit of a scheduling dilemma for a few families but we feel this is the appropriate time in our history to make the split between the needs of the youth in each group. We will still offer times when both groups come together for special occasions, which we will all decide upon.

The other news we have to offer is a new Facebook group dedicated to the youth group. You can apply to be a member and will have to be accepted by the administrators into the group. The administrators will use this as a communication tool for all members who are accepted and monitor the discussion board and photos. Remember, just be-

cause you are a member of the group does not mean someone in the group can see your personal profile. That profile will remain private unless you decide to add that person as a friend to your personal page.

We will be meeting on September 13th to decide what activities you would like to enjoy for the first half of the year. Remember, come at 4:30 pm if you are in middle school and at 6 pm if you are in high school. Come with a list of ideas we can all enjoy. See you soon!



Youth group bowling night in August

Group Work Camp: Reading, PA

By Meredith Poplar

Five adults and fourteen youth went to Reading, Pennsylvania for one week. When we got into our groups in Reading, we only had one person in our group that we knew. But even though we didn't know the majority of the people, everyone there really connected to one another. We spent each morning and evening doing devotions; or a time where we showed our affection to God, and learned more about our faith and others around us. Personally, this experience was a real eye opener, I had heard about the lives of those in poverty, but I never really knew. The resident in the house I was working in always said that no one is poor unless they do not have God by their side. Also,

those who have so little are much more grateful than I ever was; another thing my resident said was "this is the Lords house". She accepted nothing as hers, all of it belonged to God. While we were there the theme of the week was "Reveal".

We had to reveal hope for the poor, sight to the blind, release for the captives, freedom from oppression, and the day of the Lords favor. During that week I think I learned more about God and life than I have my whole lifetime, and I will continue to carry that knowledge for as long as I have it with me.

Sunday School News

By Shelly Frost

Summer is quickly coming to a close and the new school year has approached us once again. The Education Team is very excited about the up-coming 2009-2010 rotation program for children in grades kindergarten – 6th. We will start the year off with stories of Jonah and "Making good choices". If you have not enrolled your child/children for Sunday School we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There are limited teacher openings for the up-coming year. If you are interested and can help please, see any Education Team member for information. The Sr. High Sunday School will start their year off with a special 4-week Financial workshop with Mark Feraco. As some of these young adults are beginning to peruse part-time jobs,

topics such as managing a checkbook, savings, and "how does God fit in" will be a wonderful learning opportunity for them. Thank you Mark for your time spent with our young adults. Our new 7th and 8th grade curriculum shows exciting promise for the up-coming year. They will have a room of their own, and will study the "Claim the Life" series.

Many thanks to the Teachers that gave their time for a successful 1st Summer of Summer Sunday School, the children seemed happy to be outside learning about the different creatures of God and to also to enjoy fun activities such as relay racing, soccer, kick ball, and hula hooping.



Thank you!



Our first time at Wanakee and we had a great time. Quite a learning experience for the girls, and the songs..... I can't get Humpty Dumpty out of my head!!

Thank you MUMC for making it possible for us to go.

Roberta Langis, Rebecca, Jessica and Brittney Hart

Coming in September

The Women's Friday night Bible Study will be studying the book of Ephesians using *Understanding Your Blessings in Christ*, by Elizabeth George. This book leads you through Ephesians to discover practical and fulfilling truths for your journey through life with God.

As you study Ephesians you'll discover:

- the keys to becoming spiritually strong
- the spiritual armor that protects you in life's battles
- the incredible spiritual blessings God has given you
- the ways you can make use of these riches

Contact Rita Lines (673-0398) or Carol Rowlette (673-5403) if you would like more information or to sign up if you would like to join us. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 6th. The first meeting will be Friday, September 18th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at the church. Cost of the book is \$5.00.

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).

Consigning for Good

Nancy Feraco and Joan Dargie are starting a new business venture — Consigning for Good, 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, they 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 call Nancy (249-9071). More details will be in the next issue of *The Outreach*.

Stephen Ministry Sunday, September 20th

What better way to mark the beginning of MUMC's 10th year of being a Stephen Ministry Congregation than by designating Sunday, September 20th as Stephen Ministry Sunday. This is a special day in which the whole congregation gathers to celebrate the wonderful ministry that God is working through our Stephen Ministry: an opportunity to underscore how Stephen Ministry is helping to carry out our church's overall vision.

MUMC's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and our surrounding community, who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

If you are interested in learning more or training to be a Stephen Minister, please contact any of our Stephen Leaders: Pat Levesque (673-8868), Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey (673-2669), Rita Lines (673-0398), Ben Lambert (672-1425), and Michele Bossie (672-4556).

The Bumbaugh Family Returns to MUMC on September 19th, 7 pm



Don't miss an inspiring and energetic evening of Southern Gospel music performed by the Bumbaugh Family on Saturday evening, September 19th, 7 pm. The Evangelism Committee hopes that many people will come out to hear their powerful musical testimonies to the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. All your friends and neighbors are invited as well. At the end of the concert, a free will offering will be taken and CD's of their music will be available for sale.

There is something distinctly unique about family harmony and The Bumbaugh Family is a testimony to that fact. The family launched their ministry in 1999. Margaret Bumbaugh is joined by two of her adult children, Fawn Stitely and Scott Bumbaugh, to create a warm blend of voices. Joining them during the evening will be 5 cousins, ages 7-17.

The Bumbaugh's share this thought: "We read in the book of Joshua chapter 24, *'But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose*

for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord'. The same challenge that Joshua posed to the children of Israel many years ago is the same one asked of us today. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord as a family!"

Condolences to the family of Keith Tritle Sr.

Word has been received from Vallie Marie Tritle in Mississippi that her husband, Keith Tritle Sr. passed away on August 5, 2009. Keith was MUMC's choir director and Marie was our organist during the 1980's. Please contact the church office (673-2669) if you would like Vallie Marie's address to send your condolences.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Jim Fortunato	Sep 1
Nicholas Logue	Sep 3
Doris LeBaron	Sep 5
Patience Roby	Sep 6
Emily St. John	Sep 8
Amber Barbagallo	Sep 9
Allison Betelak	Sep 10
Joshua Breault	Sep 13
Alyssa Kaufold	Sep 13
Ben Kaufold	Sep 13
Mary Tyler-Wall	Sep 14
Jim Tyler-Wall	Sep 14
Tom Knapp	Sep 18
Scott Masters	Sep 18
Candy Goff	Sep 20
Jaclyn Rafter	Sep 21
Ruth Johnston	Sep 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Martin & Tami Betelak	Sep 8
Kirk & Suzanne Randlett	Sep 10
Mike & Joyce Bothwick	Sep 24

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

Financially Speaking

As of July 2009

Income toward Budget accounts	\$19,647.18
Expense-budget accounts	\$18,209.16
Balance in General Fund	\$3,579.18
Mortgage Fund Income	\$4,215.00

Outreach and Mission giving	
Discretionary Fund	\$800.00
Wanakee Camperships	\$450.00
Youth Mission	\$982.00
Total	\$2,232.00

From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reports that both pledge giving and contributions to the Mortgage Fund have dropped off during the last month. Since the work and related expenses of the Church go on during the vacation period, the Finance Committee would appreciate pledges being kept current during the summer.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Church Council approved retaining Generis Partners LLC., to assist us in a capital drive to pay the mortgage related to our new church home. Generis has worked with MUMC before on past capital drives. A one month campaign will start in October and finish in November. Volunteers to help with various activities on the campaign are welcome. See Bill Jaquith, Brad Reed, or Pastor Tom for more information.

Guess Who answer

Denise Fox, sitting on the left, Dave Stackpole leaning on the handrail at the right.

September 2009 Calendar

		September 1 10-2 Milford Area Seniors Activity Center 10 Playgroup 7 Trustees	2 9:30 White Tops	3 6 Adult Bells 7 (2) Cell groups 7:30 Chancel choir	4 12- 3 Afternoon Off 7:30 Praise Team	5 9-11 Capital Campaign Steering Committee
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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.