

The Outreach

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



Vacation Bible School Wraps Up Another Successful Week!

From Shelly Frost

What a wonderful week we had at the "Everywhere Fun Fair" here at MUMC, "Where God's world comes together with neighbors from all over the world."

During our VBS week of July 22-26, we learned about our neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico. We enjoyed songs, games, crafts, Bible stories and even Science experiments from all these countries. We enjoyed snack each night much like they



would have in the fantastic countries we learned about. Our carnival setting was such fun, from the animals to the Ferris Wheel, from roller coasters to the large cotton candy displays hanging in the foyer and all the other sweets around the church, it was as though we were really at a fair.

Godwin Merrifeather, our mascot bird friend made nightly appearances with Telly Ticket each night to start the evening with our Bible lesson and to introduce the Friendship Phrase. They helped each other as well as the participating children with conflicts and the understanding of friendship and being good neighbors.

The Mission project this year was to help the Animal Rescue League of NH, in Bedford, we collected approximately \$150.00 in monetary donations and bags and of dog food, cat food, kitty litter and toys to help our furry friends as they are also our neighbors and friends in need. Thank you for all your donations to this very worthy cause. Thank you to the congregation for

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A Message From Pastor Wes

Dear friends,

September is a time that brings many changes. School is back underway for children of all ages and the teachers teaching them. Many of the crops have been harvested or soon will be and the fields will rest for the winter months. Snowbirds begin to think about just how long they can enjoy the fall colors before they need to make their escape. The leaf peepers start making their way to see the beauty of the leaves across New England and some come way too early for the best views. The church also comes back to life in the fall.

On Sunday September 8th, we will return to our regular schedule with the early Spirit Celebration at 8:30, Sunday school at 9:30 and the Traditional service at 10:45. The Chancel choir will also be present for their first Sunday of the season at 10:45 that morning. It is always an exciting time to reconnect with church family and friends. This year Lucy and I will be among the new faces in the crowd. September will mark the beginning of the third month that we have been with you in ministry.

We are continuing to meet as many of you as we are able to both on Sunday mornings and in other small group settings. Some of you have made a special point of asking for time with me in the office or for a visit at home. I want to encourage you to continue doing just that. Those one on one conversations are very valuable in my

efforts to get to know you and your story. I can still look out on Sunday morning and not know who is there and who is missing.

That's where I need all of your help. If you realize that someone has been away from church for a while, I would encourage you to give them a call and check in. People are touched when they know they have been missed. By inviting them to come to worship with you, you may be able to get them reconnected. If someone takes the summer off from church, fall is the time when they are most likely to stop coming all-together. We need to encourage one another in our efforts to stay connected to our church family.

Fall is also a wonderful time to invite someone new to church. Look around your neighborhood. Are there new families or residents who may not yet have a church home? Do you know someone who left another church and may be ready to connect in a new place? Have you asked your extended family recently whether they might like to visit some Sunday morning? September is a wonderful time to try all those efforts and recommit to having an inviting faith.

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Correction: The first quote from our Youth Mission Trip kids in the August was incorrectly attributed to Tessa. It was actually sent by Tess Swindell.

VBS' Everywhere Fun Fair, continued.

Pictures from Shelly Frost and Diane Jaquith

your support, prayer and donations for helping the VBS team to make this another successful week. A special thanks to the entire VBS Team for being there each night to make it so special for the children, your dedication, support and many talents made VBS amazing for all to enjoy.



Above, Maria Herbert and Laura Seale work with the kids. At right, Tami and Allison Betelak get ready for a fun evening!



Above: enjoying the cooler evening temps. Left: volcano making! Below: Cathy Brown leads craft time.



Top: the boys enjoy searching for treasures in the rice. Above: Tami's group is ready for some fun!



Dear Friends,

Now that we have had a chance to get a little bit settled into our new home and church family, I wanted to take a few moments to offer a word of thanks on behalf of me and my family for the wonderful farewell that our MUMC family provided for us. Between the roast/celebration in mid-June to the touching cards and letters to the gifts that we will always treasure, you reminded us of why we love you so and why it has been so difficult to say goodbye. We are so thankful for the times we were able to spend together over these past 16 years, but are confident that MUMC's best days are not in the past, but in the future, and that you all will continue to find new ways to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

Youth Group Goes to the Drive In

Photos from Tom Knapp



Our Youth Group enjoyed a trip to the Milford Drive In on July 21. Top, left: Leslie and Lindsey. Top, right: The kids wait for the movie to start. From left: Shannon Drew, Allison Betelak, Leslie Drew, Lindsey Gutterson, Tessa Wright, Stephanie Kimner, Mason and Marcus Mallows. Bottom, left: Tessa, (she's in there somewhere!) tired of the movie.

Church Conference

From Pastor Wes

Our Church conference will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 PM 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. Rev. McPhee previously served our conference as the Bishop's assistant for many years. Please put the date and time on your calendar now and plan to join us for this important time in our church life.

Fall Cleaning

A group from Ad Council will be doing Fall cleaning within the next month or so. If you have items stored here that you need for something and think they should remain at the church, please let us know by labeling the item(s) with your name and the items purpose. This includes items under the coat rack and in the kitchen. If the items seem abandoned, they will be placed in the yard sale or the trash. Our church space is looking cluttered and in many cases the classrooms are not user friendly. Contact Callie McMahan, Jim Lawler, Lisa Payne, or Steve Rafter with questions.

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter,...Oh my!

From Susan Drew

Learn the basics of social media and how best to protect yourself and your online image. This class introduces you to the social networking format and gives you a heads up on what to watch for and how to avoid scams. It also teaches you how to use the social networks to improve your knowledge and make valuable connections.

This class will start off with an instructional period followed by a snack break, then a question and answer period with time to meet and greet other attendees.

Craig Clifton, class instructor, is a Veterans Advocate and is currently working on developing a Veterans employment program in Nashua, NH. Craig has been an instructor in many areas including, computers, product merchandising, photography, and employment services. He has won many awards for helping not only veterans, but various other organizations. Among his awards are Certificates of Appreciation from the Cerebral Palsy Programs and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

The class will meet on **Saturday, September 28th, 6-9 p.m.** at the church.

Church Committee Nominations

From Pastor Wes

The Nominating Committee is currently working to create their report for the Church conference in early October. They will be presenting the lists of all the committees for service beginning on January 1, 2014. If you know that you need to leave a position that you are currently holding, please let Pastor Wes know as soon as possible. You can email him at pastor@milfordumc.org. If you would like to be considered to serve in a new way, you can also contact Pastor Wes so that your name can be included in the Committee's work.

Quilting Ministry

From Rita Lines



Starting on Wednesday September 18th, at 6:30 pm, the Quilting Ministry will resume meeting at Marley Gale's home. Join

us to make quilts that may brighten someone's day, as well as smaller quilted items for the craft fair. 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).

From Pastor Wes,
continued.

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I look forward to walking with you through the coming months and see what adventures God has in store for us here at Milford United Methodist Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Wes

*"By all these
lovely tokens
September days
are here, With
summer's best
of weather, and
autumn's best
of cheer."*

-Helen Hunt Jackson

Adult Sunday School just got ANIMATED!

Coming this September join

Nadia
Bolz-Weber

Ellian
Daniel

Brian
McLaren

SHANE
HIPPS

Mark
SCANDRETTE

BRUCE
REYES-
CHOW

for topics like: Faith Is a Quest, Spirituality Is Not Enough, The Revolution of Love, Abundant Life Now, Where God Is, A Book Like No Other, An Imperfect Family. More information to come!

Church Mice

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Are you creative?
Do you have a keen eye for design?
Are you visually creative?
Then, WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for one or two Altar Design Specialists to join our Spirit Celebration Worship Design team to offer creative ideas and also bring our collaborative ideas into action! We meet the 2nd Friday night of every month. If you feel this is your gift, then please come and share that gift with others!

If interested, please contact
Michele Bossie, 603-801-6345 or at mbossiesings@gmail.com

Exciting Sunday School News!

From Callie McMahon

Sunday school is a very important part of the Milford United Methodist Church. We strive to teach everyone who attends the important lessons of the word of God. In order for the Education Team to continue our work and accomplish our goals we need your help, your prayers and your **talents**.

We have another exciting education program planned. The Faith Weaver curriculum is laid out in a very user friendly way that gives the teachers all they need to be successful, even if they are not feeling well versed in the Word. We urge you to prayerfully consider volunteering for a rotation of Sunday school or even as a full-time teacher. Our church practices a Safe Sanctuary process for the safety of all involved with the church youth. Part of this procedure demands we have two adults per classroom in order for classes to be held. Currently, we do not have that in all grade distributions and, although we have some back-up ideas on how to offer Christian Ed to all our youth, the ability for our youth to be with their peers for learning is preferred.

Please help by volunteering and by getting registered and certified for Safe Sanctuary. Any member of the Ed team, Pastor Wes, or our office manager Wendy is available to answer your questions regarding the Safe Sanctuary

process. If you are contemplating teaching, or would be available to fill in if needed, the Safe Sanctuary registration/certification forms are on-line or in the church office.

At the time of this writing we are also looking forward to reviewing an exciting new

curriculum for the older Sunday "schoolers" called *Animate Faith*. The Ed team will review it and if approved will roll it out in September. See page 7 for more information.

If you have any questions regarding Sunday School registration, or teaching, we encourage you to contact anyone from the Education Team.

It's going to be an exciting year - you don't want to miss it!

The Ed Team: Shelly Frost, Laura Seale, Jenny Lawton, Cathy Brown, Kristi O'Shaughnessy, Callie McMahon

Sunday School Registration and Ed Team Info WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Date: Sept 8, 2013

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Register in Narthex

Grade levels: Pre-K & K, 1st-3rd, 4th & 5th, Middle School (6th-8th), and High School.

We also offer Adult Sunday School and Youth Group (no registration necessary).

Lamplighters News

From Elaine Driscoll

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

The Lamplighters continue to grow in spirit and in numbers as we fellowship together every week.

Our fall session will begin on Wednesday, September 11, from 1 - 3 p.m. We gather at 1:00 for coffee and refreshments, and follow with prayer concerns and bible study.

We will begin this fall with the book of Genesis, Chapter 1: verse 1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

For our service project we will continue to support Share, by our donations on the last Wednesday of each month. Please see the Share Collection suggestions in the Outreach.

We welcome all women to the Lamplighters group. For more information contact:

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

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

SHARE Collection



**For the month of September
MUMC is collecting
canned fruit & vegetables,
stuffing & gravy, sandwich
bread**

Veteran's Day Recognition

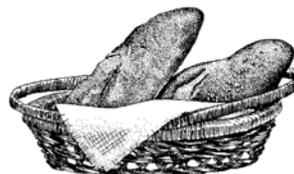
Again this year we will honor our veterans with a slideshow on Sunday, November 10. Any veteran with a connection with MUMC is welcome to submit a photo. Please provide veteran's name, branch of service and years served with the photo. Send photos to the church office by November 3, 2013.



Bits & Pieces...

Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, September 1.

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.



Do You Like Ice Cream?

From Deb Mentch

If so, please join the Monday night home group on Sept. 9, for our first ice cream party. Who knows, maybe it will become an annual tradition. This will be a great time to experience the fun and fellowship of a home group with the added bonus of creating your very own ice cream sundae. Of course, you don't have to wait until Sept. to drop by and join us on a Monday night. If you have any questions or you need additional information, please contact Jim Lawler at 673-7513 or Deb Mentch at 672-1204.



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.

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Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Jim Fortunato	Sept. 1
Nicholas Logue	Sept. 3
Doris LeBaron	Sept. 5
Patience Roby	Sept. 6
Emily St. John	Sept. 8
Amber Barbagallo	Sept. 9
Allison Betelak	Sept. 10
Joshua Breault	Sept. 13
Alyssa Kaufold	Sept. 13
Benjamin Kaufold	Sept. 13
Mary Tyler-Wall	Sept. 14
Jim Tyler-Wall	Sept. 14
Tom Knapp	Sept. 18
Scott Masters	Sept. 18
Candi Goff	Sept. 20
Jaclyn Herlihy	Sept. 22

Anniversaries:

Martin & Tami Betelak	Sept. 8
Kirk & Suzanne Randlett	Sept. 10

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.

Afternoon Off: *Currently Inactive*
 Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler-Wall
 Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
 Church Council: Callie McMahon
 Home Groups: Pastor Wes
 Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll and Carol Rowlette
 Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie
 Outreach: Pat Rafter
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie
 Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
 Seasoned Generation: *Currently Inactive*
 Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
 Sunday School: Shelly Frost
 Trustees: Greg Herbert
 White Tops: Everett Gale
 Worship: John Millhouse
 Youth Group: Tom Knapp

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

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

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



September 2013

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 <i>*Second Service at 10*</i> Communion; Sermon: "Faith Welcomes" Hebrews 13:1-3 Luke 14:1, 7-14	2 7—Outreach Committee	3	4 8—White Tops 7—Worship Committee	5 6-7—Bell Choir 7:30-9—Chancel Choir	6 7:30—Praise Band	7
8 <i>*Second Service at 10:45*</i> Sermon: "Faith Shapes" Psalm 139:1-12 Jeremiah 18:1-11 5-6:30—Youth Group Cookout	9 7—Trustee's Committee	10	11 8—White Tops 1-3—Lamplighters 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	12 6-7—Bell Choir 7:30-9—Chancel Choir	13 7:30—Praise Band	14
15 Sermon: "Faith Celebrates" I Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10 5-6:30—Youth Group Planning	16 <i>Adult Mission Team in Maine</i> 7—Finance Committee	17	18 8—White Tops 1-3—Lamplighters 6:30—Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's 7—Ad Council	19 6-7—Bell Choir 7:30-9—Chancel Choir	20 7:30—Praise Band	21
22 Sermon: "Faith Prays" I Timothy 2:1-7 Philemon 1-21 5-6:30—Youth Group, Sr. Visits	23	24	25 8—White Tops 1-3—Lamplighters 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	26 6-7—Bell Choir 7:30-9—Chancel Choir	27 7:30—Praise Band	28 9-11—Yard Sale Drop Offs 6-9—Veterans' Social Media Class
29 Sermon: "Faith Shelters" Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 I Timothy 6:6-19 5-6:30—Youth Group, Trombly's	30					



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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.

