

THE OUTREACH

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Music on a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, March 25, 3pm Come and enjoy a concert to benefit the Wanakee Fund featuring the Eclectic Classic Woodwind Quintet and our own Handbell Quartet and Brass Ensemble. For more information contact Mary Tyler-Wall at marytw1@verizon.net or Nancy Tong.



Be a Sonbeam!

Mondays 4:00 - 4:30pm meet in the music room.

- Storytime
- Singing
- Play Instruments
- Play Musical Games

Parents are welcome to play too, or relax in the narthex. For more information contact Mary Tyler-Wall, marytw1@verizon.net or 878-

GNIHN - Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, we are inviting all GNIHN volunteers to come together at MUMC to celebrate and re-connect with this ministry. If you are a trained volunteer and have yet to venture over to the AnneMarie house, we invite you to come and learn about our Hudson facility. Bring your stories of hope, your prayers and your concerns and let us spend time re-igniting the passion that brought us to serve the homeless when the Interfaith Hospitality Network began a few years ago.

If you are not a GNIHN volunteer and are interested in learning more about this program, you are more than welcome to join us also.

Please help to keep the MUMC kitchen clean

If you place food in the refrigerator or in the cupboards or on the counter-tops, please label it with your name or function for which it is to be used and date it, otherwise you will lose it as the present "caretakers" of the kitchen (the Outreach committee) will be doing a clean sweep of the kitchen on a regular basis. Tape and pen for labeling will be provided for your use. So remember: LABEL IT, DATE IT, OR LOSE IT. Thanks in advance for your efforts. Any questions, please contact Wendy Getchell-Lacey.

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Change in Winter Storm Policy

Watch WMUR for church service cancellation due to inclement weather.

Please Note

As part of our church's Lenten observance, we will NOT be serving snacks at coffee hour during the Sundays of Lent. Please do feel free to enjoy a cup of coffee between the services and after the 10:45 service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in "The Outreach," contact the secretary in the church office — 673-2669.



Kevin and Susan Drew March 26

THE OUTREACH Purpose

The purpose of our monthly newsletter is to inform the people it touches of the church news, to inspire the people to a new awareness, and to interpret why the church is in ministry. "THE OUTREACH" appreciates input from all organizations, boards, officers, and members and friends of the Milford United Methodist Church. The staff reserves the right to edit, cut, (or if necessary) leave out articles according to available space, timeliness and priority.

Financially Speaking . . .

January 31, 2007

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| Income toward budget accounts | \$15,006.29 |
| Expense—budget accounts | 15,403.83 |
| Balance in General Fund | (47.17) |
| Jan. Building Fund Income | 8,481.00 |



Happy Birthday!

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| Greg Cyr | March 5 |
| Keith Taylor | March 6 |
| Pat Rafter | March 14 |
| Tom Getchell-Lacey | March 14 |
| Bronwyn Tyler-Wall | March 14 |
| Leslie Ryan | March 15 |
| Nicole Masters | March 15 |
| Kevin Cyr | March 17 |
| Rick Westergren | March 26 |
| Robyn Metcalf | March 28 |
| Charlie Kaufold | March 30 |

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Dear Friends,

In case you have not heard, this month we at MUMC will be turning our attentions to the topic of money. You will want to be aware that as part of this focus, on March 25, we will be celebrating “More Than Enough” Stewardship Sunday during which time you and I will have an opportunity to make our financial commitment to God for the next 12 months by filling out an Estimate of Giving Card as an act of worship during either the 8:30 Spirit Celebration or the 10:45 Traditional Service. I want to encourage all of our members and friends to make every effort to be present at worship over the next several weeks, because I believe that the material we will be covering could well have a life-changing impact.

One thing I have learned over the years is that stewardship is about so much more than what we put in the offering plate. It is about how we treat and use all of the resources that God has placed at our disposal. The principle behind a biblical understanding of stewardship is that everything we have is given to us by God, and that with these gifts come a responsibility to use those gifts responsibly and wisely. That includes, of course, the world we live in, the environment that sustains that world, the gifts and talents that we are born with and need to nurture, develop, and use, and the people God places in our lives. It also includes our financial resources, both the money we give, and the money we use to meet our own needs. All of it belongs to God, and God cares about how we use all of it.

And so, when we look at the theme of “Money Matter\$” this month, we do so with the assumption that our relationship with money matters not only to us, but it matters to God. God cares how we use and abuse this gift of financial resources. God wants us to have a healthy relationship with

money; what it means to us, what we are willing to do in order to get it, how we borrow, lend, save, and spend it. And part of the role of the church is to invite us to think about our relationship with money, and to provide our members and friends and the community at large with tools and resources for better use of our financial resources.

That is why, as part of our “Money Matter\$” focus for March, our church is sponsoring the Good Sense Budget Seminar on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00-4:30. This seminar will give attendees all sorts of important information and helpful strategies for becoming “a diligent earner, generous giver, wise saver, cautious debtor, and prudent consumer.” We have extended the registration period for this event until March 5, but I want to encourage you to register today. For more information, go to our website at www.milfordumc.org and click on the Good Sense logo on the home page.

So, be ready to experience a blessing throughout this month as we prayerfully consider all the ways that “Money Matter\$” to us and to God.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

Many thanks to you all for keeping me in your prayers, sending cards, etc. I'm doing fine after my mastectomy and I'm sure your prayers helped because the doctor tells me that the cancer has not spread into the lymph nodes!

Thank you, thank you so much from Pastor Tom's Mom— Jan Lacey.



Quilting Ministry

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of each month. Bring your willingness to learn, create and finish simple quilts that will be given to local charities. Also bring a sewing machine if you have one. Call Pat Levesque at 673-8868 with any quilting questions or if you need directions call Carol Brooks at 673-6927.

The Quilting Ministries Group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fabric drive. We received enough material that we will be able to make quite a few quilts. We have almost finished our first baby quilt and working on a second. Anyone still wishing to contribute fabric may do so by calling Carolan Robinson after April 7th.

Youth Group Planning Summer Trip

The month of February was quiet for the Youth Group, however, the month of March will have us running in circles. We will be hosting a spaghetti supper on March 24 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. (cost \$7 and children 10 and under \$4) as well as the annual Bunny Breakfast on Saturday March 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. both to benefit the Youth 2007 trip.

We continue to think, plan, and pray about our trip to Youth 2007. Our youth have selected several workshops that will help them to grow in their faith and Christian perspectives. During February, we held our second SPLAT night for Youth 2007. Ask our youth what the S and P stand for when you see them.

As always, we thank you for your support and interest in this valuable ministry at our church.

Grace and Peace,

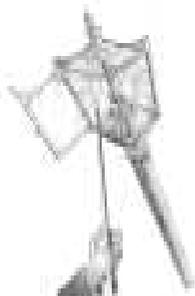
Tom Knapp and Becky Ladeau

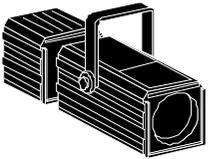


The Lamplighters are a group of women who meet once a week for Bible study, sharing and friendship. As Lamplighters we would like to share with you – once a month – a thought, a prayer, a pearl of wisdom or a chuckle, hoping this little spark will make your life a little brighter just as it did for us. Here is another Lamplighters' spark :

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself.

Mother Teresa





Spotlight on Church Council

What is the Church Council and why do we need one? The purpose of the Church Council is to act as the governing body of the church and is responsible for overseeing the policy and procedures of the church. While the church conducts major business at our annual church conference or special church conferences, the church council makes decisions on matters that do not need to be brought to the entire church conference, as well as serving as a clearing house for announcements and information. All committees send a representative to the monthly meeting to report on activities, fundraisers, and concerns they have regarding the life of their committee and the church as a whole.

That sounds good in theory, but how does it work? Each committee or ministry (such as Afternoon Off or the Youth group) has a scheduled time at each meeting to tell of their progress and plans. Anyone can ask questions of the committee, and a committee can ask for help from other committees. For instance, the Education Team may ask the Outreach Committee what their upcoming projects are and how the Sunday school kids can participate. Or a committee may ask the Trustees where to get a building use form for an upcoming meeting they are scheduling. Or during the Finance committees report a committee may hear of an upcoming fundraiser and know not to plan theirs for the same day.

The church council is an important tool in the communications of our church.

With two Sunday morning worship services, and everyone being so busy, we don't have as many opportunities to get together as we'd like and make plans. Church council is the time to do that.

Church council meetings are a time of connection and fellowship for our leaders. Each meeting opens with a devotional and prayer. There is a lot of laughter during the meetings as well. Is it just my imagination, or do church-goers really tell the most corny jokes?

Church council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, at the church. They are open to anyone in the congregation to join us. If you want to find out more about how our church functions or learn firsthand about all the many things our church is doing, drop in and join us. You may be surprised!

Brad Reed serves as the chair of Church Council, and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. He can be reached at northwds28@aol.com or at 673-6950.



Discover the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ

Additions to Church Directory

If you change your address, telephone number and/or name, please notify the church office so the membership and mailing lists can be accurately maintained.

CHANGE:

Matt and Holly Merryman
215 Morningwalk Lane SW
Huntsville, AL 35824

Need to Reach the Pastor?

Pastor Tom is available for counseling or any other needs you might have by appointment. Please feel free to call the church office at 673-2669 to reach him or leave a message with one of the office staff or answering machine. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to call the parsonage at 673-7861.

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Thomas M. Getchell-Lacey

Ministers:

Every member of the congregation

Organist and Choir Director: Sally Landis

Choir Accompanist: Nancy Tong

Spirit Celebration Music Dir: Chris Willard

Handbell and Youth Choirs Director:

Mary Tyler-Wall

Youth Choir Accompanist:

Kaleen Fortunato

Director of Program Ministries:

Susan Drew

Church Secretary: Marian Kopp

Assistant Church Secretary: Carol Brooks

Custodians:

Everett Gale and Jim Fortunato

Nursery: Kristina McEntee

Toddler: Nicola Crosbourne

DISCOVER THE JOY

Mission Statement:

The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement:

We will help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ by:

- o Providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences.
- o Establishing and encouraging small groups for study, support, prayer, fellowship, and service.
- o Empowering people to discover, develop, and use their gifts for ministry.
- o Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

Values Statement:

We commit ourselves to:

- o Know Scripture and live it.
- o Act with integrity.
- o Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.
- o Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- o Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- o Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- o Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- o Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.

NOTICE: We welcome photos before and after our service, however, we respectfully ask that photos not be taken during any worship events.

Spiritual Development Opportunities! Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

The following workshops and conferences are being held around New England and are great resources for spiritual development and leadership training. If you are interested in going, either call the contact, and/or call Susan Drew (672-4877) to see if we can arrange a car pool.

Basic Lay Speaking Class for Youth - March 9-10-11, 2007 at Camp Grotonwood - Groton, MA. All youth in Grades 9-12 in the New England Conference are invited! This class is sponsored by the Central Mass District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries. Prayer is an important piece to this weekend. All clergy, and local/certified lay speakers in NEUMC are invited to be a part of a prayer triangle. Interested clergy and lay speakers will be paired up with a youth participant and during the weekend this trinity triangle of prayer will be responsible for each other. To sign up as a prayer partner for a youth attending this weekend, or for youth who are interested in more information, please email centralmassdistrictlsm@yahoo.com. Cost for the weekend is \$130.

New England Leadership Academy – Methodist History & Heritage – March 10 9:30 – 4:00 pm. Cressey Road UMC, Gorham, ME. Bishop Peter Weaver, Keynote speaker, small groups on UM beliefs, Methodology of preaching, creating a timeline, and early Methodism in New England. \$15. email ruthcannon@prexar.com for information.

Creative Worship Seminar – Digital Technology – Saturday, March 24th, 2007 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at Londonderry UM Church. The Digital Storyteller's Workshop will be provided by Midnight Oil, a UM company. The workshop will be an exploration and training on using digital technology and multimedia in worship. See Pastor Tom or the church office for more details.

From the Worship Committee:

LOAVES OF BREAD ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. On February 4, please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat – no specialty breads) for SHARE, the local food pantry. It is an easy way to share with others in our community.

Donation of Altar Flowers

Our cost for an altar arrangement from Woodman's Florist is \$25. If you want to request a special type/size of arrangement, the cost would vary accordingly. Talk to Roberta Langis, the Flower Coordinator, regarding special requests at bertlangis@aol.com or 673-4560.

EASTER FLOWERS . .

TULIPS will be available for Easter in memory or in honor of loved ones at a cost of \$15.00 each for an 8" pot. Please complete this form and leave it in the offering plate or send it to the church office (PO Box 476, Milford, NH 03055). Make checks payable to Milford United Methodist Church with "flowers" in the memo section. Please pick up your plant after the second service. Deadline for ordering will be Sunday, March 18.

No. of plants _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Name: _____

Tel. No. _____

News for our Church Family

Everyone's Invited to a Maple Sugar Tour!

Ever wonder how that yummy stuff gets out of the tree and onto your table? Join your church family for a Maple Sugar Tour at our very own Chris & Kim Pfeil's sugarhouse, 146 Schoolhouse Rd, Lyndeborough, on March 17th. We'll meet at the church at 1 pm and then car pool over as parking is limited at Chris and Kim's. We'll get a tapping demonstration which involves a short walk through the woods and a presentation on tapping a tree. Then we'll get to see the wood evaporator and watch sap boil. The whole tour lasts about an hour. The cost is free, but there is a gift shop if you can't leave without something sweet.

Please sign-up in the church lobby, or on the website, so that we can let Kim know how many of us to expect. In the event of bad weather, we'll have a rain date of March 18th, 1 pm. For more information about the sugaring operation, go to www.mapleguys.com. Chris and Kim just won a trophy for the best maple syrup in New Hampshire. Wow! (General questions can go to Susan Drew, 672-4877.)



DivorceCare

Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone. At DivorceCare, a series of support groups and seminars, you will become part of a small group of people who are also experiencing separation and divorce. With topics like:

- What's Happening to Me?
- The Road to Healing/finding help
- Facing my anger

You will have a chance to talk with others who understand you and will be able to offer you encouragement. You can join this 13-week cycle at any point.

The current schedule is Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm on the following dates:
 March 6, 13, 20, 27
 April 3, 10, 17, 24
 May 1, 8, 15

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” .. Leo Buscaglia

Outreach/Missions Activities

Outreach / Missions - committee members:
 Bob Bowman, Bob Carey, Tami Davis-Betelak,
 Alexis Eaton, Bob Levesque, Rich Masters, Holly
 Merryman, Bob Morgan, Pat Rafter, Theresa
 Sekanina, Marcy Stanton.
 Chairperson: Wendy Getchell-Lacey.

Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

SHARE: For the month of March, we at MUMC will be collecting the following items to donate to the SHARE food pantry located at St. Patrick's Church here in Milford.: canned vegetables-all varieties, canned meats (chicken, beef, SPAM).

GNIHN: We want to thank all those people who volunteered at the Ann Marie House during our most recent host week—February 25 to March 3. To date, we have over 40 people from MUMC who have attended the 2-3 hour sensitivity training necessary to complete prior to volunteering at GNIHN. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, there are training sessions available at different times during the year. It is truly a rewarding experience to know that as volunteers we are helping to maintain a safe and secure environment at the Ann Marie House in Hudson, NH for families who are homeless and in transition, moving toward finding homes of their own. For more information re: GNIHN, contact Wendy Getchell-Lacey or Tami Davis Betelak.

Just a reminder! **Operation Paperback** and Any soldier.com programs are ongoing to help provide support, letters, paperback books, toiletries, coffee, etc. to United States Troops serving overseas. Donations may be placed in the large basket in the narthex/large gathering area at entrance to MUMC. Please place items in a bag labeled, "Troop Support". Any questions re: these programs, please contact Tami Davis Betelak. Thank you.

Top 10 Reasons to Visit the New UMC.org

United Methodist Communications is proud to announce that the newly redesigned UMC.org, the Web site of the people of The United Methodist Church, is now live. UMC.org now offers many new tools and resources designed to help you connect to the global United Methodist community at any time from anywhere in the world. These are just a few of the many reasons you should visit www.UMC.org:

1. You want to enrich your faith by making meaningful connections with other people of faith online anywhere in the world at any time of day.
2. You want to volunteer your time, but you don't know where.
3. You're curious about what spiritual gifts you may have.
4. You're interested in locating church resources and stories .
5. You've moved to a new area and need to find a local United Methodist Church.
6. You would like to submit a prayer request.
7. You want to learn more about who United Methodists are and what they believe.
8. You're looking for a job with the church.
9. You'd like to inspire others with your story of faith.
10. You'd like to be part of the exciting new online community of people who share your faith!

Visit www.UMC.org today and become part of this new faith community.
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A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)

What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:
 - (Pointer finger) God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)
 - (Middle finger) Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)
 - (Ring finger) Sick and old people
 - (Pinky finger) Myself (Thumb) My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.



Just for KIDS

Remember to Pray



There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

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... Philemon 1:4, NIV

Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers ...

Bert Marshall to Speak at CROP Walk Kickoff

The Kickoff Rally for the eighteenth Souhegan Valley Interfaith CROP Walk takes place at 12:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, March 18th at the Milford United Methodist Church, 327 North River Road in Milford. The event will begin with a simple lunch of soup and bread. Featured speaker at the Kickoff Rally will be Bert Marshall, Director of the Northern New England Region of Church World Service, creator of the CROP Walk Program. He is responsible for the over 75 CROP Walks which take place in Northern New England each year. He will talk about how CWS works in partnership with other US-based organizations of all faiths and with indigenous aid agencies in countries needing assistance.

The Kickoff Rally is the key preparation meeting for the May Walk, providing the materials, messages and communication tools to enable all participating congregations and organizations to promote the Walk in their individual communities. Information packets including videos, posters, fliers and materials to sign up walkers will be available. The meeting is for everyone who wants to help make the Walk a success. The CROP Walk raises money for the disaster recovery and humanitarian relief efforts of Church World Service and its partner agencies of all faiths around the world; and locally benefits SHARE and the Open Cupboard, helping people in need in our own community. You can play a role, working with your friends and neighbors in the Souhegan Valley, to make this year's CROP Walk on May 6th even bigger than last year's record-breaking event.

To confirm your attendance and for directions, contact 2007 Walk Recruitment Chair Brad Reed at NORTHWDS28@aol.com or call the Milford United Methodist Church office at 673-2669.

Crop Walk 2007 SUNDAY - May 6th

Yes - CROP Walk 2007 is already in the planning stages. So everyone please mark the date of May 6th (once again the first Sunday of May) as CROP Walk day.

Last years walk raised in excess of \$30,000 with 298 walkers participating. And as always much of the money stayed right here in the Souhegan Valley to assist those in need. SHARE and the Open Cupboard benefit greatly from the walk. And once again MUMC can be proud of the fact that we again led the way with participation and enthusiasm.

So I have an idea - LETS DO IT AGAIN !

Last year we had MUMC bandannas everywhere. This year I'm thinking triple digits - 100 walkers from MUMC. To do so we will need a real team effort. Last year was the bandannas - What are we going to do as our rallying point for 2007. Any ideas let Tami or Brad know so that we can make 2007 the best year yet. More Information to come in the months ahead.



Sunday School News

Christian Education

You too can be fisher's of people! That's what the children in Sunday School have learned after completing their January/February rotation, "Calling All Disciples." They stepped back in time with Jesus, and the calling of His disciples to find out how to be fisher's of people too. On March 18 they will begin a four week rotation, "Living God's Word - Money and Time" correlating with Pastor Tom's Lenten and stewardship sermons. As children of God, we are called to practice good stewardship by giving generously of the God-given gifts of our talents, time and our money. From there the children will begin to celebrate spring with an eight week rotation, "Living as Caretakers - Taking Care of God's World." This will bring us into June and the celebration of Children's Sunday (more information later).

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YAAARD SALE — MAY 12

That's a definite!! This year's Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 12th from 7am – 1pm, under the tents on the "West Lawn" of the church property. Small items can be brought to my house after April 1st and large items (like furniture, appliances, etc) can go to Callie McMahon's a few weeks prior to the sale (specific date pending). Thank you Callie! If you need things to be picked up, please call me to arrange pick up. All items need to be in by May 7th, so I can have them sorted and priced. Please make sure items are clean and in working order. No clothes or stuffed animals. Help will be needed the week before the sale to set up tents and tables and to bring items out to the church. Help will again be needed on the day of the sale. My plan is to do again as we did last year and leave the leftovers for a few days and then we will take whatever remains to the dump a few days later. There was very little to go to the dump last year when we did this and it made my heart feel good to know someone got some use out of these items that we were only going to take to the dump. Never mind filling up the land fill with "treasures."

Please spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors anyone wishing to donate to this cause will not be turned down. Please no clothes, I'm still looking for someone that might be interested in helping with a rummage sale this spring, if that sound like something you would be interested in, give me a call. Watch for sign up posters in the lobby, sometime in April. Thanks for all the support and interest and let's see if we can break our record this year!

Pray for sun for the first three weekends in May! (May 6, Crop Walk; May 12, Yard Sale; May 19, Plant Sale and BBQ)



Peace and Joy to all,
Pat Rafter
(673-4516)
icu2per@aol.com



FOR ALL THOSE PERSONS USING OUR CHURCH ...An Important Reminder

Please help trustees to make our building secure and energy efficient. If you are the last person leaving the building you are responsible for making sure that all lights are off, coffee pot is off and ALL exterior doors are locked (this includes the exit doors at the end of each wing and in the sanctuary). There have been a few occasions when the building has been left unlocked overnight. We cannot let this happen. If you are the last to leave PLEASE, at the very least, lock all doors.

There is a panic bar key on a pink key ring on the heat registers as you leave the narthex. Use this key to disengage the panic bars. If the panic bar is pushed in this means the door is unlocked. If you push on the panic bar and it moves in this means the door is locked. If you do not have a code to set the security alarm that is okay, but do not leave the building unlocked even if you think there is a group coming in after you. If the alarm is not activated, please call Dick Randlett, Everett Gale or Pastor Tom to let them know that the alarm is not on. **BOTTOM LINE, if there is no one in the building at the time you leave the BUILDING IS TO BE LOCKED, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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THE OUTREACH

Change Service Requested

Church Office hours:

***Monday and Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***

***Tuesday thru Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***



Sunday Worship:
8:30 am Spirit Celebration
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45am Traditional Worship

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God and Your Money. . .

What money? That's a good question. The sad reality is that many American families spend more money than they make. That should be a shocking fact for Christians. Why? Because Christians are supposed to be good stewards of all that we have: our time, talent, intelligence, energy and possessions, including money. Let us consider money from the Christian standpoint:

1. It is not sinful to earn all the legitimate money one can garner. In itself, money is not evil. It is the love of money we must resist.
2. It is important to save as much as one can — at least 10 percent.
3. It is vital to make a budget and stick to it.
4. God owns the world and gives us the responsibility to take care of it. It takes money to care for home and property.
5. We should strive to give at least 10 percent to God's work, which includes the church.
6. One reliable fact about stewardship: There is no way we can out-give our loving God. Ever!

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The Outreach

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Square No Sacred Dance No Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir | 2 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team 7-8:30 Women's Bible Study at Levesque home | 3 8 am Disciple Bible Study 9:00-10 Bible Study |
| 4 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 Worship 5:30 -7:30 Beginnings Bible No Youth Group | 5 4:00SonBeam 4:30 TrinityDov 6:00 StewardSup 7:00 Ed Team 7:00 Outreach 7:00 SPReI 7:00SpiritualGift 7 Invite/Romans | 6 7 Quilt Ministry at Brooks home 7 DivorceCare 7 Invite/Romans at Lawler home 7:30 Trustees | 7 9:30 am White Tops 12-2:30 Women at Driscoll home 7:00 pm Church Council | 8 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Square 4-5 Youth Dance No Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir | 9 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team | 10 8 am Disciple Bible Study 9:00-10 Bible Study 9am-4:30pm Good Sense Budget Seminar |
| 11 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 Worship 1-2:30 GNIHN Volunteers 5:30 -7:30 Beginnings Bible | 12 No Youth Choirs 7:00 Invite to Romans 7:00 Spiritual Gifts Bible | 13 7:00 Worship committee 7 Invite/Romans at Lawler home 7 DivorceCare | 14 9:30 am White Tops 12-2:30 Women at Driscoll home 7:00 Stephen Supervision | 15 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Square 4-5 Youth Dance 5-6 Kids Bells 6-7 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir | 16 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team 7-8:30 Women's Bible Study at Levesque home | 17 8 am Disciple Bible Study 9:00-10 Bible Study |
| 18 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 Worship 12:30 CROP-walk Kickoff 5-6:30 SPLAT 5:30 -7:30 BeginningsBible | 19 4:00 SonBeams 4:30 TrinityDov 7:00 Finance 7Sr.Hi Planning 7:00SpiritualGift 7 Invite/Romans | 20 7 Quilt Ministry at Brooks home 7 Invite/Romans at Lawler home 7 DivorceCare | 21 9:30 am White Tops 12-2:30 Women study at Driscoll Home | 22 10am-1pm Helping Hands 9:30 Staff Meet 4-5 Youth Dance 5-6 Kids Bells 6-7 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir | 23 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team | 24 8 am Disciple Bible Study 9:00-10:00 Bible Study 4-8 Spaghetti Supper by Youth Group |
| 25 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 Worship 3:00 Concert 5:30 Begin Bible 7:30 Bible-in-year group | 26 4:00 SonBeams 4:30 TrinityDov 7:00 Spiritual Gifts Bible 7:00 Invite to Romans | 27 7 Invite/Romans at Lawler home 7 DivorceCare | 28 9:30 am White Tops 7:00 Stephen Supervision | 29 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Square 4-5 Youth Dance 5-6 Kids Bells 6-7 Adult Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir | 30 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team | 31 7-12 Bunny Breakfast + Egg Hunt 9:00-10:00 Bible Study |

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