

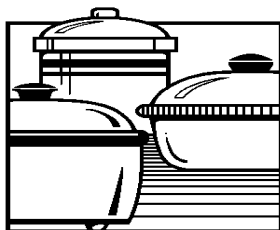
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A Church-wide Pot Luck Supper will be held Saturday,

May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church parish hall on Union Street in Milford. Bring a dish to share (help the CROP Walk people to load up on carbs by making it a pasta dish) and get re-acquainted with your church family.

Anyone Graduating?

If you or someone in our church family is graduating from high school or college this year, PLEASE notify the church office (673-2669). Please include the school they will be graduating from, what degree they may receive and what school they may be planning to attend.

4-26-2006 Late Breaking News!

The Building Committee announced this week that we have received the permanent driveway permit from the NH Department of Transportation! Also, construction is humming inside our new church building with insulation and dry wall being installed.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CROP Walk starting from St. Patrick's Church at 2 pm on May 7th.
- Bishop Weaver's Evangelism Training Day in Milford on May 20th.
- We will host Box City and GNIHN to raise homelessness awareness at No. River Road parking lot on June 10th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Happy Anniversary!

May 4th Steve & Pat Rafter
 May 15th Mary & Jim Tyler-Wall

Happy Birthday!

May 10th Leslie Drew
 May 15th Kathy Breault
 Sarah Stringer
 May 16th Doris Fonden
 May 18th Marcy Phillips
 May 21st Jenny Edmondson Lawton
 May 26th Martin Betelak
 May 31st Nancy Tong

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.



"Have you looked in a mirror since you comforted the sick this morning, pastor?"

Financially Speaking . . .

March 31, 2006

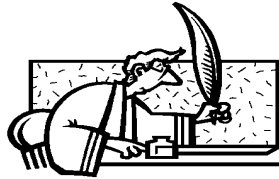
Income toward budget accounts	\$14,744.31
Expense—budget accounts	19,421.02
Balance in General Fund	(16,453.87)
March Building Fund Income	9,542.04
Unrestricted Bldg.Fund Bal.4/16	86,684.73
Restricted Bldg.Fund Bal.4/16	76,934.18
Designated Special Gifts	4,712

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From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

In the aftermath of our wonderful Easter celebrations this past month, I have been pondering what it means to be an Easter community in the midst of the transition our church is very much still experiencing. We continue, of course, to await the completion of construction on our new facility, to worship at the Boys & Girls Club, and to meet for prayer, study, and business in homes, libraries, businesses, and other area churches. In some ways, the completion of the building is so close we can taste it. In other ways, it still seems far away. Especially when it comes to making plans for the near future, this “so close but yet so far” situation can be frustrating. In addition, some ministry areas that have been patiently working with less than adequate resources and settings and had hoped to be in our new home by now are also, very understandably, feeling frustrated and wondering, “How long, O Lord?”

Our situation reminds me of the beautiful passage found in Luke 24, which tells of two followers of Jesus walking down the road together after Jesus’ death; they have heard rumors of Jesus’ resurrection, but cannot bring themselves to take them seriously. For them, Jesus was dead, and they were not sure what to do with that reality. As they walk, they are joined by a stranger, who joins their conversation. They tell him of their grief and bewilderment over Jesus’ death. As they walk, the stranger opens up the scriptures to them, explaining why Jesus had to suffer as he did, but that he would then enter into God’s glory. Only after they sit down to eat are their eyes opened and the two men realize that the stranger was himself the Risen Christ.

I love this passage, because it tells me that Christ walks with us even when we are not sure that he is walking with us; that he is especially with us in our moments of doubt, despair, frustration, anger, and uncertainty. Read the post-Easter gospel accounts and you get the impression of the resurrected Jesus “bopping around” to shore people up when they need him most. That gives me hope that Jesus is walking with us through this time of challenge and anticipation.

In a post-Easter world, I would suggest that our working assumption should be that there is much more going on than meets the eye—that even when we don’t feel or see it, God’s presence is active and alive, working in, through, and, often, *in spite of* what is happening around us. Such an assumption invites us to move forward with trust, hope, and flexibility as we experience the unknowns that necessarily surround God’s next move. Easter gently calls us to replace our “Oh no!’s” with the question, “What is God going to do next?”

It is this very assumption that will bring us through our current transition, with all of its frustrations and uncertainties. Brothers and sisters, God is present in our midst! Take heart, have hope, and trust.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

Christian Education Opportunities

Vacation Bible School



This year the Milford United Methodist Church will host a very exciting Vacation Bible School entitled: *Trading Places*. It is scheduled for the week of July

10th - 14th from 6pm-8pm each evening. During this time the children will learn how to trade loneliness for loyalty, sheep for subjects, beauty for bravery, fish for faith, and violence for victory.

We are currently seeking anyone who is willing to help as there are many different jobs to be done. Please look over some of the jobs listed below and see if God is calling you to help Him reach the children of our church and of our community.

During Trading Places we will be visiting Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China, and Kenya. We need two people to lead each site. We already have one person to lead the Mexico site.

We also need:

- Snack Team members to help make and distribute the snacks each night.
- Youth Leaders to be with each group of kids. Kind of like camp counselors.
- Middle School Leader/s.
- Opening Team Members.

We have a blast each year but it does take the efforts of many, so please consider getting onboard and lending a hand. If you are interested in helping please contact:

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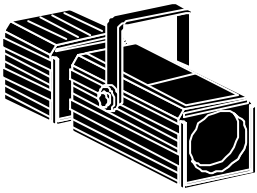
sndrew@mindspring.com



Beginnings —

An introduction to Christian faith

We invite you to join a new *Beginnings* program. *Beginnings* is a 12 week program, to run on Tuesday nights beginning, May 9th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the home of Lisa Rumohr (9 Oriole Drive, Nashua) to start with a move into the new church soon. Each session includes a meal, a presentation about basic Christian beliefs, and small discussion groups. There will also be a Special Day Apart retreat to look forward to. This program is ideal for anyone who wants to learn more about the Christian faith. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Or invite your friends, co-workers or neighbors. The meal, and program are free. For more information, call Lisa at 886-8794 (lisa@svenson.org), or the Milford United Methodist Church, 673-2669.



Spotlight on the Building Committee

I almost don't know where to start on the Building Committee. Maybe – thank God I wasn't on that one! They have done so much for us, and taken so much of their time for our new building. This committee started May 17, 1998 (following an 18 months of research) when we voted YES for a new building. Now as we're finally nearing completion of our new building it's amazing to look at how much this committee has done for our church, and our community.

In the last 8 years the Building Committee has found the land, purchased that land, chose and hired the architect, and oversaw construction. They've held information meetings, put out flyers and presentations, and taken millions of phone calls from worried congregants. They've loaded trailers, (and will hopefully unload trailers soon!), swung hammers, picked out carpet and all kinds of finishes. They've developed financial plans, cost estimates, and driveway plans. They've done an astounding amount of work and gone to an astounding amount of meetings.

Currently our Building Committee is made up of Steve Rafter (chairperson), Carolyn Bowman, Everett Gale, Diane Jaquith, Keith Ladeau, Dick Randlett, and Pastor Tom.

There have been other members of the committee who have left the committee or the church such as Susanne Cosandier, Joe Balzano, Sheliah Kaufold, Ron Robinson, Paul Holland, Julie Baker, Dave Villotti, Bob Levesque and Ray Marcos. We thank everyone who has helped in the completion of this amazing new worship home.

The Building Committee Discovered the Joy through outstanding service. Everyone reading this, Stand UP and Applaud! *Job Well Done, Building Committee!*



New England Annual Conference

The NE Annual Conference will be held June 7 – 10 at Gordon College in Wenham MA. Our church will be represented by Pastor Tom and Lay Leader, Bob Levesque. Also attending as equalization members are Lisa Rumohr, Rudy Rumohr and David Stackpole. Contact ROduor@neumc.org for more details.

Discover the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ

Changes 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.

Updated Church Directories of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the church family are now available in the church office or contact one of the church secretaries (673-2669).

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Thomas M. Getchell-Lacey

Ministers:

Every member of the congregation

Organist & Spirit Celebration Coordinator and

Choir Director: Sally Landis

Choir Accompanist: Nancy Tong

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

Nursery: Jaclyn Rafter

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.

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.

News of Our Church Family . . .



May 20 District Training Day at Milford UMC. Plan to attend this important training

event led by our Bishop, Peter Weaver. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with prayer with the Bishop, then a luncheon for Community Leaders where the Bishop will hear concerns for our community, then the training beginning at 1:00 pm. From 4-6:00 p.m. people from our district, including us, will visit homes in Milford to invite them to our church, and to give out information about MUMC. We'll meet back at the church at 6:00 pm for dinner and testimonies. From 7:30 – 9:00 pm we'll have a Spiritual life event at which the Bishop will be preaching.

We invite all of you to attend, and to help out in various roles. We'll need people to help put together information packets, servers at the two meals, people to help with direction, visitors in the community, prayer teams, and babysitters. Please call Pastor Tom or Susan Drew (672-4877) to volunteer or to ask questions.

Spiritual Development Opportunities! Upcoming Workshops

The following workshops 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.

Growing Healthy Congregations – topics include Growing Congregations of Passionate Christians, Igniting Ministries and Need-Oriented Evangelism, Natural Church Development Can Grow Your Church, and From Financial Barriers to Functional Structure. Dates and Places for this workshop are:

May 1 – 4:30 – 8:45, First UMC, Lincoln, ME.
May 3 – 4:30 – 8:30, Heritage UMC, Braintree, MA. Contact Jim McPhee, mcphee@neumc.org, (978)682-7555, for more information or to reserve your space.

2006 Crop Walk

This year's crop walk will be held on Sunday, May 7th. We will again be starting and finishing our walk at St. Patrick's Church. If you are interested in helping with this year's Crop Walk let Tami Betelak or Brad Reed know of your interest.

In 2005 the Souhegan Valley Crop Walk had participation by 250 walkers raising a total of \$29,746. As always 25% of all money raised stays local at Share. Share then gives 1/3 of their total to Wilton's Open Cupboard food pantry. These are two fine organizations that are helping those in need in our community.

The last few years Milford United Methodist has set the pace and led the way at the Crop Walk. In 2005 we had 56 walkers. In 2006, we already have 70 walkers signed up. If you are unable to walk, you can help by sponsoring a walker. Walkers can be identified by their bright orange scarves around their heads, necks or arms. Plan now to participate in CROP WALK 2006.

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service. .

Planning meeting for the Divorced/ Separated Support Group

One of our new programs planned for the fall is a support group for those going through a divorce or separation. If you would like to help plan for this group, please come to meeting at the Levesque home, 16 Christine Drive, Milford, 673-8868, Monday, May 15th, 7 pm. We are also looking for people who have been to such a support group who can tell us of their experiences. You don't need to sign up to be a group leader, but your input will help us with planning. Call Susan Drew (672-4877) or Pat Levesque for more information or directions.

Deborah Circle, a place for working ladies to revitalize and fellowship, and the Mary Circle, for stay-at-home moms to recharge spent batteries, are both looking for leaders and members. Please call Susan Drew, 672-4877, to see when we can get started. All we need is the time, the place and you!

Rachel Circle – All Ladies are invited to the Rachel Circle, Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 pm, at the home of Nicole Masters, 8 Chestnut Circle, Mont Vernon. (673-6465). Bring your knitting needles, patterns, etc, and sense of humor. This is a group of crafty, fun ladies. No experience necessary!

Community Announcement:

The Milford Christian Academy at 273 Elm Street in Milford is a day school for grades Readiness through 12. They are now expanding enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year. They also have faculty positions available for an elementary teacher in grade 3 or 4; a middle school teacher in grade 6, 7 or 8; an high school teacher for business and computer science; and Director of School position. Please send resume to above address, fax or email to milfordchristianacademy@adelphia.net or check out school on website at www.milfordchristianacademy.org.



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 :

***Our plans may be interrupted by storms,
But God's plans never are.
In fact, the storms are part of His plan.***

(“Surviving the Storms of Stress” Bible Study)

Outreach/Missions Activities

Outreach/Missions - committee members: Alexis Eaton, Bob Morgan, Bob Levesque, Marcy Stanton, Theresa Sekanina, Holly Merryman, Bob Carey, Wendy Getchell-Lacey and Tami Davis-Betelak.



*Reaching Out Beyond the
Congregation in Christian
Love and Service*

SHARE - the SHARE food pantry, located at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, reaches out to those in need from Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon and Brookline. Together with several other congregations and organizations we collect frequently used items to help stock the shelves in the pantry. During the month of May we will collect:

Salad dressings, vegetable oil, vinegar, hot and cold cereal

All items can be placed in the basket in the fellowship area. Many thanks to those who support the efforts of SHARE.

GNIHN - As part of the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network we continue to faithfully reach out to homeless families in our community. Every 6 weeks our volunteers go to the AnneMarie House in Hudson where we provide a safe, secure living environment for, at this time, 4 families. Some volunteers cook dinner, some sleep overnight and some simply are present at the facility in case of an emergency. We would like to welcome our newest volunteers: **Bill Wrocklage and Emily St. John** to the network. Bill and Emily recently attended a 3 hour sensitivity training session in Amherst, bringing our total of trained volunteers at MUMC up to 41. Many people are needed during our hosting week as 2 people are needed 24 hours a day. We welcome you to join us and help to make a difference, one family at a time. Please

contact Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082) for more information. **Next hosting week is May 7th - May 13th.**

Box City - Homelessness in our community is not as visible as it is in other cities or in other parts of our country. Yet, homelessness is a reality for many individuals and sadly enough, for so many families. In an effort to raise homeless awareness we will be hosting BOX CITY on Saturday, June 10th, 7pm-7am Sunday. (This is a change from the original date) Both adults and youth (1 adult per every 4 youth) from area churches and temples will be invited to participate in this event, spending the night in this simulated homeless community and sleeping in boxes. The hope is that through this experience a deeper awareness will help us to better understand the homeless reality. We need some adult help in making this event happen. Please see Tami Davis-Betelak if interested.

COMMON THREADS: a benefit concert featuring local talent will be held on Saturday, May 20th, 4pm-8pm at the Amato Center (aka. Boys & Girls Club) here in Milford. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/child and maximum \$25/family. All proceeds will support the GNIHN.

Help Wanted!

Our youth groups are in need of more volunteers at all levels. Middle School, Senior High, Youth Worship, and the Youth Advisory Team could use your help. Our youth are the future of the church. Please don't let our youth programming suffer due to lack of support. For those of you who grew up in church, remember how important youth group was in your life. You can make a difference. Please contact Pastor Tom (673-2669) or Susan Drew (672-4877) for more information.

Wanakee Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Wanakee Fund is to encourage attendance at Wanakee (or another Methodist camp) by providing camperships for prospective campers. This campership will equal half of the cost for one session of camp. Campers who need more than half tuition may request more by speaking to the Pastor or a camp booster.

Procedure: Families are encouraged to register for camp soon after the brochures become available as some camp sessions fill up early. Although the camp registrar makes registration information available to our church camp boosters, families are requested to let the church office or boosters know of their intentions to attend camp. This serves two purposes. First, it allows for Wanakee Fund distribution. Second, it allows us to let the congregation know through the newsletter and/or bulletin who is at camp in any given week. (The campers might even get some mail!)

Campers who are registered by May 15 will be contacted by the Wanakee boosters about their camperships. Campers who register after that time will receive funds as they are available.

Current Camp Boosters:
Nancy Tong and Kerri-Lynn Kimner



Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about summer. We know spring has just started, but now is the time to start thinking about summer camps. Wanakee is a wonderful place to consider sending your child(ren) It is a “Beautiful, Spiritual, Place in the Hills.” If you have been reading The Outreach throughout the year you probably have read many memories about Wanakee written by our children. They love Wanakee, as do many of the adults in our Congregation. There are many opportunities at Wanakee for children of all ages.

This year, as in years past, MUMC will provide 1/2 scholarships (camperships) for any child going to camp. Camperships are available for all children attending camp. It is our hope to have many children attend Camp Wanakee.

Brochures are available or you can visit Wanakee.org. If you have further questions please contact a Wanakee Booster.

Please fill in the form below, and place it in the offering plate, or give it to a camp booster by May 15.

Parent(s) name(s)

Camper’s name

Name of camp

Date(s) _____

**Church World Service -
MOTHER'S DAY BLANKETS**

For the next couple of weeks we will be accepting donations for Church World Service in honor or memory of your mother or the mother figure in your life. For a donation of \$5, we will purchase one wool blanket that CWS will use for emergency relief when and where it's needed. We will also send out a Mother's Day card to those that you specify "in honor or." Complete the following form and put in offering plate or mail to MUMC, PO Box 476, Milford, NH 03055 by May 9th. Please contact Wendy Getchell-Lacey (673-7861) for more information.

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Mother's Day Blankets
From: _____
Tel. No. _____
In honor of: _____
Address: _____

In Memory of: _____



Sunday School Update . . .

Sunday School continues to run smoothly providing fun and educational experiences for all ages. In April, we had our Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. The morning was full of food, crafts, and of course, the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were many families there, and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to the Youth Group for helping with this event. There were many people who contributed their time and effort and it was a great success.

The adult class finished a series on Welcoming. The class was very well attended. We hope more adults will check out the Adult Sunday School class. We are always looking for more people, ideas, and energy.

Soon, we will be looking for teachers for the fall. If you are concerned about your ability to teach, don't be. Many of us come from backgrounds that don't involve teaching. All you need is the desire to spread the word of God to children, youth or adults in our congregation. You'll have fun, and you might learn a bit about yourself and your own faith too. If you are interested in helping out with Sunday School, please let a member of the education team know.

If you ever have questions or concerns about Sunday School, please contact a member of the Education Team.

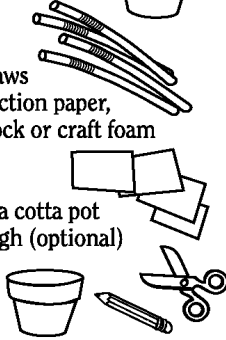
A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!



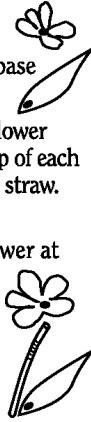
What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper, colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil



What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.*
7. *If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.



Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.



Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers — not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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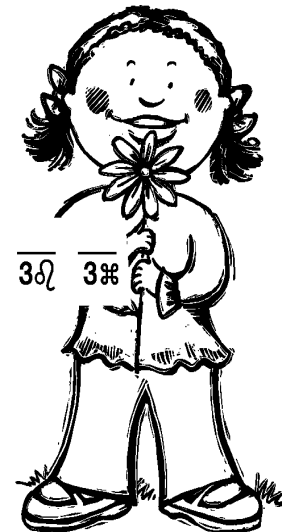
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Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

YAAARD SALE May 27th

All is looking good for the Yard Sale on May 27th. Please remember to drop your item's off at the Rafters on Highland Ave after May 5th. If you can't drop your items off yourself, please call or e-mail Pat Rafter (673-4516 or icu2per@aol.com) and she will see to it that someone picks them up. Last day for drop offs or pick ups will be on May 25th as items need to be priced and sorted through. Please remember all items should be clean and in working order. **NO CLOTHES OR STUFFED ANIMALS.** Also if you have electronic items please check with Pat first, as some items do not sell, then it costs the church money to throw them out.

While I'm at it, all hands on deck will be needed to make this sale a success. Please check your calendars and see if you might be able to spare some time either for set up on Friday, during the sale on Saturday, or take down Saturday afternoon. Sign up sheets are at church or let Pat know. If you know of anyone that might want space to sell items we are encouraging community members to share in the fun. We are "charging" donation and encouraging either 10% of sales or \$25 whichever is the least amount.



On this same date (May 27) and at the same time as the Yard Sale, a **PLANT SALE** of annuals and perennials will be sponsored by the Finance Committee. Although a little late for Mother's Day, they are just in time for planting. For many years now, we have received our plants on consignment from a reliable Bedford gardener.

Middle School Youth Activities . . .

Please encourage any youth that you know in grades 6 - 9 to join us. We will be having a Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Our Youth will be working in pairs to help church members with various spring cleaning projects in order to raise money for Soul Fest, and other planned summer activities. Look for them between services to schedule your help. This fundraiser will be in donation form. You plan the project and how much their help is worth to you.

May 6: Spring Clean-UP Fundraiser
Plan your project and schedule your times.

Thanks for supporting our youth -
Becky Ladeau and Marcus Lines

An upside-down world. .

The saintly nun of Calcutta, Mother Teresa, thought she knew why the world is upside-down. She thought it had to do with families that were out of sync, lacking togetherness, harmony and the extension of real love for one another. She said, "It is easier to offer food to the hungry than to answer the lonely suffering of someone who lacks love right in one's own family."

She went on to say, "The world today is upside down because there is so very little love in the home and in family life. We have no time for each other. Everybody is in such a terrible rush, and so anxious. . . and in the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world."

Notes from Program Ministry

Don't you think we could play a good game of, "Who is the busiest?" at our church right now? It seems like everywhere I turn we're all doing something for the new church, or planning for the new church, or running current ministries. It's exciting isn't it? Exhausting, maybe, but really such a joy to be a part of an active, vital church. Some of the things I'm working on right now are District Day, advertising for our grand opening and summer events, and upcoming new ministries.

District Day, which I hope you have been reading about in the weekly bulletin and newsletter, is a day when we'll receive Evangelism training from Bishop Peter Weaver, get to practice what we've learned, and then come together for worship in the evening. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer for the event (we'll be hosting people from all the Tri-State District), get the training yourself, or if you just need information.

The advertising campaign for the grand opening is focusing on District Day right now. We've just come up with the mailer to go out, but we'll be working on advertising the various events soon. As part of the advertising campaign we'll be putting together information that you can give out to your friends. Remember, inviting people to church is still the most effective advertising we have.

I'm still working on plans for a Mother's Bible Study, a Divorced/Separated Support Group, and Women's Circles. If you have ideas of ministries you'd like to see at our church, or you want to hear more about any of our current programs please give me a call.

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SUMMER EVENTS -06

The events team has been meeting regularly planning for a fun filled active summer calendar. It is our goal to offer a variety of activities that will achieve our two goals. We want to reach out into the community with programs while offering something of interest for everyone. All this activity is being planned, while showcasing our church and the facility we will be occupying .

Some of the events being planned are one of Pat Rafter's (now famous) yard sales, the blessing of the pets service, an old time tent revival, Open House, Grand Opening events, Red Cross training. This and much, much more.

What this means with all this activity is YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. There will be lots of opportunity for YOU to step up and assist with the summers events. So keep your eyes open for upcoming information on the summer's events. Be prepared to offer your assistance. Your help will be needed to make this summer the success we are hoping for with our new church facility.

See any events Team member for more detail on how you can be involved — Members are: Pat Rafter, Keith Ladeau, Judy Green, Bob Morgan, Alberta Finch, Verna Fournier, Emily St John, Brad Reed

July 9 Grand Opening Sunday!

This Sunday marks the beginning of a whole summer full of great worship, exciting events, and meaningful outreach opportunities as we officially open the doors of our new church home to the public.

July 10-14 Vacation Bible School

That's right! VBS is back, bigger and better than ever. Come and bring your friends to enjoy a great time of learning, dancing, singing, and celebrating in our brand new, air-conditioned building!

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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
9:15 Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship
All at Boys & Girls Club

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A Mother's Day Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's comfort, Grace and Love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

-Peggy Ferrell



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The Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Outreach at Levesque's 7:00 Ed Team at Kimmer's 7:00 Staff-Parish	2 7:30 Trustees at R. Randlett's	3 9am White-Tops at Powell's 12 Bible study at Driscoll's 4:30 TrinityDove 5:30 Bells 7:00 Church Council/Metcalf	4 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Sq. 7-8 Chancel Choir at B&GC 8-9 Praise Band/Choir at B&GC	5	6 MS Youth Spring Clean-up 5:30-9:30 Pot Luck Supper at Congo church
7 4th Easter 8:30 SpiritCeleb 9:15 Sun.School 10:30 Worship CROP WALK	8	9 6:30-8 Beginnings Bible at Rumohr's 7:00 Worship committee at Reed's	10 9am White-Tops at Powell's 9:30 ChurchStaff 12 Bible study 4:30 TrinityDove 5:30 Bells 7:00 Rachel Cir. 7:00 Stephen	11 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Sq. 7-8 Chancel Choir at B&GC 8-9 Praise Band/Choir at B&GC	12	13
14 5th Easter 8:30 SpiritCeleb 9:15 Sun.School 10:30 Worship	15	16 6:30-8 Beginnings Bible at Rumohr's	17 9am White-Tops at Powell's 12 Bible study at Driscoll's 4:30 TrinityDove 5:30 Bells 7:00 Finance	18 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Sq. 7-8 Chancel Choir at B&GC 8-9 Praise Band/Choir at B&GC	19 MS Youth Lock-In	20 1:00 p.m. Bishop's Training & Visitation 7:30 Worship 4-8 GNIHN Concert at B&GClub
21 6th Easter 8:30 SpiritCeleb 9:15 Sun.School 10:30 Worship 4:00 MS Youth at Ladeau's	22	23 6:30-8 Beginnings Bible at Rumohr's	24 9am White-Tops at Powell's 12 Bible study at Driscoll's 4:30 TrinityDove 5:30 Bells 7:00 Stephen Supervision	25 10am-1pm Helping Hands at Granite Sq. 7-8 Chancel Choir at B&GC 8-9 Praise Band/Choir at B&GC	26	27 7 am-12 noon Yaard Sale, Plant Sale, Food Sale at No. River Road
28 7th Easter 8:30 SpiritCeleb 9:15 Sun.School 10:30 Worship 6:30 Youth Worship at COOS	29	30 6:30-8 Beginnings Bible at Rumohr's	31 9am WhiteTops at Powell's 12 Bible study at Driscoll's 4:30 TrinityDove 5:30 Bells			June 7-10 NE Annual Conference at Gordon College

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