

THE OUTREACH

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Good to Great

Our church has been asked by our district to pilot a program called Good to Great. This is a process guide for churches, pastors and district superintendents that will help good churches to become great churches. Curtis Brown, Director of Congregation Development for the New England Conference will be at our church on Wednesday, May 2nd, 6:30 pm, to present the program and answer any questions that we may have. The Administrative Council will be meeting directly after the G2G presentation and will then vote on whether we want to become a G2G church. This is an exciting opportunity for MUMC and an honor to be chosen to pilot the program out of all the churches that are in district. Please come and hear more about the program. Call Susan Drew (672-4877) if you need more information.

Need Lawn Mowers

Please find sign-up sheet on bulletin board outside of office. We appreciate any week(s) you are able to volunteer for. See Dick Randlett for further details.



You are cordially invited to a spring concert, “Seasons of Our Lives” on Sunday May 20th at 7 pm. All of our musical groups will be performing, including bells, band, sacred dancers, youth choir and the chancel and praise choirs. It should be an exciting evening, filled with music that expresses our faith and dependence on God through all of life’s events and challenges. There will be some opportunity for audience participation and of course, a time for fellowship afterwards.

We encourage you to invite friends and family to share in this musical experience, especially if they have not had the opportunity to visit our beautiful new facility and to listen to the many talented people that make up our music ministry. We consider our concerts to be a source of outreach to the community and no amount of printed publicity is as effective as a sincere invitation from one of our members. Spread the word—a MUMC concert is not to be missed!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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

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 . . .

March 31, 2007

Income toward budget accounts	\$22,466.85
Expense—budget accounts	18,157.81
Balance in General Fund	3,777.52
March Building Fund Income	7,828.00



Don Brooks	May 8
Leslie Drew	May 10
Kathy Breault	May 15
Sarah Stringer	May 15
Doris Fonden	May 16
Marcey Phillips	May 18
Jenny Edmondson Lawton	May 21
Martin Betelak	May 26
Nancy Tong	May 31

Attention —

2007 Annual Reports are completed and printed. Your copy is waiting on the table in the foyer or contact a secretary in the church office — 673-2669.

THE OUTREACH is the monthly newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church. Deadline for news items is the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

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CROPWALK 2007 Sunday May 6th
CROP = Communities Responding to Over-
come Poverty

It's CROP Walk time once again. For the 18th year walkers of all ages will come together on the first Sunday afternoon in May (this year that's Sunday, May 6) to exercise and socialize. At the same they'll be bringing hope and new opportunities to people in need at home and thousands of miles away. The world shrinks for CROP walkers. They'll probably never meet families whose lives they have changed by walking, but in spirit those who are far away are as close as next-door neighbors.

Last year 298 walkers raised over \$30,500. That money went to organizations that address global hunger, provide disaster/refugee relief and fund self-help development projects. Twenty-five percent was returned to our own community, to SHARE in Milford and The Open Cupboard in Wilton. The goal this year is 3-2-5: 325 walkers and \$32,500.

Sponsored by the Souhegan Interfaith Council, CROP Walk draws participants and volunteers from the area's faiths communities, and from organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Amherst & Milford LIONS Clubs, etc. Local businesses also participate by donating to the Walk Production Fund, which covers all Walk expenses, including prizes and refreshments.



The Walk steps off from St. Patrick's Church in Milford Sunday afternoon, May 6. Walker registration begins at 1:15 p.m., when there will be entertainment and festivities. The half-way point of the full 10K walk (6.2 miles) is the Amherst Congregational Church, where refreshments await. The Walk finishes back at St. Patrick's Church. There are water stops along the way. A shorter Walk (1.8 miles) is available for those who find the longer one too much of a challenge.

While money could be raised simply by asking for donations, there is a special significance to walking. Rev. Richard Leavitt, Sr. Pastor of the Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC and Chairman of this year's Walk, recently put it this way: "Walking in the CROP Walk is one way we express our concern for those who live on the edge of survival. We walk to symbolically share their burden, to let others know that we can identify with them in their basic humanity as God's children."

Weekly Pastor's Letters

Pastor Tom typically sends a Pastor's message each week via e-mail. If you are not receiving this and would like to, please send a request along with your email address to the church office: MUMC2@aol.com



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 Carolan Robinson at 672-8833 with any quilting questions or if you need directions.

The Quilting Ministries Group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fabric drive. We now have material that we will be able to make quite a few quilts from. We have finished several quilts and are working on others. Anyone still wishing to contribute fabric may do so by calling Carolan Robinson at the above phone number.

Time for Camp!

Believe it or not, it is already time to sign up for summer camp. The brochures for Wanakee, our Methodist camp, located in Meredith, have arrived. Feel free to pick one up in the Narthex. Some of the sessions fill up fast, so you should check out the choices soon. Our church has made a commitment to provide a half tuition for each camper from our church family. We need to know as early as possible who is attending, so that we can plan our fundraising accordingly. Please inform the church office if you are planning to go to camp, and look for the poster "Look Who is Going to Camp," which will appear soon on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact our church "Wanakee Boosters," Kerri-Lynn Kimner and Nancy Tong. Also, check out the camp website at: www.wanakee.org

Talent Auction

The youth will be sponsoring a Talent Auction to raise funds for the Youth 2007 trip, and the Wanakee Fund. We will be looking for members of the church family to auction off their various talents – these can range from arts and crafts, to yard work, to babysitting, to pies and cookies, to anything you have, or can do. These can all be donated for auction.

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 and a comforting thought in these uncertain times :



We don't know what tomorrow holds but we know Who holds tomorrow.

From the Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee is seeking a Paraments Coordinator. The Paraments Coordinator is responsible for changing paraments (altar cloths) as necessary, and for placing other visual symbols/objects (e.g. Advent wreath, Bible, cross, candles, banners) to enhance the worship experience. It involves working with pastor and/or worship committee/design team to coordinate seasonal/missional emphases.

We want to thank Roberta Randlett for her years of service as our Paraments Coordinator. If you are considering taking on this important ministry, please talk with Roberta or any member of the Worship Committee for more information.

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday – May 6: Remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar on Communion Sunday. The bread loaves will be donated to SHARE, the local food pantry, for distribution to people in need in our community. This is one small way we can help others in need. (Note: On Sunday, March 4, we delivered 32 loaves of bread to the SHARE office!)

Worship Committee: Pastor Tom, Priscilla Abdinoor, Elaine Driscoll, Roberta Randlett, Barb Reed, Carol Rowlette, Irma Robinson.



Planning Mission Trip to Katrina

Our church is in the planning stages for a week-long mission trip to Katrina devastated areas in the South in late October or early November. Our first meeting was Monday, April 30th, 7 pm, at the church. Dave Stackpole made a short presentation on the needs that still exist for Katrina victims, and what we will need to make a mission trip possible from MUMC. If you have the desire to go with our team, or know someone who is interested, or if you're interested in other short-term mission trips, please call Susan Drew (672-4877).

Teen Independent Living Skills Class

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for our kids in the Independent Living Skills Class. Your prayers are working! The kids keep coming back and more want to come. We have four more weeks with our 1st class and we're working on ways to keep the kids involved in positive activities during the summer. If you want anymore information about the class, or would like to help out in anyway, please call Susan Drew (672-4877).

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.

Mary Perham
PO Box 1252
Wilton, NH 03086



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 Crosbourn

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.



YAARD SALE — MAY 12 7am- 1pm

It looks like we are going to have some great items for the Yard Sale on May 12. Items are coming in and pick ups can be arranged. If you are able to bring your items on you own, feel free to deliver small items to Pat Rafter's home. If the weather is good, just drop them off in front of the garage (673-4516). If you have items to drop off and it's a bad weather day, please call ahead to make sure someone can open the garage door. For larger items, please call Pat to set up a time to meet you at Callie McMahon's (6 Johnson St., Milford). Pat is looking for helpers to set up canopies and tables on Thursday May 10 at 7pm. On Friday, May 11 Pat will be at the church all day placing small items on tables under the canopies and in the evening at 6pm, Pat will need help unloading Callie's garage and bringing these items out to the church. Of course there will be help needed on the day of the sale as well from 7am – 1pm. Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex if you feel called to help or e-mail Pat (ICU2per@aol.com) with your availability. Tell all your friends about our awesome sale, we have something for everyone!

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.

Thank you for helping to beautify our altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.

Plant Sale May 19 8am-1pm

We will be doing our annual plant sale again this year. Thanks to Art Edmondson for arranging to get plants from our grower, Fritz, in Bedford. We will be setting up on the Bales School front lawn this year. The Milford Garden club is having their annual sale the same day on the Community House lawn. We purposely did this to support one another. They are very happy to have us help draw in the crowds. We will have our usual annuals and a few perennials. If you are looking for a certain number or color of geraniums or any other annuals for your gardens and or Memorial Day planters, please speak with Pat Rafter and she will see that we bring the right number and color for you from the grower. Pat will need your requests in by May 17. Some help will be needed to pick up plants and take leftovers back to the grower after the sale. Any help the day of the sale would be appreciated, see sign up sheets in the Narthex or e-mail Pat (ICU2per@aol.com) with your availability. Also the Youth Group will be doing some kind of cook out at noon time, so come for lunch too! Think Green!



Vacation Bible School Coming Soon!

This year's VBS will be the week of July 16-20, 6 – 8 pm and we need all the helpers we can get! Our theme this year will be *Animal Crackers*, and our mission project will be Heifer Project. As you can probably guess, it will be a farm theme where we will learn about God's blessings, how he cares for us, and wants us to live in joy and harmony. We are excited to say we will offer classes from pre-school through high-school this year. The all new high school class will be meeting to make a video of VBS. As always we will need a lot of help. Call Susan Drew (672-4877) for more information and to volunteer.

Some of our needs are: teachers for all age levels, crafters, musicians, actors for our opening/closing skits, people to bring snacks, and people skilled in video taking, editing and production. We will have a nursery for teachers and staff so that everyone who wants to can participate.

Come join an awesome week of fun, worship, learning and praising God!



Senior High Youth Day of Service



We are planning a major youth event that we hope will help local churches gain traction with their youth ministry even as we witness to our faith in our surrounding communities. This event, called the first annual Youth Day of Service, will take place on August 15, 2007. The idea behind the Youth Day of Service is to invite area youth (grades 9 -12) to devote a day to a community service project at a local non-profit or civic organization. Participants may deliver meals to homebound elderly, assist day care facilities, refurbish playground equipment or provide any number of other volunteer services for our community.

These youth will experience first-hand the value of engagement with the surrounding community, and in return, these agencies will receive needed assistance. At the same time, we are hoping that this event will assist local churches that may be looking for ways to help their senior high youth stay connected to their church. In addition to having local youth participate in this exciting event, our hope is that we can initiate the formation of a youth committee that will coordinate this event with the help of adult mentors. Our first planning meeting for the Youth Day of Service will be Monday, May 14th, 7 pm at our church. If you would like more information about the event, or would like to be a part of the planning team, please call Sharon Putney, 673-4891. We need both youth (in 8th – 12th grades right now), and adults.

Outreach/Missions Activities

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

Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

SHARE: Share food collection for May will
be: salad dressings, vegetable oil, vinegar, hot
and cold cereals, canned carrots, yams, and
pumpkin, and pie crust mix. Items may be
placed in the large basket which is located in
the foyer of the church.

Father's Day is coming in June. Be on the
watch for information in your bulletin re: the
Tools for Hope program which we will be
sponsoring through Church World Service to
honor or remember our father(s) or special
father figure(s) in our life.

Thank you to all those who have continued to
support **GNIHN** (Greater Nashua Interfaith
Hospitality Network, the transitional housing
program located at the Ann Marie House in
Hudson, NH. Your efforts are amazing and
mean a lot to the folks in the program. There
is always a need for more volunteers to assist
with GNIHN. Please speak to Wendy
Getchell-Lacey or Tami Davis Betelak for
more info re: GNIHN. The Greater Nashua
Interfaith Hospitality Network is one of the
ways we at MUMC reach out to those in need
in our community. Once every 6 weeks, we
are responsible for hosting at the AnneMarie
House, Hudson, NH. Two host volunteers are
there 24 hours a day for the week, typically
for 3-4 hours at a time (besides the overnight
hosts that stay from 9 pm-6:30 am). Families
are welcome to volunteer together. The next 3
hour training session will be Saturday, May
19, 9 AM - 12 in Hudson. Please see Tami
Davis-Betelak (672-9082) for more details.

Pops Concert Performance Saturday, May 5th -
7pm The Amherst Town Band will present a
benefit concert for the GNIHN at the Souhegan
High School. Admission will be a \$5 donation
and refreshments will be available. All proceeds
will support the efforts of the GNIHN at the
AnneMarie House. (if you would like to support
the GNIHN and make a finger food or refresh-
ment for this event please contact Tami Davis-
Betelak)

The **Picture Directory** has arrived! A large
THANK YOU to the picture Directory Commit-
tee and all others who assisted. A Picture
Directory will be distributed to each **family in the
church**. If you have not yet picked yours up, or
have a question, please see Pat Levesque.

Seasoned Generation Ice Cream Social

The Seasoned Generation Group will meet
May 18th at 7:00 PM at Dave and Carolan
Robinson's 3 Serene Circle for an Ice Cream
Social. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please call
the Robinson's at 672-8833 or e-mail
daverobinson@verizon.net by the 13th of May so
we can plan to have enough.

Wanted: "Rings of Prayer" Coordinator.

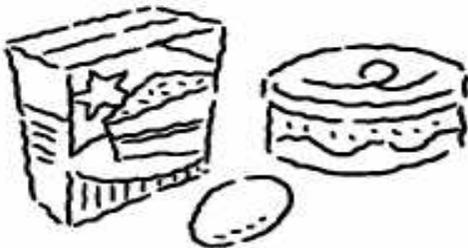


Alexis Eaton has been doing this very well
but now wants to move on to other projects. She
is willing to help volunteers with this job. The
prayer chain coordinator keeps the people willing
to pray connected with the prayer requests re-
ceived from the congregation (usually by email).
If you are interested in helping, contact Alexis,
the church office or Pastor Tom.

Cloud Cookies

Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, NRSV).

When you make these cloud cookies, remember what the angels said to his apostles: "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (verse 11).



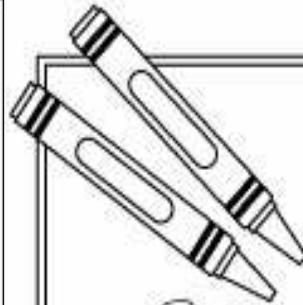
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 container (6 oz.) of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups powdered sugar



What you do:

1. Combine cake mix and egg.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto powdered sugar and coat well.
4. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until tops are firm.



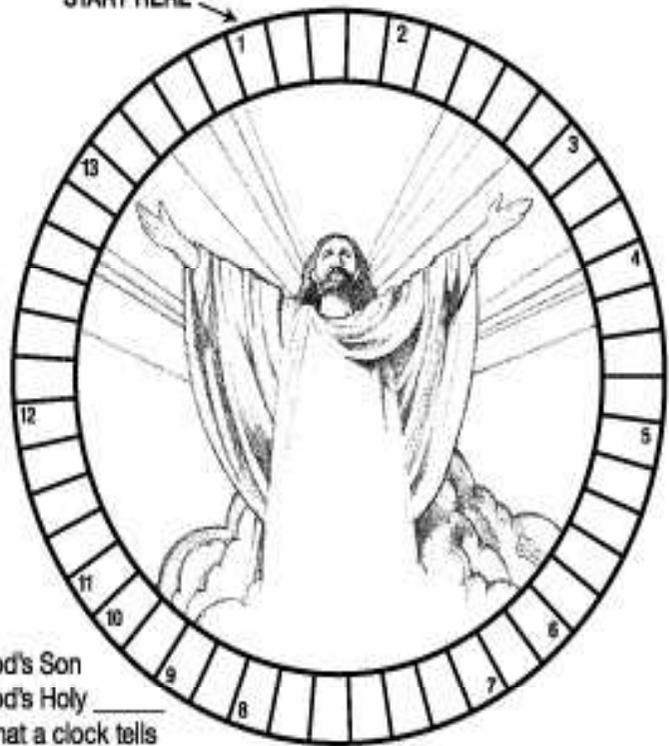
Just for KIDS

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

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| 1. God's Son | 9. Modern word for thee |
| 2. God's Holy _____ | 10. Opposite of down |
| 3. What a clock tells | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet | 12. Comes back |
| 5. Where Jesus is now | 13. Searches for |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament | |
| 7. An onlooker | |
| 8. Place to see clouds | |

Answers: 1) Jesus; 2) Spirit; 3) time; 4) Earth; 5) heaven; 6) new; 7) witness; 8) sky; 9) you; 10) up; 11) power; 12) returns; 13) seeks

May 2007

The Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Bible study at Lawler home 7:00 –9 DivorceCare 7 Quilting Min. 7:30 Trustees	2 9:30 White Tops 12-2:30 Women's study 6:30 G2G 7 Church Council	3 10am-1pm Helping Hands 4-5 Sacred Dance 5-6 Kid's Bells 6-7 Adult Bells 7 Chancel Choir	4 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Team	5 7:30-12 Car Wash at Bales School
6 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 12 MUMCBand 1 CROP Walk No YouthGroup	7 4:00 SonBeams 4:30 TrinityDov 7 Ed Team 7 Outreach 7 SP Rel 7 Bible study	8 7:00 Bible study at Lawler home 7:00 –9 DivorceCare 7:00 Worship	9 9:30 White Tops 12-2:30 Women's study at Driscoll's 7:00 Stephen Supervision	10 10am-1pm Helping Hands 4-5 Sacred Dance 5-6 Kid's Bells 6-7 Adult Bells 7 Chancel Choir	11 12-3 Afternoon Off 4:00 Wedding 7-8 Praise Team	12 7am-1pm Yard Sale 6:00 Youth Group dinner at Poplar home
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