

THE OUTREACH

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Summer Worship Schedule

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 6:

Spirit Celebration will remain
the same at 8:30.

Traditional Service will begin at
10:00

Sunday School ends on
Children's Sunday (June 8)
with the youth participating in
the worship services. Come and
support the enthusiastic youth of
our church. Classes will resume
on Sunday, September 7.

Don't forget that VBS (Vacation
Bible School) will be held July 7-
11 and the theme is "Outrigger
Island Living God's Unshakable
Truth" For more information,
contact Jim Tyler-Wall at 878
-0664 or email jimtyler-
wall@gmail.com

A Father's Influence

Studies show that if the
mother of a family attends
worship, there's a 16 %
chance that the rest of the
family will also attend.

Yet, when a father attends
worship, there's a 93%
chance that the other family
members will be present too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout
you have. Hope to see you in
church this weekend!



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

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Anniversaries and Birthdays

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



Roberta & Richard Randlett	June 2
Moxie & Dan Roby	June 4
Lori & Sean Murphy	June 8
Tom & Wendy Gethcell-Lacey	June 11
Dick & Barb Medlyn	June 14
Gail & Rick Westergren	June 29

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 . . .

April 30, 2008	
Income toward budget accounts	\$17,694.90
Expense—budget accounts	21,828.54
Balance in General Fund	4,915.37
April Building Fund Income	5,546.00



Ron Robinson	June 2
Chloe Robinson	June 5
Lisa Bourgault	June 5
Normand Desrosiers	June 6
Lori Murphy	June 14
Dick Medlyn	June 19
Nick Gutterson	June 21
Kaleen Fortunato	June 22
Jessica Green	June 25
Michael Logue	June 27
Hanna Millhouse	June 28

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Dear Friends,

You may have noticed that things have been pretty quiet on the Good-to-Great front. However, starting this month, that is about to change. In fact, if you were in worship on May 18, you know that we have already begun to focus our attention once again on moving forward on our G2G process. The summary report of the Diagnostic team is available (copies can be picked up at the information desk, or you can read it online on the website (www.milfordumc.org -- just click on “documents” under the “happenings” section of the home page). This report is actually a series of summary reports from the five different subgroups that made up the diagnostic team. Lots of observations and recommendations are included, but I want us to keep one thing in mind as we read. We are not bound to enact every recommendation that is contained in the report, and in all likelihood there will be those that we do not choose to adopt.

All of this information has, however, given us much to ponder, reflect upon, and pray over. As we move forward, we will be forming an implementation team to respond to the input from the diagnostic team with concrete proposals. But even as that is happening, the G2G diagnostic team, in consultation with our G2G consultant and members of our church council, felt a need to invite our entire congregation into a season of prayer and discernment over this summer. And so, Project Discernment was born.

Project Discernment will work on several levels—there will be components that involve the entire congregation, while other aspects of the process will involve smaller groups.

- 1.) **Entire congregation:** starting this month, we will be inviting our members and friends to participate in daily prayer for our church, for its leaders and members, for the G2G process, as well as many other aspects of our church life. To assist you in doing so, we will be producing a prayer calendar which will include a suggestion for a prayer question to focus on each week, as well as suggestions for daily prayer. We are aiming for 100% participation for this level. I will also be offering at least two “How to Pray” seminars for those who want to learn more about prayer. Keep your eyes and ears open for dates, times, and place.
- 2.) **Smaller groups:** During the summer, we will be inviting anyone who wishes to do so to join us in a weekly mid-week prayer and study gathering. This gathering will be designed to allow people to pray and talk about some of the issues and recommendations that have been raised in the summary report. We will be reading one or two books together, praying together, studying the Bible together, singing, and talking together about some of the most urgent questions facing our church. In addition, we are in the process of identifying a core of spiritual leaders and people who have the gift of prayer, and those persons will be given opportunities for training, growth, and fellowship particularly geared towards their unique gifts and passions.

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Pastor's Message (continued from page 3)

I am really excited about Project Discernment, and am hoping that our entire congregation will be engaged in what promises to be a time of spiritual growth both individually and corporately. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Still discovering the joy,



Pastor Tom

Celebrate our Confirmands

On Sunday, June 1, our church will celebrate a significant event for several of our young people who have been participating in this year's confirmation process, and as they step forward to become full members of Christ's Church, and of MUMC. Confirmands will be received into membership during both services, and a reception celebrating their confirmation will take place between the services at 9:30-10:30. Please plan to attend worship, and if at all possible, please make time to celebrate this occasion with our confirmands between services.

Honoring Our Graduates

On Sunday, June 22nd we will recognize all graduates. If you have someone in your family graduating, please call (673-2669) or email (mumc2@aol.com) the church office with the person's name and the school they are graduating from.

Staffing News

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee wishes to share with the congregation the following changes in our church staff:

First, the SPR committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Jim Lawler to our custodial staff. Jim is a long time MUMC member, and we are pleased to welcome him to the MUMC staff family. He has already begun working alongside our other custodian, Jim Fortunato. The custodial staff will from henceforth be known as "J Squared."

Also, MUMC members and friends should be aware that Susan Drew is taking a leave of absence from her role as Director of Program Ministries through the summer, and that Chris Willard will be filling in for her during that time. This change will go into effect on June 1. BTW, we also want to congratulate Chris on his recent graduation from Boston University School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity.

Pastor Tom and Gail Hernandez will be representing our church at the upcoming session of the New England Annual Conference of the UMC, June 12-15 at Gordon College in Wenham, MA. Please pray for them and for our conference. Also, while Pastor Tom is away, please call the church office at 673-2669 or church secretary Marian Kopp at 673-5724 if you have any pastoral needs. She will then forward the information to Pastor Tom or to another appropriate person.

Pasta Dinner

It's another one of Lonni's yummy meals!!

To help defray costs for the Katrina Trip we are planning to hold a pasta dinner on June 21st. Serving time will be from 5-7 PM. Cost for the meal will be \$7.00 for adults and children over 12 and \$4.50 for children 12 and under.

Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex between services throughout June.



June 21st

Serving 5-7 PM

Adults & Children over 12: \$7.00

12 and Under: \$4.50

Proceeds toward Katrina Mission Trip



Mission Trip Still Accepting Volunteers

If you are interested in hearing more about MUMC's mission trip to Louisiana, please see Dave Stackpole. We are hoping to take 30 people to Slidell, LA, October 26 – November 1, to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. We expect to be working in the Lower 9th Ward on this trip, which has been largely untouched since the hurricane 3 years ago. Be a part of this life changing experience as we serve God by serving the people of the Gulf Coast.



Congratulations to Natalie and Patrick Guerin of Milford on the birth of their son, Cameron Leo born on April 29, 2008 (6 lbs. 1 oz, 19"). The proud grandparents are Marion and Charlie Diorio.

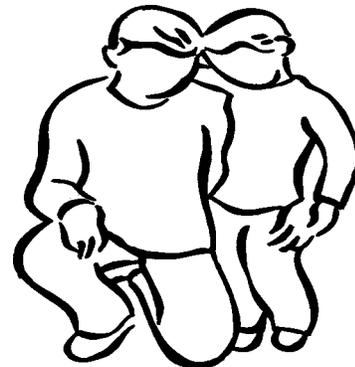
Singing in church . .

Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

. . John Wesley

Scripture is filled with many famous—and infamous—fathers and sons. Match the name of each father on the left to the name of his son on the right.

- | | |
|----------|-------------|
| 1. Noah | A. Dan |
| 2. Jacob | B. Jonathan |
| 3. David | C. Ham |
| 4. Saul | D. Solomon |



Answers on page 7



Elaine Driscoll, chairperson; Priscilla Abdinoor, Kathy Bradfield, Kathy Holland, Roberta Randlett, Carol Rowlette, Bob Stote.

From the Worship Committee:

June 1 is Communion Sunday. Remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar. The bread loaves are delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday morning. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Also June 1 - Confirmation of our young people, at each service. We celebrate their spirit and commitment.

June 8 is Children's Sunday
Let's make a special effort to support them as they share their learning experiences with us!

Reminder —
Worship services will continue all through June at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Starting Sunday, July 6 until September services will be held at:
8:30 a.m. Spirit Celebration
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
No Sunday School until September 7

Answers to the quiz on p. 6

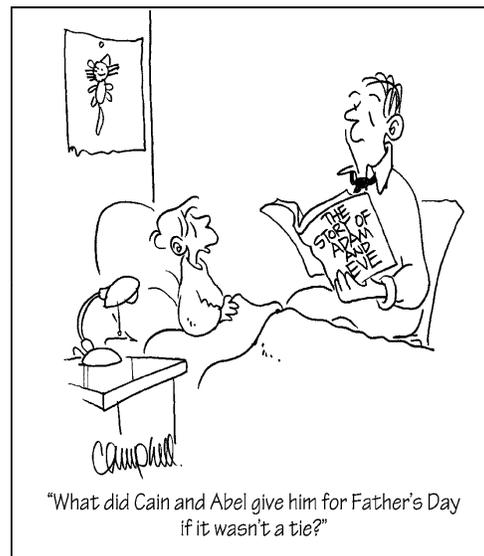
1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B



Donations of Altar Flowers

To honor or remember a special person in your life or a special occasion, please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office, along with contact and payment instructions. Thank you for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.

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.



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:

Harold and Christine Armstrong
6 Abby Circle
Topsham, Maine 04086-6098

Nicola (Miss Nickie) Crosbourne
Phone # is now 396-6396

Gerard Ryan
56 Union Street
Milford, NH 03055

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-while on leave of
absence for the summer, Chris
Willard will be filling this role.
Church Secretary: Marian Kopp
Assistant Church Secretary: Carol Brooks
Custodian: Jim Fortunato & Jim Lawler
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.



Seasoned Generation Events

Our April meeting was a very successful Ice Cream Social at the church. Yummy ice cream from "Cold Stone" and all the fixin's for ice cream Sundae's. Carolan and Dave Robinson were in charge of that fun evening, so for those who came and enjoyed the "cold stuff from Cold Stones," we are certain you all had a delicious time!

Our May meeting was also excellent but not overly well attended which was unfortunate. Our speaker, Rev Richard Matthews was outstanding. He spoke about his new book titled "Stories for Your Spirit" and shared some stories from it including engaging the audience in sharing some of their stories. All who attended agreed it was a very worthwhile evening!!

Our next meeting will be our annual cook out at Dottie and Paul Dishong's in Amherst, Sunday, July 27th at 4 p.m. Call Roberta Randlett at 672-4997 if you plan on attending, and you will be given directions at that time. Watch for the church bulletin for time and what to bring to share. It's always a fun time as the Dishongs have a beautiful backyard and deck that lends itself well to this event..

Our Sept 27th meeting will be a catered dinner held at the church so watch for more information during the summer and in early September. Mark the date now as it's always a wonderful time. See you in July!

Roberta and Richard Randlett
Carolan and Dave Robinson

Sunday School News

The children have been working very hard to get ready for Children's Sunday, June 8th. We hope that everyone will be able to join us to celebrate with the youth of our congregation. Not only will there be a video produced by our high school Sunday school class, but our Sacred Dancers, Bell Ringers, and Children's Choirs will be performing.

As you enjoy Children's Sunday, we hope that you will think about what you can do to support our children's programs. These programs are all staffed by volunteers and can always use your help. Whatever your area of expertise is, we hope you will be willing to share that with the kids. You'll never believe how much you will get out of the experience.

Adult Sunday School
Class



Confronting the Controversies

Continuing in June, Pastor Tom will be leading a video series called, "Confronting the Controversies – Biblical Perspectives on tough Issues". Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS, authors this study. The 7 week study will contain the topics: Separation of Church and State, Creation and Evolution in the Public School, the Death Penalty, Euthanasia, Prayer in Public School, Abortion, and Homosexuality. This study is designed to help participants explore tough issues as a community of faith, to prayerfully seek the guidance of the Bible, tradition, and leaders and experts who can inform us. Please talk to Pastor Tom if you have any questions about this study, or join him any Sunday, 9:45 am in the 2nd classroom on the right.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING 2008

Teams are forming, please consider being a part of a fair team! We discussed the need for additional help heading up a few key areas. These areas need additional help, ideas, energy – all of which will bring more interest and excitement to the fair.

Christmas Decorations/Ornaments
(Tami Betelak, Kathy Bradfield)
Gift Tins/Baskets (Priscilla Abdinoor)
Silent Auction
Sewing (Barb Reed)
Country Cupboard (Pat Rafter)
Christmas Wreaths/Centerpieces (Roberta Langis)

A team approach is a great way for a few people to work together to accomplish the goal while not stressing out any one person. The team(s) are not responsible for making all the crafts or items, but coming up with ideas, getting supplies, and scheduling workshop(s) throughout the year. Everyone is then invited to participate in making the project for the fair.

We are collecting the following items in **GOOD CONDITION** all year long. Place in the plastic container under the coat rack labeled "FAIR."

Jelly jars – Mason jar type
Tins (Christmas and others)
Baskets
Vases/Containers for flower arrangements
Jewelry

Questions or more information, contact:

Pat Rafter at ICU2PER@aol.com
Barb Reed at NORTHWDS28@aol.com



We are starting Our Christmas Fair workshops earlier this year, please try and attend one of the following: Please come not only to work on ornaments, but to have a good time with others.

Tues., June 10th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
If you have a glue-gun and scissors, and are able to bring them, it will be appreciated. If you have any questions phone Kathy at 487-5574, or email at kjbradfield@comcast.net.

Christmas Fair Sewing Workshop
Date: Saturday, June 7, 9:00 am – 12:00
Where: Milford UMC

We have started sewing for the Christmas Fair. Come help sew some more snowmen and Santa's. We can use people to cut, sew, hand stitch and stuff – so there is a task for everyone. Please bring your scissors, thread, and sewing machine. If you do not have these items, just come as we can all share! Hope to see you on June 7. If you have questions, contact Barb Reed at Northwds28@aol.com or 673-6590.



Youth Appalachian Service Project

Why ASP Mission Trip? by Brad Reed

I have always wanted to participate in a mission trip, and I have always admired the people that made the time to go and help other people in need. I figured that in retirement I would do just that – go on a mission trip! When the opportunity would come up I always made excuses that I was too busy or could not get away from work. I would have to use my valuable vacation time wisely, and I could not just leave the family and go! All these things went through my mind, but they were, in fact, excuses.

That all changed when the youth group asked me to be part of their mission trip to Summers County, West Virginia. I was honored and thrilled that they thought me worthy of being a part of their group and mission team. I still tried to use the usual excuses, but I wanted to go and serve with this group of youthful, energetic, impressionable youth. I wanted to experience the feeling of stepping out of my comfort zone and truly helping someone in their environment, their surroundings, on their playing field. I'm praying that I come away with a better understanding of the people that we will be helping; but I am also hoping that I learn something about myself. I believe I will. I just pray that I like what I learn! And yes, I did work through my list of excuses one by one. Another important reason for taking this trip is that I will be sharing the experience with my daughter, Alexis. I am so looking forward to sharing the experience with her and remembering and talking about it with her for the rest of my life.

Why ASP Mission Trip? by Alexis Reed

I am looking forward to going to ASP. I'm excited to be able to help and improve the lives in some small way of people I don't even know. I will be able to share this experience with my friends. That is going to add a lot as we will learn and help others as a group. I feel this mission trip to West Virginia will open my eyes to see how others live that may not have the opportunities that I have. I am hoping to get closer to my mission team and God while helping others.



We are pleased to welcome the following people as our newest members:

Ashton & Estelle Bosch, of 711 Foster Rd., Ashby, MA. Ashton and Estelle come to us by transfer from the West Chelmsford United Methodist Church, and are being sponsored by Susan Drew.

Barbara Catlin lives at 7 Cottage St. in Milford, and joins us by transfer from Christ UMC, Lehigh Acres, FL. Serving as Barbara's sponsor is Priscilla Abdinoor.

James & Shelly Frost, of 74 Wellesley Dr., Milford. The Frosts join us by transfer from St. Patrick's in Milford.

Gerrie Hopkins, of 5 Westview Terrace, Milford. Gerrie joins us by renewal of vows, and is being sponsored by Elaine Driscoll.

Katherine "Kay" Kulman, of 171 Federal Hill Rd., Milford, joins us by renewal of vows, and is being sponsored by Pat Levesque.

Ben & Linda Lambert live at 14 Atherton Lane in Amherst, and are transferring their membership from the Brookside Congregational Church in Manchester. Serving as their sponsors are Bob and Pat Levesque.

Walter & Linda Riendeau, of 3 Fredette Dr. in Lyndeborough, are transferring from the United Church of Lyndeborough. They are being sponsored by Stew and Vivian Ross (in absentia). Here in person were Nancy Tong and Carol Rowlette.

Dan & Lindsey Roberts, who reside at 10 Everest Dr., Merrimack. They are transferring their membership from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Derry, NH. Serving as their sponsors are Carol and Don Brooks.

Kelly Winchell lives at 8 Third St., Apt 1F, in Fitchburg, MA. He joins us by Profession of Faith. His sponsor is the Rev. Robert Morgan.

Outreach/Missions Activities

Committee Members: Bob Bowman, Bob Carey, Tami Davis-Betelak, Alexis Eaton, Wendy Getchell-Lacey (chair), Sarah Kaspari, Bob Morgan, Pat Rafter, Dave Stackpole



SHARE-We are collecting the following items for the SHARE food pantry for the month of June: macaroni and cheese, brown and white rice, hamburger helper, tuna helper, canned tuna and beef stew. There is a basket located in the foyer for your donations.

GNIHN-Our next hosting week at the Anne-Marie House is June 29 - July 6. Please contact Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082) to volunteer or for further information.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Tami and Brad want to **THANK** everyone that contributed to the huge success of the 2008 version of the Crop Walk. The final figures have come in and **YES** we reached our goal of 100 walkers and PT is now clean shaven. The official count is 103 total walkers. It was the dedication of the walkers, the sponsors who stepped up and contributed and all the prayers that once again made the Crop Walk a total success. The Milford United Methodist Church sure knows how to take a leadership role in the community and answer a call of need. Many people we will never know will benefit from our efforts.



Well, it's almost time for summer camp! That means it time to talk about the Wanakee Scholarship fund. Wanakee is our United Methodist Camp in Meredith. Wanakee, "The beautiful, spiritual place in the hills" provides a wonderful place to have fun and learn about living in God's world. There are various types of specialty camps aimed at different age levels and interests. Children from 3 to 103 can find fun and God's love at Wanakee.

Each year MUMC pledges to give half scholarships to all children who are attending camp Wanakee. All families are eligible for scholarship regardless of their economic status. This year there will be a change from previous years. We are requesting that any family who would like to have a half scholarship to please contact Nancy Tong or Kerri-Lynn Kimner by Children's Day, June 8. Please let us know the name of your child, what camp they will be going to and which week it is. You can contact by e-mail or phone. After June 8, we will contact you with information on the scholarship. If a family requires more than half, please let one of us know. We want all children to be able to experience the joy that is Wanakee!

Your camp boosters

Nancy Tong (wlctongn@hotmail.com 673-7180)
Kerri-Lynn Kimner
(skkimner91@comcast.net - 673-9911)

June 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Confirmation 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5-6:30 Youth	2 4:00 Son Beams 4:30 Trinity Dove 7:00 Ed Team 7:00 Outreach 7:00 Staff Parish	3 7:00 Bible Study at Lawler's home 7:30 Trustees	4 9:30 White Tops 7:00 Church Council	5 10 am Helping Hands at Granite Square 4:00 Youth Dance 7:30 Chancel	6 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Band	7 8-4 ASP Construction 9-12 Christmas Fair Workshop
8 Children's Day 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5-6:30 Youth	9 Youth Choirs end of year party 7:00 Phase 2	10 9-noon Craft Fair Workshop 7:00 Bible Study at Lawler's home 7:00 Worship Committee	11 9:30 White Tops 7:00 Stephen Supervision	12 10 am Helping Hands at Granite Square 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8 Praise Band	14
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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.



Discover the Joy
8:30 am Spirit
Celebration
10:45 Worship thru 6/29

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

A Word for Graduates . . .

Congratulations to the young member of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

“Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”