

# THE OUTREACH

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### Congratulations Graduates!

From Milford High School:

Aimee LaRiccia, daughter of David and Sheryl LaRiccia of Milford. Aimee will be attending Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Jaclyn Rafter, Daughter of Pat and Steve Rafter of Milford. Jaclyn will be attending Cosmetology School in Boston.

Graduate Studies:

Elizabeth McSweeney, daughter of Mark and Nancy Feraco of Milford, will be pursuing her Doctorate in Biochemistry at Duke University graduate school in North Carolina. Elizabeth received a Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology from Smith College in 2004 and is currently employed as a Research Assistant at Harvard University.

**Best Wishes to Ann Flight and Kevin Vig** who were married at the First Congregational Church in Milford on June 24th with Pastor Tom officiating. Ann is the daughter of Eileen and Bob Flight of Milford.

**Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Zilpha Ouellette** who died on May 8, 2006. Zippy" was an active member of MUMC, the Helping Hands group and the former United Methodist Women and was best remembered for her enthusiasm and sense of humor.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Vacation Bible School — July 31/ August 4, 6-8 p.m. (see last page for registration form and details)*
- *Summer Activities — Movie Night, Tent Revival, Chicken BBQ and more (see page 11)*



8:30 a.m. Spirit Celebration  
 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



July 7            Doris & Carl Fonden  
 July 21          Mike & Faith Cyr  
 July 26          Alexis Eaton & Tom Knapp

### Happy Birthday!

July 3            Bob Bowman  
 July 4            Rachel Rumohr  
 July 5            Cherilyn Taylor  
 July 8            Nicole LaJeunesse  
                     Joe Balzano  
 July 10          Alison Kopp  
                     Ray Marcos  
 July 12          Alexander Baker  
                     Emeline Tyler-Wall  
 July 14          John Trabucco  
 July 15          Betty Schult  
                     Kirk Randlett  
 July 17          Rich Masters  
 July 18          Shannon Gutterson  
 July 23          Debbie Logue  
 July 25          Joshua Rafter  
                     Emily Getchell-Lacey  
 July 26          Dean Campbell  
 July 28          Barbara Balevre  
 July 30          Carolyn Bowman  
 July 31          Paige Robinson

### 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 . . .

May 31, 2006  
 Income toward budget accounts \$13,032.41  
 Expense—budget accounts            15,887.07  
 Balance in General Fund            (17,022.22)  
 May Building Fund Income            8,806.00  
 Unrestricted Bldg.Fund Bal.6/18    84,031.86  
 Restricted Bldg.Fund Bal.6/18    77,524.59  
 Designated Special Gifts            8,875

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#### Office Hours:

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## From the Pastor . .

Dear Friends,

You won't want to miss the summer months at MUMC, especially this year! We have a whole lot going on, even more than usual, and you will want to read this issue of *The Outreach* carefully so you don't overlook anything. Please pay special attention to the news about the new dates for Vacation Bible School, and start spreading the news to your neighbors and friends. And while I have learned from experience to avoid giving specific move in dates, progress towards completion of our new building is moving forward, and there is a good chance that we will be celebrating our first worship services in our new church building this summer. How exciting will that be?

For my part, I am also excited about the sermon series that I will be sharing with you through July and August—a series I am calling “THE BIG TEN.” This series will take a look at the Ten Commandments from a contemporary perspective. Do these ancient laws, given to a wandering tribe of ex-slaves thousands of years ago, have any relevance for us today? Or have they outlived their usefulness, and need to be revised or even replaced?

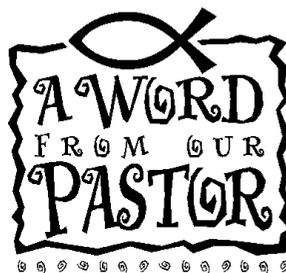
Obviously, I would not be investing this much time on a series of sermons on these commandments if I felt they did not speak powerfully to our current time and place. In fact, I believe that we need to understand and live by these commandments more than ever. At the same time, I would contend that some of the same folks who speak loudest and longest about our need to observe the Ten Commandments have trivialized and/or misunderstood the deeper meaning of these laws. And while I don't think there is any

thing wrong with displaying the Commandments in court houses or other public places, there is nothing magic about simply carving them in stone or memorizing them. After all, the original tablets on which the commandments were carved didn't last very long (read Exodus 32). Far more important is that these commandments are implanted in a deep and profound way in our hearts, so that we may know what it means to live them out in our lives.

I know that summer is a time for many of our folks to spend time with family on vacation or at camps or cottages. Wendy and I will be spending some time away this summer as well. It is important for us to take these times for family and for getting away from our routine and experiencing a different sort of rhythm to our days. But I do hope that when you are home, you will make every effort to come to worship as often as possible. You don't want to miss a thing!

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom will be away on vacation from July 19-29. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please call the church office at 673-2669, or church secretary Marian Kopp at 673-5724.

## Change in Announced Summer Sunday School Schedule . .

It's hard to believe that another year for Sunday School is over. We really enjoyed working with your children. What a great bunch of kids. Children's Day went off well with children participating in all aspects of the service. Our kids really rose to the challenge by reading, singing, ushering, etc.



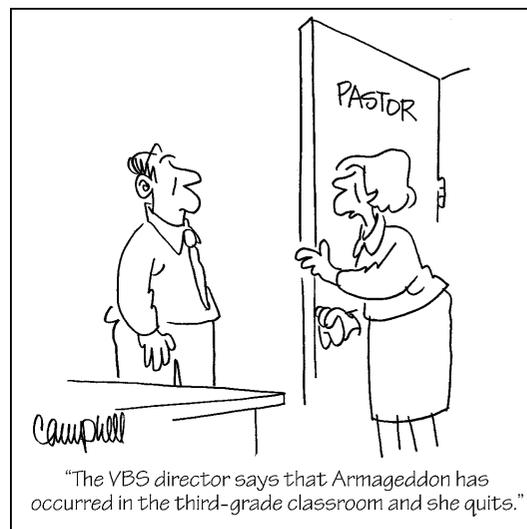
In *The Outreach* in May, we announced that we would be continuing Sunday School through the summer. The Education Team even developed a curriculum, but for various reasons we have decided not to continue Sunday School through the summer months. We will revisit the possibility of summer Sunday School for next summer.

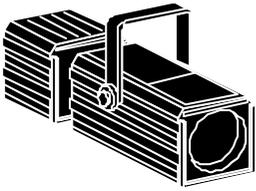
Summer is the time when the Education Team starts to gear up for the fall. We will be looking for teachers and other volunteers to help with Sunday School. We will be piloting a new Sunday School curriculum. This curriculum will require a different commitment than we have asked in the past. We will be looking for people to make a 4 to 8 week commitment at a time. After that commitment, it is up to you whether you stay on or not. Instead of thinking, I can't teach, ask yourself a question. Do I have a gift I could share with the children of our church? Do you like to cook? Do you like computers? Do you like science? These will be some of the areas we will use to explore that wonderful book — *The Bible*. Each person who volunteers would be responsible for teaching their area for four weeks to different age groups. The curriculum will be

provided; you bring the creativity and the enthusiasm.

We also will be looking for people willing to be shepherds. This position would require an every week time commitment, but this job would be to bring the group to their station. There is no planning involved. This person would be there to support the person running the station and provide continuity for the group. If a pair of people wanted to share, that might be possible also. The only way this program will work is with the cooperation of many people in our church. So think about the talents that you have and prayerfully consider sharing them with the children of our Church. If you have any interest in helping out with Sunday School, or have questions please contact Kerri-Lynn Kimmer at 673-9911 or [skkimner91@adelphia.net](mailto:skkimner91@adelphia.net)

### The Education Team





## Spotlight on our Sunday School Teachers

Wow! Wasn't Children's Sunday great! I think we owe a huge thank you to our Sunday School teachers who have been working with our school age children, and adults over the last year. Unlike most regular committee work, Sunday school teachers are part of team that works every Sunday. They plan and present lessons, make craft projects, and share their love of Christ with very important members of our congregation; our children.

This past year our Sunday school teachers were: Sunday School Opening: Kerri-Lynn Kimner; Preschool: Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Debbie Logue, Rebecca Hart; Kindergarten /First: Shannon Gutterson, Janet Bogle, Nancy Feraco; Second/Third: Steve Kimner, Irma Robinson, Audra Millhouse; Fourth /Fifth: Kara & Wally Ammon, Mark Feraco, Suzanne Randlett; Sixth/ Seventh: Pat Rafter, Tom Knapp, Alexis Eaton; Seven and up: Ray Lawler, Krystal Schmidt; and Adult: Paul Berkebile.

Next year, we will be piloting a new curriculum for our preschool – 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes, *PowerXpress – Dig into the Bible*. The Education Team will be recruiting teachers soon. This curriculum will be different than any Sunday school program we've ever run and promises to be exciting. *PowerXpress* is a rotational type Sunday school program which means the same concepts taught a number of weeks in a row but through different learning mediums. Stations might be centered around cooking, drama, computers, art, science, music etc. This will enable the

students to use all their senses in learning the material, and all their learning styles. It also means that we will be recruiting teachers differently. We will be looking for people to share their gifts with the children in 4 – 8 week blocks, not the traditional full year model. You'll be hearing more about this program all summer as we gear up for a fantastic fall. For now, be thinking about what you naturally love to do and how your talents can be used to spread the love of Christ to our children.

Our Sunday school teachers are discovering the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ through educating and nurturing of our members. It's an important job that is often overlooked. Thank you, Sunday School teachers! Your love, patience, and understanding is bringing Christ to new generations of our community. You are appreciated and very much needed!

### Children's answers to questions in Church School —

Q. What is the fifth commandment?

A. Honor thy father and mother.

Q. What happened to Lot's wife?

A. She was turned into a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire at night.

Q. Christians are taught to have only one wife, what is that called?

A. Monotony.

## 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.

**OOPS!** Barbara Balevre's zip code was incorrectly printed last month. It should have been 78626 (Georgetown, TX).

#### CHANGE of Name:

From Kathy Breault to Kathy Davidson

#### ADD:

Lori Cullinan  
PO Box 106  
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

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

## 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.

## Opportunities for Fellowship and Service. . .



The Events Committee is planning an

### “Old Fashioned Methodist Tent Revival”

**Same Message –**

**Yesterday, Today and Forever**

Saturday and Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday – Old Fashioned Tent Revival:

- 10:00 The Gathering – Pastor Tom
- 11:00 Opening Service – Pastor Tom preaching
- Noon Bring a box lunch, or purchase hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks that will be on sale.
- 1:00 Old Fashioned Hymn Sing & Testimonials
- 2:30 “Come to the Waters” Gospel Group performing
- 3:45 Main Service – Pastor Tom and guest speaker Rev. Dan Weaver. Altar call and laying on of hands, and a healing service

#### Sunday – Revival 2006

- 2:00 Contemporary Service – Pastor Tom preaching, and the MUMC Praise Band and Choir performing
- 3:30 Service and Christian Rock Band (to be announced)
- 4:30 The Closing – Pastor Tom

#### Fun and Games

During the breaks and lunch, come have some old-time fun with us: Watermelon seed spitting contest, Bubble gum blowing contest, Ring toss, Hopscotch, jump rope, hula hoop context, volleyball, horseshoes, and a costume contest.

We have had a lot of people willing to help but we still need a few more in areas such as directing traffic and parking cars, helping with the games, babysitting, and odds and ends and other jobs. If you can help us, **please call Emily St. John (672-3461). Thank you!**

We are advertising this throughout Milford and surrounding communities, and other Methodist churches in our district. This is a large effort in reaching out to revive the faith in keeping with the theme of our Grand Opening – Jump Start Your Spiritual Life. We need everyone’s prayers for this to be a big success.

“For Thine Be The Glory!”

**Family.  
Friends.  
Neighbors.  
Coworkers.**

**Divorce  
Someone You Know Is Hurting.**



**It’s hard to know how to help someone who is going through a divorce. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage.**

**DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about DivorceCare. It might just be the best thing you could do to help.**

**DivorceCare seminar will meet from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday starting September 22, 2006 in the new building. For more information, contact Callie McMahon at 673-5239.**

## News and Notes. . .

*To: My Church Family,*

*I'm writing to say thank-you, for buying my "Soup for Wanakee". With your help, we submitted \$180.00. I'm not going to do it for July + August. If my health stays good, I will start making the soup again in the Fall. I'm very grateful for your help, we can send the children to Wanakee. God Bless,*

*Love,*

*Moxie Roby*

### Scholarships Available for Youth to Attend Exploration 2006

The Board of Ordained is pleased to announce that scholarship funds are available for any youth interested in exploring a call to ordained ministry. Exploration 2006 will be held November 17-19 in Jacksonville Florida. More information about this is available at <http://www.gbhem.org/exploration/home.html>. To inquire or apply for a scholarship please contact Rev. Peter Hey (413) 584-5935 or PeterAHey@comcast.net.

*Even though it rained, the Blessing of the Pets was a success on June 3rd. Thanks to all the folks that set up the tents and helped during the Blessings. – Alberta Finch*

### Do you know about the "Good Morning Milford Program"?

This program, sponsored by the Milford Police Department provides people who live alone a sense of security knowing that someone is in contact with them on a daily basis and to provide them with help if needed. Participants are requested to call the Police Department between 8-10 AM to check in. If the participant does not call in, then the police department will call to make sure everything is all right. If not reached, then an officer will be sent to the participant's home to check on their well-being. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, call the Police Department at 673-7742 to request the sign up questionnaire.



*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 children are the living messages we send into a time we shall not see.*

*Art Linkletter*

## Outreach/Missions Activities

Committee members: Alexis Eaton, Bob Levesque, Bob Morgan, Bob Carey, Marcy Stanton, Holly Merryman, Theresa Sekanina, Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Tami Davis-Betelak.

### *Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.*

**SHARE** - The SHARE food pantry located at St. Patrick's church serves those in need from Milford, Brookline, Amherst and Mont Vernon. From January thru April of this year, the Pantry served 278 families or 837 individuals. During the month of July we will be collecting the following:

**Diapers (large sizes especially), wipes, medicine (baby & adult aspirin, bandaids, first aid cream, cough syrup)** Please place all donations in the basket in the fellowship area at the Boys & Girls Club.

**GNIHN** - we continue to support the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network in reaching out to homeless families by providing transitional housing at the Anne Marie House in Hudson. June 25<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> was our last host week. At this time we have 6 adults and 11 children that are presently living there along with one live-in volunteer. Our next week of hosting will be August 13-20.

**Box City** - June 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted an event called Box City at our new property on N. River Road. The hope for Box City was to raise funds for the work of the GNIHN at the AnneMarie House, but also to raise awareness for both youth & adults about the myths and realities of homelessness in our community. Together in the rain, 16 youth and 18 adults (only 8 adults "slept" over) shared this experience. I can say now that we were blessed with rain as I believe it helped to open our eyes a little further as we participated in educational activities, music by Steve Rafter & Becky Ladeau and by Pastor Tom and Rahel, and a campfire talk with Eileen Brady, a

social worker at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. In closing Sunday morning, under clear blue skies, we, youth and adults alike, were encouraged to go out into the world and share the experience.

Did you know?

- as of February 2006 there were 582 homeless individuals in the Greater Nashua area - Hudson, Litchfield, Nashua, Amherst, Milford, Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, Hollis and Brookline. Many of these are families and children. Statistics say that with every homeless person that comes forward to be counted there are 3-4 more that don't.
- 15 % of the apartments in Nashua are vacant because the rent is too expensive.
- we were able to raise over \$800 for the GNIHN by hosting Box City as each participant paid a \$10 fee to enter Box City and GNIHN received a grant from a Lutheran based organization.

**Many, many thanks to our Trustees - Dick Randlett, Jay Stringer, Bill Wrocklage and Everett Gale who embraced this event from the very beginning and gave us the support that was needed to host Box City at MUMC. Also thanks to the MUMC volunteers, Judy and Jessica Green, Pat and Steve Rafter, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Pastor Tom, Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Becky Ladeau and Bill Wrocklage for giving their time during the setup and throughout the event. And finally to those who "SLEPT OUTSIDE SO OTHERS WON'T HAVE TO": Tom Knapp, Marcus Lines, Pastor Tom, Rachel Rumohr, Emily Getchell-Lacey, Courtney Logue, Hannah Ladeau, Valerie Magri, Jack Betelak, Nathan Kimner and Jay Millhouse.**

(Outreach continued on page 13)

## Follow-up to District Day from Bishop Peter Weaver

June 2, 1006

Dear Partners in Ministry,

THE TRI-STATE DISTRICT DAY IN MILFORD, NH (May 20) focusing on outreach and evangelism was, by the grace of God, another amazing day (and the rain held off!) All of these days begin with a Community Leaders' Luncheon because it is very important to listen to those who really know the needs of the community before we start to try to relate to that community or neighborhood. We heard moving stories about homeless teens who go from one friend's house to the next...while trying to maintain a "normal" life of going to school. And like in many communities, we heard of the need for transportation for seniors. (One of our churches, where retired folks volunteer to transport other seniors to doctors' appointments or wherever, and in the process a relationship is built...and conversations about God's love and strength emerge, just naturally....and soon some of those transported start asking for transportation to that church).

When we asked how the church could be a better partner in helping with the needs of the community, the police captain challenged us by reminding us that the most important gift churches have (and the most needed) is the spiritual gift....the Good News of God's love.... the values of the fulfilling life....simple caring for the hollow heart that is behind so much abuse, crime, addictions, violence.....but we must connect with real people in our neighborhoods. One town selectman suggested that churches could bring "Prayer, Passion, and Participation" (He sounds like a "three point" preacher).

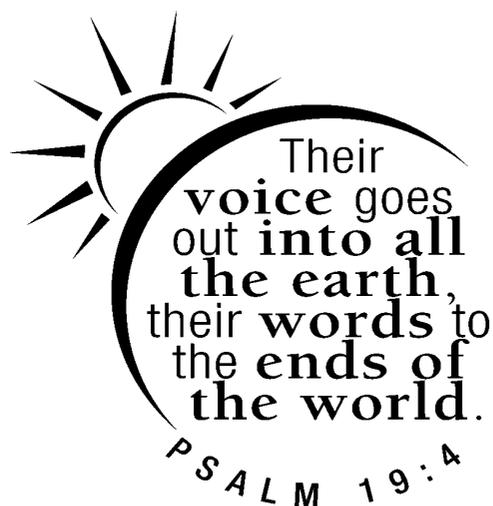
And that's what over thirty teams did in Milford that afternoon as they connected

in the neighborhoods of Milford. One woman, who was very reluctant to do house to house visitation, said she would rather "have all of her teeth pulled without Novocain!" But then she told of the great experiences of meeting folk, easy conversations, connecting with real needs, learning how really welcoming people are, and how God provides the openings to share a word about your own faith, even with total strangers, without forcing it....it just happens. Again, lots of "follow-ups" were identified for the Milford Church....some of whom came that night to a wonderful service that was held in the community room at the town hall (where unchurched are more comfortable coming...plus, our Milford Church is still under construction).

A number of our churches are now planning or already out doing visitations in their own neighborhoods....its great for hearing the needs around you, meeting your neighbors, and sharing the bread of life with others. Try it, if you haven't yet.

Grace and Peace,

*Pete*



## 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.

New England Assembly of the Laity – July 28 – 30, at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. A unique opportunity for learning, fellowship, and praise. Keynote Speaker – Rich Hughes. For more information go to [www.assemblyofthelaity.com](http://www.assemblyofthelaity.com)

Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & the Worship Arts--Workshop -- September 30, 2006 from 9 am to 2:30 pm, Wesley Church Concord, NH, more information to come.

Healthy Congregations – Healthy Boundaries – various dates and times in September and October. This seminar is being sponsored by the New England Conference Response and Intervention Team to assist pastors, congregations, church professionals and volunteers to better understand the dynamics of sexual abuse and strategies to prevent it from occurring. All pastors are required to attend, but the conference also encourages church staff and volunteers who work with children, and SPR members to attend. \$25 per person, \$100 maximum for a church. Please let Susan know if you would like to attend so that we can find the best date and place for our group to attend. Details coming soon to the conference website.

As fall approaches we are offering something for the community as the Red Cross will be on site offering screening and health tips for us all on Saturday September 16th.



The events team has been hard at work for months. It is our goal to have fun, inspirational events planned throughout the summer to keep everyone engaged and active during the summer months. Our plans are to be an open and inviting church family as we reach out into the community that surrounds us. We hope to offer a variety of events so that there will be something for everyone.

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> MUMC will be hosting our first Movie Night at our church. It is our hope to have a drive-in movie atmosphere that you and friends can come to and enjoy a relaxing, double feature family movie. The price will be right and refreshments are planned. What else can one hope for on a Saturday night in July!

August's schedule is taking shape, as well. The weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup> you'll have the opportunity to be a part of an old time tent revival. This one is big and will have something for everyone... fun, games, food, music, scripture, testimonials and much, much more. Then, later in the month we will be holding a Chicken BBQ.

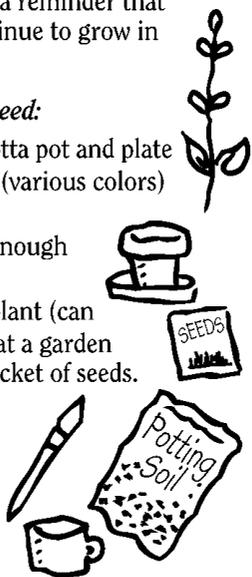
So we have an exciting summer schedule ahead of us. This will take a lot of work by many people. What better way to show our members and our community what we are all about – SPREADING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TO ALL. So plan now to participate in the Summer of 2006 fun.

# Growing in God's Word

Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

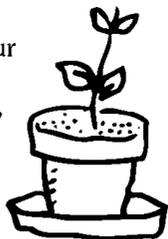
**What you will need:**

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant (can be purchased at a garden nursery) or packet of seeds.
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



**What you do:**

- 1) Spread some newspapers out on a table for your working area.
- 2) Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
- 3) Paint designs on the pot and plate. Make sure you clean your brush in the cup of water when changing colors.
- 4) When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the collar (top part of the pot) write: "Growing in God's Word"
- 5) Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With an adult's help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
- 6) Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant every day and keep the soil moist.
- 7) Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you, too, need care as you grow in God's Word.



## GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below. Use the definitions as clues.

Psalm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etre (2) dpeltan by (3) smatres of (4) rawte, which (5) ledsiy its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not (8) rithew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (rooted into the ground)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (small rivers)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (produces, gives)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (a time of the year)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (to dry up or wilt)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (succeeds)

## Notes from Program Ministry. .

I can't believe I've been working with the church for a year now. What a fast year it's been! I truly have enjoyed this year and all the things we've done together, and I look forward to next year. There are a bunch of new programs starting in the fall: Sacred Dance, a support group for people experiencing divorce or separation, new Bible studies, and hopefully a couple of new circles for women.

I'd have to say the only thing I'm concerned about programming-wise right now is that there are no new men's groups forming. The Men's breakfasts are always well attended, and whenever we have a work day there are scores of men who show up to volunteer. If this is enough to keep the men happy, that's fine with me. But if you men are feeling left out, what should we do? Have you heard of a neat event or group at another church? Do you see something in the community you think we should be doing? Jim Lawler and Bob Levesque, our Men's Ministry leaders are happy to talk to you about your ideas.

Or give me a call (672-4877). I'm here to help with all kinds of things. What would you like to do with your God given talents?

Susan Drew (smdrew@mindspring.com)



More Outreach/Missions  
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### MILITARY SUPPORT -

Operation Paperback - we are and will continue to collect new and used paperback books to send to our troops. They request suspense, biographies, science fiction, westerns, and best selling fiction.

Any Soldier ( [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com)) - we are collecting items to send in care packages to show our support for our troops. Frequently requested items: DVD's (new or used), phone cards, beef jerky, microwave popcorn, all toiletries, magazines, canned chicken or tuna, candy (not chocolate - it melts), gum, razors, flashlights and batteries... etc. The most frequently requested item is a LETTER. There will be a box for all donations in the fellowship area.

### A Message for America . .

Our former Secretary of State, General Colin Powell, tells about a soldier who was asked as the Desert Storm battle was about to begin, if he was afraid. "I'm not afraid," the young man answered, "because I'm with my family." Then he went on to explain, "This is my family and we'll take care of each other."

He knew that he could count on his friends for support and encouragement. General Powell suggests that it's that kind of attitude we should all have as Americans. He writes: "We have to stop screeching at each other, stop hurting each other, and instead start caring for, sacrificing for and sharing with each other... We cannot move forward if cynics and critics swoop down and pick apart anything that goes wrong, to a point where we lose sight of what is right, decent and uniquely good about America." Christians can only affirm such helpful and wise words. ...from Powell's book *My American Journey*

## See you at Wanakee this Summer?

Summer is here and we have many people going to Camp Wanakee for summer fun and fellowship. We are very excited to have about 35 people from our church attending Camp. There will be new friends, many pictures, and lots of memories from Wanakee. As you probably know, campers like to get mail. Below you will find the campers going to camp this June and July. If you feel like writing a letter to a camper, I'm sure they will appreciate it. (Wow is a one-day camp.) Even when you are having lots of fun, it's still nice to hear from people at home. Thank you for supporting Wanakee through your donations this year. It's so wonderful to have so many people attending this "Wonderful spiritual place in the hills."

Bring your family to Wanakee for food, friends, games and entertainment on Saturday, July 15 —

**10:00 a.m. Annual Footnotes concert** It's always a lot of fun, and many of our children will be performing. Hope to see you there.

**11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Homecoming**  
**Barbecue served. Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$4.50 children 12 & under. Buy your tickets at the door.**

**Wanakee Boosters:**  
**Nancy Tong and Kerri-Lynn Kimner**



### Send mail to:

**Wanakee United Methodist Center  
 75 Upper New Hampton Road  
 Meredith, NH 03253**

<u>Last,</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robinson, Chloe		Wow	6/24
Robinson, Paige		Wow	6/24
Snow, Ethan		Wow	6/24
Bussiere, Kevin		Wow	6/24
Logue, Nick		Wow	6/24
Snow, Josh		Wow	6/24
Heinlein, Conner		CYO Adventure I	6/25- 7/1
Robinson, Paige/Irma		YouN'Me	6/29 - 7/1
Halstead, Ellie		Reach for the Stars	7/2- 7/8
Halstead, Sarah		Cooking w/DaveII	7/2-7/8
Magri, Valerie		Ropes Rocks and Rivers	7/2- 7/8
Robinson, Chloe		Happy Feet	7/6 - 7/8
Schmidt,Patience		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Getchell-Lacey,Emily		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Goff,Angelia		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Kimner, Kerri-Lynn		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Kimner,Nathan		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Kimner,Stephanie		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Ladeau,Hannah		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Logue, Courtney		B, B, and B.	7/9 - 7/15
Reed, Alexis		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Tong, Nancy		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Millhouse, Jay		Footnotes	7/9 - 7/15
Getchell-Lacey,Emily		Off Broadway	7/12-7/22
Bussiere, Peter		Swim Adventure	7/16- 7/22
Getchell-Lacey, Danny & Tom		You N' Me	7/19-7/22
Snow, Ethan		International Camp	7/19-7/22
Snow, Josh		Happy Feet II	7/20-7/22
Bussiere,Kevin		Happy Feet II	7/20-7/22
Drew, Shannon & Kevin		You N' Me	7/30-8/2

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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 Prayer for spiritual growth**

**When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way.**

**When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind and increase my patience.**

**When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart.**

**When worry or fear raise their voices, speak to my faith.**

**Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my loving. Amen.**

**—Peggy Ferrell,**

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## *The Outreach*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>3</b> 6:30 Outreach at Levesque's	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9am White Tops/ Powell's  7 pm Church Council	<b>6</b> 10am-1pm Helping Hands	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 5th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am White Tops/ Powell's 9:30 Staff Mtg at Brook's  7 pm Stephen Supervision	<b>13</b> 10am-1pm Helping Hands	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9am White Tops/ Powell's  7 pm Finance	<b>20</b> 10am-1pm Helping Hands	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Dusk-Drive In Movie Night at N. River Rd. property
<b>23 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9am White Tops/ Powell's  7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>27</b> 10am-1pm Helping Hands	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Fellowship	<b>31</b> 6-8 pm Opening Night of VBS-Trading Places	<b>1</b> 6-8 pm VBS Trading Places	<b>2</b> 6-8 pm VBS Trading Places	<b>3</b> 6-8 pm VBS Trading Places	<b>4</b> 6-8 pm VBS Trading Places	

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