

THE OUTREACH

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Mark your calendar!

Dedication Service

for new building set for Sunday
October 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Join your MUMC family and
many others as we gather to give
thanks, celebrate, and dedicate
our brand new building to the
glory of God.



**Our Deepest Sympathies to
Ruth Ann Paden on the death
of her husband Bob who died on
Sunday September 10th. His
graveside service was held on
9/28 at the Boscawen Veterans
Cemetery.**

Important-Please Note:

Due to bulk mailing changes, it is
imperative that the 15th of the
month deadline is adhered to
going forward for the newsletter
submissions. We have been very
flexible in the past, but cannot
continue that flexibility and still
assure delivery by the 1st of the
month. Thanks in advance for
your compliance.

MORE Outreach/Missions. .



GNIHN - the first week of Octo-
ber is our next week of hosting
homeless families for the Greater
Nashua Interfaith Hospitality
Network. At this time there are 3
families staying at the Anne-
Marie House in Hudson (4 adults
and 5 children). By the time of
our week this number may
change. If you are interested in
volunteering for the GNIHN we
will be hosting training at
MUMC in October. Please watch
for the date and time to be
announced.

**On October 29th
Remember To....**



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**SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST**

- *Chicken BBQ pick
up on 10/7 at noon*
- *Pumpkin Fest Booth
10/7 and 10/8*
- *Dedication Service
10/22/06 3 pm*
- *Youth Group Lock-
In 5pm 10/27-8 am
10/28*
- *Photography for New
Church Directory
Nov 9th-Nov 11th-
make appointment
starting 10/01*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



October 6 George & Elaine Driscoll
 Congratulations on your
 50th Wedding Anniversary!

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. *Due to bulk mailing changes, it is imperative that the 15th of the month deadline is adhered to going forward. Thanks in advance for your compliance.*

Financially Speaking . . .

August 31, 2006

Income toward budget accounts	\$14,043.83
Expense—budget accounts	16,178.06
Balance in General Fund	(20,515.83)
August Building Fund Income	8,787.00
Unrestricted Bldg. Fund Bal 9/17	37,121.37
Restricted Bldg. Fund Bal.9/17	77,767.22
Designated Special Gifts 9/17	7,280.00



Happy Birthday!

October 1	Danny Getchell-Lacey
October 5	Samantha Randlett
October 9	Alberta Finch Lisa Rumohr
October 10	Steve Takacs
October 11	John Millhouse
October 12	Paul Berkebile
October 13	Evelyn Annis Olivia Masters Audra Millhouse
October 14	Kathryn Galley
October 15	Tyler Green
October 17	Barb Medlyn
October 18	Shannon Drew

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Dear Friends,

The big events just keep coming here at Milford United Methodist Church, don't they? Over the past couple of months, we have moved in to our new church building, held our first Vacation Bible School and first worship services there, had a wonderful Grand Opening Weekend, confirmed the first batch of young people in the new sanctuary, started Sunday School, all the while welcoming so many newcomers and well-wishers that it has sometimes been hard keeping up with all of them. In addition, we have launched or are in the launching stages of several new ministry initiatives, including Divorce Care and The Afternoon Off, a ministry of respite for those who are caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia, along with restarting several of our ongoing ministries.

October will bring a little bit of a slow down, at least in the beginning of the month. But then, a little over midway through, we will be hosting what promises to be a truly wonderful celebration; our Building Dedication Service on Sunday, October 22, at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. You won't want to miss this time of celebration, dedication, and thanksgiving as we commit our beautiful new facility to God's glory. We have invited former pastors, former members, clergy and laity from area churches, elected officials, denominational representatives, and others who have traveled this amazing journey with us, and we are expecting a big crowd. What a celebration it is going to be!

We have so much to be thankful for and so much to celebrate. I often find that as I think about all that God has done for us over these past several years, it takes me breath away. I hope you are experiencing your own breathtaking moments as together we travel down this amazing road together.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

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

Custodians:

Everett Gale and Jim Fortunato

Nursery: vacant position-looking to hire

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.

New Program coming soon!

Coming soon to the Milford United Methodist Church, a new Ministry, called The Afternoon Off Program. This is geared to those who care for loved ones at home with Alzheimer's and Dementia. In order for the caregiver to have some time for himself or herself, we will take care of their loved ones, here in the Church. Our program will be run every Friday afternoon for three hours. The exact times will be determined later. This program will be offered to the Community and will be free of charge. At this time we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to share their time.

You need not commit to this every week, but can schedule yourself in when time allows. However, every volunteer must go through the 12 hours of training that is necessary for this role. Seth Dudley will conduct training here in the Sanctuary. Please contact Pat and Bob Levesque for further details. Matt: 40 The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



Visitation Team needs you! We have several members of our congregation who need visitors. Do you have some time that you would be able to share with a new friend? Bring a smile, words of encouragement, and news of our congregation. It's easy. Contact Judy Green (672-7507) for more information.

Milford Great Pumpkin Festival Bean Bag Toss Game – Everyone wins a Prize! October 6th – 8th

What? 2 days of family fun! Toss the bean bag into the Jack-O-Lanterns mouth and win a prize. All you need to do is collect the money, hand out the bean bags, and then give a prize to a smiling child. Easy.

Where? The Milford Oval

When? Saturday, October 7th 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday, October 8th 10 am – 4 pm

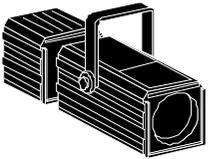
Why? A fundraiser to help pay babysitters for church-wide events and committee meetings!

Who? You! Bring your school-age children as helpers, too. For an hour or two either day.

How? Just call Susan Drew (672-4877) to join this fun-filled extravaganza.

It gets the name of the church out to our community, pays for babysitting that we really need, and is fun, too. How can you say no!?





Spotlight on Christmas Fair

MUMC Christmas Fair

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2006

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Our New Church

The Christmas Fair is just around the corner! Preparation is underway to make this year's fair a special time for our members and community. Listed below are the areas that will make up the fair this year. Are you able to help out in one of these areas? We would love your help. Please let the fair committee know of your interest.

Bake Table, Candy/Fudge Table, Cookie Run, Country Cupboard, Christmas Ornaments/Decorations, Christmas Wreaths/Centerpieces, Gift Tins, Jewelry, Knit Items, English Tea Room for Breakfast, Luncheon

Christmas Ornaments: Would you enjoy making some ornaments for the fair? We set up several Christmas trees on fair day and would like to fill them with a variety of ornaments.

- 1) **Make** some ornaments at home at your convenience and donate them to the fair. Some suggestions: crocheted snowflakes, folded ribbon ornaments, painted wooden or glass ornaments.
- 2) Do you have an ornament **idea to share**? We are interested in new ideas. Please share your ideas or even lead a small workshop. With a little instruction we can all make the item for the fair!

Country Cupboard: Each year the Country Cupboard needs to be stocked with fresh canned items. This is a reminder that we need jellies, jams, preserves, pickles, and relishes for fair day. All these items are excellent sellers.

- 1) Make you favorite homemade canned item. We would appreciate donations to help stock the cupboard. We need a variety so please talk to Pat Rafter and let her know what you are willing to donate.

As time approaches we will need bakers, candy/fudge makers, cooks, servers, sales persons and greeters. Please consider how you can help to make this year's fair the best fair ever!

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION: Place in the plastic container under the lobby coat rack labeled "FAIR."

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

FAIR WORKSHOPS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the church

Watch the bulletin for further workshop dates

Any questions or comments please contact:
Judy Green at JAGreen7507@yahoo.com
Pat Rafter at ICU2PER@aol.com
Barb Reed at NORTHWDS28@aol.com



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.

Marcus A. Lines
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Lawrenceville, GA 30043
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Milford, NH 03055
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Stewart and Vivian Ross
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Lyndeborough, NH 03082
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Donna Schofield
7 Larch Street
Milford, NH 03055

Jeremy and Kris Skaling
21 Bear Court
Milford, NH 03055
672-4772

Cheryl Spaulding
65 Valhalla Drive
Milford, NH 03055
801-0550

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Rudy Rumohr 521-7474

Correct Email Address:
Paul Berkebile - pberkebile@adelphia.net

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. . .

An Update on Our Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Through our Outreach Committee, our church will be providing a free dinner on Thanksgiving Day for homeless persons and others in need as well as some who would like to be among people rather than eating alone at home. The meal will be served at 12:30 P.M.

Among those working thus far are Susan Drew, Elaine and George Driscoll, Alberta Finch, Verna Fournier, Judy Green, Pat and Bob Levesque, Rita Lines, Callie McMahon, Ruth Ann Paden, Carol Rowlette, Teresa Sekanina, Bob Stanton, Emily St. John, Lonni Stapanon, and Steve Takacs.

More help will be needed as we approach the day itself. This will include such work as converting the sanctuary into the dining area early in that week, setting up the dining area, and helping with the cooking, serving and cleanup on Thursday.

As the church has only a small residential-sized kitchen, Lonni Stapanon, who will be in charge of the cooking, has contacted the VFW office and received permission to prepare all the non-turkey or dessert foods in their kitchen after which they will be brought to the church just prior to serving. (Lonni has suggested that we cook the turkeys in roaster ovens placed in various rooms at the church. Dessert donations will be sought from the congregation.)

If you can help in any area, please call Rita Lines (673-0398) or Pat Levesque (673-8868) as they are responsible for acquiring workers for the various tasks.



Should you know someone or a family who would like to eat with us then, please ask them to make a reservation with Susan Drew (672-4877).

If you would like more information on our purpose and progress, please call Rev. Morgan (672-1286).

Should you wish to help support this mission effort financially, please make your check payable to the church with the memo notation, "Thanksgiving Day Dinner." The check can then be placed in an offering plate or mailed to the church office at PO Box 476, Milford, NH 03055.

More than anything else, we would appreciate your prayers that we might be able to reach the people who will most benefit by a meal such as this—and your prayers of thanksgiving that many of us are blessed enough that we can offer this help.

Thank you,

Bob Morgan

Can You Help? The Staff-Parish Relations Committee . .

A Grateful Word From SPR

There are so many people to appreciate in our church family, especially during this challenging, transitional period in the life of our church. On top of saying thank you to each of you, who have played such important roles, the SPR Committee would like to recognize our dedicated Church Office Staff.

Marian Kopp, our Church Secretary, and Carol Brooks, our Assistant Church Secretary, have spent hours moving, unpacking, and preparing, their new office space. Challenges like setting up the Internet, the phone service, and the filing cabinets are keeping these ladies very busy. Many of us have leaned on their expertise for assistance, as we've searched for items and answers regarding our new building.

We are grateful to these women for fulfilling their jobs, but we want to remember and respect that they do not work every day of the week.

Office hours for Marian are: Monday thru Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Office hours for Carol are: Tuesday thru Thursday. 12:00 - 5:00pm.

If you need office assistance on a Sunday morning, Susan Drew, our Director of Program Ministries, will usually be around to help you. Thanks to Susan for her dedication too.

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

Contemporary Music Team Leader Needed:

The purpose of this position is:

To lead the musical portions of the MUMC Spirit Celebration worship service through a knowledge of musical composition, an ability to encourage and direct the growth of musical abilities of the MUMC Praise Band, and to provide input on a collaborative basis to positively influence the overall worship experience of the Spirit Celebration. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Callie McMahan at 673-5239, or any member of the Staff-Parish Relations committee

Junior Church Helpers Needed (paid position)

We are looking for patient, loving volunteers to provide child care for children (3 – 7 years old) during our 10:30 worship service on a rotating basis. If you have a love for children, a fun attitude and are willing to help in this very important area, please email or call Carol Stringer at stringerc@juno.com - 465-9358 or Callie McMahan at c.mcmahan@att.net - 673-5239.

Nursery Church Care Giver Needed (paid position)

We are seeking a patient, loving person to provide infant child care for both services from 8:00 – 12:30. Break provided between services. Early childhood education, child care training or child care experience preferred. Ideal candidate will have a love for children, a fun attitude and be able to supervise helpers. CPR training desirable. Submit resume or letter of interest to MUMC, Att: Staff Parish Relations Committee or email or call Carol Stringer, SPR Committee Member, at stringerc@juno.com – 465-9358.

Outreach/Missions Activities

Outreach / Missions - 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

Poverty Knows No Season*. These words on a Salvation Army sign remind us, as we enter into this busy autumn season with our eyes looking ahead towards Advent, that there are so many needs in our community and in our world. Working together, we can indeed make a difference.

SHARE - the local non-profit organization located at St. Patrick's church reaches out to people in Milford, Mont Vernon, Amherst and Brookline that are in need. In addition to operating the Clothing Barn and the Food Pantry, SHARE has also provided emergency financial assistance when necessary. Last year, over \$242,000 was used by SHARE as emergency assistance to 1067 families (2119 individuals) . Until recently, SHARE was the means of support that people would turn to as a last resort. Local welfare rules have been changed now and SHARE will be in the first "line of defense" so to speak, in our local fight against poverty. We at the MUMC will continue to support the efforts of SHARE, recognizing that their needs may be greater as they reach out to meet the on-going needs in our community. (visit www.sharenh.org for additional information)

Ways that we can support SHARE -

* financial donations - checks written to MUMC and designated to Outreach / SHARE support
* volunteer - contact SHARE at 673-9898 to help in the Clothing Barn or in the Food Pantry. They also need people to help provide a noon meal as part of the LUNCH BUNCH. You can make an item one Monday a month or every

Monday. The LUNCH BUNCH serves at Granite Square Apartments, Beechbrook Apartments and The Mill on a rotating basis. Around the holidays there are many volunteer opportunities (these will be posted closer to that time).

* donate gently used clothing and shoes for the Clothing Barn. These items need to be taken directly to the clothing barn. (open - Wed. 3:30pm-5pm ... Thur. & Sat. 10am-12n) The large bins located at the Milford Transfer Station and Ladd's Convenience Store in Brookline are for less than perfect clothing. The items put into the bins is sent to be recycled and SHARE receives the proceeds.

* bring bread - each Communion Sunday we will be collecting bread that will be given to the Food Pantry so please remember to bring a loaf each month.

* donate food items for the Food Pantry. We have a basket as you enter the church for your donations. During the month of October we at MUMC will be collecting: LAUNDRY DETERGENT , DISH SOAP, CLEANING PRODUCTS.

OPERATION PAPERBACK - in September we sent out 6 boxes of paperbacks (12-22 books per box) to US troops. These books will be used by individuals and in some areas they are also being used to create libraries so that many more soldiers will benefit as time goes on. The children at Vacation Bible School this past August created bookmarks each night for the troops that are also being added to the boxes. Thank you to all who continue to donate your books.

ANY SOLDIER - (www.anysoldier.com) We were able to send 6 boxes of items to soldiers during the month of September. Many thanks to the person/ persons who so generously donated coffee, trail mix and microwave popcorn. In addition we purchased some athletic socks, toiletries, gatorade, mixed nuts, soap, etc. We only had 4 letters to send, so please.. please... take a minute to write to a soldier (any soldier). Tell them that you are praying for them. Tell them that you love autumn in New England. Tell them that the Red Sox are struggling. MORE. . .

Message from Committee on Finance

The Grand Opening of our new home was grand, indeed. Many visitors gave us the opportunity to proudly show off our "house for God". Congregation members and first-time attendees expressed many compliments on the building and amenities. The Milford United Methodist Church will be around for many years to serve God.

The congregation also has new financial responsibilities that accompany the joy of our new church building. Our two Capital Campaigns have put us in an excellent position to pay the monthly mortgage resulting from construction of the church. For the next two years, Capital Campaign contributions will cover the mortgage expense. Church family growth during this period will, hopefully, lighten the burden by the end of the two years.

Many of you are aware of more current financial needs. Our General Fund deficit has reached the \$20,000 mark. What does this mean? In short, it means we are spending more than we are bringing into the general budget. However, we are still remaining current on expenses like staff salaries, and utility bills. The Finance Committee has reviewed the budget and has reduced expenditures as much as possible. There are no "extras" in the budget. In fact, the Finance Committee has decided to remain current on only the Ministerial Support portion of our Conference Mission Shares, as a measure to reduce some expenses.

It is time to establish the 2007 Operating Budget. Finance is asking all committees to exercise restraint in the formulation of their budgets. Seek creative ways to fund some of the lesser projects, but be accurate in your projections for program funding. Finance is not asking to cut expenditures on programs

because a healthy, growing church has growing, active programs. Church programs must be funded, and the budget projections are a good starting place.

This message is intended to inform and not alarm. It highlights the need for everyone to think of ways to conserve and reduce expenses. Simple actions, like turning off unneeded lights, and adjusting thermostats to comfortable but reasonable levels, will help keep expenses down as we learn the operation of the new building. There are many other ways to reduce expenditures.

The congregation should also think of creative ways to provide more funds for the church, without asking the congregation to give more. Even though the church family response to our financial needs has always been generous, many have already sacrificed to get us where we are. Finance welcomes any and all ideas to create more funds.

One of the main reasons we built a new church was so we could grow and spread the Word of God. The opportunity for growth is before us. Invite a friend, colleague, or a new acquaintance to attend church. And, above all, enjoy our house of worship.



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.

Marriage Mentor Training – October 13 – 14, Portland, ME. Mentor Couple training is open to lay couples with healthy, growing marriages who want to learn with premarital couples, newlyweds, and couples in crisis. In cooperation with the pastor, mentors dramatically increase the effectiveness of a church's ministry to marriages and families. This could be a wonderful ministry for MUMC if you able to attend. Please see Pastor Tom for more information.

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – Theme: Inner Peace and Peace Making. A retreat for lay and clergy persons who hunger for a deeper spiritual life. The academy is open to all adults who are seeking God and wish to grow in Christian community with other seekers. October 22-27, Calvary Retreat Center, Shrewsbury, MA. Contact Rosemary McNulty (978)682-7676 x201, rmcnulty@meunc.org for more information.

Walk to Emmaus – a 3 day experience, sponsored by the UM church, that takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Various dates and locations throughout the fall. Go to www.crossroadsemmausofne.org for more information.

NE School of Congregational Development – October 26 – 28, Wesley UMC, Worcester, MA. This conference, attended by seven of our congregation last year, is really wonderful. There will be dozens of workshops on growing and developing stronger congregations,

inspiring worship services, and featured speakers. More information to come, but please try to attend at least one day. It is well worth it.

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. *Pastor Tom is going on October 28th to the Concord seminar if anyone wants to go with him.*

More News of Our Church Family . .

Baptised on September 24, 2006, was Nora Elizabeth Skaling, daughter of Jeremy and Kris Skaling of Milford. Brother, Aaron Skaling helped. Godparents were Melissa Gagnon, Kelly Klaubert and Michael Skaling.

Our Sympathy to Carol Bartlett on the death of her husband, the Rev. Harry Bartlett on September 18, 2006. Funeral services were held at our church in Milford on Monday, September 25. Harry grew up in our church and was an ordained minister in the Congregational Church serving in New Hampshire and Illinois. Carol may be contacted at 124 Antares Circle, Round Lake, IL 60073.

HOSPITALITY HOSTING On Sunday Morning “Coffee Time”

Beginning in October and each month after, committees and groups within the church will take turns monthly hosting coffee time on Sunday morning. It is an excellent way to highlight what your group or committee is all about. If your group would like to take part in this important ministry, there are still a few months available. Please contact Tami Betelak or Barb Reed to be included on the schedule.

PURPOSE: Provide a welcoming atmosphere for people to meet and greet one another. “...Somehow clutching a cup of coffee forms a shield against insecurity. Coffee gives some people courage to meet others, face new situations, and sip on something rather than talk.” (Ministry Marketing Made Easy by Yvon Prehn)

DUTIES: Set up the hospitality area in the lobby. Prepare and set up drinks and snacks before the first worship service. Refresh the drinks and snacks in between the services. Clean up the hospitality area at the end of the second worship service.

SEPTEMBER	Outreach
OCTOBER	Worship
NOVEMBER	Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)
DECEMBER	Open
JANUARY	Finance
FEBRUARY	SPR
MARCH	Education
APRIL	Trustees
MAY	Stephen Ministry
JUNE	Open
JULY	Open
AUGUST	Seasoned Generation

From the Worship Committee:

Grand Opening weekend was wonderful as we welcomed friends, family and the community to our new church and worship services. We’ve waited a long time and many people have and continue to work very hard. Now is the time to share -- Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

A special “thank you” for the beautiful communion tower that was anonymously gifted to our church. What a wonderful gift and a nice addition to the communion table. Thanks from the MUMC congregation.



WORLD COMMUNION, Sunday, October 1
PLEASE BRING A LOAF OF BREAD
 As we come together to share in World Wide Communion on Sunday, October 1st. We are asking each family to bring a loaf of bread to be placed at the altar. The bread loaves will be donated to SHARE, the local food pantry, for distribution to people in need in our community.

Sunday School and Program Ministry

Welcome back to Sunday School. Registration was on September 10 and we registered over 60 children.

Hopefully, during the first few weeks of Sunday School you've walked around and said, "What in the world are they doing in Sunday School?" What we are doing is learning about the Bible. We are learning about it by singing, creating, acting, digging, etc. Our fall curriculum, Digging into the Bible, is based on the theory that there are many ways to learn things. Not all children learn the same way and it is important that children experience things in multiple ways to optimize their learning. Even in the Bible, people learned about God and Jesus through different experiences. They talked, they listened, they sang, they prayed, they worked with each other, and they told stories. This fall we are attempting to present Sunday School lessons through authentic experiences that the children will enjoy and remember.

How can you help? We are looking for people who are willing to lead 4-week sessions in cooking, video, computers, games, art, story telling and music. There will always be another adult in the room with you and the curriculum will be provided. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School contact Kerri-Lynn Kimner. 673-9911 skkimner91@adelphia.net.

The high school class will continue using their curriculum through Interline. This curriculum uses contemporary Christian music as a starting place for discussion.

The Adult class will be meeting in the music room. The class is currently using the video series "That the World May Know." For more information on adult Sunday School, contact Paul Berkebile.

Notes from Program Ministry

During the month of October at the Milford United Methodist Church (MUMC) the Nominations Committee meets and starts matching the congregations gifts for service with places where they can use these gifts on our committees. This work has to be done before the Church Conference each year, this year taking place on Sunday December 10th, after the 2nd service. Nominations will be looking for people who would like to serve on our Church Council, Communications Committee, Education Team, Evangelism Committee, Finance Committee, Outreach Committee, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Board of Trustees, or Worship Committee. Last year the church moved to a system whereby each committee member serves for 3 years and then the commitment is done. That person can return to their committee at that point, join another committee, or take a rest. Anyone who is interested in hearing more about a committee should contact me, Susan Drew (672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com). I have written committee and job descriptions for all the committees.

But committees aren't the only thing happening at our church, or the only way to serve. There is Stephen Ministry, the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network (also called the "homeless shelter"), choirs of all kinds, fellowship groups that need leaders, childcare needs, driving ministry, Meals to Heal, Visitation Team, the new Afternoon Off program, greeters, acolytes, communion stewards, bakers, crafters, planters, welcomers.... You see I could go on for a while like this.

Whether you have loads of time to volunteer, or just an hour, we could use your help and talents. Volunteering at MUMC is a great way to serve God, and get to know one another. And it's fun! I don't think I laugh as much as I do during Vacation Bible School. The adult leaders and the kids are just so great. Give me a call anytime. I can help you find the right place to serve, and make introductions. I'll even go with you to your first meeting and introduce you around.

Susan Drew (sndrew@mindspring.com)

Announcement

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Potrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for potrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional potraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing Are:

Nov. 9th, 10th and 11th

If you have questions, please contact Pat Levesque at [673-8868](tel:673-8868).

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

Sincerely,

Your MUMC Family

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THE OUTREACH

Change Service Requested

Church Office hours:

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

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



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

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“To stay,” not Tuesday

I was leading a Sunday school class in the singing of “I’ve Got the Joy.” With smiles on their faces, the children sang, “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?) Down in my heart to stay!”

When he heard that last phrase, one 5-year-old boy looked up at me with a puzzled look on his face and asked, “On Tuesday?”

“No,” I laughed, “Not Tuesday, to stay.”

“But YOU said, “Tuesday!” His remark led our class into a conversation about having joy in our hearts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every day of the week.

Another boy said, “Yeah, 24/7!” What a lesson I learned that day. We all have the joy of the Lord in our hearts, every day of the week and every hour of the day!

Maxine Hark,
Canton Christian Church, Canton, Missouri



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The Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 17th Pentecost 8:30 Spirit Celeb 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship No Youth Group	2 9:30am New-Mom's Network 4 :00 SonBeams 4:30Trinity Dov 7:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ed Team 7:00SPRelations	3 4:00-5 Youth Sacred Dance 7:30 Trustees	4 9:00 am White Tops 12 Women's Bible study 7:00 Church Council	5 10am-1pm Helping Hands 5:30-7 Bells 7:30-9 Chancel Choir	6 6:30-8:30 Praise Team 7:00-9:00 DivorceCare	7 Chicken BBQ To Go Pumpkin Fest Booth
8 18thPentecost 8:30 Spirit Celeb 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 5-6:30 Youth Group	9 9:30am New-Mom's Network 4 :00 SonBeams 4:30Trinity Dov 7:00 Disciple Bible Study	10 4:00-5 Youth Sacred Dance	11 9:00 am White Tops 12 Women's Bible study 7:00 Stephen Min.Supervision	12 10am-1pm Helping Hands 5:30-7 Bells 7:30-9 Chancel Choir	13 6:30-8:30 Praise Team 7:00-9:00 DivorceCare	14
15 19thPentecost 8:30 Spirit Celeb 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 5-6:30 Youth Group	16 9:30am New-Mom's Network 4 :00 SonBeams 4:30Trinity Dov 7:00 Disciple Bible Study	17 4:00-5 Youth Sacred Dance	18 9:00 am White Tops 12 Women's Bible study 7:00 Finance	19 10am-1pm Helping Hands 5:30-7 Bells 7:30-9 Chancel Choir	20 6:30-8:30 Praise Team 7:00-9:00 DivorceCare	21
22 20thPentecost 8:30 Spirit Celeb 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 3:00 Bldg.Dedication 5-6:30 Youth Group	23 9:30am New-Mom's Network 4 :00 SonBeams 4:30Trinity Dov 7:00 Disciple Bible Study	24 4:00-5 Youth Sacred Dance	25 9:00 am White Tops 12 Women's Bible study 7:00 Stephen Min. Supervision	26 10am-1pm Helping Hands 5:30-7 Bells 7:30-9 Chancel Choir	27 6:30-8:30 Praise Team 5:00 pm Youth 7:00-9:00 DivorceCare	28 Group Lock-In to 8am
29 21stPentecost 8:30 Spirit Celeb 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 3:00-4:00 Pastor'sBrunch 5-6:30 Youth Worship	30 9:30am New-Mom's Network 4 :00 SonBeams 4:30Trinity Dov 7:00 Disciple Bible Study	31 4:00-5 Youth Sacred Dance				

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