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Mission Trip to Katrina Coming Soon

As of the writing of this article, we have 30 people going to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Katrina relief. The MUMC team is made up of: Rita Lines, Jon and Michele Bossie, Lonni Stapanon, Tami Davis-Betelak, Pastor Tom, Dave Stackpole, Steve Rafter, Tim Herlihy, Bob Stanton, Nikki and Sylvia Crosbourne, Tevin Aubry, and Ed and Gail Hernandez. There is another big group coming from the First United Methodist Church of Laconia and Gilford, and a couple of people from other churches who are friends of our team members.

The primary effort of our trip will be restoring homes to their pre-storm condition. Most of the demolition has been done. Our team will be hanging wall board, painting, tiling kitchens and bathrooms, maybe some plumbing and roofing. Our team members have all levels of skills and will all be used in our work. There is something for everyone to do.

The team is still taking donations to help offset the cost of members traveling to and from

Louisiana, and for arrangements there. We will be accepting donations until Sunday, October 21st.

Any donations that come in after we leave will be saved for future mission trips. Monies raised in excess of our own needs before the trip will be donated to future Katrina recovery efforts in the name of our church. We want to be clear that all funds raised for mission work will be used on mission projects by either our team or other teams.

If you have any questions regarding the Mission trip, please see Dave Stackpole (465-7885, dstackpole@charter.net) right away. If you have any questions regarding this new way to fundraise, please call Susan Drew (672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com).

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Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. Our District Superintendent, Janice Davis, will be present to preside at our meeting which includes reports from the pastor and church leaders, the setting of the pastor's compensation package, other business plus a time of learning. Everyone is welcome to attend but only church members are allowed to vote.

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3:15 p.m. District Super meets with Staff-Parish Relations Committee

4:15 p.m. Church Conference Worship and Business Meeting

Anniversaries and Birthdays

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



Happy Anniversary!

October 6 George and Elaine Driscoll

October 14 Carol and Don Brooks

Happy Birthday!

Danny Getchell-Lacey	October 1
Samantha Randlett	October 5
Alberta Finch	October 9
Lisa Svenson	October 9
Steve Takacs	October 10
Beth Brooks	October 11
John Millhouse	October 11
Paul Berkebile	October 12
Evelyn Annis	October 13
Olivia Masters	October 13
Audra Millhouse	October 13
Kathryn Galley	October 14
Shannon Drew	October 18
Jeanne Desrosiers	October 20
Matthew Hoffmann	October 27

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.

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

Financially Speaking . . .

August 31, 2007

Income toward budget accounts	\$15,682.20
Expense—budget accounts	16,383.97
Balance in General Fund	8,199.68
Aug. Building Fund Income	7,178.00

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Dear Friends,

I recently had a conversation with a colleague who pastors a United Methodist Church here in southern New Hampshire. She told me about a young man who had started going to her church who is a recovering crack addict. When she didn't see him for a while, she called him to see how he was doing. Turns out he had started attending a non-denominational church that was meeting at a nearby school, after joining their men's group and finding that it was really helping him as he battled to stay clean and sober.

This story reminds me another story told by Bishop Will Willimon of the Northern Alabama Conference. A pastor told him of a fellow who had come to his church in need of healing. "We had tried to help him," said the pastor. "He lived almost next door to our church. His yard was a disgrace. Broken-down cars. Dead washing machine (and dryer) on the front porch. He drank. Rumors were, he abused his wife and kids. We tried. Invited her to the United Church Women. Once we paid for the kids to go to church camp. Nothing. All our good efforts were for nothing. A year or so later, I was suddenly aware that his yard had changed. It was now neat. Clean. No major appliances in the yard. Hum. I saw him downtown, well, didn't recognize him at first. 'Tom, is that you?' I asked, after this well-dressed man had spoken to me. He had so radically changed. I hardly knew him. What happened? 'I've been saved,' he said. 'From what?' I asked. 'From hell,' he announced. 'The hell of my life, the hell I'd put my family in. Born again. Fire baptized. No more alcohol. No more meanness.' I couldn't deny the miracle. 'Owe it all to that church,' he said. Then he named a church, one of those unattached, free-lance, fundamentalist, narrow, fanatical, ignorant churches. 'Gosh, Tom,' I said. 'I wish our church could have helped you. That church is,



well, a bit narrow.' He smiled. 'Don't feel bad, preacher. No nice church would have had me. You United's offered me aspirin. I needed massive chemotherapy.'"

Now, there are lots of reasons why different sorts of churches work better for different sorts of people. No church can be all things to all people, and it is not necessarily a failure on the part of either of these mainline churches that these folks felt it necessary to go elsewhere for their spiritual nurture and growth. But what these stories make me wonder about is this: do we who like to think that we belong to churches that are not "narrow, fanatical, [or] ignorant," believe in the power of God to change people's lives—sometimes even overnight? Is there a balm in Gilead? Or is our God only capable of doling out aspirin when what we really need is massive chemotherapy?

In other words, maybe it is not the absence of a men's group or because we dress too nicely for some folks or because we use the wrong kind of music that causes some to drift off and go somewhere else, or give up and go nowhere. Maybe it is because we don't hold out the possibility of meeting the living God, or have an expectation that meeting this God will set us free, and sometimes in dramatic, miraculous, overnight fashion.

I don't believe that it is necessary for every church to sponsor every sort of

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From the Worship Committee:

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday – October 7th: Remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar on Communion Sunday. The bread loaves will be donated to SHARE, the local food pantry, for distribution to people in need in our community. This is one small way we can help others in need.

Donation of Altar Flowers

Our cost for an altar arrangement from Woodman's Florist is \$25. If you want to request a special type/size of arrangement, the cost would vary accordingly. Talk to Roberta Langis, the Flower Coordinator, regarding special requests at bertlangis@aol.com or 673-4560.

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

Volunteers needed for Jr. Church!

Volunteers are needed each Sunday during the 10:45 service to lead our 1st and 2nd grade class of Jr. church. All the materials are provided. If you have some time to share your love of Jesus with some of our little members of the congregation call Susan Drew (672-4877).





The Lamplighters are a group of women who meet once a week for Bible study, sharing and friendship. As Lamplighters we would like to share with you – once a month – a thought, a prayer, a pearl of wisdom or a chuckle, hoping this little spark will make your life a little brighter just as it did for us. Here is another Lamplighters' spark and a comforting thought in these uncertain times :

The key to surviving a crisis is hope. Hope that the future you place in Jesus' hands will be better than the present that you hold in your own.

(Guideposts Outreach)

Planning Ahead: A Workshop on Living Wills and Health Care Proxies

**Saturday, October 6, 10:00 -- Noon
at Milford United Methodist Church**

If you were involved in a serious accident or other debilitating health crisis, are you certain that your family knows your wishes and would be able to see to it that those wishes were followed? Have you adequately planned to ensure that all legal impediments to allowing your loved ones to speak on your behalf should you become physically or mentally unable to communicate your wishes? If the answer to these and similar questions is "no," you are placing yourself and your loved ones in a potentially costly and heartbreaking situation, and you need to take some simple steps to prevent that from happening.

For that reason, the Stephen Ministry team at Milford United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free workshop to help you learn more about advance medical directives, including living wills and durable power of attorney for health care (a.k.a. health care proxies). Leading the workshop will be our own Shelia Kaufold, who, in addition to being a member here at MUMC, is an attorney specializing in estate planning at the firm of Wiggin & Nourie in Manchester. Shelia will cover the basics of advance medical directives, and she will also provide participants with forms and instructions so that, if they choose they will leave the workshop with a completed and notarized living will and health care proxy. This workshop is free of charge, and is open to the general public, so please feel free to invite your friends. For more information, please contact Pastor Tom, Tom Knapp, Pat Levesque, or Rita Lines.



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:

Herb and Candi Goff
234 B Green Street, Apt. #4
Manchester, NH 03103
624-0714



OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Thomas M. Getchell-Lacey

Ministers:

Every member of the congregation

Organist and Choir Director: Sally Landis

Choir Accompanist: Nancy Tong

Spirit Celebration Music Dir: Chris Willard

Handbell and Youth Choirs Director:

Mary Tyler-Wall

Youth Choir Accompanist:

Kaleen Fortunato

Director of Program Ministries:

Susan Drew

Church Secretary: Marian Kopp

Assistant Church Secretary: Carol Brooks

Custodian: Jim Fortunato

Nursery: Kristina McEntee

Toddler: Nicola Crosbourn

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.

UPDATED Church Directories of names, addresses, telephone numbers can be found on the narthex table or in the church office. (sorry, no pictures this time)

DISCOVER THE JOY

Mission Statement:

The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement:

We will help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ by:

- o Providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences.
- o Establishing and encouraging small groups for study, support, prayer, fellowship, and service.
- o Empowering people to discover, develop, and use their gifts for ministry.
- o Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

Values Statement:

We commit ourselves to:

- o Know Scripture and live it.
- o Act with integrity.
- o Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.
- o Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- o Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- o Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- o Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- o Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.

News From the Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Committee

The planning committee for the Thanksgiving dinner had it's first meeting on September 17th and working from the lessons we learned last year, put together plans for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. Present were, Bob Stanton, Verna Fournier, Steve Tackas, Bob Morgan, Elaine Driscoll, Lonni Stapanon and Callie McMahon.



This was a very successful ministry last year and we pray that we will be blessed by God's grace and be successful again this year. The generosity of our church family and the Baptist Church was incredible.

We have made some changes to the way we will conduct the day, engage volunteers and gather donations as there were several challenges with the way we handled some of these items last year. We hope that these changes will allow involvement from more people without always requiring someone to give up an entire day or many hours.

Initially we are looking for volunteers to coordinate committees that will be responsible for certain tasks for the event. We are hopeful that this will help us to lighten the requirements for all involved. A list of these committees and the expectations for each will be available in the Narthex each Sunday until all of the tasks are covered. Once the coordinators are found they will be looking for help to complete the tasks they have taken on. Some examples are: Music (coordinate music for the event), Drink Station (ensure that the drink station is supplied, serve if needed), dessert station, dessert coordinator, food transportation just to name a few.

We will also be putting up a sharing tree that will show all of the food items we will need. We will be specific about the items we want as we would like the food presentation and preparation to be as consistent as possible.

Please look for us in the Narthex over the next weeks. We hope that you will support this effort again this year.

Contact Lonni Stapanon at 621-1107 or Callie McMahon at 673-5239 for more information. Our next meeting is October 1st from 7-9 at the church.

Stephen Ministry Training



They Are among Us

No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Scriptures describe their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3). If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. A training class is starting soon. Please contact Pat Levesque, Tom Knapp, Rita Lines or Pastor Tom for more information.

MUMC Christmas Fair

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Christmas Fair is just around the corner! Plans are underway so we can again open our doors to the community for this exciting day as shoppers make their way around the town of Milford. Listed below are the areas that will make up the fair this year. Please consider helping in one of these areas.

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

Christmas Ornaments: Would you enjoy making some ornaments for the fair? We set up a Christmas tree on fair day to display all the different ornaments that have been made. We have baskets full of hand-made ornaments to choose from. Will you help us fill the baskets this year 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 see 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. We could use your help for several hours or all day if you would like. 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 items in the plastic container under the coat rack labeled "FAIR".

Jelly Jars – Mason jar type
Tins (Christmas and others)
Vases/Containers for flower arrangements
Jewelry
3" Styrofoam balls
Coffee cans with plastic lid – 13-16 oz size
Polyfill stuffing
Yarn
Buttons

UPCOMING FAIR WORKSHOPS

All levels of crafters are welcome. We have jobs for everyone.

Sunday, October 14 (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Sunday, October 28 (2:00 – 5:00 pm)

Saturday, October 27 (9am – 12 noon) Snowmen Sewing Workshop

Bring your sewing machine, thread, and scissors if you own these items. We also have jobs for those who do not sew - cutting, stuffing, hand stitching. So please consider joining in on the fun. We hope to have a very productive time!

Any questions or comments please contact:
Pat Rafter at ICU2PER@aol.com 673-4516
Barb Reed at NORTHWDS28@aol.com
673-6950



Outreach/Missions Activities

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

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

GNIHN - Thanks to all those who continue to support/volunteer for the Greater Nashua Hospitality Network. Milford area volunteers are responsible for coordinating/staffing the Anne Marie House, Hudson, NH, (a place where homeless families who are in transition can live while searching for homes of their own). There is always a need for additional volunteers for GNIHN. If you have any questions re: GNIHN, please contact Tami Davis Betelak (672-9082). The next Milford Area volunteer time is 9/9/2007-9/15/2007.

Pumpkin Festival - we will be having a booth selling slushies, used Halloween costumes, etc as a way to raise both funds and awareness for the GNIHN and it's efforts at the Anne-Marie House in Hudson. We will need people to help at the booth both Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7. We also are collecting new & used costumes so if you have any costumes that you no longer need please consider donating them.

SHARE: For the month of October, we at MUMC will be collecting the following items to donate to the SHARE food pantry located at St. Patrick's Church here in Milford: laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, large brown bags, and sandwich bread. Items may be placed in the large basket located in the foyer, or front entrance area, of the church.

Meals to Heal Program----

There is a wonderful opportunity for someone to use their spiritual gifts and volunteer as the Meals to Heal Program Coordinator. The role of the coordinator is 1) to coordinate the provision of meals to families who are in need of special attention due to various reasons and 2) to be in contact with Pastor Tom regularly re: people in the MUMC community who may be in need. The coordinator is not responsible for making a meal for each of the families who are in need (unless of course the coordinator wants too). If you think you might be interested in this volunteer position, please speak to Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Outreach Committee Chairperson. (Just a reminder: If you know of people who may be in need of a meal or 2, please contact Wendy Getchell-Lacey, who is coordinating this ministry at present.)



GUESS WHO?

Come, join the Seasoned Generation group for our Annual Masquerade Party, Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Roberta Randlett in Brookline, NH. Have an eerie? good time and please bring a snack to share. Contact Roberta at 672-4997 if you can come and directions will be given.



There are many ways you can give to others.
All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room – like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.



THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
 D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
 X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

_____, _____

_____."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."



Education Team News

Sunday school began on September 9th, and we have 72 children registered from the pre-school class through the high school class. We also have an adult class, "Simply Christian" led by Steve Kimner. For all our classes, you can drop in anytime.

We are still looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Shepherds for the 2nd and 3rd grade class to team with Heather Leach, and shepherds for the middle school class to team with Nancy Feraco and Kathy Poplar. A shepherd does not do the teaching, rather stays with the class each week, takes attendance and helps out the teacher where needed.

- Jr. church volunteers for the 1st and 2nd grade class. We have a very easy to follow curriculum and all materials are provided.

The mission project for this Sunday school year will be Heifer project. All monetary collections during the year will go to this charity. To hear more about Heifer go to www.Heifer.org. For the month of October, the younger kids will be collecting used glasses and sunglasses to be given to Sight Night. The Lions Club, who are one of the sponsors of Sight Night, will clean, repair, and hand-deliver to underprivileged individuals worldwide who cannot otherwise access or afford it. Look for the collection boxes in the lobby, and maybe one of the kids will stop by your house on Halloween when they will be trick-or-treating for glasses! For more information on this effort go to: www.Sightnight.org.

Pastor's Message (continued from page 3)

ministry to reach every sort of person with every sort of need or problem. I do believe it is absolutely essential for the mainline church to reconnect with the concept of conversion, to see radical and miraculous life change as a normal part of what it means to know and serve Jesus Christ. We need to do this not just for the sake of crack addicts or alcoholic neighbors. Truth be told, we all need massive chemotherapy, and there is One who can administer it to us.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

Good to Great church audit surveys to be completed during worship for four Sundays

As part of the diagnostic part of the G2G process, we are gathering all sorts of information from all sorts of people in all sorts of ways. One of those ways is a very brief survey that we will be asking everyone in attendance at services this coming Sunday and the following three Sundays after that. We kindly ask your participation and cooperation in this very important part of our G2G process. If you attend worship for more than one Sunday over the next month, you will be asked to complete this survey every time you are in worship. This is a way for you to have a voice! Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Upcoming events at Wanakee United Methodist Center

1. Fall work day Saturday, October 13, 2007-
Free Event. 9:00am -3:00pm (or however long you can stay) Help put Wanakee to rest for another winter! Adults, families and youth. Every hand makes a difference. Something for everyone. Bring your friends. Lunch will be provided.

2. Fall Work Retreat Weekend Friday - Sunday October 19-21 Free event. Stay for all or part of the weekend. Meals are provided. Adults and youth are welcomed. Please call the office if you can participate. 603-279-7950

3. Beginning Scrap Booking with the very creative Kathy Mantler. This workshop is limited to 8 lucky participants. Date: Friday 7:00 pm November 9, 2007 thru Sunday 1:00pm November 11, 2007. Place: Wanakee's Homestead Retreat building.

Do you have boxes of pictures waiting to be discovered? Then join in the fun as Kathy guides us in organizing, cropping, decorating and embellishing our pictures in a lovely scrapbook. Just in time for Christmas gifts. A weekend packed with: 5 different informative scrap booking workshops. Free time for walking the grounds. A visit to the famous Anna Lee doll factory/outlet in Meredith. Late evening enjoy a movie popcorn, home made ice cream. A weekend of friendship not to be missed.

Cost: \$80 for 2 nights lodging and 5 meals and snacks. \$20 fee for materials which are provided. Please call the office 603-279-7950 to register by Nov. 1. (\$50 deposit is required.)

4. Women's environmental weekend. "How can you buy the sky"

Enjoy this weekend retreat for women and consider how we live on the sacred earth: where did we come from, why are we here, where are we going? Date: Friday October 12 (7:00pm) - Sunday October 14 (12:00). Location: Wanakee United Methodist Center farmhouse. Retreat leaders: Judith Custer and Lora Moore. Cost: \$60 meals and lodging. Deposit to hold your reservation \$25. Reservations needed by Oct. 8th. Questions call Judith 603-743-3348, Lora 603-259-1234. Reservations call Wanakee office 603-279-7950

5. Back by popular demand 2 sessions of: Winter Wild Wanakee Women Weekends.

Winter Wild Wanakee Women - January 25 - 27, 2008
Winter Wild Wanakee Women - February 1-3, 2008

Leave the household, the job, grab a sister, mother, friend or come alone to make new friends and be rejuvenated. Get out in the snow, be a couch potato without guilt, snuggle with a book next to the fire, or participate in the activities while growing in faith and friendship. Location: Wanakee homestead retreat building. Leader: Lynne Lemay. Cost: \$60 meals and lodging included. Call Wanakee office for reservations 603-279-7950 (\$25 deposit)



The Comforter is here

Six-year-old Becky was asked to take the trash outside after dark. Dutifully, she started on the mission but quickly returned without completing the task because she heard frightening noises. Becky asked her dad, San Diego pastor Jim Standiford, to accompany her on her job.

Jim set aside his reading material, and off they went. As they made their way on the sidewalk, their feet crunched dried leaves, making loud noises. Becky then said something her father has never forgotten. Feeling confident and brave with her father as her companion, she said, "Daddy, it's not scary to hear noises in the darkness when someone is with you."

When you're afraid, remember that the comforter, God's Holy Spirit, is as near as a prayer. That's what the psalmist affirmed when he wrote, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4,KJV).

Words Count

The six most important words in the English language are: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words in the English language are: "You did a good job."

The four most important words in the English language are: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words in the English language are: "If you please."

The two most important words in the English language are: "Thank you."

The one most important word in the English language is "We."

The least important word in the English language is: "I"

The two least important words in the English language are: "I can't!"

The three least important words in the English language are: "You messed up!"

October 2007

The Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4 pm Sonbeams 4:30 TrinityDove 7 pm Outreach 7 pm Ed Team 7 Staff-Parish 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Thanks-giving Planning	2 7 pm Quilting Ministry at Robinsons	3 9:30 am White Tops 12:30-2:30 Women's Bible Study at Driscoll's 7 pm Church Council	4 10-1 Helping Hands at Granite Square 5:15-6 Youth Bells 6-7 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 12-3 Afternoon Off 6-7 Armstrong/Cerveney Wed-ding Rehearsal 7-8:30 Women's Bible Study at Levec's 7-8 Praise Team	6 10-12 Advanced Directives and Living Wills 4-8 Armstrong/Cerveney Wedding and Reception
7 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship No Youth Group	8 4 pm Sonbeams 4:30 Trinity Dove 7 pm Bible Study 7 Good2Great Diagnostic Team	9 7 pm Worship Committee 7:30 Trustees	10 9:30 am White Tops 12:30-2:30 Women's Bible Study at Driscoll's 7 Stephen Min 7 Nominations	11 10-1 Helping Hands at Granite Square 4-5 Youth Dance 5:15-6 Youth Bells 6-7 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 12-3 Afternoon Off 4 pm Halstead/Magri Wedding 5-6 Doyle Wed-ding Rehearsal 7 PraiseTeam Youth Group-Toby Mac, ME	13 7am-1 pm Yard Sale 5:30-7 Christine + Shawn's Wed-ding (Doyle)
14 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Sun.School 10:45 Worship 12 pm Youth Gr Service Day 3:15 SPR/DS 4:15pm Annual Church Conf. 4-6 Fair Workshop	15 4 pm Sonbeams 4:30 Trinity Dove 7 pm Finance 7-9 Thanksgiving Planning 7 pm Bible Study	16 7 pm Quilting Ministry at Rob- insons	17 9:30 am White Tops 12:30-2:30 Women's Bible Study at Driscoll's	18 10-1 Helping Hands at Granite Square 4-5 Youth Dance 5:15-6 Youth Bells 6-7 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	19 12-3 Afternoon Off 7-8:30 Women's Bible Study at Levec's 7-8 Praise Team	20
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