



The Outreach

October 2008—Milford, NH

The Shed is Finished!

Thanks to the hard work of the ASP Mission Team, Dave Stackpole and his Band of Merry Men, and many church volunteers, our new storage shed is finished! All of our things in the storage trailer were moved to the shed on September 20th and the trailer was removed. We are finally all moved in.



Bishop Weaver visits MUMC

Bishop Peter Weaver and his wife, Linda, visited MUMC on September 14th. Bishop Weaver preached at both services, and then stayed for an informal luncheon prepared by members of our Worship and Evangelism Committees. For those of you that missed worship that week, go to <http://www.milfordumc.org/page33.html> to hear a podcast of the sermon. It was a good one!

Katrina Mission Trip 2008

Twenty five members and friends of MUMC will be making the trip to New Orleans on October 26th, for a week long mission trip. In order to raise more funds to support the trip, we are planning yet another of Lonni's dinners – October 5th, 2-4 pm. Welcome the Autumn season with your family in Christ. It's also a good time to bring friends or neighbors! The Autumn Sunday dinner will feature roast pork, squash, roasted potatoes, broccoli and a yummy apple crisp for dessert. \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors, \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale all through September or by contacting Lisa, Callie or Lonni.

Family Fall Festival, Saturday, September 13th



Thank you to members of the Evangelism Committee, and all those who volunteered to make the Family Fun Fest such a wonderful day. If you missed the food, music, petting zoo, bouncy house, hay ride and games, make sure you get there next year!



Message from the Pastor

As many of you know, my father passed away on September 5. As I have been thinking about the role my father played in my life and the things I learned from him, there are couple of things that really stand out. They stand out because they helped me to be able to understand and relate to who God is in my life. I suppose that is part of what Jesus was



getting at when he insisted on addressing God as "Father," or more accurately, "Daddy" (the Aramaic word that Jesus used was "abba," which, when we listen to it, sounds much

like a word that a young child just learning to speak would perhaps attach to their father.) One of the things I take from Jesus referring to God in this way is the notion that, especially when they are at their best, our fathers (and, of course, our mothers, too!) can teach us an awful lot about what is in the very heart of God.

So, then, what did I learn from my father that taught me in this way? First, by his actions toward me, my father taught me about grace. Like most kids, I often would get in trouble with my parents when I was growing up, and they would find it necessary to punish me. Usually that meant being sent to my room. And what I came to know was that once I had spent a certain amount of time in my room, inevitably my father would come upstairs and knock on the door asking to be let in. He would come in, give me hug, and we would sit and talk, often for quite a while. I think it was my father's way of making sure that I knew that no matter how much trouble I was in, no matter how angry or disappointed I had made my parents feel, I was still loved. Friends, I can't think of a better definition of grace—that we are loved even when we blow it, that God knows us at our worst, and loves us anyway. Those were special times with my father in their own right.

But they also helped me understand that at the very heart of God is a love that will not let me go, no matter what.

The other thing that stands out about my relationship with my dad was that he was always my biggest cheerleader. He was always encouraging me, always cheering me on, always telling me that he believed in me and that he was proud of me. While the bedroom chats didn't continue (for obvious reasons), he never stopped cheering me on. That is probably one the things I will miss most about him. Because we all need a cheerleader, don't we. But the interesting thing is that the more my relationship with God has deepened over the years, the more I experience in God that same coaching and cheerleading coming from God through the words of Scripture, through the encouragement of others, through the whisperings I sense in prayer and in action.

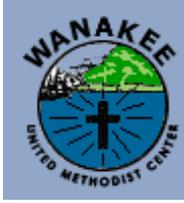
I am trying hard to provide my children with those same lessons. I know I will sometimes fail and that I will never be able to give my kids everything they deserve or need, but I can, with God's help, do all that I can to let them know that they can never lose my love and that I believe in them. Hopefully, they can see in my example some of the heart of God just I saw that in my father's example.

How about you? Who are the people in your life that you can model the unconditional love, grace, and mercy of God? Who can you be a cheerleader and an indefatigable source of encouragement? What are people learning about the very heart of God by the way you treat them?

I am so grateful that, for all the struggles I had with my Dad, I learned from him some of the most important things a person can learn.

Still discovering the joy, Pastor Tom

P.S. My family and I want to thank all of you for your cards, words of sympathy, prayers, and other expressions of love and support during this difficult time in our life.



Camp Wanakee Update

Soup for Wanakee

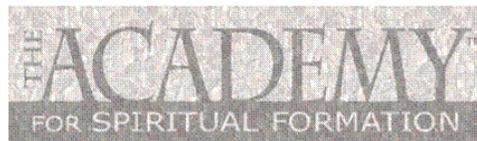
Moxy will be selling soup for Wanakee on October 9th and 19th, between the morning worship services. All proceeds go to help fund the Wanakee scholarships. Help send a kid to camp, and have a delicious lunch. It's all good!



Fall Workdays

Would you like to be in mission for a day? Then come to a Wanakee workday and work with others who love Wanakee, as you make the camp ready for the summer! Many projects for varying skills, interests and ages: painting, cleaning, clearing brush, mowing, remodeling, etc.

- Oct 11, 2008; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Oct 18, 2008; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Join us for "Passionate Spirituality: Global Context, Bold Witness" at the New England Annual Conference session of the Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation - - October 26-31, 2008 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford Pool, ME. Visit <http://www.upperroom.org/academy> for general information about this program of the Upper Room, or go to www.neumc.org/fiveday for a brochure and registration form.

Dear MUMC – thank you so much for the scholarship that paid for half of my trip to camp. Camp is such an amazing and special place for me, and it probably would be the worst summer of my life if I didn't get to go at least once during the summer. You have made it possible for me to go, at least once, and usually twice. That means so much to me. Thank you! Emily Getchell-Lacey



Dear MUMC – Thank you very much for helping us pay for my camp to Wanakee this summer. I had a great time. Sincerely, Danny



**The School of Congregational Development for the United Methodist Church in New England
November 6 – 8, 2008**

The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT

Plan now to be a part of this exciting gathering of pastors and laypersons from around New England and beyond!

- Be renewed by uplifting worship!
- Be inspired by dynamic speakers!
- Be challenged by relevant workshops!
- Be encouraged by new opportunities for transformational ministry!

See Susan for information.

SPR Committee Announces Personnel Changes

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has recently made some changes to our staffing that our members and friends should be aware of. Effective September 1, our secretarial staff have had their hours reduced to ten hours per week each. This represents a total reduction of 20 hours from the previous schedule. The current schedule of office coverage is as follows: Marian Kopp will be in the office from 9:00—2:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. Carol Brooks will be in the office from 12:00—5:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In addition, Susan Drew has returned from her summer leave and has been given a new title and new responsibilities. Susan will now be the Office Manager, as well as continuing some of her program development responsibilities. Meanwhile Chris Willard will be staying on, but in the newly created position of Ministry Director. This position will involve taking over some of the duties of the former director of program ministry position as well as assisting the pastor in worship leadership and other capacities. This is in addition to Chris' ongoing responsibilities as Music Director for the

Spirit Celebration service.

While Susan and Chris will be working within a flexible schedule, they have both designated times when, barring unavoidable conflict, they will be present and available at the church. For Susan, these hours will be Monday, Thursday and Friday, 11—2:30, Tuesday 8:30—2:30, and for Chris, they will be Tuesday through Friday, 10-2.

The committee did not take the decision to scale back the hours of our secretarial staff lightly. It is never an easy thing to decide to cut people's hours, especially when the affected employees have served this church so faithfully for so long. Given our congregation's limited resources at this present time and the changing needs of our congregation, the committee came to the decision that it needed to redirect those resources to enable a greater level of ministry and programming staffing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with either of us, or any member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey
Scott Heinlein, SPR Committee Chair

Church Office Hours as of October 1st

Monday: 9:00—2:30
Tuesday: 9:00—5:00
Wednesday: 10:00—5:00
Thursday: 9:00-2:30
Friday: 10:00—2:30

Help Wanted

We have the following volunteer jobs open right now. Call Susan (673-2669) for more information.

- Photographer and writer for the newsletter
- Office helper — answer phones and photocopying Wednesday and Friday mornings
- Jr. church teacher during the 2nd service

Youth Group News

We have started off the year with some wonderful activities in September, a gathering for a cookout and some swimming, a planning meeting, and a hike. Everyone had a great time and we are embarking on some great things for this coming year. As a reminder, ***everyone from sixth grade on up through high school is welcome to join youth group***, so if you would like to join us on a Sunday, drop on in.

Here is what we have planned for October:

- On the 5th we will be making pizzas and planning for the Halloween Party we will be giving for the younger members of the church on the 26th. Details to follow in the church bulletins
- On the 12th, Chris Willard will be leading us on an expedition to explore Salem, MA. You will need to RSVP and get a permission slip signed before departure.
- On the 17th, the Junior High group

(grades 6 to 8) will be having a "Lock In" from 7 pm to 9 am on the 18th. More details to follow in the bulletins.

- On the 19th, the Senior High group (grades 9-12) will be having movie night at the church. You will pick the movie!
- On the 26th, the youth group will be having a Halloween Party for those members of the church in 5th grade and below. Details will be worked out earlier in the month and will be out in the bulletins and on the message boards.

As always, come in and get involved in some fun! We look forward to seeing you all.

MUMC Youth Group Leaders,

Mrs. Ladeau
Mrs. Tewksbury
Mr. Knapp
Mr. Kimner

Welcome to Sunday School

MUMC offers Sunday school for people of all ages! Classes meet Sundays between the services, beginning at 9:30 am.

In the month of October, our children in pre-school through 8th grade will be studying "Building the Tabernacle". The Hebrew people gave generously of their possessions, skills, and time to build the Tabernacle, a sacred place to worship God. Today, we can use our possessions, skills, and time for the church, the special place where we worship God. This is a Rotational curriculum, which means the kids are rotating through 8 different stations as they learn about the tabernacle.

Our high school class is working with ***Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens***. There is a book that teens can be purchased by the Education Team if a teen wishes. Please see Kara Ammon for details.

Our adults have 2 classes to pick from. ***Good \$ense Budget Course*** is a hands-on class that will help you manage your resources and quit living paycheck to paycheck. ***Parenting 101*** will help you become a ProActive parent and learn to parent with a plan.

If you have any questions about our Sunday school programs, or would like to volunteer, please see Keith Ladeau.

Bible Studies

Disciple 2 – Paul Berkebile (673-2731, pberkebile@comcast.net) will be leading this study. Please call for dates and times.

Book of Esther – Contact Rita Lines (673-0398, ritalines@hotmail.com) or Carol Rowlette (673-5403) for more information. This is a 9 week study, meeting every other Friday, 7-9 pm.

Beatitudes – Contact Elaine Driscoll (673-4270, geldris@aol.com). Get an “attitude adjustment” with the ladies on Wednesdays, noon – 2:30 pm.

Tuesday night group – Call Jim Lawler (673-7513, bigdaddy52_2000@yahoo.com) for information. Meets Tuesdays 7 – 9 pm.

Thank you to our Church family

My family and I would like to thank you thoughtful people in our church for the wonderful cards and your delicious suppers that you provided at our time of need. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the services for Shirl.

A big thank you to both Pastor Tom and past Pastor Ed Claus for the beautiful service that they did for Shirl. She will be missed by her grand children, great grand children, her daughter Cindy, son Tim and her ever loving husband.

The family of Shirley Etheridge



Shall We Dance?

Sacred Dance will begin on Thursday, October 16th from 4-5 for the children and 5-6 for the adults. We will start to work on a piece for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21st. We will be dancing while the choir sings. The song/choreography will include both children and adults dancing at different times through the song. Look forward to seeing you all soon for another great year of praising God through Dance!

Thank you to our Greeters!

I would like to thank all those who have graciously answered the call to greet



when I have contacted you. It's an important part of our morning service, being greeted with a smile and welcoming words is the best way to start! Whenever I have called any of you, you have always graciously agreed and I appreciate this so very much. I am in need of some new folks who may enjoy being a greeter and if you would please let yourselves be known to me I 'd appreciate it very much. I'm Roberta Randlett and my number is 762-4997. I promise you will enjoy being a greeter. I only ask you do so every few months and only for 2nd service. So, if you attend second service and think you would enjoy doing this, please call me and I will give you a Sunday to greet.

With joy,

Roberta Randlett, RRRandlet@aol.com

Christmas Fair 2008

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 9 am – 1 pm

Yes, it's time to prepare for the fair! A day full of delicious food, treats, goodies, quality crafted Christmas items and wonderful company. A day we open our doors to the community as shoppers make their way around the town of Milford.

We need help in the following categories:

Baked Goods
Candy/Fudge
Cookie Run
Country Cupboard
Christmas Decorations/Ornaments
Christmas Wreaths/Centerpieces
Gift Tins/Baskets
Jewelry
Knit Items
Silent Auction Table
Breakfast in the English Tea Room
Delicious Luncheon

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 handmade ornaments to choose from. Either make some ornaments at home and donate them to the fair, or lead a workshop. Some suggestions : crocheted snowflakes, folded ribbon ornaments, painted wooden or glass ornaments.

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.

Pull out your recipes because we need bakers and candy/fudge makers. We also need cooks, servers, dishwashers, sales persons, greeters. We could use your help for several hours or all day if you would like. It is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit as we all work together. Please consider how you can help to make this year's fair the best fair ever. Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

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 w/ plastic lid – 13-16 oz size
Yarn

Upcoming Fair Workshops:

Friday evenings as listed:

September 26 (7 – 9:00 pm)

October 3, 10, 17, 24 (7 – 9:00 pm)

We will be finishing up some projects as well as starting new ones. All levels of crafters are welcome as there are jobs for everyone. Bring your scissors and glue gun if you own these items. We will be in one of the church classrooms.

Any questions or comments please contact:

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Barb Reed, NORTHWDS28@aol.com
673-6950

Priscilla Abdinoor, CILLA2@verizon.net
673-0488

Kathy Bradfield, kjbradfield@comcast.net
487-5574

Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative

Beginning October 1, the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative will be offering non-emergency medical transportation from and within Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Milford and into Nashua. We have information and applications on the bulletin board next to the church office. Or call 880-0100.

Milford Area Seniors Senior Activity Center

Finally, at long last, a senior activity center in Milford! The Milford Area Seniors will begin operating the center right here at MUMC every Tuesday, 10 – 2. There will be games, speakers, crafts, activities and more. We invite you to come join the fun, or to volunteer to help. Do you have a talent to share? Please call Susan Drew (672-4877) or Ruth Johnston (673-8180) for more information.

Afternoon Off Program

Do you have a Friday afternoon free once or twice a month? We are looking for more volunteers to work with our guests. The times are from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, Fridays. We can only promise that you will get so much more from this experience than you will give. We have crafts, music, games and food. Please call Pat Levesque, 673-8868, to be a part of our fall training session.

Seasoned Generation

After a hugely successful chicken dinner the end of September, we now look to our masquerade party Saturday, October 25th at the home of Roberta and Richard Randlett. It's always a fun time, and costumes are always very clever. However, you do NOT have to come in costume so do not let that stop you from coming and having a good time. Our home is fully decorated for the occasion!! If you do come in costume we have prizes for first and second place. We ask that you bring a "goodie" to share and punch is provided along with coffee or tea, whatever you enjoy. Please RSVP to Randlett's at 672-4997. We will provide directions at that time. We are, by the way, in Brookline. Sure hope to see many of you come and enjoy this always fun time.

The November meeting will be to help with a Thanksgiving dinner, either with cash toward the dinner or with helping set up and tear down. It's an important time and the Thanksgiving dinner is offered to any who are alone or unable to prepare any dinner for themselves. It's a wonderful meal that is offered and served to our "guests" with joy!! You'll be hearing more about this in next months newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Masquerade party.

Did you know...

That we have babysitters available for meetings and bible studies? Please call the church office at least one week in advance so that we can make arrangements.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Danny Getchell-Lacey	Oct 1
Dave Stackpole	Oct 4
Samantha Randlett	Oct 5
Alberta Finch	Oct 9
Lisa Svenson	Oct 9
Steve Takacs	Oct 10
Beth Brooks	Oct 11
John Millhouse	Oct 11
Paul Berkebile	Oct 12
Evelyn Annis	Oct 13
Olivia Masters	Oct 13
Audra Millhouse	Oct 13
Kathryn Galley	Oct 14
Chris Willard	Oct 17
Shannon Drew	Oct 18
Jeanne Desrosiers	Oct 20
Matthew Hoffmann	Oct 27

Happy Anniversary to:

George & Elaine Driscoll	Oct 6
Carol & Don Brooks	Oct 14

Pumpkin Festival Sign-Ups



The Pumpkin Festival is coming October 10-12, 2007. We will have a Bean Bag Toss again this year in the Children's area. Please call Susan Drew (672-4877) to volunteer for an hour (or more!). It's fun and easy and you can bring your kids to help.

Financially Speaking

August 31, 2008

Income toward Budge accounts	
	\$31,967.73
Expense-budget accounts	\$27,290.54
Balance in General Fund	\$9,604.13
June Mortgage Fund Income	\$8,724.00
(formerly Building Fund)	



Guess Who!

Recognize anyone in this picture? Can you guess who the young lady on the left is? This picture is from the newspaper and is dated December 1962.

Look carefully! Then see page 11 for the answer. No peeking.

October 2008 Calendar

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Worship times
8:30 Contemporary Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship
Free childcare

Milford United Methodist Church *Discover the Joy!*

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

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

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

Our Values: We commit ourselves to:

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