



The Outreach

November 2008—Milford, NH

Milford Area Seniors Senior Activity Center and Health Expo



The Milford Area Seniors began meeting at our church in October. We will be their temporary home. We hope you will either come on Tuesday between 10—2, volunteer some of your time, or pray for this new community endeavor.

The Seniors' first activity was the Senior Health Expo on September 27th. It was well attended by residents of this area and by presenters. Many of the presenters were MUMC con-

gregants. There are more pictures of the Expo on Page 8 of *The Outreach*.



Another Successful Pumpkin Festival

Thank you to everyone who worked at the Pumpkin Festival over Columbus Day Weekend, and everyone who came down and threw the bean bags. We were able to raise \$746.20 for Pastor Tom's Discretionary Fund. It was a beautiful weekend which helped bring out crowds of people. Pastor Tom's Discretionary Fund, for those of you who may not know, is used to help people in need — to buy food or medicine, pay for necessary car repairs, or heating. These funds help members of our congregation, but primarily people in the community who know that our church is one to go to in times of crisis.



Aspen Tlapa, and friends, at the Jaiden Angel booth, next to the MUMC booth.



The Hart and Horne girls hard at work at the Pumpkin Festival. More pictures on page 12.

Children's Choir Opportunity

Young singers from grades 2 thru 6 have an opportunity to sing at this year's Christmas concert on Sunday, December 21st at 7 pm. The Chancel Choir is singing a piece that has a lovely part for young voices and there is a possibility of also performing a piece with just the children if they are interested. Because the youth choir program is currently in transition, the rehearsal and direction would be by Sally Landis, Chancel Choir Director and Organist. Rehearsal times can be arranged so that they would suit those interested, but Sally is thinking about Thursdays 6:30-7 pm starting November 6th. An alternative would be Monday afternoon from 4-4:30 pm. The focus would be on the Christmas concert and perhaps singing one time during Advent.

The Christmas concert is always a highlight of our Advent season and when we do a concert format rather than a Cantata, Sally likes to include as many age groups as possible given the time restraints of the evening. The children will be participating in the children's bell choir and in Sacred Dance (and singing would be great also). Please consider whether this might be an activity your child will enjoy and let me know if he or she would like to participate. See Sally in church, or call her at 465-7937.

Sacred Dance Begins

Sacred Dance for children age 6 and up is meeting every Thursday, 4—5 pm. Sacred Dance for adults meets from 5—6 pm. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Hart (672-2932, rhart529@verizon.net). The Sacred Dancers are currently practicing for the Christmas concert.

Chancel Choir Opportunity

If you love to sing but cannot make a weekly commitment to choir, perhaps joining us for Christmas might be a possibility. The Chancel choir and the other musical groups in the church will be performing our annual Christmas concert on December 21st at 7 pm. We welcome teen and adult singers to sing with us on the numbers are performing that evening. Rehearsals for the concert will begin Thursday, November 6th from 7:30 – 8:15 pm. Please contact Sally Landis in church or at 465-7937 if you would like to participate or just show up for the first rehearsal.

Tis the season to make music.....

The MUMC Christmas Band will be performing this year at the Christmas Concert on December 21st. If you play a band instrument at least at a middle school level, please join us. Rehearsals will be held after the second service, starting on November 23. If you are interested, contact Nancy Tong (673-7180, nst123@verizon.net).

Yoplait and Box Tops for Education

Moxie Roby is collecting Yoplait yogurt pink labels and Box Tops for Education. The Yoplait labels are a fundraising tool to fight breast cancer. The Box Tops will go to school with Moxie's granddaughter, Jaiden, for the Mont Vernon Elementary School. Thank you!

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

During our worship services on Sunday, November 9, we will be focusing our attentions on the topic of spiritual gifts. According to the words of Paul the Apostle found in I Corinthians 12, every follower of Jesus has been given gifts that enable them to serve the rest of the church. The question, then, is not, "do I have any gifts," but, rather, "*what* are my gifts." And part of our responsibility as a church is to help people "discover, develop, and deploy their gifts for ministry" as we say in our vision statement.

I might as well come clean and admit that the timing for our spiritual gifts emphasis on November 9 is driven by the fact that we are in the midst of Nominations season. Every year around this time, our Committee on Lay Leadership is charged with the responsibility of matching the needs of our church's administrative and ministry teams with people whose gifts uniquely equip them to serve in those capacities. By way of example, this year we have several openings on our Education Team. This team is charged with the responsibility of guiding and enabling our church's Christian Education ministries for all ages. Consequently, the Team is served best when we are able to connect them with folks who are gifted in the areas of teaching, administration, and/or faith development.

Sometimes it is hard to see the link between the tasks and needs of our committees and teams and the exercising of our spiritual gifts. And sometimes it is tempting for the Committee on Lay Leadership to simply "fill the slots" without really trying to be sure that the people we are filling the slots with are actually a good fit with the committee or team we are nominating them to join. In order to solve both of those potential problems, we have tried over the years to offer people the opportunity to let us know what they see as their areas of interest and/or giftedness. During our worship services on November 9, you will have an opportunity to do just that.

But this year we are adding a different



twist to this process. Whereas in the past, we have invited our members to share with us their own interests and gifts, this year we are also going to invite you to suggest the names of **other people** who you feel have the gifts and the passions to serve our church. The reason for this new opportunity is because we feel that sometimes it is easier for others to see our gifts than for us to see them. We hope you will see this as an opportunity to help both your church *and* each other by matching people and their gifts with the needs of our church family.

Because after all, it is finally about discovering the joy of fully living out the gifts that God has given us. We believe that when the needs of the church meet your need for using the gifts God has given you, something special happens. Please be praying for how you can be a part of that something special.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

Our Sympathy to

Our Sympathy to Dorothy and Paul Dishong on the death of Dorothy's son, Bill Maas. His funeral was held here at MUMC on October 16th.

Good to Great Update: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

By Chris Willard

Let's play a game – close your eyes for a moment and think about Boston's Fenway Park.

What images come to mind? The perfectly-manicured grass? A baseball careening off the Green Monster? What about the smell of hot dogs and old leather ball gloves? Or how about some of the unique things heard around Fenway Park, such as the roar of the crowd, a vendor selling popcorn or even Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline"?

For all of us, different images pop into our heads when we think about special places like Fenway Park. These images stick out in our minds because they are important to us and they remind us of personal connections we have with those places. Maybe your father took you to Opening Day when you were a child and bought you your first Fenway Frank. Maybe you sat in the bleachers sharing cotton candy with a special someone when you were a teenager. Or maybe you and your family shared weeks and weeks of sleepless nights together as you watched the drama of the 2004 postseason unfold on your television screen.

Even though it has different meanings for different people, Fenway Park has a singular, specific purpose. That is, it has a crystal-clear mission – hosting baseball games. Yes, you may be able to purchase some of the best hot dogs in the world and sing along with your favorite Neil Diamond tunes, but these are only PART of the story! Fenway is more than just a hot dog stand or a concert venue – Fenway Park is America's most beloved ballpark, and home of the one of the most historic sports franchises in the country!

Now close your eyes and think about Church. What comes to mind? Stained glass? Vacation Bible School? Gospel music? Why is Church important to you?

Just like Fenway Park, the Church exists for a very special purpose – to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Or, as we like to say around MUMC, "to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ". Jesus

commissioned the Church with a very specific mission – "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matt 28.19-20).

In the centuries since, we have found a multitude of methods to carry out this mission. Although we don't usually set up hot dog stands or sing along to "Sweet Caroline", at the Milford United Methodist Church, we do have some world-class programs and outstanding activities for all ages. But these are only PART of the story! Sometimes, we may need to pause and make sure we are completely focused on our mission. That is precisely what the Good to Great program is intended to help us do – become the best disciples of Jesus we can be.

Thanks to so many of you who participated in the Good to Great Home Meetings last month; we had some insightful conversations and gained some excellent feedback. Also, keep your ears open for updates about our innovative cell ministry that is beginning this month! As we continue in the Good to Great process, your participation will only grow more vital to our ability to carry out the mission of the Church. Please do not forget to keep MUMC in your prayers!

Cell Group Leadership Training

Come learn about the next step in Good to Great! This informative session, held at the church Monday, November 3rd at 7 pm, will introduce the concepts behind cell ministry and offer signups for those interested in receiving leadership training. Contact Chris Willard (673-2669 or drwillard@gmail.com) for more information!

Wanted! Greeters for the 1st Service

We could use some more friendly souls to help in this fun Greeting opportunity. Families, individuals, groups of teens, anyone with a big smile. It's an easy, no committee meetings, once in a while job. Please call me at 654-2748 or email ue@tellink.net and I'll gladly respond to your question, or better still your "Yes".



Thanks! Stew Ross

News from the Worship Committee

November 2nd is Communion Sunday. Remember to bring a loaf of bread to be placed in the basket at the altar. The bread loaves are delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry. This is one small way we can help others in need.

November 9th is Gifts Sunday, when Pastor Tom will be discussing Spiritual Gifts.

November 23rd will be Thanksgiving Sunday. We will be requesting a variety of food donations for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Watch for the special bulletin board soon to come.

Donations of Altar Flowers — To honor or remember a special person in your life or an occasion, please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. The flower chart is across from the church office, along with contact and payment instructions. For questions see Roberta Langis, Flower Coordinator, 673-4560, bertlangis@aol.com.

Liturgist Training Workshop

The Evangelism Committee is providing a Liturgist Training workshop right after the 2nd service on Sunday, November 9th. Typically the role of the Liturgist is to welcome the congregation, introduce 1 or 2 hymns, lead the congregation in written prayer and read the Scripture lesson. We rotate the position every week. Anyone who has ever considered being a Liturgist on Sunday morning or anyone who would like additional training to become a more effective Liturgist is encouraged to attend. Here is your chance to practice at the microphone, if you would like to do so. We will have experienced Liturgists walk you through the process and provide helpful tips to increase your skills on Sunday morning. We should be done by 12:30.

Liturgists needed for both Services

To sign up to be a Liturgist, call one of the Liturgist Coordinators: Callie McMahon, Spirit Celebration/1st Service at 673-5239 or Diane Jaquith, 2nd Service at 557-5729. You are strongly encouraged to attend the Liturgist Training Workshop sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, but you are not required to do so. Please feel free to call either Callie or Diane, if you have any questions or would like to participate in this important ministry.

Annual Church Conference Tuesday, Nov 11—7 pm

The MUMC Annual Church Conference will be held Tuesday, November 11th, 7 pm with our Tri-State District Superintendent presiding. All voting members are urged to be present for a time of worship, and a business meeting. The meeting will include setting the pastor's compensation package and a presentation by the District Ministry Team.

Youth Group News

Happy November! The Youth Group has been very active the last few weeks of October. We went on a nature hike through Purgatory Falls and did a tour of Salem, MA, lead by our intrepid pied piper, Chris Willard. It was a good chance to see a cool piece of history up close. Our junior high "lock-in" offered fun for all in this group with a bonfire and movies. We also held a Halloween Party for the younger members of the church on October 26th. It was a great time.

Here is what we have planned for November. Remember, drop in any time during our regular hours to join the fun!

- Nov 2nd — church workday — details to follow.
- Nov 9th — Digital Scavenger Hunt at the mall (12 to 5)
- Nov 16th — Jr high group will be doing crafts and Sr high group will be doing a different activity, to be determined
- Nov 23rd — Bowling
- Nov 30th — Leader's Choice

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, and Mr. Kimner

Thanks from the Wanakee Boosters

By Kerri-Lynn Kimner and Nancy Tong

You may have been wondering about the Wanakee "Noise Offering" that takes place after church on the second Sunday of each month. Young people stand at the doors shaking cans with coins in them, smiling, and hopefully remembering to say "Thank You", as you scramble to find some change to donate.

These offerings contribute to our fund to help send MUMC campers to the Wanakee United Methodist Center, which is located in Meredith, NH. Each year, the church tries to offer a half-tuition campership to each camper who goes to camp. In order to raise

Join us for Sunday School

During the month of November, our pre-school through middle school classes will be studying the Power Xpress unit "Psalms and Songs." Psalms is a book of songs and poetry that God's people used in worship. In our worship today, we give thanks to God for all that He has done and continues to do in our lives.

During opening we will be listening to the book "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson which is about six very unruly children who teach a whole church about the true meaning of Christ's birth.

Our mission project for November and December is the Pajama (www.pajamaprogram.org), an organization that provides new pajamas and books to children here in the US and around the world who are waiting to be adopted.

Our high school class continues their classes using the book "Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens. Our adult classes are continuing their Parenting and Money Management classes. Watch your bulletins for updates.

MUMC's Sunday school programs are open to people of all ages 3—103. We hope you join us one Sunday morning soon!

that amount of money, we have these "Noise Offerings" each month, and have other fund raisers during the year. This year we had about 40 campers from our church go to camp. That is awesome!!

We are blessed that MUMC has made the commitment to help our young people experience the "Beautiful Spiritual Place in the Hills" that is Wanakee. God's outdoor world is a very special place, and it provides experiences and relationships for our youth that they remember long after the summer is over.

Thank you for your contributions to our Wanakee Fund.

News from the Outreach Committee

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization based in Boone, NC. It benefits children who are suffering from poverty, sickness, war, or natural disaster by providing them with gift-filled shoe boxes. If you would like to participate in this project, you fill a shoe box (one of your own or one provided by MUMC) with the following suggested items, including a check for \$7 made out to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping and other costs. The box should be designated as boy or girl and as age group 2 to 4, 5 to 9, or 10 to 14.

Gift suggestions include school supplies, toys (car, ball, doll, animal, kazoo, harmonica, yo-yo, jump rope, small etch-a-sketch, slinky, toy that lights up or makes noise, and extra batteries), personal hygiene items, and other (mints, gum, double bagged hard candy, T shirt, socks, ball cap, sunglasses, hair clip, toy jewelry, watch, flashlight with batteries). Please DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate; food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medicines or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

Boxes must be dropped off at the church by November 9. If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or any of the programs the committee supports, please see one of the committee members: Bob Bowman, Bob Carey, Tami Davis-Betelak, Alexis Eaton, Wendy Getchell-Lacey (chair), Bob Morgan, Pat Rafter, or Dave Stackpole.

GNIHN— The Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network is a coalition of several area churches that supports the Anne Marie House. AMH is located in Hudson and provides transitional housing for homeless families. The churches provide volunteers to stay at AMH 24/7, in short two hour shifts, or overnight. They also provide some financial support and publicize fundraising events. As a member of this network, MUMC provides volunteer coverage for one week out of every

seven weeks. We share our week with other church in Milford and Mont Vernon in order to have enough volunteers for the week. Our next week to host at AMH is November 23-29. Please consider giving a few hours of your time that week. It is a clean and friendly environment and you could volunteer with a veteran if you haven't been for a while. You can help out with chores if you like to stay busy, or relax and read if you like quiet time. Contact Tami Davis-Betelak (672-9082) if you can volunteer that week.

Interested in Joining the Church?

The church will be welcoming new members on November 16th during both worship services. If you are interested in joining the church, please talk with Pastor Tom (673-2669). We would love to have you join us!

Volunteers Wanted:

The following volunteer positions are available for anyone with some time they would like to donate to the church:

- Photographers and writers for the newsletter
- Office helper — folding, stuffing, etc.
- Drivers for driving ministry
- Afternoon off volunteers
- A/V staff

Call Susan (673-2669) for more information.

More pictures from the Milford Area Seniors – Health Expo and Senior Activity Center

Activities at the Senior Activity Center in November are:

Nov 4th — Financial talk by Brian McGuigan, of Edward Jones; Healthy Holidays by Robin Putnam, Harborside Healthcare; Hand and Foot Massage by Anne Marie Johnston; and a blood pressure clinic.

Nov 11th—Veterans Day will feature special music

Nov 18th — Winter safety tips by Robin Putnam, Harborside Healthcare; and a blood pressure clinic.

Nov 25th — Dancing by Kathy Blake, blood pressure clinic

The Center will have lunch available through Meals on Wheels.



Seasoned Generation

It's November now and we do not have a meeting this month but, there will be a sign up sheet soon for those who want to help with the annual Thanksgiving dinner held at our church.

Our next meeting will be, Sunday, Dec 7th!! We have our annual Christmas pot luck dinner party on that date. It's held at Dottie and Paul Dishong's beautiful home in Amherst with a pot luck dinner and followed by a fun Yankee Swap. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information on this event.



A note of thanks...

Dear Friends – Thanks to all of you who came out on Saturday afternoon (September 13th—Family Fun Day) for our concert. What a great group of people to sing to!! Thanks to Steve Rafter and Emily St. John for getting us there and all your hard work. Pastor Tom – hope you get those ear buds soon!! Thanks for the generous love offering. We deeply appreciated everything.

Blessings, Faun Baumbaugh



Excerpt from Partners in Ministry
By Bishop Peter Weaver
October 6, 2008
www.neumc.org

HIGH FIVES — I was recently preaching at the Milford, NH church. They had produced a short video in which they went around and asked kids and teens, What does a Bishop do? (I've been trying to figure out the answer myself for twelve years.) Some of the answers were: He wears a big hat and carries a pole, Gives communion and mows the lawn, and Goes around giving high fives! I like that one. There is so much to celebrate in our New England churches. Whenever I can, I

want to give you high fives for faithfulness and fruitfulness. At your next church meeting give God thanks for the good things about your congregation and give each other some high fives for me. Some examples follow.

MOXIE AND SOUP As I was leaving the Milford Church, I met Moxie who has some physical limitations but who is spiritually unlimited. She has discovered her ministry gift is making soup. Soup for Wanakee she calls it. Regularly she offers her soup for sale at the church —everyone loves it (and her). And she has raised over four hundred dollars just this year to send kids to camp. Soup-erb high five.

Important SHARE News

The SHARE Outreach Program will soon celebrate its 30th anniversary. As many people know at MUMC, SHARE spent its first 30 years at St. Patrick's Church serving the people of Amherst, Brookline, Milford and Mont Vernon. St. Patrick's been very generous and supportive of the outreach program by providing space and paying many of the operating expenses.

SHARE has grown as the needs of the community grew. In 2007, SHARE spent more than \$260,000 helping people out of their desperate situations. The Board of Directors began to look for larger accommodations to enable SHARE to better serve the community. On Tuesday, September 16th, SHARE closed on the Knights of Columbus building in Milford. The new building is an ideal location for SHARE. It has office space offering clients more privacy, a large space for the Food Pantry, a big parking lot, and is handicapped accessible. It is also ideal for

functions such as the Christmas fair and Christmas program.

For the last 30 years, 100% of donations went directly to help support the people who came to SHARE for assistance. Going forward, SHARE will be paying their own operating expenses, bills, salaries, and mortgage, etc, along with the money spent for the food pantry and resources available to their clients. SHARE will be beginning *SHARE Sunday* on November 9th. MUMC and many churches in the area will be holding a special collection to help cover the new expenses. Please know that all of your donations enable SHARE to serve people who are in need. You care for your brothers and sisters through SHARE, thereby living out Jesus' command to us: Love your neighbor as yourself.

MUMC Christmas Fair **Saturday, December 6, 2008** **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Christmas is just around the corner and the fair is a day full of delicious food, treats, goodies, quality crafted Christmas items and wonderful company. It is a day we open our doors to the community as shoppers make their way around the town of Milford.

Here are the categories that will make up the fair this year as well as the person coordinating each area. Please consider helping in one of these areas, and let the coordinator know of your interest.

Baked Goods – Marlene Gale
Candy/Fudge – Liane Wright
Cookie Run – Elaine Driscoll
Country Cupboard – Pat Rafter
Christmas Decorations/Ornaments – Kathy Bradfield/Tami Betelak
Christmas Wreaths/Centerpieces – Roberta Langis
Gift Tins/Baskets – Priscilla Abdinoor
Jewelry – Alexis Eaton
Knit Items – Betty Schult, Helping Hands
Silent Auction Table – Pat Rafter/Barb Reed
Breakfast in the English Tea Room – Becky Ladeau
Delicious Luncheon – Lonni Stapanon

Here are some ways to help prepare:

Make some Christmas ornaments at home at your convenience and donate them to the fair. Some suggestions: crocheted snowflakes, folded ribbon ornaments, painted wooden or glass ornaments.

Bake some of your favorite treats.

Baked goods - breads, cakes, pies or your specialty

Cookies - a variety of cookies are needed - no larger than 2" in diameter

Fudge - vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, peneuche, and other flavors

Candy – specialty candies, candy trains, decorated candy canes

(Drop your donations off at church on Friday 12/5 throughout the day)

We also need cooks, servers, dishwashers, sales persons, and 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 in November.**

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
Yarn

UPCOMING FAIR WORKSHOPS

We will be having a few more workshops in November. Watch for dates and times in upcoming bulletins.

Any questions or comments please contact:

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Soup for Wanakee

Get your soup for Wanakee on November 9th between services in the Narthex. All proceeds go to the church's camperships. Moxie is also thinking about doing a cookbook — "Some of Moxie's favorite Recipes for Wanakee". If you think this is something you may be interested in purchasing, please see Moxie.

Phase II Building Committee Update

We would like to thank the congregation for their comments and suggestions made last spring during the Stewardship/mortgage fund home meetings. The data summarized below indicates the relative interest people had in various areas for future expansion. At this point, we are still in the preliminary stages of finding out what people want and determining the feasibility.

Summary Findings: Most people surveyed would like to see the church expand to meet our growing needs. No one has voiced any opposition to this, other than the concern about financing it. The most popular requested features were a Fellowship Hall, and more and bigger classrooms.

People wanting a Fellowship Hall envisioned a multi-purpose room, which would function as a large gathering area for fellowship hour and suppers and possibly a gymnasium. Other ideas associated with this room were a stage for plays and concerts, and showers for sports, lock-ins, visiting churches and a disaster shelter.

The need for additional and larger classrooms was equally high on people's list of what was requested. Most frequently mentioned were more classrooms and the need for classrooms larger than what we presently have.

Of lesser importance, but still mentioned often were athletic fields and playgrounds. The next mentioned items were a larger sanctuary, a commercial kitchen, a new music area and more storage. A few people men-

tioned space for a retirement community, a larger foyer, a church van, a covered drive-up, a teen room and hiking trails.

On February 7, we plan to hold a potluck dinner to present our summary findings and to discuss new and old ideas. Then throughout the spring, individuals from our committee will attend various small group meetings such as the Education team, choir, Youth, and Helping Hands to determine their specific needs and concerns.

In the meantime, we are looking for two volunteers who are interested in joining our committee in January as we explore various options. We are looking for people with fresh ideas, enthusiasm for exploring alternatives and those with any of the following specific skills such as the ability to speak well in front of others, knowledge of the building trades, civil engineering or finance. Anyone interested in joining our team should give their name to Nominations or speak with one of us soon (before the Charge Conference). Thank you.

MUMC Phase 2 Committee Members

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Join MUMC for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Plans are well underway for MUMC's 3rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Our Coordinators Lonni Stapanon, Lisa Payne, and Callie McMahon are looking for help in the following ways: cooking, set-up and tear down, serving, donating food or supplies, and more. Please call one of our Turkey Specialists if you would like to help out.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is open to anyone in the church, or in the community who would like to come. You don't need to be needy, but you should plan to have a good time.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Karen Taylor	Nov 2
Faith Cyr	Nov 2
John Bradfield	Nov 6
Gail Westergren	Nov 17
Sherry Balzano	Nov 17
Monica Boore	Nov 19
Matt Tong	Nov 23
Ralph Taylor	Nov 24
Bill Wrocklage	Nov 26
Ashley LaRiccia	Nov 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Ray & Judy Green	Nov 1
Rich & Nicole Masters	Nov 14



Welcome Cameron Leo!

On Sunday, October 19th, we celebrated the baptism of Cameron Leo Guerin. Cameron is the son of proud parents Natalie and Patrick Guerin, and the grandson of Marion and Charles Diorio.

Financially Speaking

September 30, 2008

Income toward Budget accounts

	\$20,765.96
Expense-budget accounts	\$18,338.29
Balance in General Fund	\$11,959.00
Sept Mortgage Fund Income (formerly Building Fund)	\$10,902.50



Brittany and Jessica Hart, and Christina and Sierra Horne hard at work at the Pumpkin Festival



Gavin Lawton tests his Bean Bag skills.

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Worship times

8:30 Contemporary Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Traditional Worship

Free childcare

Change Service Requested

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.