

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church Milford, NH, Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor June 2025

Pastor's Corner

Beloved in Christ,

As I sit down to write I am realizing that this is the last time I will write a Pastor's Corner column in the MUMC Outreach. This transition has come quickly and, for me, it has been full of these sorts of surprising realizations. In preparing to write to you, I went back and took a look at the very first column I wrote to you back in July of 2017. I wrote about welcome and hospitality—expressing my and my family's thanks to you for what, by then, was a very warm and friendly welcome amid all of the unboxing and sorting that must have been happening in the parsonage back then. Today I am realizing that that theme has come full circle, only now with much deeper gratitude and a much richer set of experiences and shared life with you to make that thanks more fulsome as I come around to offer it once again. This church has become our home, we have raised our children here, and I think that this experience with you has taught me a great deal about the fact that church and home really do have a lot to do with each other.

There is a conversation around the cross that only the Gospel of John records:

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (John 19:25-27)

That scene, all at once, records the making of a church, the extension of a family, and the expansion of a home. It describes new relationships, new ways of thinking about and relating to one another that comes alongside the making of that church and the expanding of that home. Around the foot of the cross Mary becomes not just Jesus' mother but John's as well, just as John is no longer merely Jesus' disciple but Mary's new son, and John takes care of her and shares life with her as all of these disciples march ahead into this new thing that Jesus calls them to be. What the passage does not say explicitly is that there is a hidden gift here, and none of them yet know the full extent of it.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Pastor's Corner	1
Help Wanted	2
Our MUMC Family	3
New Social Justice Statements	4
Financials	5
Family Life	6
Birthdays & Anniver- saries Lectionary	7
Missions	8
Yard Sale, Crafting, Blankets	9
Variety Show Pics, Transition Team	10
Transition Cont'd Name Tags	11
Choir	12
Farewell to Pastor John & Family	13
Committees Calendar	14 15

Pastor's Corner Cont'd

What I have learned and am still learning is that we are still left to ponder and give ourselves to that gift which is the life of the church. It just so happens that in our case—that is, in the case of life in the UMC—we are put into a position every so often (more than most) to be reminded of that gift and to rededicate ourselves to the living and experiencing of it. We get a fresh experience of what it is to do what the apostle John did in response to Jesus' call: "And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." That thought is heavy on my mind, especially as I reflect on the experience of that with you, and I commend that thought to you as well as you look forward to hearing afresh Jesus' reintroduction of us to each other as mother, son, sister, brother-as family in the household of God. When you hear the call from the cross, are you, like John, prepared to open your heart and your home to let a new long-lost family member in?

Bless your hearts!

Pastor John

Help Wanted: Join Our

Media Ministry Team!

As we continue to grow and enhance our Sunday services, our Media Ministry team is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join us in creating a seamless and impactful worship experience. The responsibilities of preparing and presenting our services are becoming more significant, and we need your help to continue delivering high-quality presentations and broadcasts.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering with the Media Ministry is a wonderful opportunity to serve our church community in a meaningful way. It's not only a chance to share your skills and talents but also to learn new ones, meet new people, and become an integral part of our worship services.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have several key areas where your assistance would be invaluable:

1. **Livestream Operation**: Run the

livestream during the service. This includes managing the cameras and audio to ensure a high-quality viewing experience for those joining us online.

2. **Media Shout Operations**: Operate the Media Shout software during the service to display slides and videos. This role is crucial for the flow of the service, and we'll provide full training.

Sunday Service Slide Preparation: Help us set up slides for songs, announcements, and sermon notes using Media Shout. This task involves organizing content and ensuring everything is ready for the service.

No Experience Necessary!

We offer comprehensive training for all roles, and our team is always here to support you. If you are comfortable with technology, possess a willingness to learn and an interest in contributing to this essential ministry, we need you!

How to Get Involved:

If you feel called to join our Media Ministry team or if you have any questions, please provide your contact information and your area of interest to Lisa Payne, Rudy Rumohr, or Jason St, Jean, There is a sign up list in the narthex.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Together, we can deliver worship services that inspire others (as well as ourselves) to find the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Here are some of MUMC Family spreading Joy in Mayl Did you ?



Avery Herlihy received the Responsibility Ambassador award at the Wilton School Board Meeting. Wow Avery!

Deb Santinelli with her niece after the Lilac Bloomsday 12 K in Spokane WA. Yay Deb!





John, Jess, Jonah, & Tess Farnsworth took a Mother's Day hike!

Kim, Jimi, Lily, & Jamie Eves at Universal studio!







Chris, Jacob,, Jenn & Ben at Jacob's graduation. Jacob earned his BFA in Musical Theater from CT State University. Fantastic, Jacob!

Would love to see

how you spread Joy. Friend me on Facebook or send a pic to office @milfordumc.org



The MUMC VOICE team has a table at the Pride Event. Come down and say hello.

In June SHARE Is Collecting

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes



Outreach

Church & Society Releases \$ New Social Justice Position Statements from VOICE

During their recent meeting, Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church engaged in reflective conversations, and on May 7, 2025 delivered four peace and justice pastoral letters concerning four social concerns for prayerful dialogue, discernment and witness.

1. A Call for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo

2. A Plea for Ceasefire and Justice in Palestine and Israel

3. A Call to Reject Violence Against Transgender Persons

4. A Stand Against the Dismantling of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policies

Here are a summary of details and actions you can take.

1 "The country's development cannot be achieved without political stability, accountability, and the active participation of its citizens. Non-governmental organizations need to be strengthened and given a real voice in the future of their country. Congolese need and deserve support to consolidate peace, construct democracy, save lives, and rebuild their country." (United Methodist Book of Resolutions #3223: Democratic Republic of





Do you need extra help to hear the service or to read the bulletins or hymnal? Call the office and let us know how we can help you. 603-673-2669. Leave a message with your phone number.

the Congo: Hope for a Radiant Future, page 239)

Educate yourself. Start by reading Resolution #3223, 'Democratic Republic of Congo: Hope for A Rsadiant Future". Get involved with Friends of the Congo <u>https://</u> <u>friendsofthecongo.org/</u>. Meet with your elected officials and advocate for a just peace. Sign up for emails about this issue <u>https://www.umcjustice.org/</u>

2 The United Methodist Church has affirmed its commitment to nonviolent responses. The Church calls on all companies that profit from and/or support settlements through their business activities to examine these and stop any business that contributes to serious violations of international law, promotes systemic discrimination or otherwise supports ongoing military occupation. (The United Methodist Church 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions #4108, Opposition to Israeli Settlements in Palestinian Land)

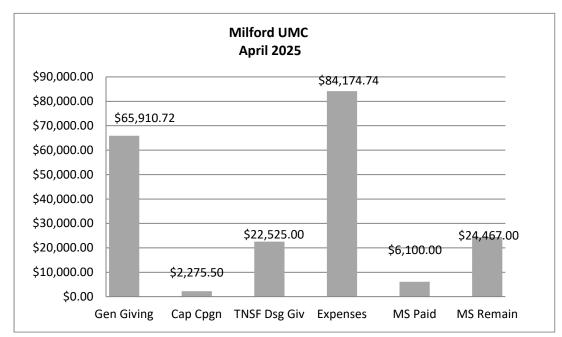
Learn about the situation by taking action with organization like United Methodist for Kairos Response at

www.kairosresponse.org and read the Kairos document. Participate in nonviolent economic measures, that will aid in ending the occupation, support investments in the Palestinian economy and join activities that will help bring peace to both communities. Get emails that focus on this at www.umcjustice.org

3. "We condemn all attempts to deny individuals their basic rights or freedoms or to strip human beings of their inherent digni-

Financial Reports

From Deb Santinelli, for the Finance Committee



Please consider volunteering to be a money counter on Sunday mornings. This job only takes about 20 minutes after the service. It is required that 2 people be present to count cash. Once we have a few volunteers, we can rotate serving so no one is burdened every week. See Callie or Andy ,if you are interested.

YTD Financ	YTD Financials \$65,910.72 \$2,275.50 \$22,52500 \$84,174.74 \$6,100.00	
General Giving	\$65,910.72	
Cap Campaign	\$2,275.50	
TSF Dsg Giv *	\$22,52500	
Expenses	\$84,174.74	
Mission Shares Paid	\$6,100.00	
Mission Shares Remain	\$24,467.00	

*Dsg = Designated giving accounts that are being used to fund items that show up in the Expense category.



The miracle of giving is that giving makes miracles. —Bishop Robert E. Goodrich

MUMC giving QR Code

From VOICE

from page 4

ty and worth. We. Therefore, reject within the church and wider society any act of discrimination, hatred or violence directed against individuals or groups based on gender identity or sexual orientation." The United Methodist Church 2025 – 2028 Social Principles, The Political Community, Basic Rights and Freedoms)

Listen openly to the stories and experiences of LGBTQIA+ people whose lived experience is different that your own. Take a stand with local elected officials who attack marriage equality, adoption rights and health care access. Advocate for laws protecting dignity and rights of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

4. The General Board of Church and Societyof the UMC supports Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies as acts of restorative justice seeking to honor and advance all persons and to eliminate exclusion and discrimination

Contact your elected officials and implore reconsideration and repeal of the administration removal of Diversity and Inclusions policies. Affirm practices in the denomination's ongoing work in support of equality. Pray that this administration will refrain from discriminatory practices. Read more UMC Book of Resolutions #3325 A Charter for Racial Justice in an Interdependent Global Community and #3326 Affirmative Action.

To learn more about the United Methodist Social Principles visit <u>www.umcjustice.org</u>

Do you know where your Name tag is?? Pastor Wissel and Amy will need some way to know you! Family Spotlight Events Mark your calendars!

Tye Dye is SUNDAY JUNE 1, FROM 2-4. We are making tie dye shirts with Jacqui Cook for VBS and to show our love for MUMC.

Campfire Goodbye Campfire Hello Campfires are such a good way to be together! Join us to say goodbye to Pastor John and hello to Pastor Matt Wissell 'round the campfire. Campfire with Pastor John Wednesday June 11 at 6:00 We're inviting Pastor Matt Wissell to join us Friday July 11 at 6:00

Vacation Bible School VBS 2025 Road Trip! Friday July 11, Saturday July 12 and Sunday July 13th is our VBS Family

weekend! Did you mark your calendar? Do please invite a friend!!!

Friends,

What does it mean to love well? It's a time of endings and beginnings both in schools and here at church. I used to love step-up day at school every June. It's so exciting to meet new students and teachers and honor and celebrate what you love about the one(s) you leave behind. It's fun to wonder and imagine what a new teacher or pastor will say and do. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. It's an important time to appreciate who we are for one another individually and as a community. Words matter. Actions matter.

Cont'd pg 8





If you see any of these folks around town, be sure to wish them a happy day!

Birthdays: June 2

June 4 June 7 June 8 June 9 June 10 June 11 June 12 June 20 June 26 June 30

Dan Roby Andrea Baver Dan Muller Janine Rumohr Elizabeth Whitley Marion Diorio Theo Rafter Sandi Tuthill Shirley Stackpole Doris Houston **Everett Gale** Emma Lambert Shawnna Frost **Dotty Dishong** Paula Muller Kim Pfeil

Anniversaries: June 13 June 30

Dan & Wendy Ayotte Dan & Paula Muller

We would love to include you on the birthday and anniversary list. Won't you share your special dates at office@milfordumc.org



This Month's Lectionary

June 1 Psalm 97, Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

June 8 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

June 22 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 29 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62



Driving Ministry

If you are in need of a ride and have no place to turn, call the office and we will notify the driving ministry to help you out. This program is primarily directed to our handicapped and seniors, but anybody who needs a ride and can't find one is eligible. There is no charge for this service. Office 603-673-2669 Steve Takacs 603-672-5118

office@milfordumc.org trumpetchoo@msn.com

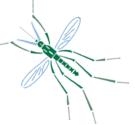


Mission Team

From Diane Miller

The collection for Bed Nets continues through Father's Day. Last year we collected over

\$1100. Do you think we can do it again this year?



These nets go a long way to protect the children in these vulnerable areas.

Thoughts on Father's Day

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;

I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries — Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine: The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow, I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

-Author unknown



Family Life Cont'd from Pg 6

Consider writing a note to Pastor John and Pastor Matt Wissell and let them know how you've grown with God in recent years. Think about how you hope to grow and center in Christ in days to come. It's helpful for teachers-pastors are teachers- to hear from us what our goals are and how to help. I will leave my pineapple cards in the Narthex for you to use, or you can make your own!

I'm here for you too. Please reach out to me if you need a listening ear or someone to pray with. Raising children in faith as we grow ourselves as parents takes intentionality and perseverance. Children hear our words and follow our actions. It's mostly what we do and how we live our lives that teaches them who and how to grow and become.

You are God's beloved child and God gets you in ways you may struggle to understand yourself. Lean in to God's expansive embrace, know God's strength and tenderness. There is nothing you can say or do that is beyond grace. Grace comes before us and follows us. We can't earn it and we can't unravel it. Be grateful for grace. Grace. Grateful for grace.

Grace and Peace, LeeAnne

The joy of generosity

He who has received much should also give much. It is essential to give a goodly part of what God has allowed us to accumulate. Otherwise greed and miserliness will seize our hearts and minds. Furthermore, by not giving generously, we will miss the many joys that generosity brings to us. Let us not cheat ourselves of those blessings.

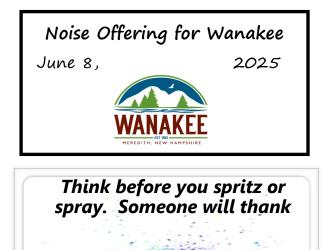
Spring Yard Sale From Pat Rafter

Despite the drizzle we had a good turnout and sold several items. Yard Sale items, clothing and food brought in a grand total of \$2553.

A new cover for the large canopy and 1 for the carport were purchased and will be paid for by these proceeds as well as a generous donation from Nancy Tong. The rest will go to missions or whatever finance deems necessary. Final clean up has been delayed due to rain, but hopefully all will be gone soon.

The fall yard sale will be in September. Date to be announced this summer.

I have decided the fall yard sale will be my last one to coordinate. Looking for someone to step up and take this very rewarding mission on. I am happy to share what I have learned over the last 20+ years. It is a great fundraiser and pulls in many from the community, benefiting all. It would be sad to see this not continue. Please prayerfully consider taking this mission on.



Scents can make some people sick.

Blankets for Grads From Kerri-Lynn Kimner

There a lots of blanket kits with instructions in the office. These need to be made and it is really easy. Please consider picking up one or two to complete early in June, Remember these are for our graduating seniors.



Craft Work Shops From Pat Rafter

Christmas Craft Fair Workshop are going well. We are increasing our inventory! What great little worker bees are we. We will continue to meet on the 4th Saturday of each month, taking July and Aug off. In September we will start back up and decided if we need to meet more often this fall. Pat is also considering some random jam making days as fruits come into season this summer. If you are interested in making jam or learning how, let Pat know and she will include you on these days. This year's fair will be 12/6.





S

0 M

Е

R

Ε

Т

Н

0

W

С

т

U

R

Jim Kostuk



Kyra Whitehead



Brenda Haggerty E Natalie Frissore S



Kris Jensen, Linda Mossey, Paul Calabria

I expect we will do this again. We raised about 3K toward the mortgage retirement



Graham Gordon



Patty Harvey-Olson



Matty Harvey-Olson



Neva Harvey-Olson



Ivy Rose Harvey Olson

All about our Transition

Team

From Sue Rudolf

The Transition Team was formed when Pastor John announced he would be leaving and that we would be welcoming a new pastor. The Transition Team works with the outgoing and incoming pastors, keeps a timeline for tasks for the pastor who's leaving and the pastor who's coming and helps support the congregation through the transition. We report to the District Superintendent and disband after a year.

Six members of our congregation attended the Conference led Pastoral Transition Workshop via Zoom on May 7th. It was excellent and informative. At the end, we broke into small groups with a current District Superintendent who explained what it was like, from a pastor's point of view, to get a phone call out of the blue asking you to accept a new appointment and turn your life upside down. She explained that it is part of what it means to be a Methodist pastor and while it comes as a surprise, it is not unexpected. She had moved a number of times in her ministry and while it can be challenging for a month or two, it doesn't take long to find a rhythm with a new congregation.

When we completed the workshop, we were provided with a detailed downloadable Pastoral Transition Workbook and the power point slides from the Workshop giving us the tools we need for a smooth pastoral transition. These resources are available on the conference website:

https://www.neumc.org/newsdetail/ follow-up-materials-from-transition

Transition Team

-workshop-april-2025-19054000

Members of the Transition Team: Chair - Sue Rudolf SPRC members - Dave Hagg, Colleen Guzman, Lynda Gianopoulos, Johnathan Farnham and Sue Rudolf Lay Leader - Steve Kimner Lay Member - Jim Lawler Trustees Rep - Steve Rafter Hospitality - Heidi Rocha Pastor - Pastor John (until June 30) Pastor Matt (starting July 1)

Now that you know all that, as SPRC chair, I am pleased to introduce you to our new pastor!

His name is Matt Wissell and he has been a Pastor for over 30 years. He is coming to us after serving numerous churches in Mass. He is married to Amy who loves to sing, do Crafts and sew. They have no children and no pets. Matt is friends with Pastor John, Pastor Tom and he knows LeeAnne. He has had long appointments, short appointments, wonderful appointments and a couple that weren't as wonderful. He loves to be involved with the community. He is a Mason, a Shriner, and has been a fire department pastor and a police department pastor.

But most of all he loves church and he loves being a pastor, standing with people in the good times and the not so good times, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Matt will be serving us communion on Sunday, July 6 and will preach his first sermon on Sunday, July 13. The members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee enjoyed our meeting with him very much. He's open and honest and thoughtful and we think you are going to like him, too!

Your Transition Team is looking forward to an exciting time of change as we say good-bye to our beloved Pastor John and his family and hello to Pastor Matt and his wife, Amy.

Please feel free to talk with any SPRC or Transition Team member if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions as we move forward through this time of transition.

With God's help, we pray it will be a time of growth for all of us!

In His Service,

Sue



Pastor Matt Wissell

Do you know where your name tag is?? Please look for your nametag and if you cannot find it, please see Callie for a new one. My Name is Beloved Child

Choir Wrap Up From Jenn Erdody

We are wrapping up our choir season having enjoyed providing music for second service each week, in addition to our Christmas concert and Good Friday cantata. Huge thanks go to Nancy Tong for her musical collaboration! Thanks also to Sally Landis for filling in for both Nancy and Jenn on various Sundays, and to Heidi Rocha for helping with choir rehearsal throughout the year. And... we are SO grateful for all our singers! We're blessed to have so many choir members, and thank them for sharing their musical blessings with us.

Choir will sing through July 6th, and then we flip to Special Music. Would YOU like to offer a piece for Special Music? In past summers, we've had solos, duets, quartets, and even a harmonica performance! Please contact Music Director Jenn Erdody at jerdodynh@gmail.com to sign up for a slot.



June 8, 2025



One summer afternoon, a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?"

"It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went out to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"





Farewell Brunch for the Whitley's

Due to a scheduling conflict with our original plans, it is no longer a secret so here it is:

As you know, Pastor John will be heading to his new assignment at the Aldersgate UMC in Chelmsford, MA. very soon. I believe, June 15tht is his last Sunday sharing a message with us.

In celebration of Pastor John and his family, we are planning an all-church brunch on June 15, 2025, right after service, probably about 11:45 a.m.

Won't you please make it a priority to join us in this celebration of the Whitley's time here with us and help to provide a heartfelt send-off and best wishes to their new adventure?

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex we need help with set up and food. Call the office if you need more info. 603-673-2669



The Fire of the Spirit

The presence of the Spirit of God is often symbolized in the Bible by fire. Moses, for example, saw a burning bush from which God called to him (Exodus 3:2-6).

In the New Testament, fire is said to have "rested" on each of the believers gathered together on Pentecost (Acts 2:3).

It has been common for many believers to talk of feeling something like an electrical current or a burning sensation when they have encountered God. For example, John Wesley, Methodism's founder, spoke of feeling his heart "strangely warmed" as he attended a worship service one Sunday evening.

Those who have had such experiences feel compelled to share the Good News of Christ with others. Someone said that "a burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue." The flame of faith inside one Christian is likely to start a fire in the hearts of others when the message is shared. The fire of the Spirit in a single person can kindle a fire within many others. The compulsion to speak about the love of God can lead others to the wholeness that comes with salvation.



Committees, Groups and Ministries

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the calendar, here's who to talk to.

Administrative (Ad) Council: Steve Kimner Reviews monthly committee meetings,	Families in church events and spiritual growth Family Worship room available			
discusses pending issues and votes on	during service			
church-wide decisions. Adult Mission Trip Steve & Pat Rafter	Children's Church: LeeAnne Steenhoek 10:40 Sunday morning year round.			
Bell Choir: Heidi Rocha	Praise Band: Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne, Rudy			
For adults and older kids interested in hand bell ringing.	Rumohr Contemporary Christian music that plays at the first service on Sunday.			
Christian Aftercare Ministry: Callie McMahon Serving primarily men leaving prison, helping them settle in new homes and productive, positive lives.	Staff Parish Relations (SPR): Sue Rudolf This committee acts as liaison between our staff and the congregation.			
Chancel Choir: Jennifer Erdody Open to adults and teens interested in singing in the Chancel Choir at the second	MUMC Care Team: Callie McMahon Provides confidential one-on-one Christian care with trained lay ministers.			
service.	Trustees: Steve Rafter			
Community Supper: Kerri-Lynn Kimner A supper we host at SHARE in Milford every 6-8 weeks. Volunteer to help bake	Oversees and facilitates the care and keeping of the church building and parsonage.			
or prep ahead of time, or to work at the supper itself.	White Tops: Everett Gale A social group for retired men of all denominations.			
Driving Ministry– Steve Takacs				
Provides transportation for those in need of help. Call the church office for contact information.	Worship Committee: Heidi Rocha Plans and facilitates Sunday service needs and organizes special Sundays			
Finance: Andy Baver	Worship Design: Steve Rafter			
Oversees church financial commitments	Plans music and worship for the contemporary Sunday service.			
Home Groups: Steve Rafter (Thursday) or Callie McMahon (Friday) Not meeting Expands	Vacation Bible School: LeeAnne Steenhoek,			
spiritual experience in a social context, meeting at a host's homes.	Usually happens in July. A time for the kids to be immersed in learning about Jesus.			
Lamplighters: Carol Rowlette & Elaine Driscoll A Bible-study group for women.	VOICE Giving voice to the marginalized in our community. Janet Hromjak, Callie			
Nominations: Pastor John. <i>Matches people with the committees they might be interested</i>	McMahon, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Annika Weis			
in serving on.	Men's Group: Jim Lawler			
Mission/Outreach Diane Miller Sue Kostuk Focuses on ways our church can reach out to the local, regional and	For men interested in fellowship and service. Meet Sunday Evenings			
international community.	Youth Mission Trip Tom Knapp			
Children & Family : LeeAnne Steenhoek	Works with the youth and organizes mission			
Focuses on involving Children and	work near and far.			



For Virtual Services starting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, join Us On-Line from our Facebook page Milford United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation or YouTube milfordumc or from the Website milfordumc.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:40 Children's Church, Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Ser- vice 5p Men's Group	2 6 SPRC virtual	3 7p Praise Band	4 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters 6:30 retreat	5 12 Hybrid Study 5:30 –7:30 Choir	6	7
8 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:40 Children's Church, Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Ser- vice 5p Men's Group	9 4 Worship 7 Trustees	10 7 Praise Band	 11 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters 	12 12 Hybrid Study 5:30 –7:30 Choir	13	14
15 10:30 Combined Ser- vice Whitley's Fare- well Brunch 5p Men's Group	15 5:45p VOICE 7p Finance	16 7p Praise Band	 17 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters 	18 12 Hybrid Study 5:30 –7:30 Choir	19	20
21 8:30 Spirit Celebra- tion 9:40 Children's Church, Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Ser- vice 5 p Men's Group	22	23 5p Missions 7p Praise Band	24 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetop 1 Lamplighters 6:30 retreat	25 12 Hybrid Study 5:30 –7:30 Choir	26	27 Crafting 12:30 –3 pm
28 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:40 Children's Church, Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Ser- vice 5 p Men's Group	29	30 7p Praise Band				



June 2025

Sunday Worship Times:

8:30a. Špirit Celebration, 10:30a. Traditional Service, 9:40a Adult Sunday School & Children's church. Watch Us Online Facebook & YouTube @10:30 Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Milford United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Church

Discover the Joy!

Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

We will help all 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 deploy 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.

Welcoming & Inclusion Statement:

Milford United Methodist Church is a welcoming and inclusive church which celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We welcome and serve persons without regard to age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical abilities. Milford United Methodist Church recognizes the diversity of the Body of Christ and gives thanks to God for this divine gift. We invite ALL to discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.