



# The Outreach

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## *Pastor's Corner*

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Siblings in Christ,

Christ Is Risen! As we move into the season of Easter this year, I wonder what it would churn up in us for each of us to keep that nagging 'is' of Easter morning before us: Christ Is Risen. The 'is' of Easter is a nagging 'is', I think, because it refuses to move from the present into the past tense—from 'is' to 'was'. The 'is' of Easter is always an 'is'. It refuses to let Easter be consigned to the past or put off until some undetermined future time. Christ is risen today! If we were to try and live with that nagging 'is' before us for awhile, I wonder what fruit that might yield.

I have a hunch that living with that 'is' might eventually lead us into taking a look for ourselves. If he is risen, where do we see him? Where do we see the reverberations of Easter, the ripples of resurrection? I'm going to be preaching a sermon series through this season called "The Places Where We've Seen Him" and I encourage you to step into that search with both feet and two eyes open.

Along those lines, I'd like to invite you to come and join us in our newly re-introduced Wednesday Potlucks. Those are a wonderful opportunity both to join together but also to have spiritual conversations like this. Easter is a season to explore God's new possibilities for us and for our world together and so I would like to introduce you to a book that I would like to begin reading with you later this month: L. Gregory Jones and Andrew Hogue, *Navigating the Future: Traditioned Innovation for Wider Seas*. This book, is about dreaming and travelling forward into the future; adapting to new times, but also taking the best wisdom of the past with us. With all of the things that face us moving ahead, this book shows us how to navigate those waters as an Easter people—with hope, confidence, faith, and joy. I hope you'll join me in this venture.

In Christ's Love!

*Pastor John*

## From the Pastor's Book Pile

Here is a book that will greatly enrich your reflection on and engagement with the Easter season.

N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church.*

L. Gregory Jones and Andrew Hogue, *Navigating the Future: Traditioned Innovation for Wider Seas.*



## Trustees From Steve Rafter

The Board of Trustees has chosen May 22nd for this year's Levi Sunday. We're inviting everyone to wear your jeans and join us for an hour or two of light yard work to keep our beloved church home looking it's best! We will be sweeping the sand, raking and pruning, washing windows and maybe a little painting. Bring tools if you have them and a servant heart! This is always a lot of fun; I hope you can join us! Contact me if you have any questions. Blessings,

### In May Share is collecting:

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni

Share is taking donations at Columbus Ave. To be sure, call ahead for times, 603-673-9898, and they will direct you.

**SHARE**  
Collection

Wednesday's at 6:30



Arrive about 6:15 to set up

## Tentative Crafting Workshop

May 26th, 10-2

Watch the bulletins for confirmation.



## Can Goods Drive for Share

Continuing through May there will be a plastic container outside the doors of the church for the collection of can goods and non-perishables for Share. Please leave your donations there and we will get them to Share as soon as possible.



## Wicked Awesome Yaaard Sale

**From Pat Rafter**

Remember the yard sale! May 21 8-1.

Last drop off is 5/7 from 9-11. If this date or time does not work for you, please speak with Pat Rafter or Tom Knapp to arrange a time.

We take most items as long as they are clean and working. Things we do not accept are electronics, furniture, exercise equipment, stuffed animals unless with original tags, musty books, encyclopedia sets, or magazines.

Yes we will be doing a gently used clothing sale as well. And of course we want your help!!

Proceeds will go towards the youth mission trip and other mission opportunities.

The youth will be helping out but we always welcome more helpers the day of the sale. There is consolidating to be done as the day wears on, help getting items to cars or even if you just want to mingle with the shoppers!



## Bell Choir News

**From Mary Tyler-Wall**

The MUMC Handbells will be ending their 2022 Spring Season with a performance of "The Gift of Grace" by Arnold Sherman on Mother's Day, May 8 at the 10:30am worship service. This stunning ballad uses handbells, chimes and 2 flutes to present the hymn tune Amazing Grace. I know you will enjoy it.

A Handbell Concert is in the works for this summer to benefit the Wanakee Campership Fund. Look for information about the upcoming date, yet to be determined.

If you are interested in playing handbells in the future, please contact Mary Tyler-Wall [marytw2009@gmail.com](mailto:marytw2009@gmail.com) or Nancy Tong, [wlcTongn@hotmail.com](mailto:wlcTongn@hotmail.com). Musical experience is helpful, but not required. Thank you for your support of the music in our church.



## Graduating Seniors!

Every year our church makes fleece blankets for graduating seniors. These blankets help to bring warmth and comfort from their MUMC family. We are looking for donations of fleece for this project. Pieces of fleece should be 2 yards long. If you have fleece laying around or are able to purchase some, please place it in the bin found in the narthex. Any pattern or solid will work. Thank you! KL Kimner



## Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Happy May ! Isn't it amazing how the world becomes more joyful with the coming of spring! Easter brings joy to us as Christians and here are some other examples of joy from April.



Lily Eves creates her own glow stick!



Madison Muller earns another stripe!



Josh Muller bends for the catch!



Jacob Erdody performing in Ernest & the Pale Moon



Some Harvey-Olson's pose for an Easter pic



Tim, Jaclyn, Cora Cora, Avery, & Emelaine on Easter



Kristi O'Shaughnessy on top of Cannon mtn. #18 in her climbs!



The Prayer Garden Cross on Easter

Have you got pics of you and yours sharing the joy? Let's share here. Send to me; at [office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org), or friend me on Facebook and share what you're up to.

## Lamplighters

From Carol Rowlette

*"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* John 14:27 NKJV

Our study of the women in the bible has been very interesting and enlightened our awareness of how important the women were and are to the history of the Old Testament and the New Testament and the life of Jesus.

Starting May 4 we will dive into a deep study of the meaning of the Parables. We look forward to discussing our thoughts of the lessons Jesus was teaching his disciples and what he is teaching us today.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

## Levi Sunday

May 22, after services

Come prepared to give a little sweat equity!



See page 2 for more info

## Quilts for Ukraine

From Carolan Robinson

The Quilt group has been started up again!

We will be making quilts and quilted items to be sold with all of the proceeds going to the Ukraine through UMCOR, Advance 982450, which goes to aid the Ukraine. 172 have been sold at the time of printing, 190 have been made!

The quilters will also have a table set up at the spring Yard sale. There are a number of Quilts, potholders, microwave bowls and little bags. Proceeds from this sale will also go to UMCOR.

Great work by all!

If you are interested in joining this group, call Carolan at 603-672-8833



### Our Fun-loving God

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

### Need Yardwork Help?

The Youth Mission team would love to help you with your yard work for a donation to their trip to Port Huron this year.

If you have work you need help with, contact Tom Knapp.  
tknapptime@hotmail



### God's Hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

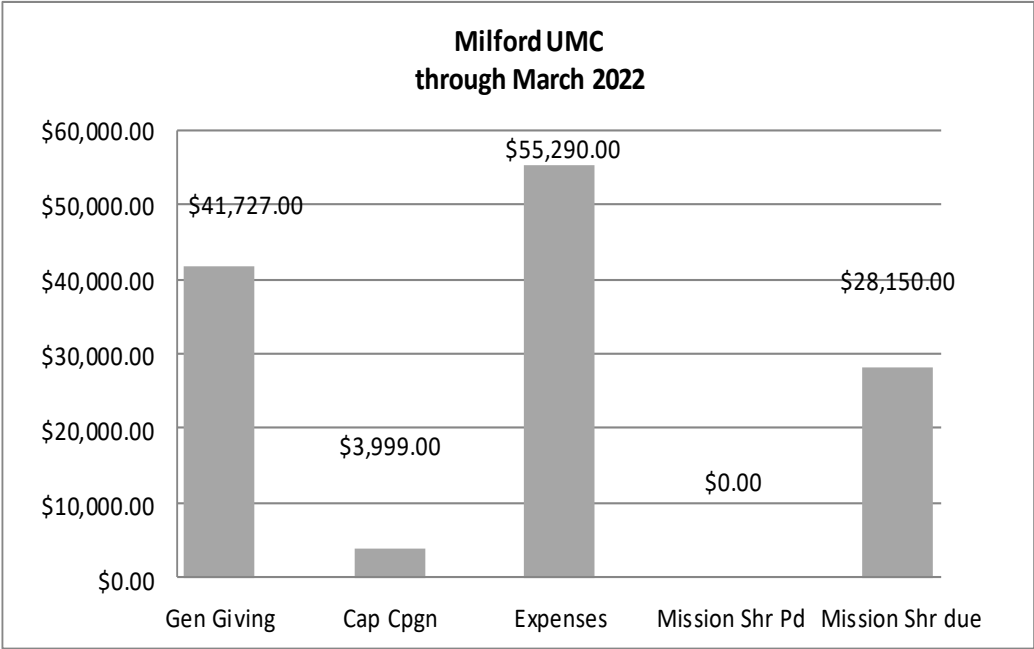


Comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

# Financial Reports

From Kirk Randlett, for the Finance Committee



**YTD Financials Thru March, 2022**

General Giving	\$41,727.00
Capital Campaign	\$3,999.00
Expenses	\$55,290.00
Mission Shares Paid	\$0.00
Mission Shares Due	\$28,150.00



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



## Birthdays & Anniversaries 2022

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

### May Birthdays:

May 13:	Gavin Lawton
May 14:	Joe Buttemeier
May 16:	Judy Hoppe
May 17:	Sarah Theriault
May 18:	Kip Holland
May 19:	Emelaine Herlihy
May 21:	Jerry Theriault
May 21:	Jenny Lawton
May 21:	Cora Herlihy
May 22:	Florina Putney
May 24:	Pat Gunter
May 26:	Shirley Blair
May 26:	Martin Betelak
May 28:	Ray Guzman
May 31:	Nancy Tong

### Anniversaries

May 6:	Pat & Steve Rafter
May 6:	Judy & Jerry Hoppe
May 15:	Jim & Mary Tyler-Wall
May 22:	Carol & Cecil Rowlette

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary, if we missed yours! When we know yours, we'd love to mention you! It's always nice to be remembered, please e-mail the office your special dates at [office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org).



## This Month's Lectionary

**May 1:** Psalm 30, Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

**May 8:** Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

**May 15:** Psalm 148, Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

**May 22:** Psalm 67, Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

**May 29:** Psalm 97, Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26



## 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 handi-capped 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](mailto:office@milfordumc.org) [trumpetchoo@msn.com](mailto:trumpetchoo@msn.com)



**Thanks to the Story's for volunteering to help. If you are interested, an extra name in the office would be great.** Calls are few.

# 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: Callie McMahon**

*Reviews monthly committee meetings, discusses pending issues and votes on church-wide decisions.*

**Adult Mission Trip Steve & Pat Rafter**

**Bell Choir: Mary Tyler-Wall**

*For adults and older kids interested in hand bell ringing.*

**Christian Aftercare Ministry: Callie McMahon**

*Serving primarily men leaving prison, helping them settle in new homes and productive, positive lives.*

**Chancel Choir: Jennifer Erdody**

*Open to adults and teens interested in singing in the Chancel Choir at the second service.*

**Community Supper: Kerri-Lynn Kimner**

*A supper we host at SHARE in Milford every 6-8 weeks. Volunteer to help bake or prep ahead of time, or to work at the supper itself. **Restart Coming Soon***

**Driving Ministry— Steve Takacs**

*Provides transportation for those in need of help.*

**Finance: Andy Baver**

*Oversees church financial commitments*

**Home Groups: Steve Rafter (Thursday) or Callie McMahon (Friday) *hold due to covid***

*Expands spiritual experience in a social context, meeting at a host's homes.*

**Lamplighters: Elaine Driscoll & Carol Rowlette**

*A Bible-study group for women.*

**Nominations: Pastor John. Matches people with**

*the committees they might be interested in serving on.*

**Outreach:**

*Focuses on ways our church can reach out to the local, regional and international community.*

**Praise Band: Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne, Rudy**

**Rumohr**

*Contemporary Christian music that plays at the first service on Sunday.*

**Staff Parish Relations (SPR): Steve Kimner**

*This committee acts as liaison between our staff and the congregation.*

**Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon**

*Provides confidential one-on-one Christian care with trained lay ministers.*

**Sunday School/ Education Team: Elizabeth Whitley**

*Chooses curriculum, helps prepare teachers, runs the Sunday School from September-June.*

**Trustees: Steve Rafter**

*Oversees and facilitates the care and keeping of the church building and parsonage.*

**White Tops: Everett Gale**

*A social group for retired men of all denominations.*

**Worship Committee: Cyndi Geiger & Carol Rowlette**

*Plans and facilitates Sunday service needs and organizes special Sundays*

**Worship Design: Steve Rafter**

*Plans music and worship for the contemporary Sunday service.*

**Vacation Bible School: Vacancy**

*Plans and hosts VBS, which runs one week during the summer.*

**VOICE Giving voice to the marginalized in our**

*community. Janet Hromjak, Claire Holston, Callie McMahon. Esther Thayer, Kerri-Lynn Kimner*

**Youth Group: Tom Knapp**

*Organizes and hosts Youth Group for middle and high school kids in our congregation. Runs September-May.*

**Youth Mission Trip Tom Knapp**





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service	2 6 SPRC	3 7 Praise Band	4 8 Whitetops 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 1 Lamplighters 6:30 Pot luck	5 5:45 p.m. Hand bells 7:-Chancel Choir	6	7 Yard Sale Drop off 9-11
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*May, 2022*

### **Sunday Worship Times:**

8:30 Spirit Celebration, 10:30 Traditional Service  
or Watch Us Online Facebook & YouTube @10:30  
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# 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.