



The Outreach

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Pastor's Corner

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Co-travelers in Christ,

As I write to you this month, I find that my heart is preoccupied and burdened by the escalating troubles and wars and violence and "stuckness" that we have been seeing, near and far, in the world around us lately. Whether it be the recent shootings in Lewiston, ME with the senseless loss of life mixed together with our seeming inability to find any solutions on gun violence and mental health, or the newly-ignited violence along the border of Israel and the Gaza Strip and the "stuckness" and inability there to find a workable way to live in peace as neighbors (and then, of course, the inevitable reverberations here of antisemitic and anti-Arab violence that always tends to resurge in the wake of these sorts of events, contributing to a more global "stuckness"). Continuing "stuckness" in the Ukraine; deepening "stuckness" and polarization here in the US in the arenas of racism, politics, LGBTQ rights, and even our very own denomination. There is a lot of violence, a lot of anger, and a lot of "stuckness" in the world right now.

I read somewhere recently that, on the old Saxon calendar, the month we call November was known as Blotmonad ("Blood Month")—a month named after the heavy loss of life that came along with all of the many animal sacrifices that the Saxons would perform this time of year. The blood, it seems, still flows in November. As Christians, we should all, I believe, be deeply puzzled by that on some level. Yes, we know at the outset that there is something deeply broken in the human heart that gives rise to human sin and human tragedy, but still there's a senselessness, a missed opportunity, and a puzzlement that has to remain. Why are we still doing this now that the Lord of life has come? What further need is there for this sort of violence and "stuckness" now that Christ has died and is risen—as Ephesians says, now that "he himself is our peace" (Eph 2:14)?

On the church calendar, the 1st of November is the day we acknowledge the reality of death in a very different sort of way—by celebrating the persistence and victory of the life found in Christ. And, faced with that, we are called to remember yet again a core aspect of one of the church's central teaching about the atonement: that's Christ's

From the Pastor's Book Pile

death and atoning work has done away any further need for violence. Ever. Violence is not just evil, it's obsolete. "He himself is our peace." When will the world understand?

In Christ!

Pastor John

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

From Pat Rafter

It's that time if the year again, where we can join together to help our friends at Salvation Army.

We will be ringing bells at Market Basket on Saturdays 10-2 and Shaw's on Sundays 12-4. This season of ringing begins on Nov 25 and runs through Christmas Eve. We will ring at both stores Christmas Eve 12-4.

Looking for folks to sign up for 1 hour ringing slots once or twice during this holiday season. I find it a joyful and rewarding community outreach. Shoppers are very gracious and often remember us year to year.

25% of what is collected stays local. Pastor John is in charge or disbursement of these funds. I am looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the weekend of Dec 2 and 3rd, as I will be involved with the Christmas Fair. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to do this and I will let you know the details.

Sign up for ringing slots will be in the narthex starting Nov 12.



Christmas Fair 2023

From Callie McMahon

Are you ready? It's Fair time again!

Please be on the look out for sign up information , both as an email through signup genius and as signup sheets here in the narthex. There is plenty to be done and as we all know; many hands make light the work.

Here is a sample of what we need. I hope you can find a way to help, even if it is to come by December 2 and enjoy the sights and sounds of the fair.

Do you have something special for the "Silent Auction" Table? See or call Callie.

Sunday 11/26 6 p.m. clear out sanctuary space.

Wednesday 11/29 9-12 p.m. set up the "bones" of the fair. Snack mixes due to the church by noon.

Thursday 11/30 9-12 p.m. packaging of tins. Cookies and Candies due to the church by noon.

Friday 12/1 9am-3 p.m. packaging cookies and candies. Setting out all the items for sale and set up the café.

Saturday **Fair Day** 9a.m.—1 p.m. we need servers, cashiers, and helpers.

1pm on...Put the sanctuary back together! Hope to see you and hope you find a place with us.



Share Adopt a Family From Pat Rafter

We will be supporting the SHARE adopt a family for the holiday again this year. As of the writing of this article, I have requested 2 families with 2-3 children each.

A small tree will be in the narthex beginning Dec 3 with gift tags to choose with items requested by these families. Items will need to be returned to the church by Friday Dec 15 by noon.

It has been a very successful program for many years. SHARE is expecting a record number of families with needs this year. Let's do our best to support this community outreach!



11 Facts About Native People in Society and the Church

We are a diverse people. There are over 570 federally recognized tribes, nations, villages, clans and more across the United States, along with 61 state-recognized tribes. Each nation has its own language, culture, values, and history; there is no single culture or language among Indigenous peoples. The diversity among Indigenous peoples in this country is amazing and beautiful. No one person or group may "speak for" all Indigenous persons.

We are not a mascot. Indigenous persons are not "honored when our cultural image, symbols, and faces are used as sport mascots (or any other mascots) by non-native people. In fact, such mascots are degrading and false representations of who Native people are. Numerous studies – including a 2005 study by the American Psychological Association – suggest Native mascots and behavior associated with fans of teams with such mascots harm Native people particularly children and youth. These studies demonstrate that colleges and schools with Native mascots, Native children and youth are more likely to live with lower self-esteem, increased rates of depression and substance abuse, and as increased likelihood of encountering anti-native American racism and discrimination.

There are many names for indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world. There is no specific term that is suitable for all. Many tribal peoples prefer to be called by the tribe or tribes they represent. The United Methodist Church has used "Native Americans" for many years. Other acceptable terms include American Indians, First Nations, Indigenous, First Americans. There are many names for Indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world. Cont'd pg.8

Crop Walk Update

From Pat Rafter

Updates on the Greater Nashua Crop Hunger Walk by Pat Rafter

God blessed us with good weather for walking. Close to 200 walked the 3.3 mile course through downtown Nashua to the community gardens and back through North Nashua neighborhoods. Over \$45,000 has been raised so far and donations are still coming in. 21, two legged walkers and 1 four legged walker completed the walk in Nashua for our team. Marley Gale did her 3.3 miles walking around the church.

Team MUMC consisted of Rodney, Maureen and Moxie Lockwood, Tom Knapp, Jess Farnsworth, Deb Santinelli, Jen and Eric McInnis, John, Elizabeth, Will, Leila and Sybil Whitley, Lindsay Mossey and "birthday girl" Juliet Drobysh, Lynda Gianopoulos, Marley Gale, Heidi Rocha, Rich Rudolf, Nancy Tong, Lisa Payne, Steve and Pat Rafter. Callie McMahan served as a registrar too. I will keep you posted on the totals. Heidi Rocha was once again well supported by her donors, raising over \$1,300 on her own! I dare you all to try to challenge her again next year. I believe Will and Leila Whitley were the first 2 back to the Temple. Way to go! Currently MUMC has finished second over all with donations totaling \$4835. Good work Team MUMC! Hoping to get more Souhegan Valley Faith Communities involved next year.



Christmas Band

Calling all instrumentalists!
From Nancy Tong

Do you play a concert band instrument? Or did you? Then the MUMC Band needs you for our Christmas Concert on December 17. If you can play at a Middle School level or better, we've got a part for you.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays beginning on November 26. We'll meet in the sanctuary after the second service, from approximately 11:45 until 1:00.

See Nancy Tong, or contact her at wltongn@hotmail.com or 603-345-0692 for more information.



There may be links in this month's Outreach. The link can be activated by highlighting the link and right clicking to bring up the dialog box and scrolling to "open hyperlink".

Milford United Methodist
Children's Church



Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Some of our MUMC family out and about and having fun in October!



Lily & Jamie Eves at the pumpkin festival



The St. Jean's enjoy miniature golf



The Harvey – Olson's annual pumpkin pic



The pics above are all positive for the Erdody story. Jenn ran the Hampshire Hills 5K, heavy equipment at the property putting up the new house and Chris stomping in the dumpster as the work comes nearer to completion,! YAY!!!!



Heidi Rocha and Leila Whitley, as beautiful as ever after the Crop Walk



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

Christmas Concert From Jenn Erdody

Chancel Choir will be starting rehearsals for the Christmas concert on Thursday, November 9, from 7:00 to 8:30. Rehearsals after that date will be weekly on Thursdays, from 7:00 to 8:00. We invite you to come sing with us! Please RSVP to Jenn if you'll be joining the Christmas choir.

Jerdody@myfairpoint.net

The Christmas concert will be on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4:00. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



In November SHARE Is Collecting

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



Food
Pantry
Needs

SHARE
Collection

Share Supper

Tuesday November 21, 2032

Look for signup sheets in the Narthex





We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Rehabilitation Act Changes From Voice

Persistent bias and unchecked ableism have spurred historic proposed rule changes in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in order to stop discrimination on the basis of disability in health and human service programs.

On September 7, 2023, the Biden Administration announced a sweeping renewal of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in the provision of Federally funded programs and activities. The Rehabilitation Act was the first civil rights legislation intended to protect people with disabilities from discrimination. After forty years, the Rehabilitation Act still lacks adequate enforcement of these protections, particularly in the healthcare industry.

Significant and recent medical research exposes the devastating consequences of ableism in the field of healthcare, bringing to the forefront the very real vulnerability of people with disabilities as they seek essential preventative, primary, and specialty health services.

One recent study from the American Psychological Association revealed harmful explicit and implicit bias by health care providers, who perceive people with disabilities as having a lower quality of life because of their disability. On the contrary, people with disabilities consistently report having an excellent or good quality of life.

Another alarming study in 2021, from the National Library of Medicine, documents physicians' perceptions of people with disabilities and their health care practice. Only 40.7% of physicians surveyed were confident of their ability to provide the same quality of care to patients with disabilities. In addition, only 56.5% strongly agreed that they welcome patients with dis-

Noise Offering for Wanakee November 11



This collection will happen the 2nd Sunday of the month.
Quiet Money is always welcome too!

abilities into their practices.

These attitudes rooted in biases and stereotypes not only impact how medical professionals interact with people with disabilities, but also how they structure their office practices, select essential equipment and technology, and determine who will benefit from which life-critical medical interventions.

As United Methodists, we are called “to stand alongside people with disabilities, take action and speak out on their rights in society,” (Book of Resolutions ¶13302).

Support The Proposed Section 504 Rule Changes To:

Prohibit medical decisions based on biases and stereotypes, on judgments that assert that an individual is or will be a burden on others, or on measurements that conclude the life of a person with a disability is of less value than the life of a person without a disability. Unchecked, such discrimination has resulted in denials of life-sustaining treatments, medical rationing, and withholding of organ transplants.

Require medical offices and facilities have accessible equipment and technological infrastructure such as exam tables, screen equipment, and weight scales. For example, lack of such basic items has left people with disabilities unable to get preventative services as fundamental as mammograms and pap smears.

Obligate medical providers to ensure their Web-based, mobile, and kiosk services are accessible by adopting content accessibility guidelines.

Prioritize the provision of services in the most integrated setting appropriate for the individual, consistent with the Supreme Court’s Olmstead decision that

enables people with disabilities to avoid preventable institutionalization.

Prevent the use of discriminatory “value assessment methods” that limit or deny access to essential medications, treatments, equipment/aids, benefits, and services by people with disabilities by asserting that the costs of such outweigh the value added to their life. People with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to such institutional cost-containment measures by sheer frequency of occurrence and by category of incidence.

Take action before November 13, 2023.

Combatting ableism by targeting life-critical changes in the provision of healthcare is a Gospel imperative. Add your voice to the chorus of the faithful calling for these historic changes to Section 504 by providing your comments before November 13.

You can share your comments by going directly to the [Federal Register](#) (Docket ID Number HHS–OCR–2023–0013 - *Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Health and Human Service Programs or Activities*). Select the “comment” button on the top left portion of the page for comments

Speak out against ableism both in church and in society and invite everyone to actively support life-affirming actions such as the proposed rule changes to Section 504.

Together we can advance God’s promises of shalom through the celebration of universal human dignity.





MUMC will be the place to be on November 19 at 3:00, as we host the Nashua Chamber Orchestra, featuring music by Beethoven and Schubert. In addition to performing Schubert's Overture in the Italian Style, and Beethoven's Symphony #2, the orchestra will be joined by the Nashua Choral Society for the Schubert Mass in G. The Nashua Chamber Orchestra is directed by Maestro David Feltner, and includes musicians from the Nashua area.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, Free for under 18 and military (in honor of Veteran's Day). Advance tickets at a \$2 discount are available from Nancy Tong. For more info, visit the Nashua Chamber Orchestra's Facebook page, or website: nco-music.org.



Three New Books for Children's Church

Family Life

**With LeeAnne Steenhoek,
Youth and Family Ministry Director MUMC**

The warmth of our campfire and joy of shared songs and stories lingers in my heart as I reach out to you for November. How's your spirit? The words *this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long* from Blessed Assurance fills me and I am eager to share with you:

First, I've picked up three books I plan to read and share for Family Ministry. Please see the picture. *Creation Waits* by Gayle Boss Illustrated by David G. Klein, *Awakening Joy* by James Baraz and Michele Lilyanna and *The Orchid and the Dandelion* by W. Thomas Boyce, M.D. Do you know these books? I would love to know what you're reading! Text, call or slip a note under my door.

Next, here's a beautiful story. A few weeks ago, I ambled into Goodwill hoping to find some containers for November terrariums with those bright red partridge berries often found in the woods in New Hampshire this time of year. I'm hoping to make them in Children's Church.

As I meandered through the aisles gathering glassware, I was approached by Lonni Stapanon who told me she had a story to share about her walk and the miracle that is her daughter Alisa and their shared journey with Jesus.

Lonni shared that Alisa was born with holes in all four chambers of her heart and survival was questionable. She prayed. Alisa made it through hours, days and Lonni prayed with family and friends and likely some of you reading now.

When it came time to operate and repair Alisa's heart, fervent intercessory prayers went up and when Lonni brought baby Alisa to ultrasound for pre-surgery assessment on her heart, the technician looked and looked some more. The holes in Alisa's heart were whole. Alisa had a whole heart. A miracle!

Resilient, and with many challenges, Alisa continued to grow. Alisa had multiple ear infections and other health concerns. Lonni's intuition told her that Alisa's hearing was impacted but the doctors could not or would not hear her. Lonni continued to pray. Alisa had a surgery that required full anesthesia at the age of four. Coming out of the surgery, Alisa had important news; Alisa met Jesus. Alisa said that Jesus came to her and spat in His hand. He took his fingers and put them in her ears and said, "Be opened". Lonni had not shared the scripture with Alisa where Jesus heals the deaf man with a speech impediment:

"Ephphatha! Be Opened!"

They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!"

Alisa met Jesus. Jesus heals. Intercessory prayer is powerful.

You can imagine my amazement and delight in hearing Lonni and Alisa's faith journey and healing story. I asked to share this with you here and I also shared 'round the campfire last week at S'More Church with those gathered-some ghostly!

This past Sunday a parishioner, Rodney returned for our second campfire of the season. He shared that he believes the miracle in the story is Lonni. Lonni's response to Alisa's extensive medical struggles with prayer and prayer and gratitude and grace. Lonni is the miracle.

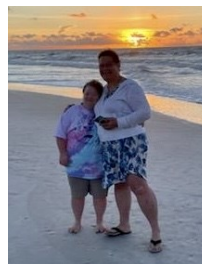
Lonni and Alisa are the miracle, yes! All things are possible with God. I'm reminded of a song grace that was a staple around our table growing up.

God is great and God is good
And we thank him for our food
By His hand must all be fed
Give us Lord our daily bread
Amen

We are a people of stories. Witnessing God's work as we walk in faith and proclaim the good news is sometimes an untold blessing.

How are you showing up for God and sharing your story? How do you remember and rekindle the love and light that is YOU in the world?

Just as it says in the Psalms, There will be Joy in the Morning. Here are Alisa and Lonnie soaking in the blessing of a new day at sunrise.



Our Miracle Child.
Alisa, with Moxie!

Youth Mission News From Tom Knapp

The youth are already getting in front of the 2024 mission trip to Dinwiddie Virginia. They made about \$400 at the Pumpkin festival bean bag toss and November will bring the gift Card Fundraiser to the MUMC Narthex.

Tom is also willing to schedule fall clean up days if you are interested in bringing the youth in to help.



Native People cont'd from pg3

Not all Native/ Indigenous persons live on a reservation. Across the United States there are 326 reservations yet less than 30 % of all American Indians and Alaska Natives live on them. More than 70% live in urban areas with approximately 8 % live in small towns and rural areas outside of reservations.

Our regalia and dances have a sacred and spiritual meaning Our ritualistic dances should not be mimicked for comedy, nor should our ceremonial clothing (e.g. feathered headdresses) be worn as costumes for Halloween or sampled as fashion. The regalia is sacred, and much prayer, time, and work go into creating each piece worn in tribal dances. Often, they are passed down from generation to generation. Please be aware that wearing indigenous regalia as costumes is cultural appropriation. Such actions contribute to the oppression Indigenous people face daily.

Native Americans serve in the U.S. Military at the highest rate of any other ethnic group. American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the U.S. Armed Forces at five times the national average. Native veterans have served with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years. Native persons have the highest per-capita involvement of any population to serve in the U.S. military. Indigenous code-talkers from 33 tribes were recognized by Congress in 2013. Many of them are from United Methodist churches.

Native Americans as United Methodists leaders date back to the 19th century.

The first Native American District Superintendent in the denomination was the Rev. Samuel Checote, a Muscogee, who was appointed in 1868 after he was relocated to Indian Territory in the 1820s. In 1992, the Rev. Dr. Lois Neal, a Cherokee, became the first Native American woman appointed District Superintendent. Rev. Dr. Neal and the Rev. Everline "Tweedy" Sombrero, a Navajo, were the first two Native American women to earn a master's degree in theology in 1988. The Rev. Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, a Seneca, was the first Native American to be named General Secretary of a church-wide agency of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Fassett was elected and served in that position with the General Board of Church and Society from 1988 to 2000. In 2022, Rev. David Wilson, a member of the Choctaw Nation, was the first Native American elected as bishop.

Indigenous persons have made significant contributions to the world's culture.

The constitution of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy was used as a model for the Articles of Confederation, later incorporated into the U.S. Constitution. Corn was cultivated by Indigenous peoples over 10,000 years ago, who in turn taught the first European immigrants how to grow the crop. The earliest Indigenous doctors identified plants that provided anesthetics and ointment for healing of the skin. Make time to further research the contributions of Indigenous per-

A powerful witness

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and martyr in the early years of Christianity, well known for his extensive writing about Christ and the church. On his journey to martyrdom in the early second century, he wrote letters to the Christian communities of the time that are still instructive today.

On November 1 we celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering all who have died in faith, as well as particular models of strong faith whom the church has named "saints." Especially inspiring — and challenging — are these words of Ignatius, written near the end of his life: "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."

Thanksgiving humor

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
Your nose.



Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumstick.

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sons on modern culture and society.

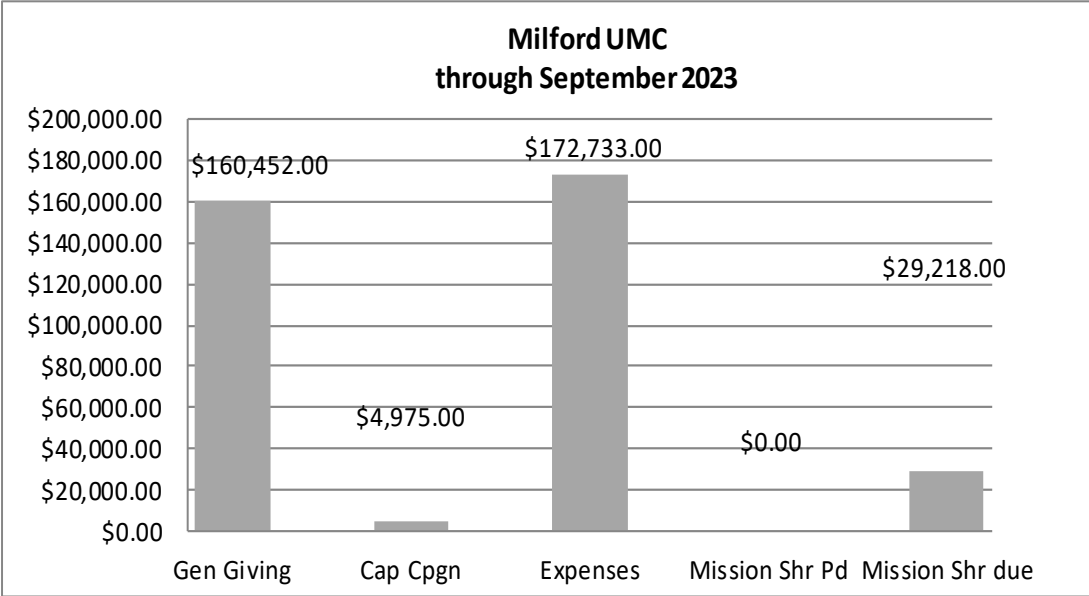
Indigenous persons play a vital and important role in the life of the United Methodist Church. Even so, they represent the smallest racial ethnic group in the denomination, at 0.47 percent. According to the latest study by the United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan and Path One (a church-planting initiative of Discipleship Ministries), there are 157 Native American United Methodist congregations in the United States. The largest concentration of Native churches is in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, which comprises parishes in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

Tipis are not the typical housing for modern U.S. Indigenous people. Today, tipis are used mostly in Native American ceremonies and cultural gatherings, and the majority of tribal people have never lived in tipis. Traditional housing for U.S. Natives has ranged from longhouses in the Northeast and hogans in the Southwest, to igloos in Alaska. Today, most Indigenous persons live in contemporary homes, condos, apartments, tribal homes in urban areas, towns, rural areas, reservations and more. The new First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City features a soaring glass and steel half dome as its entrance hall modeled after a traditional Wichita grass lodge.

Indigenous persons are the only racial-ethnic group that must constantly "prove" who we are. To gain U.S. federal-government recognition and protection, Native Americans must document their racial identity. This federal recognition began with the Dawes Commission in 1887, which required every Native American person in the country to register. Tribal peoples from federally recognized tribes must register with their tribes to show their lineage to these tribes. Each tribe issues tribal cards and the government issues a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood card to individuals. The cards are often used by tribal nations to prove eligibility for government services.

Financial Reports

From Kirk Randlett, for the Finance Committee



YTD Financials

General Giving	\$160,452.00
Mortgage Fund	\$4,975.00
Expenses	\$172,733.00
Mission Shares Paid	\$0.00
Mission Shares Due	\$29,218.00



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



Milford UMC
General Fund
<https://www.milfordumc.org>

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

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

Birthdays:

November 12: Barbara Gorman
November 14: Libby St Jean
November 16: Graham Gordon
November 20: Will Whitley
November 25: Cecil Rowlette
November 25: Donna Daley
November 30: Diane Franklin

Anniversaries

November 14: Rick & Nicole Masters



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

November 5: Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

November 12: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

November 19: Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-34, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46



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



Committees, Groups and Ministries

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the

Administrative (Ad) Council: Janet Hromjak
Reviews monthly committee meetings, discusses pending issues and votes on church-wide decisions.

Adult Mission Trip Steve & Pat Rafter

Bell Choir: Heidi Rocha
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. Call the church office for contact information.

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.

Children & Family : LeeAnne Steenhoek
Focuses on involving Children and

Families in church events and spiritual growth.. Family Worship room available during service

Children's Church: LeeAnne Steenhoek
10:40 Sunday morning year round.

Praise Band: Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne, Rudy Rumohr
Contemporary Christian music that plays at the first service on Sunday.

Staff Parish Relations (SPR): Sue Rudolf
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.

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: 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: TBD

VOICE *Giving voice to the marginalized in our community. Janet Hromjak, Claire Holston, Callie McMahon. Esther Thayer, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Kathy Wood, Anika Weis*

Men's Group: Jim Lawler
For men interested in fellowship and service. Meet Sunday Evenings

Youth Mission Trip Tom Knapp
Works with the youth and organizes mission 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters 6 Potluck 6:30 Prayer / Study	2 12P Study/ Hy- brid 5:45 Bells 7:- Chancel Choir	3	4 Crafting 2p House Warming
5 8:30 Spirit Cele- bration 9:30 Adult Sunday School 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Traditional Service 7 Men's Group	6 6 SPRC	7 7 Praise Band	8 8:45 Coffee w/ Pastor. Union Coffee 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters 6 Potluck 6:30 Prayer / Study	9 12P Study/ Hybrid 5:45 Bells 7:- Chancel Choir	10	11 1-3 Alisa pottery show
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Sunday Worship Times:

8:30a. Spirit Celebration, 10:30a. Traditional Service, Children's church 9:40a.
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A Reconciling Church

Discover the Joy!

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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.