



The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
June 2022, Milford, NH, Rev. Dr. John Whitley, Pastor

Pastor's Corner

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Siblings in Christ,

John Wesley was never more inspiring than when his thoughts drifted toward the topic of a new birth. Although he was renowned for his preaching, the truth is that he could be dry, at times, scolding at other times, and even somewhat harsh or polemical, but when he preached about new birth his imagination soared and his rhetoric sailed to lofty heights. New birth, for him, signaled new possibility, fresh and bursting energy (powered by divine fuel cells!), movement and spiritual progress, an opportunity to lay life's heavy baggage aside and run forward joyfully and energetically with a newly-lightened load. For him, the potential of the newly born was virtually boundless—he was simply unwilling to short sell what the Spirit could do in a life *even to the point of holding out perfection in love as a real human possibility*. Such was the strength and force of Wesley's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the way She might unleash a new creation within a human heart.

It's interesting to me drawing near to Pentecost that, throughout his life, it was Wesley's *optimism* on this score that got him into the most trouble. He understood what Pentecost really means and he was unwilling to relent, unwilling to let human frailties and limitations confine the boundless wildness of the Spirit that breathes forth life into creation. In many ways his legacy is just this novel brand of humility—not so much the conventional humility that carefully manages our pretensions to progress against a more deeply-held spiritual pessimism, but a humility that shied away from putting constraints on how far the Spirit might take us.

This year as we arrive on Pentecost, I am challenged by the force of Wesley's Holy Spirit optimism. I wonder: do we shield ourselves from its claim on our lives with spiritual pessimisms of our own? Do we draw the lines around what is possible in us too narrowly and too conventionally? Is our imagination for ourselves and for our church not part of what needs to be born anew? I, for one, do not wish to go back and live my life over again—I don't wish to unknow what I know, undo my experiences, re-experience all of the growing pains and hard-learned lessons—but I do pray for the wonder and courage and silly optimism of

newborn life. That, I believe, is not only Wesley's *but God's* challenge to us all at Pentecost—to be born as God's church again in the Holy Spirit's wildfire. May it be so!

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 coming 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.*



We are excited to announce
June 27th-July 1st from 9am-
12pm

MUMC will turn into a
Deep Sea Discovery
Adventure!

Join us for a fun filled week of:
Music and stories
Games and crafts
Science activities and snacks

This is free for all.
Registration required.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eacaa22abfe3-vbsvolunteers>

In June Share Is Collecting:

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola
Share is taking donations at Columbus Ave.
To be sure, call ahead for times, 603-673-9898, and they will direct you.

SHARE
Collection

Can Goods Drive for Share

Continuing through June 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.

Food  *Collection*

Youth Update

The youth Mission team heads out for Port Huron MI on June 18th. Before they leave there is a first Friday breakfast meet up on June 3, at Union St. Grill, a Commissioning service on June 12th during the first service at 8:30, and a packing party June 17, 5-7 p.m.



The yard sale raised about \$1600 toward the trip!

Please remember to keep this team of great kids in prayer as they step out in mission this month!

MUMC's 2022 Graduates

Jack Seal

Alexa Wyborney

Grace O'Shaughnessy

Amelia Leo

Jona Velazquez



Wednesday's at 6:00



Senior Remembrance

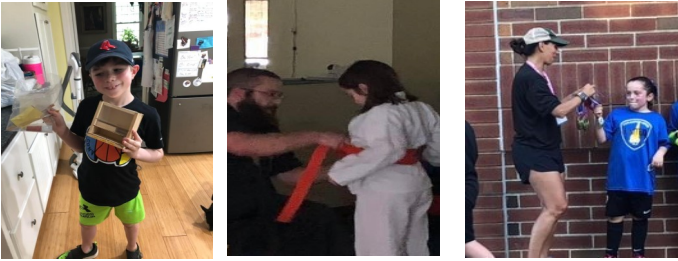
Every year our church makes fleece blankets for graduating seniors. These blankets help to bring warmth and comfort from their MUMC family. We are looking for donations of fleece for this project. Pieces of fleece should be 2 yards long. If you have fleece laying around or are able to purchase some,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



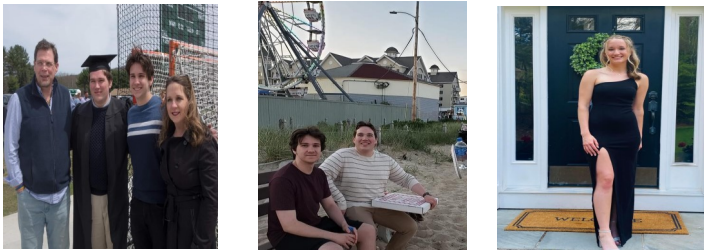
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Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Here are the joy sightings for May. Are you spreading any? Why not share it?



Josh Muller built a gumball machine & Madison got an orange belt and her team "Hampshire Hills United" was undefeated!



The Erdody's celebrated Ben's graduation & took an impromptu trip to Old Orchard Beach. Grace O'Shaughnessy looked fabulous for the prom!



Ivy Rose, Neva, & Patrick Harvey-Olson were citizens of Noo in Susessical at the Amato center. Grace St. Jean was also in the show and Riley Weis was stage manager but sadly, no pictures

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

Lamplighters

From Carol Rowlette

The Parable of the Growing Seed
Mark 4:26 thru 29. (NLT)

He also said "This is what the kingdom of God is like.

A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

All by itself the soil produces grain first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

We have started a study of the parables. The first parable we studied was the parable of the Talents. A parable about service and obedience.

The second parable was the parable of the Growing Seed. A parable about the Kingdom of God.

We have about thirty more parables to study which will take us through the summer months.

Join us for this women's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex.



The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



Celebrating the church's birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."



Quilters Group

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



June 5, Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is a combined Service starting at 10:30.

If you have something red, it's a great day to wear it!



Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

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CAIN
ABEL
SETH
NOAH
HAM
SHAM
JAPHETH
ELKNAH
SARIEL
AARON
NAOAB
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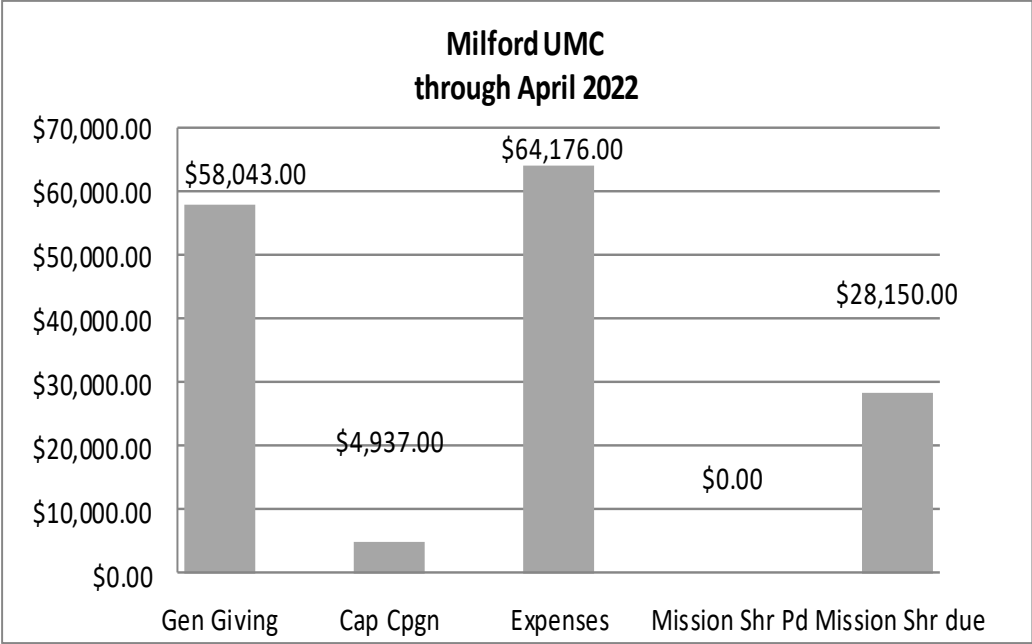
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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.

Financial Reports

From Kirk Randlett, for the Finance Committee



YTD Financials Thru April 2022

General Giving	\$58,043.00
Capital Campaign	\$4,937.00
Expenses	\$
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

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

June Birthdays:

- June 2:** Dan Roby
- June 2:** Andrea Baver
- June 3:** Eleanor Flanders
- June 4:** Dan Muller
- June 7:** Janine Rumohr
- June 8;** Elizabeth Whitley
- June 9:** Marion Diorio
- June 11:** Shirley Stackpole
- June 12:** Doris Houston
- June 16:** Kate Seale
- June 20:** Everett Gale
- June 26:** Emma Lambert
- June 26:** Shawna Frost
- June 26:** Dotty Dishong
- June 30:** Madison Muller
- June 30:** Kim Pfeil

Anniversaries

- June 5:** Charles & Heather Savage
- June 9:** Dave & Shirley Stackpole
- June 13:** Dan & Wendy Ayotte
- June 30:** Dan & Paula Muller

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.



This Month's Lectionary

June 5: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826), Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8 (UMH 743), Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

June 19: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 (UMH 777), Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14,, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798), 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 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 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: Elizabeth Whitley, Annika Weis, Karin Harvey-Olson

June 27– July 1st 2022

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

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 milfordumc.org Masks required in the building.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 Whitetops 8:45 Coffee w/Pastor. Union Coffee 1 Lamplighters 6:00 Potluck /Study	2 5:45 .m. Hand bells 7:- Chancel Choir	3	4
5 10:30 Combined Service	6 6 SPRC	7 7 Praise Band	8 8 Whitetops 8:45 Coffee w/Pastor. Union Coffee 1 Lamplighters 6:00 Potluck	9 5:45 p.m. Hand bells 7:Chancel Choir	10	11
12 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Ser-	13 7—Trustee's Committee	14 7 Praise Band	15 8 White-tops 8:45 Coffee w/Pastor. Union Coffee 1 Lamplighters 6:00 Potluck/ Study	16 5:45 p.m. Hand bells 7:-Chancel Choir	17	18
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SPRC, Trustees, VOICE, Finance, Ad Council are virtual unless communicated otherwise by the committee chair.



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June, 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.