



The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Corner

Dear Siblings in Christ,

September and the coming of Fall always feels to me like something new is on the horizon. Maybe it's the way nearly a lifetime of schooling has ingrained the school calendar into my DNA, but this time of year always feels to me like a kind of new year in a way (even though we're already 9 months into the actual year). There are a lot of things happening around the church to get the season going. We'll be having our "Rally Sunday" on September 12 with outdoor brunch afterward and we'd love to see as many of you there as can make it! Please let us know you're coming so that we can prepare a place for you. We're beginning a Confirmation class as well, so if you (or someone in your family) feels that the time is right, or if you are feeling God's call to walk alongside a young one as they explore their journey of faith, we invite you to let us know and join this tremendous and formative adventure. I will also start a new adult Bible Study through Zoom on the Life of Moses this month. It will meet during two different time slots on Thursdays—10am and 5pm—both on Zoom, so if you're looking for a new way to get plugged into discipleship this Fall, please come and join us!

As we look ahead into the Fall and beyond, I also want to let you know about a couple of book studies that I will be leading this year. This Fall we'll begin a book about Methodist Spirituality: Gregory Clapper's *As If The Heart Mattered: A Wesleyan Spirituality*. Some of you may remember that we we're going to begin a study on this book right before COVID hit so some of you likely have the book already. Later in the year we'll read a book recommended to us by Bishop Devadhar for this year: Brian McLaren's *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It*. As the title suggests, this is a book about faith and doubt and how doubt is, in fact, part of growing in faith. There's a lot to get plugged back into as we enter this Fall both in-person as well as remotely and we hope you'll find your place in our life in ministry as we prepare for the fresh breath of life and energy that a change in season can offer.

Last-but-not-least, you can find more details on our current COVID-19 safety

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policies in the pages of this Outreach as well as a few other things to look forward to in the coming weeks and months. What a great season to get going again, to be here in New Hampshire and be able to experience the beauty and color of this season again and remember how God has filled this world around us with gracious gifts.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor John

Thinking about joining us on Sunday? Call the office, 6732669, by Thursday, and reserve your place. You will be asked a couple of entry questions because we continue to try to keep one another safe. Masks are required. We choose to mask as a symbol of our love for one another.

**Parking Lot
Love Feast
Wednesday
Sept. 8, 2021
6:30p.m.**

Bring a snack and a soft drink or water, your chair, and your mask.

Arrive by 6:15

Choir Notes

From Jenn Erdody

Happy September!

We are excited to begin Chancel Choir rehearsals! Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 2nd, from 7:00 to 8:30. We are happy to welcome new members, so if you've ever thought you might like to join the choir, now is the time!

Looking ahead, we're working on planning our our fall anthems, Christmas Concert, and our Advent and Christmas music. We are so excited to be able to sing and worship with you again!



Can Goods Drive for Share

Continuing through September 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.



Handbell Choir

From Mary Tyler-Wall

Welcome to a new season of music!

As much as I've missed live performances, I've missed regular rehearsals too. You know the kind where you don't really feel like leaving the house to drive to church, but then you get there and see all your friends. During set up and between musical pieces you catch up with the person next to you. You roll your eyes at the old jokes or the same comments. And you feel warm and at home and needed. I've missed those music rehearsals.

I wish I had a crystal ball to predict the future, but since I didn't see any reliable ones on the internet we are going to start rehearsals and be as safe as we possibly can. Please be sensitive to others and don't come if you are not well. Masks will continue to be worn and each ringer will be assigned their own set of gloves to maintain and bring to rehearsals and performances.

Beginning Thursday, September 9th, the MUMC Handbell Choir will rehearse each Thursday evening 5:45-6:45pm, in the sanctuary.

We welcome new members.

Bells are a great opportunity to make friends at church, grow your musical gifts and contribute to worship. The Handbell Choir will play monthly in worship as well as for special services and the annual Christmas Concert.

Prior bell ringing experience is not required, but the ability to read music is VERY HELPFUL.

For more information contact Director, Mary Tyler-Wall
marytw2009@gmail.com



Crop Walk 2021

From Pat Rafter

Hi All! Hope you will consider walking and or supporting a walker for this year's Greater Nashua Crop-Walk on Sunday Oct 24 @ 1:30. The Walk will begin and end at Temple Beth Abraham on Raymond St in Nashua. It is a beautiful walk through the old neighborhoods in North Nashua into Greeley Park and the city gardens. There will be a light meal and entertainment at the Temple after the walk.

MUMC will be loaning them our large canopy so the food will be under cover and we will be outdoors. If you are leery about walking in Nashua you can still walk as we did last year around the church property or in the comfort of your home on your treadmill. All are encouraged to sign up online.

Church World Services has really fixed up the site. It's easy to use (I even figured it out). Super easy for you to set up your social links to send our messages to your friends and family to help support you in your efforts.

We had several new walkers last year and I know many of you are still walking...so let's give it a whirl and double our numbers this year! I will have information packets in mid September. Please see, email or text me if you have any questions.



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Service 9:30 a.m.

Brunch 11 a.m.

RSVP before 9/5

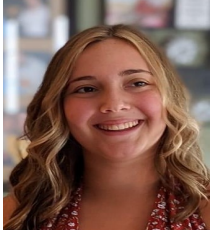
**Church only, brunch only or both
to the office. Phone or email.**

Masks mandatory inside!

Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Here's what our MUMC family has been up to in August, even in all that heat! Hope it brings you joy.

Getting Sporty



Grace St. Jean made the comp Team for cheer

Leanna Hunter Look at the ribbons !

Paula Muller Olympic duathlon!

Good Deeds



Ben Erdody cleaned up the "Hope" Diamond!

Your good works collecting for the Share Drive!

Off to School



Anabelle Bergstrom UC

Ryan Seale PSU

Riley O'Shaughnessy PSU

Sheer Happiness



Michele Bossie portrays historical figure at Manchester Event!

Rested Whitley's on vacation in August !

Ryder & Riley Weis helped with this event

Back to School



Abby & Will Tobbe

Madison Muller & her adoptive brother

Em Herlihy wishes Cora & Avery could stay home

Want to see your family in Our MUMC Family ? I'd love to share how you are spreading joy! Facebook friend me or send me pics at office@milfordumc.org

Fall Yard Sale

From Pat rafter

Drop offs Sept 11 and 18 9-11. Tom says we will be taking clothing again! Remember we don't take electronics, furniture, encyclopedias, magazines, musty smelling books, stuffed animals, exercise equipment or Christmas trees. Please make sure items are clean and in working order.

The Sale is Oct 2 8am to 1pm. We will have breakfast and lunch foods too.

We welcome those interested in helping with pricing and sorting on drop off days and those that would like to help with the day of the sale and breakdown at the end of the day.

Proceeds will likely go to youth and adult missions but may go towards other needed areas in church missions.



NEW Picture Directory

From Callie McMahon

I was looking at our latest picture directory and can you believe it was done in 2016?! It's time for a new one! I think we have the tools to do it on our own with no middle man or extra fees for pictures we really don't want.

Here is my plan:

Send me a good clear picture of you and your family by email or text (603-733-2873), your name (s) as you want to see them printed, your address, phone number, and email if you want it in this directory and I will create the directory using Publisher.

If you do not have a way to get a photo of your household, we can schedule a time for me to take your picture on my cell phone and we can use that. I think we have some talented folks who could help if we needed to scan something as well.

It would be great to have a picture of our groups: Choir, Praise Band, White Tops, Lamplighters, Bell Choir etc. We could take them outside unmasked if everyone is vaccinated.

What do you say??? Send me your pictures by the end of September and I will work to complete the directory by mid- October.



Are you coming to Rally Sunday?
09/12 See page 3 for information

Lamplighters

From Carol Rowlette



We have enjoyed reading scripture about the questionable actions of women and how the results of their actions proved positive in their lives and to the future of Israel. The last two women we followed and discussed are Deborah and Jael. Do you remember them? Deborah was a judge and a warrior who led a battle and won. Jael was a warrior in her own right who killed an evil leader of the army (Sisera, who ran from the battle) Deborah fought and defeated.

Deborah...Judges 4:8 *Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go."*

Judges 4:9 *And she said, "I will surely go with you, nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman."*

Jael...Judges 4:17-21 *And Jael came out to meet, Sisera, and said to him, "turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have not fear," so he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. And he said to her, "Pray give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if anyone comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here', say NO."*

Read Judges 4:1-5:31 to read the whole story of Deborah and Jael. It is quite interesting and it gives power and courage to women.

We start September 1 studying Hannah, Miriam, Esther and Rahab.

Lamplighters meet every Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00. We are following MUMC directive regarding the Covid-19 policy. If you have any questions please call Carol Rowlette @ 673-5403 or Elaine Driscoll @ 673-4270

Youth Mission

From Tom Knapp

Thanks to everyone, all 21 youth who attended the lock in and to Steve Rafter, and Jenny Lawton for their participation. Everyone had a great time!

There will be a 2022 mission trip meeting, in person and virtual on September 19th, 7p.m., at MUMC.

Discussion will be around the trip planned to Port Huron, Michigan. We will talk about future fundraisers, the Pumpkin Festival, and any other subjects related to the trip.

As not all are vaccinated, and because we care for one another, masks are required inside the building.



In September Share is collecting:

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

Share is taking donations at the Columbus Ave. but call ahead for times, 6739898, and they will direct you donation specifics.

SHARE
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From Pat Rafter

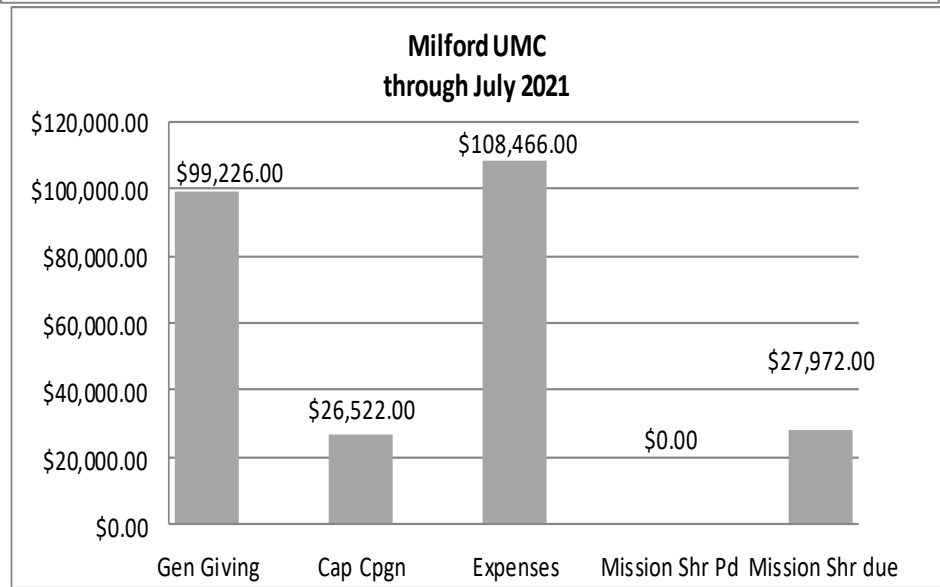
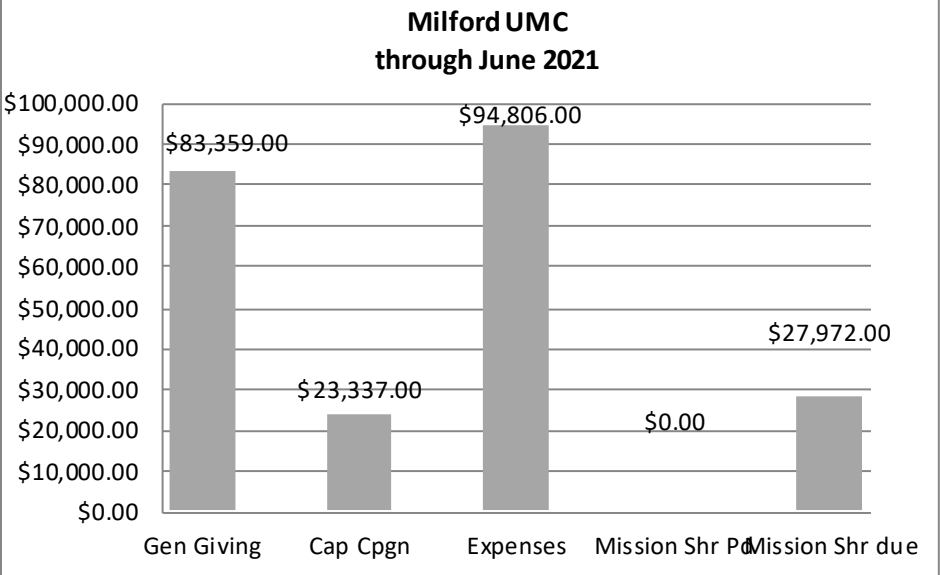
Our MUMC Outreach Committee was happy to finally meet again in person in early August. Last time we met in person was Oct 2020. Happy to report all is well! We are up to date with our payments to World Vision for our child, and have sent him some activity cards. We also paid our annual commitment to Habitat for Humanity.

We are back to purchasing monthly groceries for SHARE, thanks to Doris Houston and Kris Harrington. We had an amazing outpouring of support for the back to school collections for SHARE. Thanks to all those who supported this effort and especially to Colleen Guzman and family.....outstanding! My little Encore was filled to the brim and brought many smiles to the face of the staff at SHARE.

We will be supporting the Greater Nashua Cropwalk again this fall. Please see separate article in this edition. This may be a little early but time flies when doing mission work....

We will once again support the Salvation Army with bell ringing. Our plan will be to ring on Saturdays at Market Basket 10am to 2pm and Sundays at Shaw' 12noon to 4pm. Hourly slots will be filled first then we can expand if others want to ring before or after. We are hoping to find 5 people to step up and be "The weekend coordinator". It really is not difficult, slots filled up quickly last year and everyone held to their commitment to ring. I will be glad to share what the "job" entails! Ringing dates are Nov 27&28, Dec 4&5, Dec 11&12, Dec 18&19, and Dec 24 (both MB and Shaw's). Please speak with Doris Houston or Pat Rafter if you are willing to coordinate a weekend.

YTD Financials
Through July, 2021
from Kirk Randlett, for the Finance Committee



Giving 2021	\$83,359.00	
Giving Cap. Camp	\$23,337.00	
Expenses	\$94806.00	JUNE
Total Mission Shares Paid	\$0.00	
Total Mission Shares Due	\$ 27,972.00	

Giving 2021	\$99,226.00	
Giving Cap. Camp	\$26,522.00	
Expenses	\$108,466.00	JULY
Total Mission Shares Paid	\$0.00	
Total Mission Shares Due	\$ 27,972.00	

September

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September Birthdays:

September 1:	Jim Fortunato
September 3	Marcia Redden
September 4:	Karin Harvey-Olson
September 6:	Patience Roby
September 8:	Jessica Bossie
September 8:	Emily St. John
September 9:	Sabrina Hoffman
September 9:	Shannon Short
September 13:	Alyssa Kaufold
September 13:	Benjamin Kaufold
September 14:	Mary Tyler-Wall
September 14:	Jim Tyler-Wall
September 16:	Gage Tlapa
September 17:	Marcus Mallows
September 18:	Tom Knapp
September 18:	Scott Masters
September 21:	Jaclyn Herlihy
September 21:	Mason Mallows
September 23:	Tm Herlihy

September Anniversaries;

September 8:	Martin & Tami Betelak
September 10:	Kirk & Suzanne Randlett
September 15:	Joe & Sylvia Buttemeier
September 19:	Ray & Colleen Guzman

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary ! Let us know when yours is. It's always nice to be remembered., please e-mail the office at: office@milfordumc.org.



This Month's Lectionary

September 5: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10(11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

September 12: Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

September 19: Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3. 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

September 26: Esther 7:1-6,9-10,20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50



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.

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Building Use Policy through COVID-19 Updated 08/2021

During this continuing time of concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, we at the church are continuing to monitor the situation locally, regionally, and nation-wide and update our building use policies in consultation with the guidance of the Annual Conference, the CDC, the state of NH, and local policy-making bodies (such as that being implemented in our local schools public schools). Pastor John, along with the MUMC Reopening Task Force comprised of members of our Trustees along with representatives from other executive committees and lay leadership, have created these policies with the intention that the church be a safe space to worship and gather in these times.

General Building-Use Policies:

Contact Tracing and Sign-In: We ask that anyone who enters the building during the week sign in with your name and contact information at the front desk *unless you are a regular volunteer in the church office, employee, or part of a group that has been approved to keep attendance on a role*. This is so that we can pursue the appropriate contact tracing steps in the case of a contagion event.

Small Group Gatherings During the Week: We are currently allowing small groups to meet inside the building Sunday-Thursday. The building will remain closed on Fridays and Saturdays except to cleaning staff and the sound booth team in order to filter the air sufficiently prior to Sunday worship. This includes musical rehearsals, Bible Studies, crafting, etc. We are not yet permitting non-church groups to gather within our building at this point in time and please note that this only applies to indoor gatherings.

Mask Policy for Indoor Building Use During the Week: We encourage everyone to continue to wear masks for your safety in public gatherings, especially in seasons when local numbers are high or on the rise. We are currently allowing regularly-meeting small groups that have been approved to keep their own attendance on a role to follow special procedures:

Attendance rolls should be faithfully kept for each meeting

Attendance rolls should include contact information for each participant as well as a note as to whether each member has been vaccinated. Small group members are asked to volunteer that information and it will be considered confirmed when the group leader or church office staff has signed off that they have seen a vaccination card. Once vaccination has been verified and signed off on once, we will no longer ask to see this information and we do not keep any private information on file.

Small groups whose attendance is fully vaccinated (i.e., 100%) and verified may gather indoors without masks, though we ask that you be sensitive to those present in your gathering and continue to use the safe practices outlined here.

Small groups that do not have a fully vaccinated and verified attendance should continue to meet with the entire group fully masked insofar as they gather indoors and should also continue to follow appropriate social distancing procedures

Newly-joining members of small groups should be asked the standard questions listed below under C (“Standard CDC Entry Questions”)

All groups are asked to continue to make use of hygienic practices like washing hands and making use of our sanitization stations.

Hygienic Practices to Minimize the Spread of Germs: the church will continue to provide hand-sanitation stations with sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and masks for your use. We ask that you make appropriate use of these while in the building and please let us know if our supply is running out.

Vaccination Policy: Our building use policy does not prevent unvaccinated persons from entering our building space at MUMC. However, it does seek to prevent persons who are experiencing symptoms from entering the building so that we may ensure the safety of this space as best as we are able. MUMC seeks to extend Christ’s radical welcome to all people and to be a healing presence in our community as we open a space that is holy, wor-

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shipful, and safe. We understand that some are not yet of age to receive a vaccine and that others have medical conditions that prevent them from getting it. We hope and intend that all will feel welcome and nurtured in our space and we aim to provide for ways to join into our gatherings and fellowship remotely (through livestream and Zoom) during this time.

Sunday Worship Policies:

Sanctuary Capacity: We are currently limiting the sanctuary capacity to 65 in the main seating area and 3 in the sound booth, in addition to the choir and those seated in the front staging area. We ask that verified vaccinated persons let us know if they might be willing to cluster their seating arrangements in 'pods' with those that you might interact with outside of church or might be otherwise comfortable sitting in close proximity to. This assists us to maximize our use of space while still abiding by the appropriate social distancing guidelines.

Reservations and Seating: We still ask that people who are planning to attend Sunday Service call the church office during the week to make a reservation unless you are on the list of regular attenders. In the latter case, your seat will be automatically reserved every week. The purpose of this policy is so that we can maintain our sanctuary capacity guidelines above and gain a clearer sense of when we might need to transition back to hosting 2 services. That said, we would rather you come than not if you forgot your reservation and we ask that you do attend if you are willing and able so that we can gain an accurate view of where the church is in their feelings on gathering as time moves forward.

Gathering and Greeting on Sunday Morning: When you arrive you will have a seat waiting for you with a name-tag on your seat. If you have indicated that it is okay with you to be seated in a cluster, we will gather those seats together before you arrive and have your seat waiting for you.

Mask Policy for Worship: We will continue to require masks for Sunday morning worship because of the larger crowd size and the mixed nature of our gathering in terms of vaccination status. Those speaking at pulpits and lecterns or singing on stage may use the clear face shields while on the stage area.

Singing in Worship: Music, singing, and offering our gifts and voice to the Lord are a central of the experience of Christian worship and of our Methodist tradition of being a people of song. We will offer congregational opportunities to sing hymns (masked) and are allowing the choir and other musical groups to perform on stage. Musical groups may sing live with masks of face-shields or record their pieces in their weekly rehearsals for show on Sunday mornings (using the mask policies appropriate to small group gatherings).

The Sacrament of Baptism: We are conducting baptisms. Because the recipient is often an infant and these occasions frequently draw guests, we also offer to do them in outside settings or in gatherings outside of Sunday morning worship according to your comfort level. When done indoors or as part of Sunday morning worship, the policies outlined here will apply.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: We currently celebrate holy communion on the first Sunday of every month. For most of the worship service until we come to the time of sharing, the bread and grape juice will remain covered: the grape juice will be pre-poured into individual cups and remain in the communion ware (as usual) and the bread will remain under cloth cover until the Great Thanksgiving is offered. We will also make gluten free crackers available as well as pre-package, sealed "wafer and juice" packages and you are free to partake in whatever way is most comfortable to you.

Sanitization: the pastor will sanitize his hands before touching the communion elements.

Distributing the bread and cup: the pastor will tear and distribute the bread into your open hands. We ask that you allow the pastor and assistants to place the bread and cup in your hands in such a way that they may continue to distribute the bread safely.

Receiving Communion "In One Kind": if you are uncomfortable, for example, receiving the bread but are comfortable drinking the cup then you may still participate in the celebration of the meal. Just indicate this to the Pastor when you come to receive.

Extending the Table: Pastor John will be at the church on communion Sundays between 12pm-1pm for anyone participating in the service remotely that would like to receive. Pastor John will also bring communion to you if you notify him with a phone call or email.

Virtual Communion: we discourage the practice of taking communion on your own in front of a screen remotely at home. Communion is a community celebration at its heart. We seek to preserve the sharing aspect of

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communion as well as its deeply incarnational and inter-personal character.

Standard CDC Entry Questions (modified for Use at MUMC):

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: fever or chills; nausea; cough; headache; diarrhea; congestion or runny nose; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; sore throat; new loss of taste or smell muscle or body aches? (yes/no)

If 'Yes': If you have had any of the above symptoms in the last 48 hours (or within 48 hours of church), DO NOT request to come to church until symptoms have subsided for more than 48 hours. If you have a chronic medical condition that causes COVID-19-like symptoms and you want to attend church, please obtain medical documentation from your primary care physician to determine whether you can safely be granted access to the church. Fully vaccinated individuals should also not access campus if they are currently experiencing any of the above symptoms.

Are you isolating or quarantining because you tested positive for COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19? (yes/no)

If you have concerns about being exposed to or sick with COVID-19, please stay home and self-quarantine or isolate.

Are you fully vaccinated OR have you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection in the last 3 months? To be considered fully vaccinated, you must be ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine? (yes/no)

If 'Yes': Would you be willing to bring your vaccination card with you to church so that the church can verify how many of its members and attendees have been vaccinated? No information will be taken down and it will be kept private. This will help the church to make decisions about how to conduct Sunday gatherings and monitor building use. (yes/no)

Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with a) anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, or b) anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? (yes/no)

Close physical contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected/symptomatic person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic individuals, 48 hours prior to test specimen collection).

If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you should stay home and self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to the church

Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test? (yes/no)

IMPORTANT: ANSWER "NO" IF YOU ARE WAITING ON THE RESULTS OF A PRE-TRAVEL OR POST-TRAVEL COVID-19 TEST

Have you traveled in the past 10 days? (yes/no)

Travel is defined as any trip that is overnight AND on public transportation (plane, train, bus, Uber, Lyft, cab, etc.) OR any trip that is overnight AND with people who are not in your household.

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. **hold due to covid***

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: Doris Houston
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



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We have limited seating for live service. Reserve a seat by Thursday by calling the office. 6732669

For Virtual Services starting at 9:30 am on Sunday Join Us On-Line from our Facebook @mumc.nh or from the Website milfordumc.org

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 9:30 Service, Live &Live Streamed	6	7	8 8-White Tops 8- Coffee with Pastor John @Union Coffee 1-Lamplighters 6:30- Parking Lot Love Feast	9 7-Choir Practice	10	11 Yard Sale Drop Off 9-11a.m.
12 Rally Sunday 9:30 Service, Live &Live Streamed 11 Brunch	13 7-Trustee's Committee	14	15 8-White Tops 8- Coffee with Pastor John @Union Coffee 1-Lamplighters 6:30 Prayer	16 7-Choir Practice	17	18 Yard Sale Drop Off 9-11a.m.
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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.