

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
August 2011—Milford, NH



Seasoned Generation Scavenger Hunt—Great Time for All!

by Roberta and Richard Randlett

Our second annual scavenger hunt in June was very successful. We had a potluck supper prior to leaving to locate the items on the provided lists. About 17 of us went prancing out the doors to our waiting cars to get "the job done." We took photos of objects from a rooster weathervane, to one of a walkway brick dedicated to "Babe Ruth and the NY Yankees."



The prize for the ones who brought back the most pictures or information from their list went to Dave and Carolan Robinson! They received a copy of "A History of Milford." Everyone enjoyed the evening and, gratefully the weather cooperated with us----for the most part!

July 24th was our annual cookout at Dottie and Paul Dishong's home in Amherst. We all look forward to this event. Paul as been known to be out cooking the meat with his bright yellow slicker on. We all brought a dish to share, and Paul and Dottie provided the meat and paper plates, etc. As always, we all had a good time.

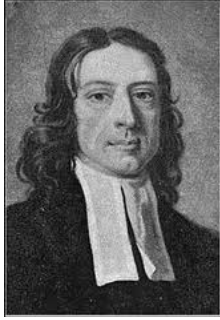
September is our annual fund-raising chicken dinner. Carol Rowlette organizes this and will have tickets for sale in the narthex in mid to late August. Our own Lonnie Stapanon and her crew will prepare the dinner once again. Those who have attended in the past know how good the dinner is, so if you have not come before, plan on coming to this one. We will be delighted to see new faces and it is open to all the church. Plan to get your tickets early as they go rather quickly. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.

On October 22nd we will have another of Cyndi Guiger's fantastic slide shows. Mark the date, you won't want to miss

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**Quotes from
John Wesley**
*Founder of the
Methodist Church*

*“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”*

*“Every one, though born of God in
an instant, yet
undoubtedly grows by slow de-
grees.”*

*“Never dream of forcing men into
the ways of God. Think yourself,
and let think. Use no constraint
in matters of religion. Even those
who are farthest out of the way
never compel to come in by any
other means than reason, truth,
and love.”*

**Join us in helping
The American Red Cross!**

**MUMC
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sponsored by our
Home Groups**

**Sat., Aug 20
1–6 p.m.**

**At the church,
327 North River Rd, Milford**

**Refreshments will be
provided, just come on over
and put your feet up to help
a good cause!**

Summer Office Hours

Monday: office closed
Tuesday: 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Friday: Hours will vary, call ahead.

Contact Phone Numbers

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Stephen Ministers Coordinator,
Callie McMahon: 673-5239

Church Picnic on August 21 Sign-ups Now Taking Place!

From Diane Jaquith

Please sign up on the clipboard at the green bulletin board closest to the offices, so we can plan for enough hot dogs and hamburgers to cook on the grill! Hot dogs are \$2, hamburgers - \$2.50 and cheeseburgers - \$2.75.

Children in families receive a 50¢ discount per item. All money collected will help pay the \$60 shelter reservation, all meats, buns, condiments, paper goods, plastic eating utensils, charcoal and a large batch of home-

made potato salad prepared by Lonni. If you prefer to bring your own veggie burger, etc, please sign up for planning purposes & check that box. A contribution toward expenses will be appreciated. Entrance to the lake/dam area & parking is free.

Everyone is invited to attend MUMC's annual picnic at "Overlook Lake Shelter" at MacDowell Lake starting at noon. Bring your friends and family for what is expected to be a wonderful time for all! All summer church visitors are warmly invited to attend as well. Activities include volleyball, horseshoes, swimming, beach sitting, field games &

relay races (if we have volunteers to organize them), playground equipment for the younger set, hiking, kite flying, tabletop & board games at the picnic tables. We are in need of a volleyball, horseshoes and a bullhorn or karaoke

mike. Possibly bring board games for after the meal and folding chairs to supplement the short picnic benches.

We are also in need of more help with the picnic! Sign up for a specific job on the volunteer sheet at the green bulletin board or e-mail

Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com.

Please bring a dish to share for the buffet as well as (non alcoholic) beverages for your family to enjoy. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to enter the Dessert Taste-off Contest. On that board there are also photos of last year's picnic event and directions.

The event will take place rain or shine (unless there are thunderstorms), since we will be protected in the shelter, which can seat 100 people. Last year's rain failed to dampen the spirits of anyone attending the picnic! There is no rain

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Bring a Dish to Share for the Grand Buffet!

Lamplighter's Meetings Resume

By Kathy Bradfield

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study will hold their first meeting after summer break on Wednesday, September 7, from 1-3 p.m. at the church. We socialize from 1-1:30 with a snack, coffee and tea. At 1:30 we turn our attention to prayer concerns and then onto a study. No preparation is necessary.

On July 27 the Lamplighter's met for a mid-summer luncheon and movie. A good time was had by all.

If you are interested in a Bible study, and are unable to attend on Wednesdays, please talk with Kathy Bradfield, Elaine Driscoll or any Lamplighter member to express your desire.

If you have any questions or input for the Lamplighter's, please contact Kathy Bradfield at kjbradfield@comcast.net or Elaine Driscoll at Geldris@comcast.net.

This year the Bible study will have two facilitators, Kathy Bradfield and Elaine Driscoll, and Sue Bachelder will be assisting from time to time.



From The Ed Team

By Shelly Frost

The Education Team is gearing up for another exciting Sunday school year, and back by popular demand is our Teacher Appreciation/Information Breakfast, which will be held on Sunday, August 28. This breakfast will be open to all teachers who have signed up to teach for the 2011/2012 Sunday school year. Anyone interested in becoming a teacher, substitute teacher or shepherd is also encouraged to attend this informational breakfast meeting. We will meet under the tent at 9:35 a.m. right after the first service. Please watch the bulletins for the student registration schedule for the new year.

Barefoot Disciple's Hold Fundraiser for SHARE

By Pat Rafter

Please help with our fundraiser and tell your friends, family and neighbors too! On Monday, Aug. 15, the "Barefoot Disciple Home Groupers" will be conducting a fundraiser in conjunction with Burger King, 20% of all sales FROM the COUNTER (does not include drive thru) will go towards SHARE. All we need is for you to come into Burger King on Nashua St. in Milford between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Aug 15, purchase something from the counter and place your receipt in the SHARE collection container. Easy peasy! Hope to see you there!

Choir Notes

By Sally Landis

Chancel choir rehearsals will be starting Thursday evening, September 1, at 7:30 p.m. Our first Sunday to sing at the 10:45 a.m. service will be September 11.

I would like to invite all those in senior high school and up (and up and up) to join us for another season of making joyful music together.



No excuses now. I don't want to hear about "I have to sit with my family" (well after we sing, go sit with them); "There's plenty of people in the choir now." (we never can have too many — people do miss Sundays occasionally); "I can't read music" (that's OK, you'll learn); "I'm busy on Thursday nights" ("I know — Thursday night TV is not to be missed, but try); "I'm too tired after work" (yeah—we all are, but believe me, rehearsals will energize you); "Blue is not my color" (get over it); "I'm new to church and don't know anyone" (Choir is a great way to meet people); "I can't sing at all" (ok—that's an acceptable excuse—we do pretty difficult music), etc. etc.

If you are interested in joining for the first time, track me down on Sunday morning or just show up for the first rehearsal. I promise you it will be a rewarding experience and you will meet

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News from SHARE

From Carolyn Momonee

For the month of August MUMC is collecting: Spaghetti-O's, Beefaroni, and juice.



The Food Pantry continues to be busy. During the month of June there were 168 standard household appointments, providing for 509 individuals. There were 23 new households. The SHARE Center was closed for 2 weekdays while the parking lot was being paved. (SHARE received a grant to take care of this MUCH NEEDED project.) There were 26 emergency food appointments, serving 85 individuals. There were also 18 emergency requests for diapers and 6 for toiletries.

Summer tends to be a busy time in the Pantry as children are home from school and we do not have any food drives taking place during the summer. Your donations are appreciated and needed.

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it. There will be more information in the next Outreach.

December 11th will be our Christmas potluck dinner and Yankee swap held at Paul and Dottie Dishong's home. This is always a great time. We always get a good group out for this wonderful meeting. Mark the date and plan to come along!

August Line Up at MUMC

From Callie McMahon

Summer sure speeds by us here in NH. Wasn't Vacation Bible School great fun?

We hope you have enjoyed fellowship hour during July. Special thanks go to the Education team for all their yummys. August will be hosted by the Home Groups and I can't wait to see what they have in store. I heard a rumor that there was going to be stuffed something from Lonni and something special the last Sunday in August.

On our agenda for guest at the pulpit are Reverend Morgan on the 7th, Dave and Deb Barton who have been serving in New Guinea join us on the 14th, and Steve Rafter and Jim Lawler will share with us on the 21st and 28th respectively.

Don't forget to join us for "Up" on August 13th movie night and the Annual Church Picnic on August 21st.



We have received word of the recent passing of a long time MUMC member, John Nataloni. John and his wife, Fran, moved from Amherst to Richmond, California a few years ago. While living in Amherst, John was one of the early members of the White Tops and remained active until moving west. John put together an informative booklet giving the history and accomplishments of this group of men. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Fran and their daughter Pam at this sad time.

Leadership Workshop

From Kara Ammon

Attention: Teachers, Mentors, New Member Sponsors, and those who feel called to work in these areas.

Save the date: Saturday, October 1st.

We are sponsoring a one day leadership training retreat to help provide you with some of the tools you need as you work with students, confirmands and new members.

Half of the workshop will be lead by guest speaker: the Reverend Leslie Hasting, Assistant Pastor, Director of Education at the Wilmington, MA United Methodist Church and will address spiritual formation and discipleship relating to education and mentoring (youth and adults).

The other half will be a Biblical foundations piece lead by Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey.

It is our hope that you will take this opportunity to equip yourself for the work that God is calling you to do among his people.

Choir Notes, continued.

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the nicest people sitting in the choir loft with you. If you are already a choir member, I look forward to seeing you return to sing with us. Our music ministry is very important to the life of our church and to the worship experience of our congregation and without you, it could not happen. See you soon.

Blessing,
Sally Landis, director

The White Tops,

for men age 55-100,
will continue to meet
all summer.

**Wednesday morning,
8:30-ish until 10:30.**

Good conversation,
Good coffee,
Good donuts!
Join us!!

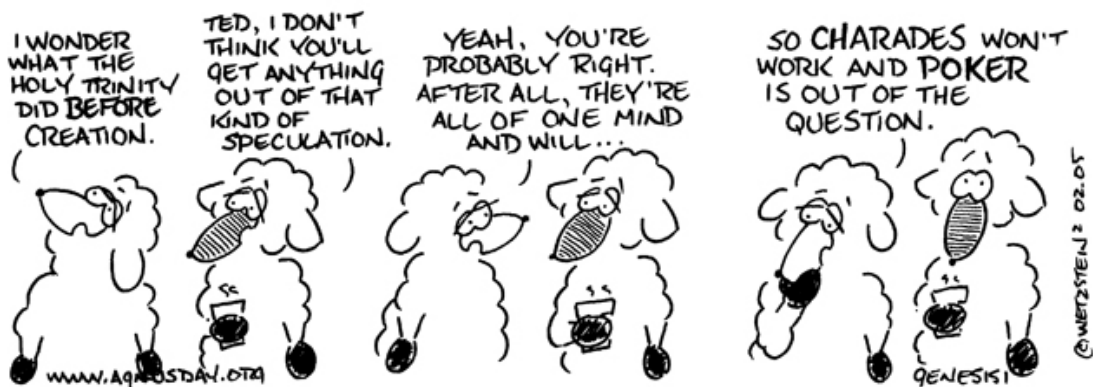
Church Picnic, continued.

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date. There is fresh water at the shelter for drinking and hand washing, with bathrooms close by. The beach and shelter are both handicap accessible.

Directions to "Overlook Shelter" at MacDowell Lake & Edward MacDowell Dam in Peterborough, NH, 19.4 miles west of our church:

Take route NH-101 W through Peterborough. Continue straight through the "round-about" w/ Shaws Supermarket on right and drive 1.6 mi. Take Union St on the 3rd right; small brown sign says: "Edw. MacDowell Dam". Drive .6 mi. on Union Street. Take 2nd left at Wilder Street; brown sign says: "Edward MacDowell Dam". When you arrive at MacDowell Lake, DO NOT take the left fork which takes you to the smaller Dam Shelter (by driving over the dam itself). Instead, drive straight down the roadway, pass the left fork and several buildings on your right to the far end for parking at the Lake shelter which you will see on your left, with the lake in front of you.



Bits & Pieces...

Christian Aftercare Ministry is in immediate need of plain, new or used bath towels. Thanks for your always generous response to our needs. For information call Margie at 465-7752.

Acolytes Needed!

From Moxie Roby

We need acolytes to sign up for July and August. I would be grateful to have kids sign up for **August 14 and 28**. Thank you.

Computer Lab

The computer room here at MUMC is open to the public by appointment. Contact Les Coates for an appointment at Leslie@milfordumc.org or 659-3118. Sherri Sinclair will assist with resume writing, internet job searches, etc.

Bread Loaves

on Communion Sunday,
August 7.



Please remember to bring a loaf of bread (plain or wheat, no specialty breads) to be placed in the basket at the altar on Communion Sunday. The bread loaves are delivered to SHARE, the local food pantry, on Monday morning.



Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime (in batches of 8 per page) by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mail Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed on the name badge. If you prefer a pin style rather than "clip on", please specify. When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the "clotheslines" located by the windows in the foyer. We encourage everyone to wear their name badges!

A Noise Offering will follow each service on the second Sunday of each month. This offering of spare coins will benefit the Wanakee Scholarship Fund that helps youth to participate in our United Methodist summer camp located in Meredith, NH.

If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to Milford United Methodist Church with the memo "Wanakee Scholarships."



Bits & Pieces...

Donation of Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or would you like to celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers for your special occasion. The flower chart is posted on the wall across from the church office. Contact and payment instructions are on the flower chart. Standard arrangements are \$35. Thanks for helping to beautify the altar and sanctuary for Sunday worship.



Have you seen the yellow and green dumpster ?

The Paper Retriever recycling bin helps us earn money towards our mission programs. See a list of acceptable and unacceptable items below.

If you have any further questions please speak to Steve Rafter.

Yes Please:

Magazines, newspapers, catalogs, office paper, home paper, envelopes, paperback books, old school work, workbooks, brochures, receipts, etc...

No Thanks:

Cardboard, phonebooks, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum, trash.



Notice to Borrowers:

When returning borrowed items from the garage, please make sure they are placed back in the garage. Three tables recently returned were leaned outside of the garage, and though covered by a canvas, were destroyed by the rain pouring off the roof. A couple of volunteers have cleaned out and reorganized the garage. Please return items to where they are meant to be stored in order to maintain our resources. To return items to the garage, please bring them during office hours so you can get the key to open the garage, or call the office to make other arrangements. Thank you.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Dorothy Ledger	August 3
Paul Aubin	August 3
Lindsey Gutterson	August 5
Rudy Rumohr	August 8
Marty Garcia	August 11
Kathy Holland	August 14
Dave Edmonson	August 14
Mike Cyr	August 15
Jennifer Metcalf	August 18
Courtney Logue	August 19
Rob Metcalf	August 20
Jon Bossie	August 23
Jay Millhouse	August 25
Michele Bossie	August 25
Dan Ayotte	August 29

Anniversaries:

Bob & Carolyn Bowman	August 8
Don & Shannon Gutterson	August 15
Steve & Kerri-Lynn Kimner	August 17

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office.

For Information about our Committees & Groups

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.

- Afternoon Off: Dee Locsin
- Bell Choirs: Mary Tyler Wall
- Chancel Choir: Sally Landis
- Church Council: Callie McMahon
- Jr. High Youth: Shannon Mason or Steve Kimner
- Lamplighters: Kathy Bradfield
- Outreach: Wendy Getchell-Lacey
- Praise Band: Michele Bossie
- Sr. High Youth: Becky Ladeau or Tom Knapp
- Staff Parish Relations: Keith Ladeau
- Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
- Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
- Trustees: Steve Rafter
- White Tops: Everett Gale
- Worship: Vivian Balam

Any questions? Please call our office during office hours, listed below.

Church SUMMER Office Hours

Monday	office closed
Tuesday	8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m.—1 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Friday	varies, please call ahead

At times, our hours may vary slightly. If you need to be sure someone is here, feel free to call ahead.

Church Email addresses:

Pastor Tom	pastor@milfordumc.org
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Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	office@milfordumc.org
Marian Kopp, Office Support:	office@milfordumc.org



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Sunday Worship Services:
8:30—Spirit Celebration
10:30—Traditional Worship*
 Please note earlier time!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm: Home Group at the Balam's, Outreach Com. meeting	2 7 pm: Trustees Committee meeting	3 9 am: White Tops 7 pm: Worship Committee	4 7 pm: Home Group at the Rafter's	5 Noon—3: Afternoon Off 6 pm: Home Group at the McMahon's 7 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal	6
7 Communion Sunday Rev. Morgan, preaching.	8 7 pm: Home Group at the Balam's	9 7 pm: SPR Committee meeting	10 9 am: White Tops 7 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision	11 7 pm: Home Group at the Rafter's	12 Noon—3: Afternoon Off 6 pm: Home Group at the McMahon's 7 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal	13 Saturday Night at the Movies (begins at dusk) Movie: <i>Up</i>
14 Dave & Deb Barton, preaching	15 7 pm: Home Group at the Balam's, Finance Comm. meeting	16	17 9 am: White Tops 7 pm: Church Council meeting	18 7 pm: Home Group at the Rafter's	19 Noon—3: Afternoon Off 6 pm: Home Group at the McMahon's 7 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal	20
21 Steve Rafter preaching 12 noon Church Picnic at MacDowell Lake	22 7 pm: Home Group at the Balam's	23	24 9 am: White Tops 7 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision	25 7 pm: Home Group at the Rafter's	26 Noon—3: Afternoon Off 6 pm: Home Group at the McMahon's 7 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal	27
28 Jim Lawler, preaching 9:35 Teacher Appreciation/ Information Breakfast	29 7 pm: Home Group at the Balam's	30	31 9 am: White Tops			



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Worship times

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Light Breakfast and/or Scripture Time

10:30 Traditional Worship

Free childcare

Change Service Requested

Milford United Methodist Church

Discover the Joy!

Our Mission: The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: We will help 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.