

The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church
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From the Finance Committee

From Andy Baver

With a keen eye on the needs of the Church and the pressures of the average family, the Finance Committee has tried to find creative ways to fund our mission. One such way was the utilization of the Required Minimum Distribution for IRAs as a vehicle for giving. The use of this strategy in the appropriate case results in a two-fold benefit. The Church receives a larger gift and the giver gets superior tax treatment.

We would like to make you aware of other giving opportunities that may exist. One often overlooked method of maximizing a gift to the Church is company gift matching. Many companies offer a gift match for employees who donate to a recognized charitable organization. One company that comes to mind is BAE Systems, but I am sure there are many others.

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Beth Brooks, enjoying ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in December.

Overall, MUMC raised over \$10,000 for the organization this holiday season. Bell ringers included adults, children and even dogs! Thanks to everyone who helped, and to Liane Wright for leading the effort.

A Message from the Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you all!
I hope your Christmas was a wonderful time of celebration with loved

ones, and of drawing closer to the One whose birth we celebrate.

Of course, the birth of Jesus is significant because of the life that Jesus lived after his birth. And so, as we begin a new year, we will be turning our attention to the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. This emphasis will be made through a sermon series that I am calling "First Things First," in which we will explore the significance of Jesus' first public actions as presented by Mark's Gospel. These actions include his being baptized, the calling of his first disciples, his first teachings, and his first healing.

These first actions and encounters set the tone for the rest of Jesus' ministry, and we can learn a lot from looking at what Jesus emphasized as he began living out his calling as Messiah and Lord.

I hope you will be able to join us during this coming month as we try to imagine what it must have been like to be there at the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

See you in church!

Still discovering the joy,

P.S. Wendy and I want to thank our church family for your cards, gifts, and expressions of good will during the Christmas season. As always, we are humbled by your love and happy to be in ministry together with you!

In observance of the
Week of Christian Unity,
January 18-25, 2012,
St. Patrick Church will celebrate
an ecumenical Taize prayer
service with scripture readings
and intercessory prayer.
The service will be held on
January 25 at 7:00 PM
at St. Patrick Church.
Our congregation is most
cordially invited to participate.

Our vision is to bring the world's best theological education to your local church.



Announcing an Exciting New Study Opportunity From Wesley Ministry Network:

SIMPLY CHRISTIAN

Why Christianity Makes Sense

by N.T. Wright

Have you ever wondered why humans in all places and times have yearned for beauty, truth, spirituality, and justice? Bishop Wright contends that it is because we hear the echoes of God's voice – the same God who created the world, is known through the children of Israel and Jesus Christ, and who is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit. Connecting to this God through worship, prayer, scripture and the church leads to life that is full and abundant.

Time: Group forming at the end of January

Location: Milford United Methodist Church

Interested? Please Contact: Steve Kimner

www.WesleyMinistryNetwork.com

Wanakee Concert Series

From Mary Tyler-Wall

Each spring we hold a concert series to help raise money to give interested MUMC kids a half campership to attend Wanakee Methodist Center in the summer.

If you would like to perform, or if you know of a performer you would like to see on the MUMC stage, let me know. I am currently putting the schedule together, but we still have some openings.

Also, kids, if you haven't heard we are going to have one concert showcasing the talents of our wonderful youth. I have some performers for this event, but there is still plenty of space available for dancers, pianist, instrumentalists, authors, actors, etc.

If you have any comments, ideas or questions, e-mail me at marytw2009@gmail.com. Donations to the Wanakee Campership Fund are accepted at any time, please contact Nancy Tong or the Church Office.

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Thanks to Nick Hengeveld

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HE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME, ISN'T HE?

Lamplighter's Women's Bible Study Group

From Elaine Driscoll

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

-Psalm 119:105

We have continued with our study of the gospel of Matthew and been inspired by the messages and parables of Jesus. Although we all have heard them many times in our lives, we continue to be blessed by them. The moments we share together are very special and inspiring.

On December 14 our ladies celebrated this special season with a Pot Luck Luncheon and enjoyed many delicious dishes. A highlight of this day was our White Elephant Yankee Swap, a fun time for all.

Our Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 4, from 1-3 p.m. We begin our social time with coffee, tea and snacks. At 1:30 we begin our devotion and prayer time, followed by our Bible Study of Matthew. All are welcome.

Any questions may be directed to:
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From the Finance Committee, continued.

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In addition to employer matched giving, there is also the opportunity to give in-kind donations. If you hold some stock that has increased in value (we know, not the norm nowadays) then you can contribute the stock, get credit for the full market value for the contribution deduction and not recognize any gain. The Church can sell the stock and pay no income taxes on the sale. This allows for the complete utilization of your gift for the mission of the Church. This is very effective way to make a contribution to the work of the Church with no immediate cash cost. Since the stock is already bought and paid for, there is no current cash outlay. You are able to take a charitable contribution deduction for the full market value of the stock. At the 25% tax rate, this means that the gift of \$1,000 of stock will net you a tax savings of \$250.

We are focused on finding creative ways to allow you to support the Church's work while maximizing the financial benefits available under the internal revenue code.

If you have any questions about the process of gifting stock, please let us know and we would be glad to provide more information to you.

News from SHARE

*From Carolyn Momenee
and Kathi Beane*

**For the month of
January MUMC is
collecting:
Diapers, size
medium or large,
and baby wipes.**



The Pantry continues to be busy. During the month of November there were 164 standard appointments, providing food for 502 individuals. There were 28 new households. There were also 41 emergency food appointments, providing food for 138 individuals. There were 9 new households for emergency food appointments. There were 9 emergency requests for diapers and 5 for toiletries.

The Food Pantry gave out 324 food baskets for Thanksgiving, providing food for approximately 1,550 people. The Pantry will be giving out over 325 baskets for Christmas.

Thank you for your continuous support of the SHARE Food Pantry. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

May you have a very Happy New Year!

Broken Bread Café and Blog

From Les Coates

Broken Bread Café, our new third service opportunity here at MUMC, is ramping up for its first gathering on January 14 at 5:00 p.m. We will soon begin the real work of “setting the table” for our guests and for each other. It is my hope everyone will find someone they know who might find special meaning in this service and invite them to attend. As part of our effort to build a community around this worship service, we have started a blog. There will eventually be regular posts discussing the themes of worship, local community issues, and discoveries made while in communion with one another. Please check out the blog at: www.brokenbreadcafe.wordpress.com. The following is the first post of the blog. I invite you to check it often, comment, or even subscribe to the blog to get email updates when new posts arrive.

Setting the Table

Posted on December 19, 2011

My wife cooks more than I do. It isn't for any deep-seated gender assigned roles we make this choice, it is simply the way our schedule works. It also helps she is much better at it than I



am. I am a strong short order cook taking fried food to a new level, but when it comes to keeping a diverse and well-balanced diet in front of our family the task falls to her. When I am home for the preparing process I try to lend a hand but it is often best if I stay out of the way. At the very least, I am instructed to set the table. I hop to my task, plates, napkins, butter, salt, glasses for drinks, and all the essentials placed in their order ready for the food to meet them. Our family of three then gathers at the table, aromas

dressing the air, colors bursting from the table, and we set ourselves to dine. One problem. There is something missing. We scoop portions to the plate, or as is often the case each plate has already been set and garnished, but there will be no eating. Someone has forgotten the silverware. I am that someone. It happens so often now, it barely even solicits an eye roll. It is easily remedied and we are back on track with dinner.

We are at the Broken Bread Cafe table setting phase right now. We are lining up people to help set up the dining room, help find the ingredients, help prepare the food, help serve the food,

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help worship, help pray, help do everything one might expect at a full meal communion service. It is going well and I am very, very excited for things to begin. I am, however, a bit uneasy. As I prepare for this event I am reminded of how many times my little family has sat down to eat and my oversight has prevented us from actually doing what we gathered to do—eat. I can only imagine there will be something forgotten in these early days of Broken Bread Cafe. It is my hope, we will gather in the spirit of family and much like my family we will be able to either roll our eyes or perhaps even giggle at our folly and simply fix it and move on.

This blog will be the online presence to the BB Cafe. I welcome you to visit often and look for updates. Be warned, there will likely be “missing silverware” here too for a while. If what you see here peaks your interest, come join us at the church on the second Saturday of the month— January 14th—at 5:00 p.m. and break bread with us. We would love your company.



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-mailing Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed and whether you prefer a pin rather than “clip on”. When the badge is ready, it will be added to one of the “clotheslines” located by the windows in the foyer.



Milford United Methodist Church Home Groups...

They're for everyone!!

Our Home Groups are a wonderful way to get to know people in our church, share our faith and build connections. You are welcome to join us anytime!

Monday's at 7 p.m.—Bill & Vivian Balam's home, call 673-0150

Tuesday's at 7 p.m.—Brad & Barb Reed's home, call 673-6950

Thursday's at 7 p.m.—Steve & Pat Rafter's home, call 673-4516

Friday's at 6 p.m.—Callie McMahon's home, call 673-5239

Bits & Pieces...

Christian Aftercare Ministry

Christian Aftercare Ministry to released prisoners has enjoyed your generous donations. The needs continue for towels and small appliances. Winter needs are now for: coats, sweaters, boots, shoes, and sneakers. Please place donations in the CAM box in the narthex behind the welcome table, or call Margie Frank @ 465-7752. Thank you for helping.



A Noise Offering

Following each service on the second Sunday of the month we will have a "Noise Offering." This donation of your spare change 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."

From the Finance Committee

The weekly offering envelopes for 2012 are now available. If you are currently using the weekly envelopes and do not wish to continue in the new year (maybe because you will be contributing through online banking), please let Natalie Parker, 654-9493, or the church office know your wishes. Likewise, if you would like to begin using envelopes, please let Natalie know. We are grateful and thank you for your contributions to carry out the mission of the church, however you choose to present them.



Donate Bread Loaves

on Communion Sunday, January 1.

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.

Bits & Pieces...

Donation of Altar Flowers



Would you like to honor or remember a special person in your life or celebrate a special occasion? Please consider signing up to purchase altar flowers. 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.

Winter Storm Policy

Winter has arrived and so has the snow and ice. The winter storm policy is that we do everything humanly possible to have worship every Sunday. Rarely, though, it might be better to cancel services. In the event of bad weather, Pastor Tom will make the decision by 7:00 a.m. at the latest. If we need to cancel, we alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closings at the bottom of the screen on WMUR or go to WMUR.com. On Sundays when there is snow on the ground and worship is on, please use your discretion as to whether you should be out and about.

Wanakee Concert Series - Starring YOU!

Calling all kids - we would like to open one Wanakee Concert to performances from those who enjoy camp the most - the youth of MUMC!



Maybe you learned a solo for a theater production...
Maybe you are a piano virtuoso, or even if you're not...
Maybe you have a dance piece you'd like to present...
Maybe you have a poem you want to recite...

The sky is the limit!

This is **your** concert, so talk it up on Facebook and let's see what evolves.

I know we have A LOT of young talent in our church.

Message me Mary Tyler-Wall or email
marytw2009@gmail.com

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Joey Metcalf	Jan. 6
Don Gutterson	Jan. 8
Harry Tong	Jan. 10
Bridget Baker	Jan. 13
Stephanie Kimner	Jan. 13
Anita Merrill	Jan. 14
Marian Kopp	Jan. 18
Gerrie Hopkins	Jan. 21
Luke Betelak	Jan. 26

Anniversaries:

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 McMahan
Home Groups: Les Coates
Lamplighters: Kathy Bradfield or Elaine Driscoll
Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie
Outreach: Wendy Getchell-Lacey
Praise Band: Michele Bossie
Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart
Seasoned Generation: Dick & Roberta Randlett
Staff Parish Relations: Keith Ladeau
Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahan
Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
Trustees: Steve Rafter
White Tops: Everett Gale
Worship: Vivian Balam
Youth Group: Becky Ladeau, Tom Knapp and Steve Kimner

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

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Tuesday: hours vary, 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 E-mail Addresses:

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



January 2012

Sunday Worship Services:

8:30—Spirit Celebration

9:40—Sunday School

10:45—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Communion Sunday	2 7— Outreach Committee	3 7— Trustees Committee	4 9—White Tops 1—Lamp-lighters 7—Worship Committee	5 5:15—Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	6 12—3 - Afternoon Off 7:30—Praise Band	7 8—Men's Breakfast 8:30—Early Responder Training
8 12:30—Sacred Dance 5-6:30—Youth Group	9	10 7—Staff Parish Relations Committee	11 9—White Tops 1—Lamp-lighters 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	12 5:15—Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	13 12—3 - Afternoon Off 7:30—Praise Band	14 9—Christmas Fair Crafting 5—Broken Bread Cafe
15 12-2—Confirmation Class 12:30—Sacred Dance 5-6:30—Youth Group	16	17	18 9—White Tops 1—Lamp-lighters 7—Worship Committee	19 5:15—Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	20 12—3 - Afternoon Off 7:30—Praise Band	21
22 12:30—Sacred Dance 5-6:30—Youth Group	23	24 8:15-3—Life Line Screening	25 9—White Tops 1—Lamp-lighters 7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	26 5:15—Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30—Chancel Choir	27 12—3 - Afternoon Off 7:30—Praise Band	28
29 12:30—Sacred Dance 5-6:30—Youth Group	30	31				



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Worship times
8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:45 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.