

# The Outreach

The newsletter of the Milford United Methodist Church  
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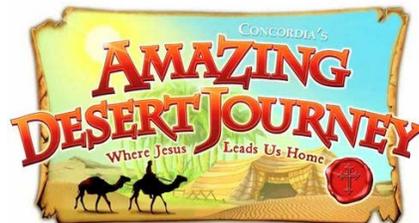


## Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

*From Shelly Frost*

Back by popular demand VBS coming to MUMC, summer 2012!

Come on an "Amazing Desert Journey" with Jesus. Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School the week of July 23-27 2012, from 6 - 8:00 p.m. We will travel through the desert to find our oasis with God. Come join us each night to discover the joy of God's word in song and a long desert journey of fun. Please watch the weekly bulletins and July Outreach for registration forms. For more information please contact Shelly Frost for questions and/or volunteer opportunities at [jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jstfrost.frosty@myfairpoint.net) or 672-3043.



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*There was much fun to be had at last year's VBS! Plan on joining us this summer!*





## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Early this month, our church will be celebrating the confirmation of several of our young people. This is always a special time for our church family and for me as your pastor. This year, however, will take on an especially celebratory for me, as my son Daniel will be among those being confirmed. Much like when my daughter Emily was confirmed in 2005, I will find myself feeling a combination of pastoral and parental pride that is hard to describe.

While my relationship with the institutional church has been a mixture of joy and heartbreak, hope and frustration, inspiration and disappointment, I know that everything good in my life has come out of my relationship with Jesus Christ and my connection with his followers. I want nothing more for my children to have that same relationship and connection guiding and sustaining them throughout their lives. For that reason, their decision to publicly confess their faith in Christ and commit themselves to living out that faith together with others in their local church makes the day of their confirmation one of the highest points in my life as their father.

One of my favorite prayers in all of the Bible is a prayer from Ephesians 3:14-19. It reads:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every

family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell

in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,

what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with

all the fullness of God.

As a parent, that is my prayer for my children. As your pastor, that is my hope for you as well. We Christians can get caught up in all sorts of stuff that gets in the way of Christ living his life through us more fully. But our faith is not in Christianity as it is lived out on the contemporary scene, but in Christ himself, and he never leads us astray. May we all more and more discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

If your child is 12 or older and would be interested in making their confirmation, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, June 10 at 9:30. RSVP to the office by June 8.

## The Miracle of 93¢

*From Bill Balam*

If you listen closely and your walk with the Lord is strong, you can hear his voice, sometimes during a quiet moment, often (for me) when sitting in a tree during the deer hunting season, or, in this case during last night's Destiny Africa Children's Choir when those dear children, orphans all, poured out their hearts in song and dance.

Those youngsters were working very hard, with the hopes of collecting enough money to build more sleeping quarters for their brothers and sisters in Africa who live in poverty on the streets, in the alleys and slums of that country.

So where's the 93 cent miracle?

I was an usher assigned to take a collection for housing for at least 1,000 more children in Uganda. While counting that money, so generously given, I was struck by the 93 cents in change that lingered at the bottom of one plate. Total came to \$1,860.93.

My active mind told me someone

probably dug deep into a pocket or purse for that 93 cents and maybe, just maybe, gave all they had, making that gift the most precious of all!

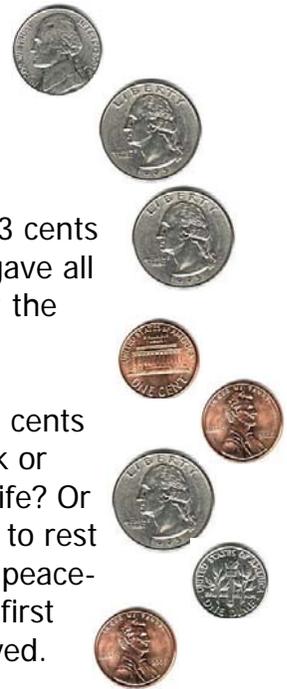
Then I wondered what 93 cents could buy: perhaps a brick or two, a fork, spoon and knife? Or maybe a pillow for a child to rest his/her head on, sleeping peacefully knowing that for the first time they are safe and loved.

That 93 cents will last for years at the Kampala Children's Centre as hopefully thousands of orphaned children pass through their gates. And therein lies the miracle! Ninety-three cents, freely given, is not so unlike the fish and loaves of bread Jesus offered to the multitudes gathered to hear His word. (Matthew 14: 13-21) Or, the widow who offered two small coins, giving all she had (Luke 21: 1-4).

Lives will be affected, if not saved, by just 93 cents! Truly a miracle!

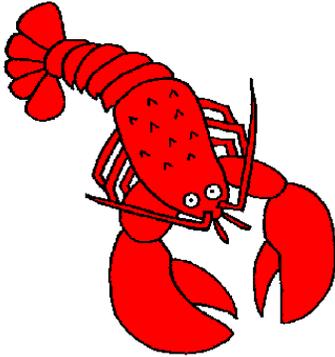
*We would like to thank our friends from MUMC for the thoughtful cards and personal notes sent regarding the recent death of Ben's Mom, Mary Lambert. It meant so much to both of us.*

*-Linda & Ben Lambert*



## Over 50's Trip Returns!

*From Peggy Jenkins*



Thanks to the sponsorship of the United Methodist Church of Milford the Over Fifty's trips will once again roll. Many have

been asking for them to return and have missed them the last couple of years.

We will begin with a trip to one of our favorite destinations, Foster's Downeast Clambake, in York Harbor, Maine. A Buckingham coach (pictured below, right) will again take us north for a fantastic lobster dinner with all the fixin's.

We will leave the parking lot of the Methodist Church at 327 North River Road at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19. After a stop for coffee we will arrive in Maine to take our seats at the banquet table. If you're not a fan of lobster there is an option of Hickory BBQ chicken or a vegetarian plate. Leighton Holt, their resident showman, will entertain us with great music and you may even be selected to play in the pick-up washtub band. After dinner you can browse in the gift shop and then we will head to the beach, weather permitting, for a short stop to dip your toes in the ocean or head to The Goldenrod for salt water taffy or other treats.

The cost for the day is \$65 and includes

dinner, transportation, tips and taxes. To make a reservation call Peggy Jenkins at 673-4930 and make your checks payable to Milford United Methodist Church or MUMC. Tell all your friends so we can fill up the bus. Old faces and new are all welcome. Hope to see you there!



*The Buckingham Coach.*

### Honoring Our Graduates



On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> we will recognize all graduates. If you have someone in your family graduating, please call (673-2669) or email ([office@milfordumc.org](mailto:office@milfordumc.org)) the church office with the person's name and the school they are graduating from.

# News of My Leaving

*From Leslie Coates*

By now, the news has reached most of you. At the end of June I will be finishing up my work here in Milford as your Ministry Director. My wife, Trisha, has accepted an opportunity for post graduate education in Wichita, Kansas where my sister and her family live and within a couple hours of both my parents and part of Trisha's family. The upcoming move is a return to my roots in some ways, and in others it is a complete uprooting of what I have come to know as home. Though we are extremely excited for the new life and adventure we are about to set out on, we are truly saddened by the thought of leaving all of you. I want to thank each of you for your hard work, open hearts, and community offered through the love of Christ.

When I first visited MUMC as part of the interview process for this position, my first impression was that of a church primarily interested in action. We are a family of "doers" and I am proud to have served with you. After two and a half years, I now also know you as a community of familial support, social concern, and passion for the Kingdom of God. I am happy to have been given the opportunity to work within this community. I have learned many great lessons, and hope I have contributed to the larger work of the church through my contributions as Ministry Director.

I am very excited, and yes, a little

nervous, about the new challenges that lie before me. I am saddened I will not be able to work beside you as you face yours. I have learned so much in Milford and for that I will be forever grateful. Thank you for having confidence in me when I was right. Thank you for forgiving me when I was wrong. May the work we have before us forever be connected through our hope in Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you all,

*Leslie Coates*

## Celebrate our Confirmands

On Sunday, June 3, our church will celebrate a significant event for several of our young people who have been participating in this year's confirmation process, and as they step forward to become full members of Christ's Church, and of MUMC. Confirmands will be received into membership during both services, and a reception celebrating their confirmation will take place between the services at 9:30-10:30. Please plan to attend worship, and if at all possible, please make time to celebrate this occasion with our confirmands between services.

# It's Almost Time for the Church Picnic!

*From Diane Jaquith*

The Annual After-Church Picnic is scheduled for August 19! Volunteers are also needed for the Church Picnic.

If you have attended past annual church picnics at beautiful MacDowell Lake in Peterborough, you know how much fun we have. Everyone brings a dish to pass and we offer grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for sale (see sign-up sheets starting July 1). We have reserved "Lake Overlook" Shelter which seats 100 people and the area offers swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, young children's play area, walking trails and more. The picnic begins after the second Sunday Service (shortly after 12 noon), but you may arrive anytime, as there are no admission or parking fees beyond our shelter reservation fee.

Please consider helping with any of the following:

1. Transport 3 fold-up tables to and from the church shed for the grand buffet

2. Arrive early to set-up the food tables, tape down table cloths, set out condiments
3. Get the charcoal grill ready for grilling
4. Help grill hamburgers and hot dogs with another person
5. Be the cashier for the hot dog & hamburger sales



*The view from Lake Overlook*

6. Organize games at the picnic tables
7. Organize a volleyball tournament, a horseshoe tournament and/or sack races, etc
8. Offer your opinion on the type of food contest we should have this year. Should it again be for the "Best Dessert"? Or "Best. ... (You fill

*in the blank)*?"

9. Clean-up crew (we need many volunteers)

This is the best committee to be on! There are no meetings! Please contact Diane Jaquith by e-mail [djaquith2@gmail.com](mailto:djaquith2@gmail.com) (or call) to sign up for any of the jobs above. We hope you can join us at the picnic!

## Last Call for Camp!

*From Nancy Tong*

The summer is almost here, and campers will be off to Wanakee before you know it. If you have kids going to camp, please let us know your plans. E-mail either Kerri-Lynn Kimner (skkimner91@comcast.net) or Nancy Tong (wltongn@hotmail.com) to let us know four important things:

1. Who is going to camp?
2. Which camp session?
3. Which week?
4. Would you like scholarship assistance? (MUMC has promised to pay a half scholarship, based on "Tier 3", as explained in the camp flyer)

Please understand that Wanakee doesn't always share your registration information with us, so we might not know that you're going to camp unless you tell us! Feel free to contact us with any other questions you might have.

### **Wanakee "Noise Offering" doesn't need to be noisy!**

Camp Wanakee will be opening soon for the summer season and several of our MUMC young people will be off to Meredith, NH, for a week of fun, friends, faith and fellowship. Our church has made a pledge to offer a half-scholarship to MUMC family members who wish to go to camp. Especially for

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## Wanakee Concert

*From Mary Tyler-Wall*

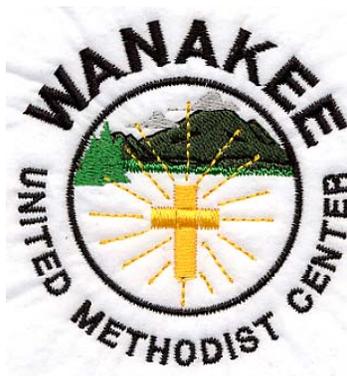
The MUMC Praise Band will perform a benefit concert for the Wanakee Boosters at the Milford United Methodist Church, 327 North River Road Milford, NH on **Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m.**

Bringing glory to God with music in the style of the Contemporary Christian, Praise and Worship genre, the Praise Band leads the Spirit Celebration Service at MUMC every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Using voices, guitars, drums, bass and wind instruments the Praise Band performs familiar and original works to lead to life-changing worship experiences.

All concerts are FREE although donations to our Wanakee campership fund are greatly accepted. The Wanakee Boosters at MUMC raise money throughout the year to provide camperships to those who want to attend summer camp at the Wanakee Methodist Center in Meredith, NH.

Refreshments are served after the concert. Please join us for a fun evening of music.

Contact Mary Tyler-Wall at 603-878-0664 or marytw2009@gmail.com or the Milford United Methodist Church at 673-2669 for more information.



## Last Call for Camp, cont.

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families with more than one camper, this frequently makes the difference of whether or not a child can attend camp.

As you know, we hold a "noise offering" each month to raise money for the Wanakee Fund. Moxie Roby's soups, and the Wanakee Concert Series also add to the fund. But we also rely on other donations. If you're able to add to this fund, you can write a check to MUMC, and put "Wanakee" on the memo line. The next "noise offering" will be held on June 10, Children's Sunday, but donations can be put in the offering plate or sent to the church at any time.

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## Christmas Craft Fair Workshop

*From Pat Rafter*

We will be finishing up with some hand crafted items on June 9, 9 a.m. until 12 noon. We would love to have a great showing to get lots done before taking a few months off for the summer. If anyone likes to sew at home we have a few projects that can be done over the summer months and we will start stuffing when we start up the workshops again in the early fall.

## Lamplighters

*From Elaine Driscoll*

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28

The Lamplighters have finished their study of the book of Romans and enjoyed an inspirational season with scripture. We have grown in spirit and also in numbers, as we now total 23 women who have met every Wednesday. Our prayers and concerns have been shared, forming close bonds with each other.

We celebrated our close of this season with a wonderful Pot Luck Luncheon on May 16. There is no doubt that we have some great cooks among us!!

Lamplighters will be meeting again in September, date to be determined. All our welcome.

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## News from SHARE

For the month of June MUMC is collecting: Size 4,5 or 6 diapers and baby wipes



## **Wicked Awesome Yaaaard Sale Report**

*From Pat Rafter*

Thanks to all for a very successful wicked awesome yaaaard sale. About \$2500 (yard sale and cafe), plus \$420 from the clothing sale, and another \$300 from electronic recycling, was raised.

I will be coordinating another sale for the fall. This will be for the general fund and I would like to request help from all the congregation. Let's make it a fall fun day! Perhaps you have an interest in cooking and would like to take on the cafe. Perhaps you like electronics and would like to help with the e-recycling. Perhaps you have some perennials you would like to dig up and organize a gardening area. Perhaps you would like to offer a prayer tent. Perhaps you would like to help Susan Drew with the clothing/textile sale. Perhaps you would like to help Liane Wright sort and organize books. Perhaps you like to poke through stuff and would be willing to help price and sort. Perhaps you could donate some time to set up or clean up. Perhaps you would like to donate a bouncy house for children to play in while their parent is shopping. The sky's the limit. We can make it as big or as little as it needs to be, with the end result of making a lot of fun for everyone and finding treasures for everyone.

I should have a date picked out for sometime early October and also times for drop-offs, by the time the next

## **Creative Ways to Give to Your Church**

*From Lisa Payne*

Lisa Payne, Liane Wright and Pat Rafter will be collecting donations of old, broken, or unwanted gold and silver jewelry. We can also take sterling silver table settings, trays, tea pots, etc. If you have any questions about these items please speak with one of these women.

These donations will be given to a friend of Alexis Eaton who will melt it down and will pay us for the gold and silver. This money will go towards United Methodist Missions Shares and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Collections have already started and will continue for 6 months at that time a decision will be made as to how to further proceed. Please consider this alternate way of giving to help support the missions of MUMC.

Used brick pavers available—great for landscaping of garden beds, walkways or patios. Most are clay, some are cement. Easy access by driveway for pickup.

Sally Landis, 63 Truell Rd, Hollis

## **Yaaaard Sale Report, cont.**

Outreach is ready for publishing. So let me know if you have any interests in the above areas or if you have something else in mind! Let's all join hands and please our Lord!

## From the Ed Team

*From Shelly Frost*

From the entire Education Team, we would like to thank all the teachers who gave their time to teach the children the good word of the Lord and also thank the parents and student for being a part of our Sunday school 2011-2012 program.

Thanks too, for everyone's help and support with the mission project's this year, Share, the Bethany Christian project and Shoes for Guatemala, these could not have been successful without your help. As we prepare to end the current Sunday school year, we would

encourage anyone willing and able to teach for the upcoming year to contact Ed Team members to sign up early.

Dates to remember: our last day of regular Sunday School will be June 3rd and Children's Sunday will be June 10th.

A friendly reminder for all adults seeking Adult Sunday School, this is up and running and if you would like to join in on the daily reading and discussion. It remains available to all, after first service each Sunday morning. For more information please see Deb Mentch.



*Thank you to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and to everyone who contributed to my retirement celebration on April 15th. It brought back many wonderful memories from church friends (past and present), former pastors, high school classmates and my nieces and nephews. Thank you also to the chancel choir, home groups, Lamplighter's, quilting group, youth group, and individual church friends for the prayers, good wishes and home visits that I have received during the past year as I have struggled with many health challenges. I have missed you all!*

*Peace, Marian B. Kopp*

# MUMC KIDS FUN PAGE!



Q: Where do horses live?

A: In neigh-borhoods!

Q. Why did the boy stand behind the horse?

A. He thought he might get a kick out of it!

Q. What is the difference between a horse and a duck?

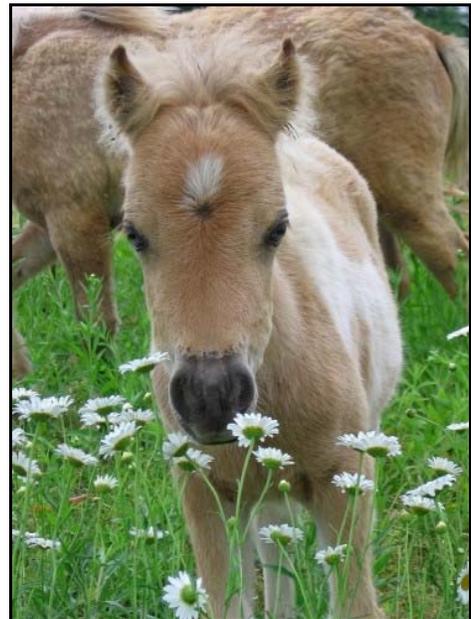
A. One goes quick and the other goes quack!

Q: How do you lead a horse to water?

A: With lots of carrots.

Q: What disease do horses fear most?

A: Hay Fever!



## Summer Word Search

Barbecue

Camping

Fishing

Frisbee

Ice Cream

Picnic

Pool

Sunglasses

Sun Tan

Vacation

M B P A P N Z E N B P G

X A L I A A U H O F O N

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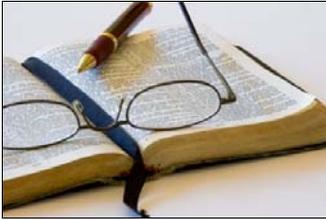
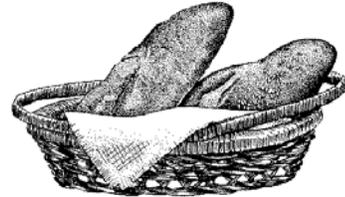
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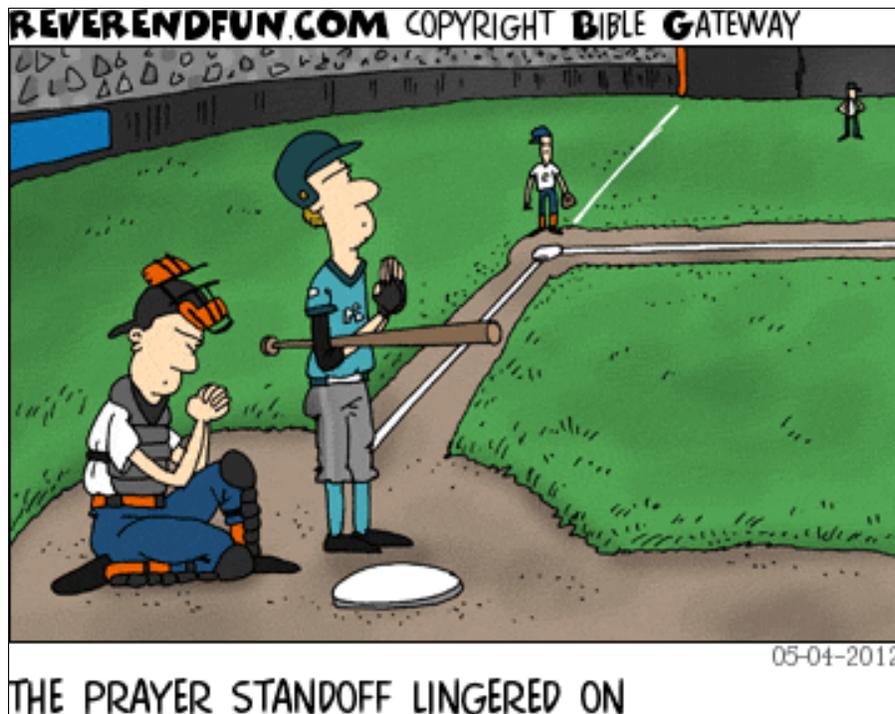
### Donate Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, June 3.

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



### Adult Sunday School

Meeting Sunday mornings between services. All are welcome. Join us weekly (or drop in when you can) for thoughtful discussions of the Sunday's scripture based on the Lectionary. (The Lectionary is a list of selected scripture readings set out ahead of time that take us through the whole calendar year.)



## 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.

### 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."



### Have you visited a Home Group?

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. @ The Balam's home, call 673-0105

Tuesday's at 7 p.m. @ The Reed's home, call 673-6950

Thursday's at 7 p.m. @ The Rafter's home, call 673-4516

Friday's at 6 p.m. @ The McMahon's home, call 673-5239

### 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](mailto: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.



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Birthdays:

Ron Robinson	June 2
Dan Roby	June 2
Chloe Robinson	June 5
Normand Desrosiers	June 6
Shirley Stackpole	June 11
Lori Murphy	June 14
Jacob Tewkesbury	June 15
Nick Gutterson	June 21
Kaleen Fortunato	June 22
Jessica Green	June 25
Shelby Rigione	June 25
Michael Logue	June 27
Hannah Millhouse	June 28

### Anniversaries:

Richard & Roberta Randlett	June 2
Danny & Moxie Roby	June 4
Sean & Lori Murphy	June 8
Dave & Shirley Stackpole	June 9
Tom & Wendy Getchell-Lacey	June 11
Dan & Wendy Ayotte	June 13
Dick & Barb Medlyn	June 14

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office at 673-2669 or leave a note for Wendy on her desk on Sunday.

## 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, Elaine Driscoll, Carol Rowlette  
 Men's Breakfast: Jon Bossie  
 Outreach: Pat Rafter  
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie  
 Sacred Dance: Rebecca Hart  
 Seasoned Generation: Dick & Roberta Randlett  
 Staff Parish Relations: Lisa Payne  
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahan  
 Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson  
 Trustees: Jim Frost  
 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

In early June: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
 Summer hours start June 18th: Mondays, 9-3, Wednesdays, 9-2 and Thursdays, 9-3

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

## Church E-mail Addresses:

Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey	<a href="mailto:pastor@milfordumc.org">pastor@milfordumc.org</a>
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	<a href="mailto:leslie@milfordumc.org">leslie@milfordumc.org</a>
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	<a href="mailto:office@milfordumc.org">office@milfordumc.org</a>



# June 2012

Sunday Worship Services:

8:30—Spirit Celebration

9:40—Sunday School

10:45—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1  12-3— Afternoon Off 7:30—Praise Band	2
3 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	4  7—Outreach Committee	5  6:30— Quilting Ministry @ the Gale's	6 9—White Tops  7—Worship Committee	7 5:15— Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30— Chancel Choir	8 12-3— Afternoon Off 6:15— Worship Design 7:30—Praise Band	9 9-12— Christmas Fair Crafting  5—Broken Bread Café w/ bonfire
10 <i>Children's Sunday</i> 1-5—Home Group Leaders Mtg.	11  7—Trustee's Committee	12	13 9—White Tops  7—Stephen Ministry Supervision	14 5:15— Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30— Chancel Choir	15 12-3— Afternoon Off  7:30—Praise Band	16  6—Seasoned Generation Scavenger Hunt
17 <i>Youth Mission Team Commissioned</i>	18  7—Finance Committee	19	20 9—White Tops  7—Ad Council	21 5:15— Kids Bell Choir 6—Adult Bell Choir 7:30— Chancel Choir	22  12-3— Afternoon Off 7—Wanakee Concert	23
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## June 2012

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.

