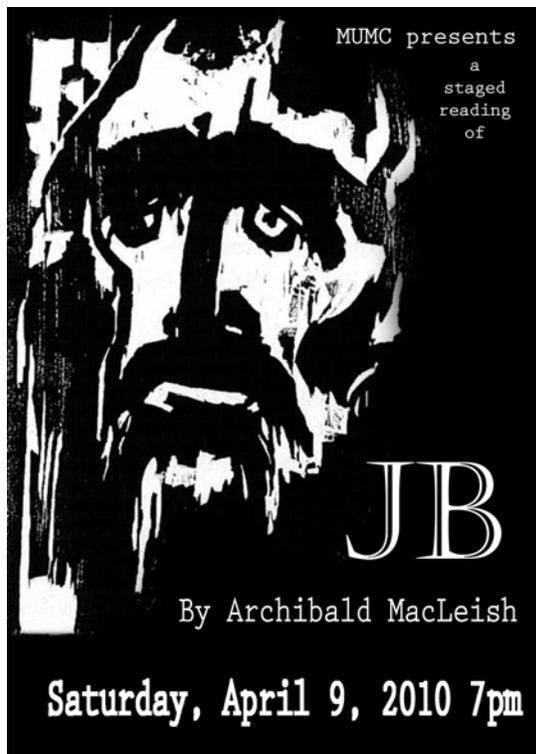




The Outreach

March 2011—Milford, NH



J.B. by Archibald MacLeish

This coming season of Lent, MUMC invites you to join us on an exploration of the book of Job. On Saturday, April 9 at 7 pm we will be presenting a staged reading of the play *J.B.* by Archibald MacLeish. This 1959 Pulitzer Prize winning play retells the Old Testament story of Job. As part of our Lenten journey we are encouraging people to read the book of Job to accompany the Lenten Sermon Series: "Job and Jesus." There are reading plans available in the narthex that begin the day after Ash Wednesday and finish on April 9, the day of the staged reading. On Sunday, April 10 (between services), there will be a "talk-back" with the director and many of the participants to give viewers and presenters a time to exchange ideas, questions, and general comments about the material. All are welcome to participate in what promises to be an enlightening and challenging journey through Lent.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This month marks the beginning of the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9. As always, Lent is a time for intentionally deepening our devotional life. To assist our members in this process, this Lent we will be inviting you to delve deeply into one of the most beautiful, perplexing, and deeply moving books of the Bible—the Book of Job. In this beautifully written book, some of the deepest questions that have haunted humans since the beginning of creation are given a full airing—questions like, why do innocent people suffer, and how can a good God allow that sort of suffering? Is there meaning to human suffering, and if so, how do we go about comprehending that meaning? And is God accountable to human beings when it comes to explaining his actions? Along the way, practical matters are explored, such as how do caring friends best walk alongside someone who is suffering.

We will be offering you a number of different ways to connect with Job during the Lenten season. Firstly, you will be given a reading plan that will take you through the entire Book of Job during the 40 days of Lent. I strongly encourage you to follow this reading plan as one of your Lenten disciplines. Secondly, we will be offering a sermon series called “Job & Jesus” in which we will be exploring many of the themes in the Book of Job and tying them to New Testament

themes, especially Jesus’ suffering. Thirdly, we will be offering a weekly time for folks to get together to discuss a.) the portions of the Book of Job assigned for the previous week, and b.) the previous week’s sermon. Keep your eyes and ears open for time and place of these meetings. Finally, on April 9, we will be presenting a performance of the play, *J.B.*, by Archibald MacLeish, under the direction of our own Leslie Coates, and featuring many of our own members and friends. This Pulitzer prize winning play is a modern retelling of the story of Job, offering yet another window into our understanding of this ancient text. (There will also be a talk-back session in which folks will be able to share with one another their experiences of watching the play.)

Our hope is that you will participate in at least one of these opportunities (in addition, of course, to attending worship!) We do so believing that there is something powerful about an entire community of faith joining together in a common effort to draw closer to God and supporting one another in doing so. So, plan now to participate as fully as possible so that together we will experience a truly powerful Lent.

Still discovering the joy,



P.S. Don’t forget that we will be offering an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm, March 9!

Hymn Sing to Benefit the Wanakee Boosters

What hymns do you love? What hymns sing to you of your life? What hymns help you deepen spiritually? What hymns inspire you to go out into the world and make a difference?

Join us Saturday night, March 12 at 7 pm for an informal celebration of hymns. Nancy Tong will provide beautiful piano accompaniment. Hymns you call out will be mixed with performances by Michele Bossie, Rudy Rumohr, Cecil Rowlette, Mary Tyler-Wall and others. If your favorite hymn is not in our hymnal please contact me so I can find it for you.

Donations accepted to benefit the Wanakee Boosters. Marytw2009@gmail.com



Talent Search Begins By Becky Ladeau

The annual MUMC Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, April 10, immediately following the second service. Have you donated your talent yet? Please call or email Becky Ladeau or Shelly Frost by April 8 to donate your talent. Silent bidding will be available before the services or stay for the fun of live bidding starting shortly after the second service. Even at the live auction, the silent bidder could win with the high bid. Proceeds go to the Youth Mission Team.



Becky Ladeau: 672-9641
kbladeau@msn.com
Shelly Frost: 672-3043

As always we thank you for your generous support as we prepare our youth for the mission field.

Job opening: Office Manager

The Milford United Methodist Church is seeking a qualified person to become our office manager. This is a 20/hr a week position. The job description is available upon request.

Please speak with Pastor Tom, Jason St. Jean, Callie McMahon, or Andrew Baver for more information. Resumes can be sent to Pastor Tom at pastor@milfordumc.org

New Office Hours



Monday 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—4 p.m.
Wednesday no hours — call first
Thursday 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.

Most days there is someone in the office before and/or after these hours, but it would be best to call ahead at 673-2669 to check if you need to get into the building.

YAAard Sale Date change!

Due to some personal and church activities/ conflicts, the Yard Sale is moving to May 14 7 am to 1 pm. Collection dates will be April 16, 30 and May 7, 9 am to 11 am ONLY!.



Please bring your clean and working treasures on these dates. If there is no way you can make these times, please contact Pat and Steve Rafter @ 673-4516 or icu2per@aol.com , we will try to make things work for you. This yard sale will be a group effort for the adult and youth mission teams. Items not accepted are stuffed animals, clothing, electronics, exercise equipment, old microwave ovens or air conditioners. Lisa Payne is coordinating the electronic recycling to be held in conjunction with the yard sale. More information to follow. A clothing sale will be organized by Shelly Frost also in conjunction with the yard sale. More information to follow.

SHARE Food Pantry

By Carolyn Momonee

For the month of March MUMC is collecting:

- Cleaning products
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap



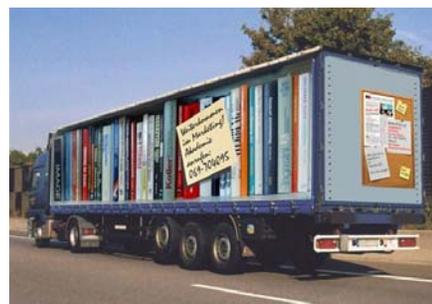
Brown bags are always appreciated.

The SHARE Food Pantry continues to be very busy. During the month of January, there were 171 household appointments, providing food and necessities for 575 individuals. There were 20 new households (61 individuals) in January. There were 40 emergency food pantry appointments. This compares to 107 household appointments providing food and necessities for 338 individuals in January of 2010. You can see your donations are important and needed.

Thank you for supporting the SHARE Food Pantry. You are making a difference in people's lives.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

The Thursday Home Group meeting at Rafter's will be having a book drive starting now through March. Please bring in your gently used books 5 years or newer hard cover, paperback, children's books and even text books and place them in the plastic tote under the coat rack. Help us with our Mission Project to help others in need.



GNIHN - The Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network ***"Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time"***

Looking back at the year 2010, 18 adults and 23 children were able to live at the AnneMarie House in Hudson. More specifically .. 7,808 bed nights of shelter and 23,772 meals were provided for these families in transition. There is no way however, to count the smiles, love and security that is shared daily.

Isaiah 58:7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter ...

If you are interested in finding out how you can volunteer at the AnneMarie House please contact Tami Davis-Betelak 672-9082.

Next hosting week: March 6 - March 12

Next training sessions:

Wednesday, March 2 - 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church, 130 Spit Brook Rd. Nashua, NH

Tuesday, March 15 - 10 am
AnneMarie House, 180 Lowell Rd. Hudson, NH

Tuesday, March 15 - 7 pm
Londonderry UMC, 258 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry

Tuesday, March 22 - 7 pm
Amherst Congregational Church, 11 Church St. Amherst



New to MUMC?

Want to know more about our church, about Methodism, and/or the Christian faith? Then you'll want to come to our **Newcomer's Gathering**, Saturday, April 2 from 2:00-5:00. Childcare will be provided. To register, call the church office at 673-2669, email the church at office@milfordumc.org, or sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



I just wanted to take a few minutes to update you all on what has been happening with our Stephen Ministry team here at MUMC. We have welcomed four new Stephen Ministers and two new Stephen Leaders. Deb Mentch, Jerry Theriault, Gary Daniels, and Ben Lambert were commissioned as Stephen Ministers and Callie McMahon and myself were commissioned as Stephen Leaders.

What is a Stephen Minister? For those of you who may not have heard of this ministry before, a Stephen Minister is a person who puts in 50 hours of training to learn how to support an individual going through one of life's challenges. The Stephen Minister is trained to listen and provide a level of spiritual care to the person going through the challenge. As Stephen Ministers, we are not there to fix the challenge. We are there to walk with our care receiver as they make their journey to healing with God's help. We are the cane the person leans on for support. This caring relationship is special and highly confidential. We gather twice a month to support ourselves as ministers and never discuss the specific details of our care receiver's challenges. We focus on the caring relationship in general and how we can help the Stephen Minister support their care receiver.

Having been a part of this program since 2004, I am always amazed at how the Stephen Ministers in our church reach out and take that walk with someone and how enriching it can be for the care receiver as well as the Stephen Minister. I know from personal experience that I have learned more about God from my walks with the care receivers I have supported than I have from just doing things on my own.

If you find yourself in need of talking to someone in more detail than a friend may be willing to support, consider looking to a more specialized person to support you. Friends are awesome but Stephen Ministers are willing to take an extended journey with you. If you look at the banner hanging in the narthex you will see two people in a circle. The one behind the cross is broken and in need of assistance. With God's assistance through the caring relationship with a Stephen Minister, this person becomes whole once again and is ready to continue life's journey.

As a newly commissioned Stephen Leader, my role is to support the Ministry as a whole. I want the congregation to know what Stephen Ministers do and to feel comfortable to reach out to our Ministry to make a walk with you if you face a challenge you are not sure you can handle alone.

Our ministry relies on you as well. One way you can support us is through your prayers. Another way is to come to the Stephen Ministry Workshop to be held on Saturday April 30th. This is your chance to come and find out more about what we do. The workshop will be run by the national Stephen Ministry organization. We are providing the space for other churches to come and find out what Stephen Ministry is all about how it works to support people. You are all invited to attend free of charge. We will provide greater detail in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Michele Bossie 672- 4556 Callie McMahon 673-5329 Ben Lambert 672-1425
Steve Kimner 673-9911 Rita Lines 673-0398 Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey 673-2669

CHRISTIAN AFTERCARE MINISTRY

By Paul Roussel, Director

"One very important ministry of CAM involves providing good used and new clothing, and household articles for the men and women being released from prison. Many have very little when they come to our office in Manchester. We welcome about 30 people monthly and try to assist them.

"When we asked for donations of winter jackets last fall, MUMC sent an abundance of them plus jeans, shoes, dishes, appliances and other needed items too numerous to mention.

Thank you to all who generously supplied these items! We purchased work boots, gloves and hats.

"We always remind the recipients as we give out these items, that they are from the Lord Jesus Christ through His people. We also present the Gospel and tell them that the only real lasting help is a result of a changed life and heart that only the Lord can bring to seeking souls.

"Our focus now for donations is turning to work boots, jeans, shirts, shoes, sneakers, bedding, towels, dishes, pots, pans and utensils. Thank you for whatever you can do for these ex-offenders." Items may be placed in the CAM box in the narthex or contact Margie Frank (465-7752); or call Paul Roussel at CAM headquarters (669-5090), or bring items to the office at 50 Lowell St., in Manchester.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

Bread Loaves on Communion Sunday, February 6.

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.



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."



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.

Education Team News

By Shelly Frost

The next unit that the children in rotation will be studying is "Making Choices" and the scripture is Book of Jonah, Psalm 25:12; Matthew 22:36-39; and Exodus 20:1-



20 - "God chooses us to do God's work, God gives us the freedom to choose our response to God and others. We look to God's teachings to help us learn how to make choices that reflect what God wants us to do or be." We should continue to support them at home as well with all they are learning. Please encourage your child(ren) to attend Sunday school weekly - Ed Team has established the " Sunday Morning Huddle" for the Children, when the bell is rung we will meet in the Sanctuary doorway briefly to collect their mission project contributions, then they will be dismissed to their respective classrooms. Please remember to join us for the opening, which is held on the 1st Sunday of the month. All students, parents, teachers and shepherds are encouraged to meet in the sanctuary after the Spirit Celebration service for songs, lessons & lots of fun.

The mission project we will continue helping the Pease greeters to support their efforts to help our services men and women with some simple supplies, to show our support in all they do for us. Please remember to add items from the refrigerator list that was given to

you in Dec. to your weekly grocery list or monetary funds can be given on Sunday during the "Huddle" and Ed Team will do the shopping for you. Please see Ed Team if you need a new list.

Watch for our "Corner-Chat" while the kids are in their class, Ed Team members would like to start parental dialogs in the lobby to chat about, our kids, how we teach them at home, fun learning techniques we can share and just everyday "stuff" we all go through.

During January in adult Sunday school, we looked at Jesus from different perspectives - as God's son, as our brother, as our burden bearer/healer, and as our teacher. Each week, we had a key Bible verse, a theme, and discussion ranging from practical to theological to current events. Everyone is welcome to join in to listen and to share their thoughts/opinions. The adult Sunday school meets in the class room at the end of the hall (previously the nursery).

The Ed Team would like to thank everyone who completed a survey for the adult Sunday school. We value your input and are analyzing the results now. Stay tuned for more details on our future plans for adult Sunday school. If you haven't completed a survey and you'd like to give us your input, please see Deb Mentch or an Ed Team member for a survey form.

People are Flocking to Nazareth!



“Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus Was a Kid”

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School at Hometown Nazareth, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid.

Preview at <http://nazareth.group.com/intro>

More information will be forthcoming.
Questions? Volunteers?
Contact Mary Tyler-Wall or Kathryn Galley at Marytw2009@gmail.com or Rockingirl14@gmail.com

A Word of Thanks from the Adult Mission Team.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our last 2 mission fundraising events....The Ham and Bean Supper and Super Bowl Pizzas. We honor your commitment to us and look forward to doing God's work this fall in Maine. There is still room to join our team. Please speak with Dave Stackpole, Steve Rafter or Pastor Tom if you have any interest in attending. The date is still not confirmed but we are looking at dates in mid/late September.

Lamplighters Say Thanks

We want to thank everyone for donating and their purchases of our baked goods, plus all the kind words about the Valentine Bake Sale. We made \$502.00 with a 20% donation going to the Pastor Discretionary Fund. This was a great success and the Lamplighter's plan to do this again in 2012 on the Sunday before Valentine's Day.

Our Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the church. We presently are in the New Testament studying I & II Peter. At each meeting we enjoy a dessert with coffee and tea, plus friendly conversation for a short time. We then turn our attention to prayer and study. No preparation is necessary as we read the Bible verses in class. Chapters are known ahead of time for those that like to review before coming to class. With eleven members, there is plenty of insight and reflection regarding that day's study. Please visit Mumc's Web site to find out more about our goals and mission. Any questions phone Kathy at 487-5574 or email: kjbradfield@comcast.net





To Our Church Family,
We want to thank you again for the continued support, prayers and generosity that you have showered on us during Beth's illness. The road during Beth's chemotherapy and radiation treatments has often been difficult and uncertain. Your support has made the road easier to navigate and continues to sustain our faith.

Love,
Carol and Don Brooks



Have you seen the yellow and green dumpster and wondered...

It is the Paper Retriever recycling bin. If we recycle 3.5 tons a month we make \$5 a ton. Four tons a month equals \$60.00 Eight tons a month would be \$160.00. The more paper collected, the more money we earn 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.

Spread the Word!

Winter Storm Policy

The winter storm policy is that we do everything humanly possible to have Sunday 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 am at the latest if we need to cancel so that we can alert WMUR to be included in their list of cancellations. You can watch the list of closing at the bottom of the screen on WMUR (channel 8 for most area residents) 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.



Financially Speaking March 2011

The Finance Committee would again like to “**Thank**” the congregation for your generous contributions to the church in 2010. As a result of your sacrifices to the church we were able to continue God’s work in a number of ways and programs both locally and afar throughout the year.

2011 is now upon us with both its challenges and opportunities. Financially speaking the finance committee expects the current economic situation to continue which will continue to put a stress on our resources. It is for this reason that we wanted to take the time to explain a little about your gifts and MUMC finances.

MUMC currently has two separate but equally important funds that need to be financed - The Mortgage Fund and the General Fund. These are two separate funds and both need your prayerful consideration each and every Sunday. As their names indicate – The Mortgage Fund is established to make our regular monthly mortgage payment. The General Fund exists for all other expenses that MUMC incurs in the life of our church. Salaries, program expenses, mission shares and conference apportionments and utility payments all come out of the General Fund. As you can see these two funds are equally important, and MUMC would not exist as we know it, without either one, and your generous giving to each.

The Mortgage Fund is responsible for making a regular monthly payment of \$5750.00. Each payment is applied to our mortgage which stands at \$766,655.59 as of 12/31/10. Our current interest rate is 6.50%.

The General Fund’s operating budget finds a 3% decrease for 2011 over the previous year’s budget and stands at \$274,577.01. This is a result of much work by all our committees. This decrease was achieved despite our New England Conference increasing our Mission share to \$2884.59 per month for 2011. This is going to be a challenge that needs prayerful consideration. In 2010 MUMC paid a total of 5 months or 43% towards our mission shares. It is our intention and goal to pay this in full in 2011. This cannot be accomplished without your assistance. We are happy to inform you that we have made our January payment as of this writing.

The Finance Committee would like you to pray about where you see MUMC in 2011 and what your goals and dreams are for your church moving forward. Then prayerfully consider the two funds that need your attention. As we move into the stewardship campaign you will undoubtedly be hearing more about the opportunities that are available and need your attention at MUMC.

If you have any comments or questions please seek out a member of our committee. Finance members are as follows:

Kirk Randlett - Treasurer
Marian Kopp – Asst Treasurer
Natalie Parker – Financial Secretary
Andy Bayer – Chair
John Bradfield
Mark Feraco
Brad Reed

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Greg Cyr	March 5
Keith Taylor	March 6
Sabrina Logue	March 13
Pat Rafter	March 14
Pastor Tom	March 14
Bronwyn Tyler-Wall	March 14
Nicole Masters	March 15
Kevin Cyr	March 17
Rick Westergren	March 26
Robyn Metcalf	March 28
Charles Kaufold	March 30

Anniversaries this month:

Robert and Dorothy Ledger	March 5
Kevin and Susan Drew	March 26

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

Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up any-time (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 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!



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Most days there is someone in the office before and/or after these hours, but it would be best to call ahead at 673-2669 to check if you need to get into the building.

***Please note that there are no office staff hours on Wednesday.**

Church Email addresses

Pastor Tom	pastor@milfordumc.org	
Marian Kopp, Office Support:	office@milfordumc.org	please submit bulletin info
Peggy Jenkins, Office Manager:	carol@milfordumc.org	please submit newsletter info
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	leslie@milfordumc.org	

March 2011 Calendar

		1 8:15 am—5 p.m. Lifeline Screening 7 pm Trustees	2 9:00 White Tops Noon bulletin deadline 1:00 Lamplight- ers Bible Study 6:30 Parents' Bereavement Support Group 7:00 Worship Committee 7 pm SPR	3 5:15 Kids Bells 6:00 Adult Handbell Choir 7:00 Home Group @ Rafters 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 Noon-3 pm Afternoon Off 6 pm Home Group @ McMahons 7:00 pm Praise Band	5
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Worship times

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:30 Sunday School

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.