

The Outreach

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



MUMC Café

A New Worship Experience

From Les Coates

The MUMC Café is our new monthly worship service at MUMC. Beginning on January 14th at 5:00 p.m., we will welcome members, friends, and hopefully new visitors, to a unique and different kind of service.

There is quite a bit of murmuring about what the MUMC Café will be, but I can assure you no one knows for sure. What we do know is this: It will be set in a café-style setting complete with music, coffee, and dialogue. It will conclude with a "full table communion" - a full meal for everyone. We will be having this style communion service each and every time MUMC Café meets, scheduled for the second Saturday of every month.

This means two things. First, it is going to be an amazing experience and second, it is going to require an amazing amount of help and prayer. If you are interested in being a part of this new service for a new and growing community, please contact Les Coates and let him know what gifts you would like to share (those interested in growing, cooking, and serving food are most needed).

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Men's Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 12 at 8 a.m.



Join us for a delicious breakfast and guest speaker. Please speak with Jon Bossie for more information.

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

As a pastor who deals directly with people in need, I can tell you that I have never before experienced so many people coming to the office looking for assistance. The stream of folks looking for help tells me that many in our local communities are experiencing extreme economic distress right along with the rest of our nation. This coincides with recent studies that indicate two troubling trends--first, that more and more individuals and families in our nation are slipping into poverty, and second, that the income and wealth gap between the wealthiest and the rest of the population continues to grow.

In light of these realities, I felt a leading that it was time to address the issues of how we as followers of Jesus ought to respond to the needs of the poor from the pulpit. By the time this issue of the Outreach gets into your hands, I will have begun a sermon series entitled "Jubilee: God, the Church, and the Poor." In this series, we will be exploring some of the many biblical passages and principles that relate to those who are poor. Along the way, we will discover the Bible's perspective on how God views the poor, as well as looking at some of the fascinating ways that the people of ancient Israel sought to reduce poverty in their land, and at Jesus' teachings about the poor.

It is, it could be argued, appropriate that we look at the question of our relationship with the poor during this month when our thoughts turn towards gratitude for all we have. As I have often noted, there is a link between "thanks" and "giving" that is unmistakable. One of the chief ways in which we give thanks is through what we give--of ourselves, our resources, and our time. My hope is that through this series, and through our own personal study and reflection, we will all come to a place of greater willingness to give of ourselves in order to alleviate the suffering of others. I can think of no better way of saying "Thanks" to God.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor John

**2011 Annual
Church Conference**

**Saturday,
November 12
11 a.m.**

All are welcome,
please join us!!*

*Please note that while friends always have a voice,
only MUMC members are able to vote.

Wanakee Fundraiser

From Nancy Tong

November 5 will be a "happening night" at MUMC. Our first concert of the Wanakee Concert Series will feature a hymn sing lead by the vocal quartet, Grace Notes, and will be a fundraiser for the Wanakee Fund. The concert begins at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to help provide scholarships to our youth who attend the Wanakee United Methodist Center in Meredith, NH.

Grace Notes formed in late 2005 and is based in Bedford, NH. The four vocalists, which include former MUMC members Sue and Rich Rudolf, first sang together in a church choir and decided they would like to expand their musical influence to other venues. They have traveled and sung across NH at churches, camps, and also at the Concord State Prison. While their repertoire is largely Christian, you may hear them add some favorites from other genres from time to time. Their accompanist is Nancy Tong, and they will be joined by Jim Rudolf on the drums and Matt Young on bass.

The evening's format will be similar to last spring's hymn sing – we'll take hymn requests from the audience and intersperse them with songs performed by Grace Notes. If you have any particular hymns that you would like to sing that night that are not found in either of our hymnals, please let Nancy know ahead of time, so we can be prepared with music.



Education Team News

From Shelly Frost

Sunday school is off to an amazing start. We have started our mission collections for Sunday School. We are going to kick off the season by helping SHARE. They are always in need of toiletries including, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes and razors. Diapers are always a need item also.

This year we will make it a little interesting for the children by having a class-to-class contest! Whichever class brings in the most items for SHARE, will be the winning class of a Donut Party, complete with hot cocoa. We started collecting on October 16 and will end on December 11 – the Donut Party will be held on December 18. Please watch for the weekly reminders and help us help SHARE. The monetary Sunday School offering also began in October and will also go to SHARE.

We are in need of both Adult Sunday School & Jr. Church teachers, if you are interested in keeping these programs going, please volunteer to teach. See Deb Mentch or any Ed Team member for information.

Advent Event

From Kara Ammon

We hope you can join us on Sunday, December 11th beginning at 5:00 p.m. for MUMC's Advent Event. It is a Family Potluck Dinner followed by Advent Prayer Stations and quiet activities.

Please come and be included as we celebrate the midpoint of the Advent season. We will take this special opportunity to eat together as a church family then center our hearts on God through prayerful meditation and quiet activity stations.



Prayer stations will be spread through the Sanctuary and classrooms. Participants will move from station to station. Parents are encouraged to guide their younger children through each activity. Middle school youth, high school youth, and adults will be their own guides.

Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck dinner.

Please let us know if you need child care for this event by calling: Kara Ammon 547-3208 or send an e-mail to: galleyslave@comcast.net

Seasoned Generation News

From Dick & Roberta Randlett

The chicken dinner was a huge success, we were sold out!!! Lonnie and her crew once again made wonderful dinner and service was impeccable!!! Thanks to Carol Rowlette, who was in charge of planning September's meeting and Lonnie for her wonderful chicken dinner. The apples for the delicious Apple crisp Lonnie created were donated by Gerrie Hopkins from her trees. Thanks, Gerry, that was a huge help. We made \$300.00 that we donated to the Discretionary Fund as it is in constant need of replenishing! Carol, once again thank you for the time and effort you put into this to make it a huge success!!!!

This month we are presenting our "Virtual Tour of the Rhine River" put together by Cyndi Geiger and it's a beautiful tour. Cyndi is so very creative and a marvelous photographer, among her other numerous talents. This is not to be missed. Thank you, Cyndi for putting this all together and presenting this wonderful tour. Dessert and coffee/tea served following the "cruise"!!!

December is our annual and wonderful Christmas party at Dottie and Paul's home in Amherst. We will have a lovely pot luck dinner followed by an always enjoyable "gift" exchange. It's

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Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

From Kathy Bradfield

The Lamplighters Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at the church from 1-3 p.m. 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 our study. Bring your Bible if you'd like, or we have several at the church that are available. No preparation is necessary for we read the lesson in class. With 19 members there are always interesting discussions transpiring. We are presently studying the book of Matthew in the New Testament.

If there is interest in holding a Bible Study on an alternate day, please contact Kathy Bradfield at 487-5574 or kjbradfield@comcast.net or Elaine Driscoll at 673-4270 or send an e-mail to Geldris@comcast.net. You can also talk with any Lamplighter member.

For the month of November Carol Rowlette will be the Lamplighter's facilitator.

News from SHARE

*From Carolyn Momenee
and Kathi Beane*

For the month of November MUMC is collecting: Canned pumpkin pie filling and crusts, turkey stuffing mix, juice, turkey gravy



It is hard to believe that the holidays are almost upon us. We expect to be doing a record number of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets this season. The November Rotation list is comprised of requests for items that we will be putting the Food Baskets. We have put in a large order for turkeys from the NH Food Bank and hope our request will be filled. Time will tell.

Thank you for your donations every month and especially this month when we will be filling the baskets.

May you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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



***Benefit Dinner For
Saving Grace Dance
Ensemble***



***Saturday, November 5th - 5:30 p.m.
Household of Faith – 30 Merrimack Road
Amherst, NH 03031***

\$25.00 per person

The Evening will include:

*Buffet Dinner ~ Give-a-ways ~ Complimentary Child Care
~Hear about SGDE 2011-2012 season/events~*

*To purchase tickets, please RSVP on or before Nov. 1st to
Robyn Goulette, 603-801-1371 or robyn@robyngoulette.com
(check or cash only ~ payable to Household of Faith)*

***Annual Christmas Fair
(It's just around the corner!)***

From Liane Wright and Pat Rafter

Craft Workshops have been happening throughout the year to plan for our Annual Christmas Fair. Saturday, December 3rd is fair day, along with many other sales throughout the towns of Milford and Wilton. We plan to be on the bus route again this year.

Start your day off with something from our café and then head out shopping throughout the town and come back for lunch. Bring your friends!

We have a good start on our stock for

the sale, but could always use more homemade crafts. If you like doing crafts but have not been able to make the workshops, let us know we might be able to give you some ideas of what we need.

Knitted or crocheted items are always a hit! There is also a need for canned jams, jellies, relishes, and salsa. Baked goods, candies, fudge and cookies are needed to fill up our candy table, bake table and cookie run table. We could

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Christmas Fair, continued

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also use snack mixes, candied popcorn and the like to fill our tins.

Keep your eyes peeled for our donations wreath in November. Take a leaf or two home and help with some donations of food or crafts. There will also be a sign up list for days and the areas we will be needing helpers.

Also check out the list of upcoming workshops. Crafters of all levels are welcome! We need someone to coordinate the bake table, interested volunteers please speak with Liane Wright.

Christmas Fair Crafting Dates

We work from **9 a.m. until noon** each day. Please join us for the fun, no matter how "crafty" you are!

November 5
November 12
November 19
November 26



Meth·od·ist (mth-dst) n.

1. A member of an evangelical Protestant church founded on the principles of John and Charles Wesley in England in the early 18th century and characterized by active concern with social welfare and public morals.
2. One who emphasizes or insists on systematic procedure.

Seasoned Gen., continued

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always a good deal of fun when we get into the gift exchange as the gifts move back and forth so quickly--in one persons hands one moment and another's hands seconds later. Lots of fun. Please be sure to call Dishong's, at 673-5368 to let them know you are coming and for directions, if needed. The date is Sunday, December 11th at 4 p.m. Be there for the great food and many wonderful laughs and don't forget to bring a gift (per person) and a dish to share!!!! Be sure and see the poster that will be on the food table on Sunday mornings.

Music Notes

From Sally Landis



The MUMC musical groups are preparing for the December 18th Christmas concert, "Great Joy". If you would like to participate in the MUMC Band contact Nancy Tong. If you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir, rehearsals will begin November 3rd at 7 pm. It will be a fun and inspiring evening of joyful Christmas music so plan to either participate or attend.

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."

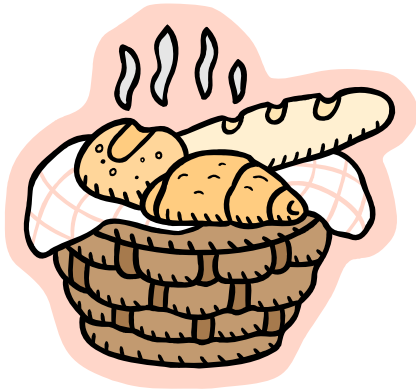
MUMC Concert Band

Do you play a wind or percussion instrument? Or did you used to? If so, it's time to start thinking about the MUMC Concert Band and playing in the December 18 Christmas Concert. We will rehearse in the sanctuary after the second service on Sundays, starting on November 20. (Except for Nov. 27th). The band's performance is always a special part of the concert, as we have performers of all ages and experience levels playing together. Contact Nancy Tong for more info.



Donate Bread Loaves

on Communion Sunday, November 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.

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.



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.



ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"As we enter this football season, let me make one thing perfectly clear. Jesus would never use the *West Coast* offense against a 4-3-4 zone defense!"

New to MUMC?

Join us for a
***Newcomer's
Gathering***

**Sat., Nov. 5
2-5 p.m.**

RSVP by signing up on the
Bulletin Board in the
narthex. For more info.,
speak to Pastor Tom.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Faith Cyr	Nov. 2
John Bradfield	Nov. 6
Jade Caldwell	Nov. 6
Max Ayotte	Nov. 15
Graham Gordon	Nov. 16
Bill Balam	Nov. 19
Matt Tong	Nov. 23
Donna Daley	Nov. 25
Bill Wrocklage	Nov. 26
Ashley LaRicca	Nov. 27

Anniversaries:

Ray & Judy Green	Nov. 1
Rich & Nicole Masters	Nov. 14

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
 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 McMahon
 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.

November 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 Email addresses:

Pastor Tom	pastor@milfordumc.org
Leslie Coates, Ministry Director:	leslie@milfordumc.org
Wendy Ayotte, Office Manager:	office@milfordumc.org



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Sunday Worship Services:

- 8:30—Spirit Celebration
- 9:40—Sunday School
- 10:45—Traditional Worship

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Don't forget to check out our Home Groups! Details, pg. 5</p>		<p>1 7 p.m.— Trustee's Committee meeting</p>	<p>2 7 p.m.— Worship Committee</p>	<p>3 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7:30-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9 a.m.— Crafting 2 p.m.— Newcomers Gathering 7 p.m.— Wanakee Concert</p>
<p>6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance 5 p.m.— Youth Group</p>	<p>7 7 p.m.— Outreach Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:30 p.m.— Quilting Ministry 7 p.m.— Staff Parish Relations Committee</p>	<p>9 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Stephen Min Supervision</p>	<p>10 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7:30-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal</p>	<p>12 8 a.m.— Men's Breakfast 9 a.m.— Christmas Crafting 11 a.m. — Church Conf</p>
<p>13 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance 5 p.m.— Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Ad Council meeting</p>	<p>17 5:15-Youth Bells 6-Adult Bells 7:30-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9 a.m.— Christmas Crafting</p>
<p>20 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance 5 p.m.— Youth Group</p>	<p>21 7 p.m.— Finance Committee meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9 a.m.— White Tops 1-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Stephen Min Supervision</p>	<p>24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>	<p>25 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.— Praise Band rehearsal</p>	<p>26 9 a.m.— Christmas Crafting</p>
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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.