

The Outreach



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

Leadership Workshop Coming in October

From Kara Ammon

Leadership Workshop focusing on Spiritual Formation and Biblical Foundations, Saturday October 1st from 9:30 - 3:00 at the church. A light lunch will be served at noon.

Guest speaker Rev. Leslie Hastings will be speaking on Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey will teach a section on Biblical Foundations to increase our understanding of God's Story and where we fit into it.

Our church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. We carry out our mission by walking beside individuals on their spiritual journey: one on one and in the classroom or group setting. This training is open to anyone. It will be especially helpful for teachers, youth leaders, mentors, and new member sponsors who are encouraged to attend. We value the jobs these leaders are doing and our goal is to equip them with tools they can use as they serve others and continue their own spiritual growth.

Our guest speaker, Rev. Leslie Hastings, is a UM deacon with 28 years of experience in Christian education, in Lexington, Woburn, and Wilmington, MA. Rev. Hastings has a BA in French and an MA in Education from Stanford University. She has taught dozens of workshops for other churches and districts. She is a certified teacher of Active Parenting classes. She is assistant to the pastor and director of Christian education at Wilmington UMC.

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Down East Maine Mission

From Pat Rafter

The Adult Mission Team, comprised of Steve and Pat Rafter, Lonni Stapanon, Lisa Payne, Bruce Houston, Donna Kobs and Cristi Kivlehan, will be leaving for their mission rebuilding efforts in East Machias, Maine on Sept 11 and returning on Sept 17. If you have any desire to join the team, we may still be able to add you in. Please pray for our team and the families we will be attending to. We thank you for all your support through the year with fundraising efforts. We will be putting together food baskets for these families as we depart, if you wish to donate to this cause with gifts of money for gift cards we will purchase in the East Machias area, please speak with one of the participants listed above. Also if anyone has a small enclosed trailer that we can use to lock our tools in, we would be very grateful for the chance to borrow this for the week.

Blessings,
The Adult Mission Team

A Note of Thanks

Many thanks to everyone for their outpouring of support to our families over the recent weeks. The loss of Steve's dad, though we are very happy to have him in the caring arms of our Lord, has been very difficult. We so appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful loving church family.

God Bless you all!

*Steve and Pat Rafter
and the whole Rafter family!*

Autumn Office Hours

Beginning the week of Sept. 5

Monday—office closed
Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Office Phone: 673-2669



Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network

We are looking for more volunteers that are interested in helping at the Anne-Marie House in Hudson. The time commitment is flexible and typically involves 3-4 hours once every 6 weeks. (However you can volunteer as much as you like) Training and information sessions are held monthly. If this is something that you would like more information about please contact Tami Davis-Betelak at 672-9082 or 801-5256. The next week of hosting at the AnneMarie House will be Sept. 18-24th.

Seasoned Generation

From Richard & Roberta Randlett

Sunday, July 24th we had our annual Cook out at Paul & Dottie Dishong's home in Amherst. As always it was a BIG hit and we did get just about everyone to come to this one. The food was excellent and the company even better. It was, thanks be to God, a most beautiful day and so many sat out on the deck while others of us huddled in the sunroom, well, that's where the food was placed!!!

We decided this was a good time for our annual meeting and so we took advantage of so many there and had our meeting instead of in January. A good year was decided on and we will discuss that very soon. For now, put Sept 24th on your calendar and join us at the church for our annual Chicken dinner prepared by our own Lonnie Stapanon!! Carol Rowlette, is handling the program and she is selling tickets before and between services so be sure and catch her and get your tickets as they will be limited this year. It's a dinner that is always great and brings good fellowship with it. Carol has something fun planned following the dinner so be sure and buy the tickets and join us for this one. It's our moneymaker for the year!!!

October will be also be very special. Our own Cyndi Geiger is putting together a very special slide show of pictures she has taken in big cities around this beautiful country. This one

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Jaiden's Angel Golf Tournament

From Holleigh Tlapa

Jaiden's Angel 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2012 at Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown, NH. \$100 Registration includes 18 holes, golf cart, 2 waters, gourmet BBQ dinner, tournament prizes, live entertainment by Acoustic BS, amazing silent auctions and



tons of fantastic raffles. Jaiden's Angel Foundation is a NH 501c3 run by a volunteer Board of

Directors, including Pastor Tom. All funds generated assist local families facing tragic child accidents, catastrophic child illness, and the unbearable loss of a child. Please join us for our only annual fundraiser. Shotgun start at 10 a.m., golfers should arrive by 9 a.m.; dinner-only tickets are available for \$30. Read our testimonials and register online at www.jaidensangel.org or by sending check with name, e-mail and address to: Jaiden's Angel Foundation, 127 Noons Quarry Road, Milford, NH 03055. Teams and individuals welcome. For more information contact Holleigh Tlapa at holleightlapa@yahoo.com or 603-673-6468.

Lamplighter's Meetings Resume

By Kathy Bradfield

The Lamplighter's Bible Study will resume meeting after summer break on **Wednesday, September 7th from 1-3 p.m.** at the church. This study will start with the first two books of Matthew. Please bring your Bible. There is no preparation work necessary. Elaine Driscoll will facilitate the lesson for the month of September.

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 study. Presently, with 16 members there is plenty of discussion. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. If you are interested in a Bible Study, and unable to attend on Wednesdays, please talk with Kathy Bradfield, Elaine Driscoll or any Lamplighter member to express your desires.

For any questions or input, please contact Kathy Bradfield at kjbradfield@comcast.net or 487-5574 or Elaine Driscoll at Geldris@comcast.net or 673-4270.

Our July luncheon with a movie was so much fun. We watched "Welcome to Paradise." Please enjoy the following photos from our July 27th luncheon.



Above: Lamplighters enjoying summer luncheon and movie "Welcome to Paradise."



Below: Happy Birthday to Sue Bachelder, Vivian Balam and Priscilla Abdinoor. Missing from the photo: Kris Harrington

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is really special as it is commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9-11, a date we should never forget. Please, put Oct 22nd on your calendar and join us in the Sanctuary for viewing this marvelous slide show. Bring a friend and an enjoy this special evening.

Hope to see many of you at the Sept 24th Chicken dinner!!

Come Celebrate!

On October 9th we will celebrate the 5th anniversary in our church building.

Were you involved or present during the building and transition to our new church? If so, would you have pictures that you would like to share? Please contact any member of the Worship Committee. All pictures will be returned (please put name on back of the picture). You are welcome to email or drop pictures at the church office.

After the second service, October 9th, we will celebrate with fellowship and cake.

All current and former worshipers are most welcome to attend.

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News from SHARE

From Carolyn Momonee

For the month of September MUMC is collecting: Canned meats, canned fruits and toilet paper.



Hope you are enjoying your summer. Certainly a beautiful day today!!

You will notice that toilet paper is included in this month's collection request. Our supply is low and it is an item that everyone takes as toilet paper cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. We are also VERY low on toothbrushes right now-both adult and children. Watch for a letter to the editor in the Cabinet requesting donations for the Food Pantry.

The Pantry continues to be busy. During the month of July there were 168 standard appointments providing food for 504 individuals. There were 22 new households. There were also 31 emergency food appointments providing food for 93 individuals. There were also emergency requests for diapers and toiletries only.



Thank you for your donations to the Food Pantry. They are **NEEDED!!!!**



4th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Anne-Marie House



Join Olympic Race-walker Joanne Dow on September 18, 2010 for the 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Anne-Marie House. This fundraising event for Anne-Marie House, a temporary home for families experiencing homelessness, is organized by the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network (GNIHN). Their goal is the elimination of homelessness, one family at a time.

Sept. 18th
First Baptist Church
121 Manchester St, Nashua, NH
Registration: 1:00 p.m., Walk: 2:15 p.m., Run: 3:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$20 before September 18 and \$25 on race day. (Entry Fees are non-refundable)
The race application and pledge form is available for download and printing online at
www.annemariehouse.org/events/5krace

For any questions, please contact Dennis St. Lawrence at 603-305-0216.

Express Yourself Through Sacred Dance *From Rebecca Hart*

Sacred Dance is the act of prayer through music, movement and dance. It is a performing art and our tool with which we are able to spread the word of God. Each class begins with a warm-up, followed by some technique and then choreography for upcoming performances. Sacred Dance is a school year commitment with several opportunities to perform. Students and parents must make a commitment by being present each week and at all performances. This class and this ministry will not be able to sustain itself without the consistent support and participation of students and parents.

Dancers must be at least 6 years old (entering 1st grade). There is no fee for this class, There may be times when we add to our costume and additional costs for materials may arise.

Rehearsals will be held at the church on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday Sept. 11th. If you are interested in joining our Sacred Dance group please contact: Rebecca Hart at 672-2932 or RHart529@myfairpoint.net.



A quick dip by the Seale family before lunch certainly enhances appetites!



The Houston Family enjoys the pleasures of summer together and a great lunch!

Good Food & Fellowship at the 2011 Church Picnic!

From Diane Jaquith

Close to 50 people enjoyed burgers, hot dogs and a grand potluck buffet of appetizers, salads, chips and desserts at the annual MUMC picnic on Sunday, August 21. The first thing noticed were the delightful breezes coming up from the lake. It started out as a perfect day for the picnic! Several families enjoyed swimming in the lake before lunch. Steve Rafter & Russ Wells grilled up enough hamburgers and hot dogs to satisfy everyone. Horseshoeing was another popular activity. Captivating

games led by Deb Mentch were cut short when thunder could be heard in the distance.

We are always looking for feedback to make a good church picnic even better. If you missed it, due to scheduling conflicts, do you have suggested dates for the 2012 picnic, (since we book the shelter in March)? Would you prefer a different location? To send your ideas, contact Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com



Participants and observers alike have a good time during a series of games led by Deb.



Deb demonstrates one of the gifts given to Kathy Bradfield, the winner of this year's "Best Dessert" Contest.

Bits & Pieces...

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."

Bread Loaves

on Communion
Sunday, September 4.



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



Do You Have a Name Badge?

Name badges can be printed up anytime (in batches of 8 per page) by either signing up on the clipboard at the information booth in the foyer, or by e-mail Diane at djaquith2@gmail.com with your request. Please write out exactly how you would like your name printed 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.

Save the Date!

Voices Behind Bars, a prison ministry and inmate awareness program is scheduled for Saturday night, October 8. For more information speak with Les or wait to read about it in the October Outreach!



Bits & Pieces...

Donation of Altar Flowers

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



Have you seen the yellow and green dumpster ?

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

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

Yes Please:

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

No Thanks:

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

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

Notice to Borrowers:

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

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

Jim Fortunato	Sept. 1
Nicholas Logue	Sept. 3
Doris LeBaron	Sept. 5
Patience Roby	Sept. 6
Emily St. John	Sept. 8
Amber Barbagallo	Sept. 9
Allison Betelak	Sept. 10
Joshua Breault	Sept. 13
Alyssa Kaufold	Sept. 13
Benjamin Kaufold	Sept. 13
Mary Tyler Wall	Sept. 14
Jim Tyler Wall	Sept. 14
Tom Knapp	Sept. 18
Scott Masters	Sept. 18
Candi Goff	Sept. 20
Jaclyn Rafter Herlihy	Sept. 21
Ruth Johnston	Sept. 30

Anniversaries:

Martin & Tami Betelak	Sept. 8
Kirk & Suzanne Randlett	Sept. 10

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
 Lamplighters: Kathy Bradfield or Elaine Driscoll
 Outreach: Wendy Getchell-Lacey
 Praise Band: Michele Bossie
 Youth Group: Becky Ladeau, Tom Knapp and Steve Kimner
 Staff Parish Relations: Keith Ladeau
 Stephen Ministry: Callie McMahon
 Sunday School: Shannon Gutterson
 Trustees: Steve Rafter
 White Tops: Everett Gale
 Worship: Vivian Balam

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

Church Office Hours

Monday	office closed
Tuesday—Friday	10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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

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September 2011

Sunday Worship
Services:

8:30—Spirit Celebration
10:45—Traditional

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 7 p.m.- Rafter's Home Group	2 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.- Praise Band rehearsal	3
4 <i>Communion Sunday - Welcome back Pastor Tom!</i>	5 7 p.m.- Outreach Committee Meeting; Balam's Home Group	6 7 p.m.- Trustee's Committee meeting	7 9 a.m.— White Tops 12-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.— Worship Committee	8 7 p.m.- Rafter's Home Group	9 7 p.m.- Praise Band rehearsal	10
11 <i>Adult Mission Team leaves for Maine</i> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance	12 7 p.m.- Balam's Home Group	13 7 p.m.- Staff Parish Relations Committee	14 9 a.m.— White Tops 12-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.- Stephen Min Supervision	15	16 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.- Praise Band rehearsal	17 8— Men's Breakfast
18 1 p.m. - Sacred Dance	19 7 p.m.- Finance Committee meeting; Balam's Home Group	20	21 9 a.m.— White Tops 12-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.- Ad Council meeting	22 7 p.m.- Rafter's Home Group	23 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.- Praise Band rehearsal	24
25 <i>Christian Education Sunday</i> 1 p.m.— Sacred Dance	26 7 p.m.- Balam's Home Group	27	28 9 a.m.— White Tops 12-3— Lamplighters 7 p.m.- Stephen Min Supervision	29 7 p.m.- Rafter's Home Group	30 12-3— Afternoon Off 7 p.m.- Praise Band rehearsal	



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Worship times
8:30 Contemporary Worship
10:45 Traditional Worship
Free childcare

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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.