

# THE OUTREACH

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## Building Update

As June approaches there is a great deal of activity in the new building. As I write this (May 24) the drywall is almost complete and the plasterers are expected to start in two days. We expect to be painting soon thereafter, followed by carpeting and other flooring and then all the fixtures and interior doors will go in. Sounds like a lot, but it will all go very quickly! Before we know it we will be moving in and getting settled. With God's blessing I hope the next time I write it will be to celebrate that we are in! Thanks for your love, support and patience through this time of transition for our church.

Grace and Peace,  
Steve Rafter

## Sunday School to Run Through Summer Months—Sunday Schedule to Remain Unchanged

Along with the move into our new building, this summer will bring a number of other changes to our church. One of the most significant is the fact that for the first time ever, **Sunday School will be offered all summer long.** Depending upon response, we may well offer fewer classes with larger age ranges than during the school year, but in any

case, our goal is to provide a quality Christian education experience for our members, friends, and newcomers this summer. Parents and children are encouraged to take note of this opportunity—and here's how you can help; 1.) Continue to bring your children to Sunday School through the summer months whenever you are in town; 2.) Invite your friends and neighbors and encourage your children to do the same, and 3.) Offer to help out with summer Sunday School classes (to volunteer, please speak with Kerri-Lynn Kimner, who will direct you to the appropriate persons).

Here is our planned summer schedule; after a short break following Children's Sunday, June 11, Sunday School will resume again on July 9 and continue through the last Sunday in August, the 27<sup>th</sup>. After breaking for the Labor Day weekend, the new Sunday School year will begin on September 10, which will also be our Grand Opening Sunday for the new church building (more on that in the months to come!)

This, of course, means that our services will take place at their usual starting times. Specifically, please note that **the 10:30 service will remain at 10:30.** Please note that the new sanctuary is air-conditioned, so we will not be dealing with an ever-more sweltering sanctuary as the morning progresses. As always, we encourage all our members and friends to cultivate the habit of regular, year-round Sunday worship attendance, while recognizing that the summer is a time when many of our members and friends are traveling or away.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *We will host Box City and GNIHN to raise homelessness awareness at No. River Road parking lot on June 10th.*
- *Summer Activities — Blessing of the Pets, VBS, Movie Night, Tent Revival, Chicken BBQ and more (see page 12)*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in "The Outreach," contact the secretary in the church office — 673-2669.



June 2nd Roberta & Richard Randlett  
 June 4th Moxie & Danny Roby  
 June 11th Tom & Wendy Getchell-Lacey  
 June 14th Dick & Barb Medlyn  
 June 29th Gail & Rick Westergren

## Happy Birthday!

June 2nd Ron Robinson  
 June 3rd Elizabeth Trabucco  
 June 5th Chloe Robinson  
 Lisa Bourgault  
 June 6th Normand Desrosiers  
 June 19th Dick Medlyn  
 June 21st Nick Gutterson  
 June 22nd Kaleen Fortunato  
 June 25th Jessica Green  
 June 27th Michael Logue

## THE OUTREACH Purpose

The purpose of our monthly newsletter is to inform the people it touches of the church news, to inspire the people to a new awareness, and to interpret why the church is in ministry. "THE OUTREACH" appreciates input from all organizations, boards, officers, and members and friends of the Milford United Methodist Church. The staff reserves the right to edit, cut, (or if necessary) leave out articles according to available space, timeliness and priority.

## Financially Speaking . . .

April 30, 2006	
Income toward budget accounts	\$18,975.51
Expense—budget accounts	16,815.26
Balance in General Fund	(14,095.90)
April Building Fund Income	9,230.84
Unrestricted Bldg.Fund Bal.5/7	83,065.55
Restricted Bldg.Fund Bal.5/7	77,524.59
Designated Special Gifts	7,038

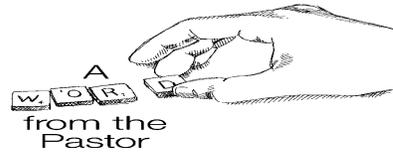


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## From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

This has been quite a month, hasn't it? While we did not reach the goal of being in our new facility as we had hoped, a lot of other significant things happened in our life together. A couple of major May happenings come to my mind, and I want to share them with you.

First, on May 7, many members and friends of MUMC participated in the annual Souhegan Valley CROP Walk for Hunger. For the past several years, MUMC has been a leader in recruiting members to participate in the annual CROP Walk. But this year, we outdid ourselves! With the enthusiastic leadership of Tami Davis Betelak and Brad Reed, **over 80 of our members and friends of MUMC walked** all or part of the 10 kilometer route. Now, in case you are not impressed by that, let me put those numbers in perspective; that day, there were just under 300 walkers total, coming from at least 10 area churches. In other words, over one out of every four walkers were people who were connected to MUMC in one way or another. And that doesn't even take into account the many MUMC folks who participated through donations and other ways of supporting the walk.

I was especially happy that so many of our children and youth were able to participate. I want to particularly highlight three of our younger walkers. These three were the top fundraisers in the 5-9 year olds category. Tessa Wright raised \$366, while Shannon Drew was a close second with \$317. And how about Eliana Powell! She had a birthday party and sent out invitations asking people to donate to the CROP Walk as their birthday "gift" to her. She then donated those "gifts" totaling \$245! I think we could all learn something from Eliana!

Second, on May 20, our church hosted a major event—an Evangelism Training Day led by our Bishop, Peter Weaver, which brought folks from UM churches all over our district to Milford to learn about effective evangelism and to put what they learned into practice later that day by going out and knocking on doors in a couple of neighborhoods here in Milford. As you can well imagine, many of us who hit the streets that afternoon were more than a little nervous about this endeavor, but to our surprise, in several instances we were warmly welcomed, with relationships begun as well as information about MUMC distributed. We ended the day with a celebration service held at Milford Town Hall, with great music by the MUMC team, inspiring drama by our drama team, and a truly powerful message delivered by our Bishop. All in all, it was a wonderful day for our church and for the people who attended—but it would not have happened without the incredible outpouring of support and help by many of our members and friends.

Obviously, I will be as happy as anyone when we are finally able to move into our new church. But having said that, I have to smile at the irony that, in the midst of all of our concerns about matters relating to our building, God is teaching us in a way that I suspect we will never forget how true the old saying is that “the church is not a building—it is the people.”

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom

## Christian Education Opportunities

### Vacation Bible School



This year the Milford United Methodist Church will host a very exciting Vacation Bible School entitled: *Trading Places*. It is scheduled for the week of July

10th - 14th from 6pm-8pm each evening. During this time the children will learn how to trade loneliness for loyalty, sheep for subjects, beauty for bravery, fish for faith, and violence for victory.

We are currently seeking anyone who is willing to help as there are many different jobs to be done. Please look over some of the jobs listed below and see if God is calling you to help Him reach the children of our church and of our community.

During Trading Places we will be visiting Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China, and Kenya. We need two people to lead each site. We already have one person to lead the Mexico site.

#### We also need:

- **Snack Team members to help make and distribute the snacks each night.**
- **Youth Leaders to be with each group of kids. Kind of like camp counselors.**
- **Middle School Leader/s.**
- **Opening Team Members.**

We have a blast each year but it does take the efforts of many, so please consider getting onboard and lending a hand. If you are interested in helping please contact:

**Kara Ammon**

**karaammon@adelphia.net 672-1568**

**Tami Davis-Betelak**

**martin.betelak@verizon.net**

**Mary Tyler-Wall**

**marytw1@verizon.net**

**Shannon Gutterson**

**dsgutterson@aol.com**

**Susan Drew**

**sndrew@mindspring.com**

### Wanakee Update

Summer is almost here. That means it's time for fun in the sun and it's time for Camp Wanakee. We currently have over 20 people who will be participating in summer programs at camp Wanakee, and we don't even have a final count yet. It's very exciting to know that there will be so many people from our church going to camp this summer.

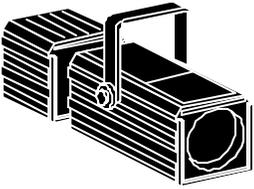
If you still haven't signed up for Wanakee this summer and are interested, there are still openings in some camps. Log on to Wanakee.org and take a look at the different camps that are offered. You can contact the registrar to see what is still available. You may find something that fits for your child, or maybe even you. Did you know that there is a camp called Wild Wanakee Women? Who says camp is just for kids?

If you would like further information about Camp Wanakee, please contact one of your Wanakee boosters.

Nancy Tong

Kerri-Lynn Kimner





## Spotlight on Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPR)

The SPR Committee acts as the liaison between the paid staff and the congregation. They are, in effect, the human resource department of our church. They handle all personnel matters, including making recommendations for new staff positions to Church Council, creating job descriptions, interviewing and hiring staff, and evaluating staff performance. **If you have a concern or complaint (or a word of appreciation!) about any of our staff members, including the pastor, the members of the SPR committee are here for you.** Don't hesitate to contact any member of the committee—they are the appropriate channel for sharing your concerns and giving feedback as to how our staff are performing their duties. Currently our SPR committee is made up of Andy Baver (chair), Paul Holland (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Keith Ladeau, Carolyn Bowman, Bea Horrobin, Rita Lines, Carol Stringer, John Millhouse, and Callie McMahon.

While the SPR committee oversees and evaluates the entire church staff, they have a particular responsibility in relation to the pastor. They are responsible for evaluating the pastor, helping him/her create goals for pastoral practice, continuing education, and ongoing professional and personal development. They also serve as the pastor's advocate and support system within the congregation. Often the pastor will bring sensitive and/or personal information to the committee, and for that reason, the ability to keep information in confidence is a basic qualification for membership on the committee.

In addition, the SPR committee represents the congregation when it comes to our relationship with our conference. The committee responds annually on our behalf to the conference's inquiries as to the whether or not it is time for a change in pastoral leadership. The committee is also responsible for writing and updating the church profile. This important document includes information about our congregation, our community, and our congregation's strengths, challenges, and goals for the future. This document is one of the main ways that our congregation can let our Bishop and District Superintendents know about our congregation as they try to discern which available pastor would be the best match for MUMC.

Current needs of the SPR Committee include:

- **Childcare** – We have 2 positions open currently – Nursery position and Toddler position. Jaclyn Rafter has been taking care of our youngest children but will be going away to school in the fall and will need to be replaced. (Good luck Jaclyn, we'll miss you!) With 2 positions open we may need to look at childcare in a new way. If you have a good idea about how to fill these positions, or want to apply yourself, please call any member of the SPR committee.

The SPR Committee is discovering the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ through supporting the paid staff – and we certainly appreciate it!

## Discover the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ

### Changes to Church Directory

If you change your address, telephone number and/or name, please notify the church office so the membership and mailing lists can be accurately maintained.

#### Moved:

Barbara Balevre  
101 Prairie Springs Loop  
Georgetown, TX 01301

Kathryn Breault  
29 Capron Road, Apt. 91  
Milford, NH 03055

#### New:

Margaret Crowley  
7 Vista Way  
Milford, NH 03055

### Need to Reach the Pastor?

Pastor Tom is available for counseling or any other needs you might have by appointment. Please feel free to call the church office at 673-2669 to reach him or leave a message with one of the office staff or answering machine. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to call the parsonage at 673-7861.

### OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Thomas M. Getchell-Lacey

Ministers:

Every member of the congregation  
Organist & Spirit Celebration Coordinator and

Choir Director: Sally Landis

Choir Accompanist: Nancy Tong

Handbell and Youth Choirs Director:

Mary Tyler-Wall

Youth Choir Accompanist:

Kaleen Fortunato

Director of Program Ministries: Susan Drew

Church Secretary: Marian Kopp  
Assistant Church Secretary: Carol Brooks  
Nursery: Jaclyn Rafter

## DISCOVER THE JOY

### Mission Statement:

The Milford United Methodist Church exists to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

### Vision Statement:

We will help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ by:

- o Providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences.
- o Establishing and encouraging small groups for study, support, prayer, fellowship, and service.
- o Empowering people to discover, develop, and use their gifts for ministry.
- o Reaching out beyond our congregation in Christian love and service.

### Values Statement:

We commit ourselves to:

- o Know Scripture and live it.
- o Act with integrity.
- o Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.
- o Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- o Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- o Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- o Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- o Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.

## Spiritual Development Opportunities!

### Upcoming Workshops

The following workshops and conferences are being held around New England and are great resources for spiritual development and leadership training. If you are interested in going, either call the contact, and/or call Susan Drew (672-4877) to see if we can arrange a car pool.

**New England Assembly of the Laity** – June 28 – 30, at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. A unique opportunity for learning, fellowship, and praise. Keynote Speaker – Rich Huguen. For more information go to [www.assemblyofthelaity.com](http://www.assemblyofthelaity.com)

**Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & the Worship Arts--Workshop** -- September 30, 2006 from 9 am to 2:30 pm, Wesley Church Concord, NH, more information to come.

### New England Annual Conference

The NE Annual Conference will be held June 7 – 10 at Gordon College in Wenham MA. Our church will be represented by Pastor Tom and Lay Leader, Bob Levesque. Also attending as equalization members are Lisa Rumohr, Rudy Rumohr and David Stackpole. Contact [ROduor@neumc.org](mailto:ROduor@neumc.org) for more details.



### What Is a Stephen Minister?

**Stephen Ministers are faithful Christians sent by God to help you through a life crisis.**

**They are filled with God's love and knowledge, which you will find quite priceless.**

**They'll walk closely with you and be your trusted friend.**

**Keeping everything in confidence even after you're whole again.**

**Maybe you've lost a loved one or job on which you depend.**

**It could be a serious illness, and you feel you need a friend**

**So you don't have to go it alone when life's challenges you must bear.**

**Just let them know of your need, and a Stephen Minister will be there.**

**Contact;  
Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey 67673-2669  
or Patricia Levesque 673-8868**

**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service. .**



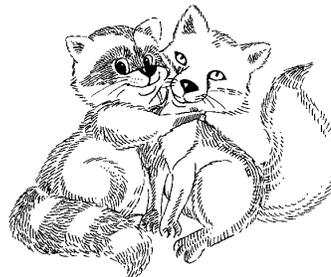
**Planning meeting for Thanksgiving Dinner**

Our church will provide a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for some of the homeless people and others less fortunate in our area and persons who otherwise might be eating alone at home. If you will help with this event either beforehand or on Thanksgiving Day itself, please call Rev. Morgan (672-1286). Our first planning meeting will be Monday, June 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mill (senior housing) Building at 40 Bridge St. in Milford near the fire station where we will consider such factors as menu, costs, and staffing. As the Mill Building is locked for security purposes, please call Rev. Morgan by 6:40 P.M. that evening if you will be arriving after 7:00 P.M. Someone will then wait in the lobby to let you in.

*“I would like to thank all of my friends at MUMC for their cards, visits and especially their prayers during my illness.*

*Thank you, Susan, for the weekly cards of encouragement. Special thanks to Pastor Tom for all of his visits and phone calls and to Pat and Bob Levesque and Alberta Finch who have been there for me every step of the way.*

*Sincerely,  
Verna Fournier*



**Heartfelt Thanks**



*The Lamplighters are a group of women who meet once a week for Bible study, sharing and friendship.*

*As Lamplighters we would like to share with you – once a month – a thought, a prayer, a pearl of wisdom or a chuckle, hoping this little spark will make your life a little brighter just as it did for us Here is another Lamplighters’ spark :*

*God’s promises are like the stars.  
The darker the night, the brighter the stars.*

## Outreach/Missions Activities

Outreach / Missions committee members:  
Alexis Eaton, Bob Levesque, Bob Morgan, Bob Carey, Marcy Stanton, Holly Merryman, Theresa Sekanina, Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Tami Davis-Betelak.

### *Reaching Out Beyond the Congregation in Christian Love and Service*



SHARE - The SHARE food pantry located at St. Patrick's church serves those in need from Milford, Brookline, Amherst and Mont Vernon. So far this year, from January thru April, the Pantry has served 278 families or 837 individuals. During the month of June (having misread last months information) we at MUMC will again be collecting: Catsup, mustard, mayo, pickles, pickle relish, large brown bags. Just in time the hamburg and hotdog season! Please place all donations in the basket in the fellowship area.

GNIHN - As part of the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, we hosted at the AnneMarie House during the week of May 7th - May 14th. It was a hectic week as hosting began the same day as the CROPWALK and ended on Mother's Day, but because of the efforts of many we made it through. Wednesday we hosted a BRATZ birthday party for one of our guests, Delila as she turned 6. Then on Saturday we engaged 8 (out of 11) kids in painting terra cotta pots and planting flowers for their Moms. Busy, busy week!

Many thanks to our volunteers for their devotion to this ministry: Paul Berkebile, Tom & Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Bob Morgan, Bob & Pat Levesque, Nancy Feraco, Rita Lines, Martin & Tami Betelak, Nancy Tong, Judy Green, Bill

Wrocklege, and Alexis Eaton & Tom Knapp. Our next week of hosting will be: June 25th - July 2nd. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Tami Davis-Betelak.

Father's Day -Tools of Hope - as we continue to support the global efforts of Church World Service (CROPWALK, Mother's Day Blankets, etc) we will be collecting donations in honor of or in memory of your father or the father figure in your life during the first two weeks of June. These funds provide blankets, tents, and emergency supplies in the wake of disaster along with material assistance, education, training, and small-enterprise loans as part of sustainable development programs. These tools help to meet both immediate and long term needs of people in crisis, all around the world.

If you would like to support this program, please make a donation (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20...etc) to MUMC with a memo - CWS - Tools of Hope. If this donation is in honor of your father figure, please include an address so that a Father's Day gift card can be sent to him.

CROPWALK 2006 - Let's rejoice together over the results of this year's CROPWALK. We were blessed with a beautiful day for the walk and 75 walkers from MUMC. This being a record number of walkers from any one congregation has the Chairman of the walk, John David, asking "what is going on over there"? At the Wednesday night celebration pizza party our own Tessa Wright, Shannon Drew, Alexis Reed, and the Kimner family all received recognition for their outstanding fundraising efforts. Special thanks to Eliana Powell who invited her birthday guests to make a donation to the CROPWALK instead of bringing her a birthday gift. She raised \$245.00 and made both her mom, Miriam, and her church family very proud. Overall there were almost 300 walkers with a total of \$31,500.00 worth of pledges raised. Of these funds, 25% will remain local to support community outreach through the efforts of SHARE and the Wilton Open Cupboard.

## Notes from Program Ministry

In the last few months I've been working with Mary Pat Jackson, Coordinator of the Host Homes Program, to see what the community can do to help with the problem of at-risk teenagers. The Host Homes program provides respite and intervention for teenagers in Milford, Amherst and now in Wilton. The problem we're seeing is that older teens, ages 17-19, who still live at home and attend high school are not fitting in well to the program for a variety of reasons. And at the age of 18, teens aren't eligible for services through DCYF. So what do you do with an older teen that could be homeless, has few options, and doesn't know where to turn? Or parents with a teen who is not working well in the system?

Mary Pat and I held two round table discussions at Town Hall with other concerned community members that included representatives from the school, police, and welfare departments, area churches, and other community groups. What came out of the meeting was this:

- We need a resource guide – a one stop place to get all the information that is needed by an out-of-the-system teen, or their parent. Milford High School counseling department is going to put this together.
- A safe place where teens can go to hang out, meet other teens, but not be part of a "program". Teens don't want to feel that they're being labeled, or pigeon-holed, or "helped". But they do need some adult support. The youth group at Light of The World Church had a great suggestion... what if we rented one of the empty storefronts on the Oval and provided a hangout place. Put in a couple of couches, have some snacks, and a TV. An adult would be there to make sure things don't get out of hand, and to be a safe person that the teens could get to know. They are going to look into the feasibility of this.
- The Anderson's, another Host Home family, mentioned that all the churches have programs, groups for families, and teens, but who knows what they all are? They are going to contact churches and make a list of all the resources

that we are able to give. At MUMC we have a few: youth groups, Bible studies, new Mother's groups coming, the new Divorced/Separated support group, and Stephen Ministers to support hurting parents. Wouldn't it be great if we could add more for families? Maybe a marriage or parenting series. Maybe marriage mentors. What do you think we could do to support families?

- And the last piece... an Independent Living Skills program for teens. Most teenagers have no clue about how to live in the real world but are being asked, and in some cases forced, to do so. Keith Jones, the Milford High School football coach, will run a wonderful program put together by the state that covers all aspects of independent living. It has lessons in getting and maintaining a job, how to get a bank account, how to rent an apartment, how to budget your money, and attitude, to name a few lessons. This course is set to run at our church. We're hoping to start with some basketball out on the black top, come inside for some pizza and the lesson. There will be lots of ways for us to get involved with this great program --- come play basketball with the kids, be a mentor, provide transportation to and from the church, or act as one of the resources for Keith. We'll need people to come into act as land lords so the kids can practice getting an apartment, to practice interviewing for jobs, to put together resumes, etc.

Give me a call if you see something here that excites you. Or if you have another idea about how we can help families. Or if you have an idea about anything. That's what I'm here for – to help you find your spot in the church. All of us have different gifts and different ways to serve God.

Susan Drew (672-4877, [sndrew@mindspring.com](mailto:sndrew@mindspring.com))





## Sunday School Update . . .

It is almost time to wind up the Sunday School year. It has been an interesting year of new challenges in our temporary home.

**Children's Day will be June 11.** Children's Day will be celebrated in both services, but children need only to attend one of the services. We will be showing the wonderful things our children have done over the year for their community and the world.

Our last mission project will be to collect items for SHARE. We will be collecting food items, and socks and underwear. It seems like an odd combination, but SHARE could use these items. They especially could use staple foods such as spaghetti sauces and peanut butter.

This summer we will be offering an opportunity for children to attend Sunday School. It will start on July 9 and run until August 27. Sunday School will center on the topic, "Jump Start your Spiritual Life." Each week will focus on a bible verse and key concept. There will be different activities led by different volunteers each week. If you are interested in helping out during the summer, please contact a member of the Education Team.

This summer we will be embarking on a new chapter in our Sunday School when we enter our new Church. This has been a long awaited chapter, and we are excited to

continue educating our youth in this new space. We are currently looking at a new curriculum for the fall. It is a rotational curriculum and will be a bit different from our current set-up. I encourage you to go to [powerXpress.com](http://powerXpress.com) and look at what this program has to offer. Information will be coming out soon about how you can help.

Thank you for supporting our Sunday School programs at MUMC.

### The Education Team

Paul Berkebile, Deb Logue, Ray Lawler, Liane Wright, Audra Millhouse, Kara Ammon, Kerri-Lynn Kimner

## Truthful answer . . .

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In graphic detail she described how the assaulted man was left helpless beside the road. Then she asked the class, "If you came upon a wounded man lying by the road and he had blood all over him, what would you do?"

A dainty girl spoke first, "I think," she said with a wince, "that I'd probably throw up."

## Scholarships Available for Youth to Attend Exploration 2006

The Board of Ordained is pleased to announce that scholarship funds are available for any youth interested in exploring a call to ordained ministry. Exploration 2006 will be held November 17-19 in Jacksonville Florida. More information about this is available at <http://www.gbhem.org/exploration/home.html>. To inquire or apply for a scholarship please contact Rev. Peter Hey (413) 584-5935 or [PeterAHey@comcast.net](mailto:PeterAHey@comcast.net).

## **2006 - SUMMER OF ACTIVITIES**

The events team has been hard at work for months. It is our goal to have fun, inspirational events planned throughout the summer to keep everyone engaged and active during the summer months. Our plans are to be an open and inviting church family as we reach out into the community that surrounds us. We hope to offer a variety of events so that there will be something for everyone.

By now Pat's Yarrrrd Sale is in the books. We want the community to know we are an active and caring neighbor and friend. That is why we kicked off our summer of activity with a familiar event. Everyone who has participated in Pat's yard sales knows there's something for everyone.



On Saturday, June the 3<sup>rd</sup> everyone is invited to bring your lovable pet to the property for a Blessing of the Pets ceremony at 10:00 am. Pastor Tom will bless our favorite pets that bring us much companionship and joy!

Vacation Bible School will again be an important part of the summer agenda. Everyone who has participated in this exciting annual event knows what an awesome experience VBS is for children and adults alike. Stay tuned for the time and dates of this annual MUMC success. It will be a VBS that will long be remembered in our new church home.

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> MUMC will be hosting our first Movie Night at our church. It is our hope to have a drive-in movie atmosphere that you and friends can come to and enjoy a relaxing, double feature family movie. The

price will be right and refreshments are planned. What else can one hope for on a Saturday night in July!



August's schedule is taking shape, as well. The weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup> you'll have the opportunity to be a part of an old time tent revival. This one is big and will have something for everyone... fun, games, food, music, scripture, testimonials and much, much more. Then, later in the month we will be holding a Chicken BBQ.

As fall approaches we again are offering something for the community as the Red Cross will be on site offering screening and health tips for us all.

So we have an exciting summer schedule ahead of us. This will take a lot of work by many people. What better way to show our members and our community what we are all about – SPREADING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TO ALL. So plan now to participate in the Summer of 2006 fun.

## A Special Treat for a Special Dad

Fathers work hard to take care of their families. To thank your special dad for all he does, make him a treat bag that he can enjoy while at work, in the car or at home.

### What you need:

- gift bag, paper lunch bag, plastic container or large Ziploc® bag.
- markers or crayons.
- paper (8 1/2" x 11") or smaller.
- ribbon, stickers, photograph of your dad (optional).
- glue.
- scissors.
- large bowl for mixing.
- spoon.
- 1/4 or 1/2 measuring cup.
- your dad's favorite snacks to make a mix. For example: small pretzels, nuts, M&M's®, dried cereals (Cheerios®, Chex®, etc.), chocolate or carob chips, dried fruit (cranberries, raisins, apricots, etc.), shredded coconut, etc.

### What to do:

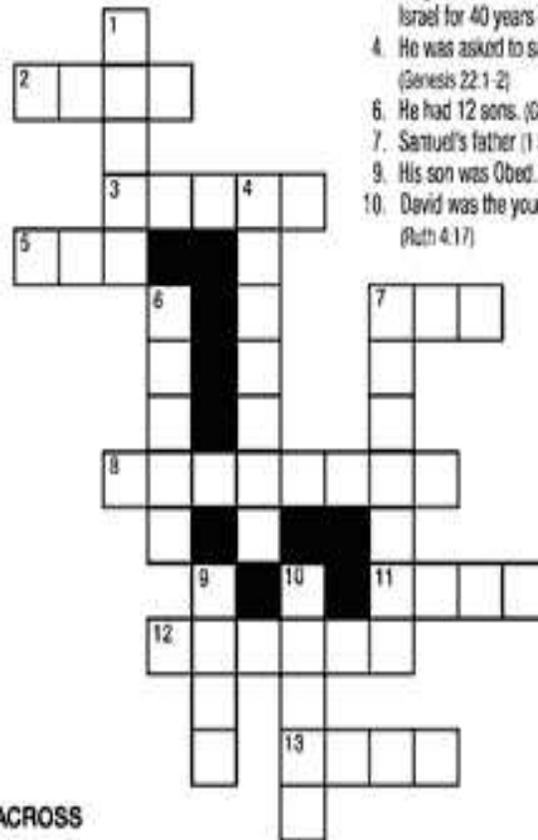
1. Cut your paper to fit on your bag or container.
2. Decorate your paper with a message like: "A Special Treat for My Special Dad!"
3. Glue your message onto the bag or container.
4. Add stickers, photographs or more drawings to the container or bag.
5. Pour 1/4 or 1/2 cup of each snack food into a large mixing bowl.
6. Stir your snack mixture with a spoon, and then pour it into the bag or container.
7. Fold the top of the bag, or close the container. (Use a ribbon or stapler if needed.) Ask for help from an adult to make sure the snack will not fall out.
8. Thank your dad, and then give him this special treat and a big hug!



# Just for KIDS

## FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

God plans for our fathers to play important parts in our lives. Fill in the puzzle squares with names of important fathers from the Bible. Use the clues and verse references below to help.



- DOWN**
1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
  4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-2)
  6. He had 12 sons. (Genesis 35:22)
  7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
  9. His son was Obed. (Ruth 4:21)
  10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons. (Ruth 4:17)

- ACROSS**
2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark. (Genesis 6:10)
  3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away the birthright of his older son Esau. (Genesis 27:30)
  5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
  7. His sons were not like Samuel. They were wicked. (1 Samuel 2:12)
  8. David's best friend and father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
  11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
  12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-21)
  13. Father of Jonathan, he was chosen by the people as the first king of Israel. (2 Samuel 9:6)



## Showers of Blessing

*Submitted by: Pastor Erica Robinson-Johnson  
Pastor, Grace UMC in Lynn, MA*

Many of us will never forget how we spent Mother's Day 2006. At our house, the gifts had to wait until after we spent the day bailing water and saving what we could from the 2 feet of rainwater that flooded our basement. As the news brought images of the damage throughout New England, we knew we weren't alone. Within days, hours even, the news had spread to our brother and sister United Methodists from far and near. Our District Superintendent, Assistant to the Bishop, benefits officer, and New England Conference Disaster Coordinator all called to see how they could help. United Methodist pastors in Wakefield and Danvers promised the assistance of their congregations.

Thursday morning I received a call from our UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) coordinator for the Northeast Jurisdiction offering to bring 70 "flood buckets"...and just a little over 24 hours later, he was in our parking lot to drop them off. The two men left Albany, New York, at 9 a.m. and arrived here (diverted around a toppled tanker on I-90) by 2:30 p.m. The first thing they offered were hugs and handshakes...for their friends in Christ who had been through so much. Then came the buckets they had collected from United Methodists in churches just like ours, who gathered gloves and sponges, bleach and face masks, clothesline and clothes pins, trash bags and bug spray to fill 5-gallon buckets with \$45 worth of cleaning supplies. Over the weekend the buckets made their way to church members and Lynn residents still emptying their basements of water and debris, cleaning mold and trying to dry out. Those of us

who delivered them were met with tears of joy, hugs of appreciation and comments of disbelief that we would be giving away such a gift. For sure, there are plenty looking for an opportunity to make money and so some were cautious by our approach. But many received these buckets with genuine gratitude for the compassion of others who took the time to reach out.

Most of the time we hear about these stories and aren't right in the middle of it. Last week, we had the opportunity to be on the receiving end of both the devastation AND the compassion. It was a lesson that our connection as brothers and sisters in Christ, particularly through our connection as United Methodists, runs deep and wide. It was a reminder that we are not alone...in storms, in life, in ministry and mission.

### Graduation, anyone?

On Sunday, June 18th we will recognize all graduates. If you have someone in your family graduating, please call (673-2669) or email (mumc2@aol.com) the church office with the person's name and the school they are graduating from.

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**June 2006**

## ***THE OUTREACH***

*Change Service Requested*

*Church Office hours:*

*Monday and Friday,  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday thru Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*



**Sunday Worship:**  
8:30 am Spirit Celebration  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
All at Boys & Girls Club

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### **A Father's Greatness**

A father is as great as the dream he dreams,  
As great as the love he bears,  
As great as the values he redeems,  
And the happiness he shares.  
A father is as great as the thoughts he thinks,  
As the worth he has attained,  
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks,  
And the insight he has gained.  
A father is as great as the help he gives,  
As great as the destiny he seeks,  
As great as the life he lives.

-Seybert United Methodist Church  
Bellevue, OH

