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A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!



It's about time. It's time to update the family photos at home, as well as time to update the Church Directory. With the many changes that have taken place since the last directory it's time to update this important informational tool. The Church Directory is more than a personal picture, it's a valuable and excellent ministry tool for the church.

We have been scheduled for pictures to be taken in early November (9,10 & 11), so it may be the perfect family Christmas gift. Look for more information soon regarding this church wide project. If you are interested in joining the directory team and helping this to become the best Directory at our church yet please contact Pat Levesque at 673-8868 or plevec@msn.com.

You are Invited...

The Chancel Choir would like to give you a special invitation to the concert/hymn sing they are presenting during the "Tent Revival" weekend. If you like old time, rock'n gospel music this is the concert for you. The choir and invited guest musicians have worked hard all summer to provide an hour of old favorites sung by our choir and by the congregation by request. We are scheduled to sing in the tent at 1 pm on Saturday August 12th and would love to see you there. There will be a short break and then the gospel chorus "Come to the Water" will perform. It promises to be an afternoon of excellent music so invite some friends and family and fill the tent!

-Sally Landis



8:30 a.m. Spirit Celebration
 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Vacation Bible School — July 31/ August 4, 6-8 p.m.*
- *Summer Activities —Tent Revival, Chicken BBQ and more (see page 8 and 14)*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



August 8	Bob & Carolyn Bowman
August 15	Rudy & Lisa Rumohr
	Don & Shannon Gutterson
August 17	Steve & Kerri-Lynn Kimner
August 24	Candi & Herb Goff

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 . . .

June 30, 2006	
Income toward budget accounts	\$13,219.16
Expense—budget accounts	16,209.35
Balance in General Fund	(19,910.37)
June Building Fund Income	18,916.15
Unrestricted Bldg.Fund Bal.7/9	62,472.44
Restricted Bldg.Fund Bal.6/18	77,767.22
Designated Special Gifts	6,280



Happy Birthday!

August 2	Sara Phillips
August 5	Lindsey Gutterson
August 8	Rudy Rumohr
August 14	Kathy Holland
	Dave Edmondson
August 15	Mike Cyr
August 17	Miriam Powell
August 18	Jennifer Metcalf
August 19	Courtney Logue
August 20	Rob Metcalf
August 25	Jay Millhouse
August 26	Herb Goff

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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

We are inching ever closer to our long awaited goal—the opening of our new building. In fact, it is entirely possible that by the time you read this, we will have held our first services in our new home on North River Rd.

Thinking about this journey that we have been on brings me back to the spring of 1997, when I first found out I was coming to pastor the Milford United Methodist Church. Along with a lot of other information about MUMC, the district superintendent mentioned something about a building study committee that was at that time meeting to look at our space needs and the possibility of constructing an addition on to our existing facilities. Like I said, it was part of a whole lot of information, and so, while I made a mental note of this fact, I didn't give it a whole lot of thought. Little did I know what God had in store for us!

And what a journey it has been. We have faced challenges, made sacrifices, shared dreams, and felt the gamut of emotions from frustration to elation. So many people have given so much of themselves to get us to this point. Virtually every member and friend of our church family can say that they had at least some small role in helping us get to this time in our history. We can all feel proud and satisfied at how this project has turned out.

But while we certainly need to pause and take a few moments to experience the satisfactions of a job well done, we can't relax now! We built this new building for a purpose--to enable us to be more effective in fulfilling our mission: to help people discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ. We will have failed those original intentions if we simply sit back and enjoy our new building for ourselves.

Especially as we look forward to our Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, September 10 and at the fall season in general, please understand that we stand at a critical moment in our church's history. This is not only a momentous time for our church to celebrate, but an opportunity for us as well. Studies show that a new building almost always attracts curious and/or interested persons, and that churches will often experience a period of rapid growth in the immediate aftermath of opening their doors. But that will be far less likely to happen if we do not put our best efforts into intentionally inviting and welcoming folks into our family of faith. I would call your attention to Susan Drew's Program Ministries article (p. 13) for a good description of some of the ways you can extend our congregation's welcome to the many people living all around us who have no church home.

Please be praying for our church and its leaders as we make this incredible transition into our new home!

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom



Words from Worship Committee

It is unbelievable that we will be worshipping in our new church this month. What a joy! A contemporary Christian artist, Chris Tomlin, sings of God as “incredible, uncontainable, all powerful, untamable, incomparable, unchangeable ... You are amazing, God.” Our God is awesome, we have a fabulous facility and wonderful members -- we need to share this good news with our families, friends and our community. Invite someone to come to church with you on Sunday.

How can you serve the Lord on a Sunday morning? The following areas are coordinated weekly to provide meaningful worship for everyone: *Lay Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, flowers for the sanctuary, snacks/drinks for the fellowship time.* Please select an area where you feel comfortable, talk to the coordinator, and volunteer to help out once every couple months. Serving others is serving the Lord!

Greeter Coordinators

Spirit Celebration	Faith Cyr	672-0262
Traditional	Roberta Randlett	672-4997

Lay Reader Coordinators

Spirit Celebration	Callie McMahon	673-5239
Traditional	Bob Levesque	673-8868

Usher Coordinators

Spirit Celebration	Brad Reed	673-6950
Traditional	Everett Gale	672-9441

Acolyte Coordinator

Traditional	Suzanne Randlett	673-1008
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Flower Coordinator Bea Horrobin 673-0419

Communion Stewards

Spirit Celebration	Bea Horrobin	673-0419
Traditional	Carol & Don Brooks	673-6927
Women's Bible Study (Susan Drew)		672-4877

Fellowship Time: Look for a sign up sheet in the hospitality area. This ministry is very important as it says “welcome” and gives people the opportunity to meet and greet.

Worship Committee: Pastor Tom, Priscilla Abdinor, Elaine Driscoll, Becky Ladeau, Roberta Randlett, Barb Reed, Irma Robinson, Carol Rowlette.



MUMC Youth Group —

We have a great week of activities planned and hope that you will join us at VBS, July 31 - August 4. On Monday night, we will be going to Depot Delights for ice cream following VBS. If you would like to go, please bring money for ice cream and let your folks know we will bring you home afterwards. We will be going to the Betelak's for a swim after VBS on Wednesday, August 2. If you are interested, bring your swimming stuff to VBS, and ask your parents to pick you up at 9:45.

Youth Group will begin meeting at the new church on Sunday, August 13. We will be meeting from 5:00 - 6:30 and will continue to meet every Sunday after that. During our first meeting at the new church, we will start to plan our fall calendar - so please come prepared to this meeting with things you would like to do. We have so many exciting opportunities in front of us this fall. I can't wait to see you and hear all about your summer adventures.

Thanks - *Becky Ladeau*

Capital Campaign II

MUMC has just completed the first year of our three-year Capital Campaign for the new church building. To date, income has kept pace with the commitments made over a year ago. This wonderful track record has put us in good financial position to meet construction costs and to start considering how best to pay down the eventual mortgage.

Thanks to all of you who have so willingly met your commitments.

The Capital Campaign runs from June 2005 to June 2008. If you have any questions about your commitments or need to make any changes, please contact our church Financial Secretary, Natalie Parker. Natalie can answer any questions about the status of your commitment.

Quarterly statements will be coming out soon. A separate quarterly statement is prepared for the Capital Campaign and the Annual Commitment. Please be sure to review these statements for accuracy and current status.

Bob Bowman
Chair, Committee on Finance

Layreaders Please Take Note:

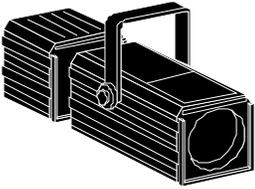
Bob Levesque will be taking over the scheduling of lay readers for the 10:30 service in August. I would like to thank everyone who has so generously agreed to participate in this important lay ministry and would urge you all to be as receptive to Bob as you were to me. If you have never been asked to lay read and would like to, please let Bob know so he can schedule you for a Sunday.

-Sally Landis



Remember our Shut-ins

Visitation Team needs you! We have several members of our congregation who need visitors. Do you have some time that you would be able to share with a new friend? Bring a smile, words of encouragement, and news of our congregation. It's easy. Contact Judy Green (672-7507) for more information.



Spotlight on Lay Speaking

For all of us that thought Lay Speaking was just preaching for Pastor Tom when he's out of town... we were wrong. Lay Speakers are called to more than that. The motto, "Caring – Communicating – Leading" shows that lay speakers can impact every area of ministry. The definition of a lay speaker is: a member of a local church or charge who is ready and desirous to serve the church, is well informed on the Scriptures and doctrine, heritage, organization and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership and care-giving ministries.

Just take a look at who our Lay Speakers are – Lisa Rumohr, Rachel Rumohr, Steve Rafter, Bob Levesque, and Jim Lawler. Can you think of a more caring group, who collectively do as much for the life of our church? Can you imagine what our committees and ministries would be like without these leaders?

So how do you become a lay speaker and what would be expected if you decided to become one? First, you need to get permission from your pastor. Then you take the basic and advanced courses to be certified. Next you need to be approved by your church's charge conference and the director of the Lay Speakers. Then off you go to spread the word of Jesus.

Even if you don't want to preach, Lay Speaking courses are excellent leadership tools. They will enhance your connectionalism, and create friendships across districts and conferences. Our Lay Speakers are Discovering the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ through caring for their congregation, and communicating their love for God.

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.

No known changes this month.

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 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.

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service. . .



The Events Committee is planning an

“Old Fashioned Methodist Tent Revival”

Same Message –

Yesterday, Today and Forever

Saturday and Sunday, August 12th and 13th

Saturday – Old Fashioned Tent Revival:

- 10:00 The Gathering – Pastor Tom
- 11:00 Opening Service – Pastor Tom preaching
- Noon Bring a box lunch, or purchase hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks that will be on sale.
- 1:00 MUMC Chancel Choir performing and Old Fashioned Hymn Sing
- 2:30 “Come to the Waters” Gospel Group performing
- 3:45 Main Service – Pastor Tom and guest speaker Rev. Dan Weaver. Altar call and laying on of hands, and a healing service

Sunday – Revival 2006

- 2:00 Contemporary Service – Pastor Tom preaching, and the MUMC Praise Band and Choir performing
- 3:30 Concert by “Maeve”
- 4:30 The Closing – Pastor Tom

Fun and Games

During the breaks and lunch, come have some old-time fun with us: Watermelon seed spitting contest, Bubble gum blowing contest, Ring toss, Hopscotch, jump rope, hula hoop contest, volleyball, horseshoes, and a costume contest.

Emily St.John (672-2461) can still use your help! This is a tremendous effort and takes all of us.

Sunday School is almost here again. We are looking forward to being in our new Church. It will be wonderful to be able to have our own facility once again.

Sunday School registration will take place on September 10, starting at 9:30. There will also be a breakfast during that time. There will be no classes that day. Sunday School classes will officially start on September 17.

We are looking for people who are interested in teaching this fall. We are trying a new curriculum called PowerXpress, which is a rotational curriculum. The commitment would be for 4 weeks at a time teaching a specific rotation. The rotations are cooking, computers, story telling, music, science and art. We will also be looking for people who would like to be shepherds. A shepherd’s job is a weekly commitment. A shepherd has no teaching responsibilities, but is there to bring the group to the weekly rotation and stay there to help with the children. This person would provide continuity for the group, as they would be with the same group every week. This would be a great opportunity for any parent whose child may be a little hesitant about being in Sunday School. A parent could be a shepherd for their child’s group if that would be helpful. It might also be possible for a shepherd to share the position with another person and, of course, we would provide substitutes as needed. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact Kerri-Lynn Kimner (skkimner91@adelphia.net) or any other member of the Education Team.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to working with you and your children in September.

The Education Team

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

News and Notes. . .

Another Happy Wanakee Camper —

Dear Church Family,

have just gotten back from one of the best weeks of my life and that's all because of you and your donations to the Wanakee cans. I went to Footnotes, and I would like to thank you all for my fabulous week at camp. I really enjoyed playing the bells. Now, I'm going to join the youth bell choir in the fall. I would also like to thank Nancy Tong for all the work she does in Footnotes and at our church. Kerry Lynn Kimmer too!

Sincerely, Hannah Ladeau



*** Junior Church Helpers Needed (volunteer position) ***

We are looking for patient, loving volunteers to provide child care for children (3 – 7 years old) during our 10:30 worship service on a rotating basis. If you have a love for children, a fun attitude and are willing to help in this very important area, please email or call Carol Stringer at stringerc@juno.com - 465-9358 or Callie McMahon at c.mcmahon@att.net - 673-5239.

Nursery Church Care Giver Needed (paid position)

We are seeking a patient, loving person to provide infant child care for both services from 8:00 – 12:30. Break provided between services. Early childhood education, child care training or child care experience preferred. Ideal candidate will have a love for children, a fun attitude and be able to supervise helpers. CPR training desirable. Submit resume or letter of interest to MUMC, Att: Staff Parish Relations Committee or email or call Carol Stringer, SPR Committee Member, at stringerc@juno.com – 465-9358.

We have more campers at Wanakee this month. Campers love to get mail. Thanks to all who wrote letters last month.

Brooks Heinlein Waterworld 8/13 – 8/19
 Leslie Drew Musical Theater 8/13 – 8/19
 Bronwyn/ Mary Tyler-wall You and Me 5 8/6 - 8/9
 Jaiden/ Krystal Schmidt You and Me 5 8/6 – 8/9
 Jack Betelak Wanakee Adventure II 8/6 – 8/12
 Robin/ Rob Metcalf You and Me 5 8/6 – 8/9
 Allison Betelak SplishSplash 8/9 – 8/12
 Tami Betelak Wild Wanakee Women 8/9 – 8/12
 Allison Kopp Wild Wanakee Women 8/9 – 8/12

Address:
 Wanakee United Methodist Center
 75 Upper New Hampton Rd.
 Meredith, NH 03253

Outreach/Missions Activities

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 our congregation in Christian love and service.

SHARE - We at MUMC are working together with other faith communities and organizations in the area to help SHARE keep the shelves in their food pantry stocked. By asking for specific items on a rotating basis, it helps to keep a more balanced inventory. During the month of August we will be collecting: Toothpaste, toothbrushes (especially children's), dental floss, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in the basket in the fellowship area.

OPERATION PAPERBACK - sending new and used paperback books is one way that we can show support for our troops. We have received a couple of thank you notes from soldiers in response to the books that have been sent. These books will be used over and over by many military men and woman. In some cases they are even setting up small libraries. If you would like to donate used books or purchase new ones the most frequently requested are: best selling fiction, true crime, mysteries, science fiction and biographies. We have had some requests for Christian inspirational and westerns. Advance thanks for your donations.

ANY SOLDIER - (www.anysoldier.com) We will continue to send care packages as items are donated to men and woman serving in the military.

The most frequently requested item is a letter, believe it or not. A short note from someone from home seems to mean the most, especially to the many who don't often get mail. Other items often requested are:

beef jerky, canned chicken or tuna, microwave popcorn, new/used dvd's, current magazines, toiletries, candy (except chocolate), gum, AA batteries, flashlights, razors, white t-shirts, white socks, etc. Often the woman request " anything that will make them smell feminine". These items when sent are mailed directly to a "contact" soldier who in turn shares them with other soldiers. All donations can be placed in the basket in the fellowship area.

" I couldn't be anymore proud to have been a part of such an honorable organization as AnySoldier.com. This is priceless, and I would like to thank all of you who entrusted me to be your contact. To have been able to distribute the mail personally as a contact to soldiers who get next to no mail at all and for that brief moment to see that look of hope in their faces of good things to come. The hope that somebody out there does care. That somebody does in fact love them as they deservingly should be loved. The hope that someday their involvement in the fight on terror was to preserve those that believed in them so much through and through, until their fight was done. We fight so maybe, just maybe your grandchildren won't have to. Pray for us in all that we do. "

*SGT Brian Horn
Afghanistan, Nov 2005*

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Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network—GNIHN

(Continued from page 10)

GNIHN - the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network is getting ready to celebrate it's first anniversary at the AnneMarie house in Hudson, NH. This 15,000 sq. ft. facility has been a blessing as we reach out to house homeless families in the greater Nashua area. To date we have provided transitional housing to 8 families (9 adults and 20 children). Even though the number of trained volunteers is over 500 at this time, we always need more help during our host week. If you would like more information about how you can be a part of this program please contact Tami Davis-Betelak. (672-9082)

Current News:

Our newest guest, April and her 6 children joined us April 28th and have already been able to secure housing. They moved into their new home on July 1st. Our best to all of them! Christina, Robert and their children anxiously await the arrival of their new baby, scheduled for Aug 8th. In the meantime they have much to do as they expect to be in their new apartment by the end of July. Many things to be thankful for. Betty and Hailee moved to Florida on July 20th to be closer to her other daughter & husband. They will be missed by many but our prayers for a wonderful new life are with them. Denise is working now after getting the okay from her doctor to return on a part time basis. Prayers for her continued physical healing and job success.

Current Needs: April is still in need of either a set of bunk beds or 2 single twin beds. Christina & Robert will be in need of most furniture items by the end of July. If you know of any gently used furniture please contact Laurie Skibba at 883-7338.

All GNIHN VOLUNTEERS - put August 20th on your calendars for GNIHN Volunteer appreciation picnic. More information to follow. Our next week of hosting is: August 13th - 19th.

Announcing - next Women's Bible Study

When: Starting Friday September 8, 2006
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Will meet on the first and third Friday of the month
Sept 8th and 22nd, Oct 6th & 20th, Nov 3rd & 17th
and Dec 1st & 15th

Where: Pat Levesque's home

Topic: The Power of a Praying Woman
by Stormie Omartian

Cost of book and study guide: \$13.00

A 30 week study (Chapters 1 thru 15 will be covered)

About the study and the author:

Information about this Bible study from Harvest House Publishers:

Stormie Omartian's bestselling books have helped hundreds of thousands of individuals pray more effectively for their spouses, their children, and their nation. Now she has written a book on a subject she knows intimately: being a praying woman.

Stormie's deep knowledge of Scripture and candid examples from her own prayer life provide guidance for women who seek to...

- trust God with deep longings, not just pressing needs
- cover every area of life with prayer
- maintain a right heart before God

Trust Him moment by moment with the concerns of your heart and discover the awesome power that prayer will release in your life.

Contacts: Rita Lines 673-0398
Carol Rowlette 673-5403

Sign up by August 20, 2006

Name _____
Phone _____

Spiritual Development Opportunities! Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

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 Conference Advanced Lay Speaking Class – September 9th & 16th, Main Street UMC, Nashua, lead by Rev. Curtis Brown, and Bishop Peter Weaver. Contact registrar Susan Williams (207)883-9042, idotx@maine.rr.com for information and to register.

Healthy Congregations – Healthy Boundaries – various dates and times in September and October. This seminar is being sponsored by the New England Conference Response and Intervention Team to assist pastors, congregations, church professionals and volunteers to better understand the dynamics of sexual abuse and strategies to prevent it from occurring. All pastors are required to attend, but the conference also encourages church staff and volunteers who work with children, and SPR members to attend. \$25 per person, \$100 maximum for a church. Please let Susan know if you would like to attend so that we can find the best date and place for our group to attend. Details coming soon to the conference website.

Tri-state District Conference – St. John's Dover, NH. September 23rd, 9 am – noon.

Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & the Worship Arts--Workshop -- September 30, 2006 from 9 am to 2:30 pm, Wesley Church Concord, NH, contact Marilyn Ives, kilyives@gwi.net, (207)284-2230, for more information.

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation – Theme: Inner Peace and Peace Making. A retreat for lay and clergy persons who hunger for a deeper spiritual life. The academy is open to all adults who are seeking God and wish to grow in Christian community with other seekers. October 22-27, Calvary Retreat Center, Shrewsbury, MA. Contact Rosemary McNulty (978)682-7676 x201, rmcnulty@meunc.org for more information.

Walk to Emmaus – a 3 day experience, sponsored by the UM church, that takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Various dates and locations throughout the fall. Go to www.crossroadsemmausofne.org for more information



DivorceCare seminar (support group) will meet from 7-9 p.m. every FRIDAY starting September 22. For more information, contact Callie McMahon at 673-5239.

BIBLE Travel Games

Try one or all of these games when you travel with your family this summer.

Missing Books of the Bible Game

One person recites the books of the Bible in order starting with Genesis. The person leaves out a book on purpose. Be the first person to guess the missing book. See how long it takes before the others guess the missing book.

20 Questions

One player thinks of a person, place or thing from the Bible. The other players take turns asking yes or no questions. See if you can guess the mystery person, place or thing in 20 questions or less.

3 Things in Common

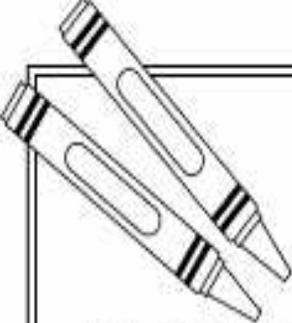
One person names 3 objects, 3 people or 3 places that have something in common. The other players take turns guessing what that something is. For example, Jesus, Saul and David (answer: all were kings) or Egypt, wilderness, Promised Land (answer: places where Israelites lived).

"I'm Going to ..."

Choose a place in the Bible, for example, Jerusalem. The first player says, "I'm going to Jerusalem and I'm taking a tent." The second player repeats what the first player said, but adds another thing to take. Each person takes a turn repeating the entire list and adding something to it, until someone misses.

Name That Tune

Hum a hymn or Sunday school song that everyone knows. See who can name the song first. After the name is guessed, sing the song together.



Just for KIDS

TRAVEL

During the summer many families like to travel. Modern day travel is much easier than it was during Bible times.

Directions: Follow the maze lines. Match people of today with modern ways of travel and Bible characters to ways of travel long ago.















Will your family use any of these ways to travel this summer?

Notes from Program Ministry. .

I don't know if I dare say it... but Grand Opening for the new church should be next month, September 10th. We will be doing an advertising blitz but we also need your help! Most people who visit a church do so because of a personal invitation from a friend. So, we will be giving out postcard invitations to the Grand Opening that you can mail to your friends. You add your postage, the address of your friend, and a small note saying something like, "I hope you can make it on our exciting big day!" or "This is the wonderful church I've been telling you about. I hope you can join us." And then sign your name. We'll also have flyers that you can put up on the bulletin board at your office, or at the supermarket, library, coffee shop, book store, any place you frequent. If you go there, other people go there, too. Let's blanket the Souhegan Valley with the good news that our building is open, and the even better news that Jesus loves us all.

Then, when new people show up, welcome them! At least twice while we've been at the Boys & Girls Club, Patience Roby (a 4th grader!) has been the first person to welcome a new family. She just walks right up, smiles, introduces herself, tells the family about our wonderful church, and then gives them a tour of the facilities. The last time I caught Patience in action she was saying to a new family, "I've been going to this church my whole life. You're going to love it here!" Now how could a visitor not feel welcome after that.

It's exciting times for us. Let's make sure others know that we're excited and why. It's for God that we went to all this trouble and expense. Yippee!

Susan Drew (sndrew@mindspring.com)

... Jump Start Your Spiritual Life. . .

Summer Events

Looking for even more fun this summer! The events team has lots of things for you to do, and to invite your friends who might not know us to come and check us out.

Saturday, August 26th, pick-up beginning at noon. Another famous chicken barbecue to go. You get ½ chicken, baked potato, roll, and apple-sauce, packed to go, for \$6. There will be drinks and dessert that can be purchased separately.

Red Cross Community Health Day – Saturday, September 16th. As fall approaches we are offering something for the community as the Red Cross will be on site offering screening and health tips for us all.

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THE OUTREACH

Change Service Requested

Church Office hours:

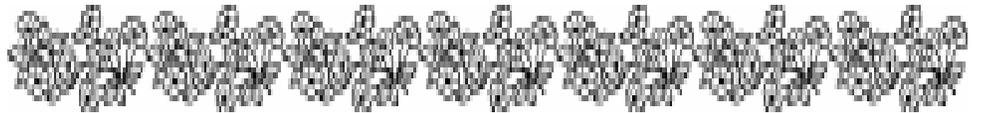
***Monday and Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***

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



**Sunday Worship:
8:30 am Spirit Celebration
9:15 Fellowship time
10:30am Traditional Worship**

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Ode to the sands of a friendly beach

Specks of beige, brown, black and white
Shimmering in the sunshine's light
Shifting, sifting, day by day
To make a beach where I too, may
Lie down like you beside the sea
And briefly bask in eternity.
Share with me this peaceful hour.
Share with me your tranquil power.

—Peggy Ferrell

