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Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday April 9

8:30 Spirit Celebration at Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club.
9:30 Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at the Milford oval.
10:30 Worship at Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club.



Maundy Thursday April 13

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service at Church of Our Saviour, 10 Amherst Street Milford.

Note: Because of our lack of a building to meet in just yet, we have been invited by our friends at COOS to join them for this service. In keeping with Episcopal tradition (and, I might add, Wesleyan tradition), this service will include the ritual of foot washing. This ritual commemorates Jesus washing his disciples feet at the last supper (John 13:1-17), and is entirely voluntary. Please plan to attend this service, even if you do not wish to have your feet washed.

Good Friday April 14

12:00 noon Ecumenical Good Friday service at the Second Congregational Church, 25 Gregg St., Wilton, N.H.



Easter Sunday April 16

6:00 Sunrise Service at First Congregational Church, 10 Union St. Milford.

7:00 Easter Continental Breakfast at First Congregational Church.

8:30 Easter Celebration at Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club.

10:30 Traditional Easter Worship at Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club.

They saw that the stone ... had already been rolled back.



Mark 16:4

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt (see page 4 or 13)*
- *CROP Walk is coming on May 7th*
- *Events Team has been planning (see page 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.

Happy Anniversary!

April 13th John & Elizabeth Trabucco
 April 17th Paul & Sue Boore
 Kaleen & Jim Fortunato



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.

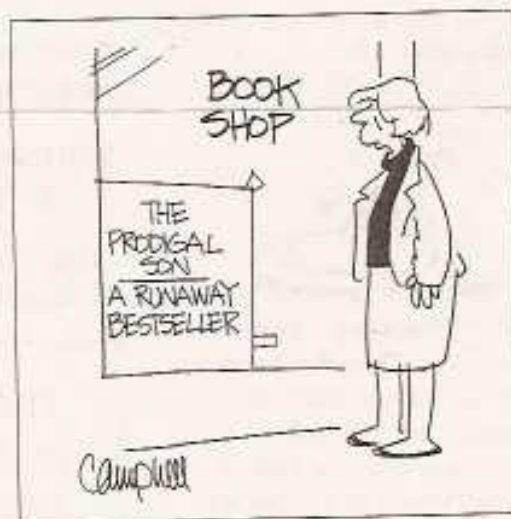
Financially Speaking . . .

February 28, 2006

Income toward budget accounts	\$13,223.17
Expense—budget accounts	15,961.16
Balance in General Fund	(11,777.16)
February Building Fund Income	7,789.63
Unrestricted Bldg.Fund Bal.3/5	94,518.18
Restricted Bldg.Fund Bal.3/5	75,722.68
Designated Special Gifts	3,842

Happy Birthday!

April 1st Alexis Eaton
 April 8th Jack Betelak
 April 14th Marlene Gale
 April 17th Moxie Roby
 April 18th Eliana Powell
 April 20th Aimee LaRiccia
 April 21st Shawn Cyr
 Teresa Randlett
 April 25th Lloyd Webster
 April 28th Kerri-Lynn Kimmer
 Cricket Metcalf



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From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

A number of years ago, I came across the story of a family who were watching a movie of the life of Jesus on television. Among their number was a 6 year-old girl who really got caught up in the story, even though she was very familiar with it. She was deeply moved as the events surrounding the crucifixion unfolded. Tears ran down her face as they took Jesus from the cross and put him in the tomb. She watched as a guard took his place outside the tomb. And then suddenly a big smile broke across her face. She turned to her parents and siblings and said with an excited voice, "Now comes the good part!"

This month, all of us, young and old, have an opportunity to experience all the emotions—from horror, sorrow, and grief all the way to joyful, even ecstatic excitement and gratitude—that this young girl experienced as we join her in recounting the events of Jesus crucifixion, death, and glorious resurrection during Holy Week and Easter.

I hope from the bottom of my heart that all of our members and friends will find some way to experience the whole of the story. Easter is made only more joyful, more delicious, more transformative, when we encounter and on some level experience all the suffering that preceded it. The knowing smile that comes across our faces and emotions as Easter approaches, our awareness that "Now comes the good part!" will not beam as brightly if we have not shed tears over the events that lead up to it.

For that reason, your church will be offering, often in conjunction with other churches, opportunities for all of us to stop for a moment at some of the significant steps

along the path to Easter. Those opportunities will be listed in this issue of *The Outreach*, and I hope you will begin to arrange your schedule to participate as fully as you can in these meaningful and significant times of corporate worship.

I want to also encourage you to find your own ways and times to experience Holy Week privately, especially if you are unable to participate in any or all of these public worship experiences. One of the things that I have done from time to time during holy week is to listen to Bach's *Passion of St. Matthew* in its entirety. Of course, this may not speak to you the way it does to me, but I mention it as a way of encouraging you to find your own ways to remember Jesus' suffering and death. But for starters, why not spend some time reading the passion narrative from the Gospel of Mark 14:1-15:47. Read a daily devotional such as *The Upper Room* that will take you through the events. Rent a movie that recounts the life of Christ (this might be the one time of the year I might recommend viewing *The Passion of the Christ*, assuming you are open to being assaulted by incredibly graphic and violent images and there are no young children anywhere near your home).

And then, having publicly and privately walked with Christ through the valley of suffering, humiliation, betrayal, and death, remembering all along that he did what he did for our sakes, we will be ready to celebrate Easter in all of its deepest joy.

Still discovering the joy,

Pastor Tom



Christian Education Opportunities

Happy Spring!! The Youth Group and Sunday School would like to invite the children of MUMC and their families to a Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. This will be a pancake breakfast, followed by crafts and then the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. The Event will take place at the Masonic Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 8th. There will be a sign up during Sunday School time, or you can e-mail Kerri-Lynn Kimner at skkimner91@adelphia.net. We would like a ballpark idea of how many people will be attending. There is no cost, but there will be a good will offering basket.

The adult Sunday School class began a series on Welcoming in March. This series will end right before Easter. The Adult class meets in the kitchen at 9:15. Feel free to drop in if you are interested in attending Adult Sunday School.

We hope that everyone is having an enjoyable experience in Sunday School. If at any time you have a question, problem, or suggestion, do not hesitate to contact a member of the Education Team.

Thank you for Supporting Sunday School at MUMC.

The Education Team

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



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:

*Great minds discuss ideas.
 Average minds discuss events.
 Small minds discuss people.*

Eleanor Roosevelt



Spotlight on Pastor Tom

We've all heard that old joke about pastors working only one day a week. While we know it's not true, do you ever wonder....What does Pastor Tom do all week?

Well, like most pastors, Pastor Tom works many more days of the week than on Sunday, often logging considerably more than 40 hours in a given week. Especially during seasons such as Advent and Lent, the demands increase, with added services, planning, and Bible studies. In addition, special emphases and programs such as capital campaigns, 40 Days of Purpose, or our current Grand Opening planning take up large amounts of his time as they are being planned and executed.

Here are some of the things Pastor Tom does all week:

- Plans worship services in conjunction with staff and worship committee
- Sermon preparation and delivery
- Attends 2 or more MUMC committee meetings
- Counsels hurting members of our congregation
- Hospital and nursing home visitation
- Oversight of a wide variety of different committees and ministries
- Oversight of and collaboration with staff
- Meets with church leaders for planning and leadership development

- Reaches out to first time visitors and newcomers
- Strategizes, prays, and dreams of ways for MUMC to be more faithful to our mission, vision, and values
- Tends to personal devotional and spiritual life

In addition to the tasks and activities that provide direct leadership, planning and support for the MUMC community, Pastor Tom also has responsibilities at the community, district and conference level, including:

- Monthly cluster meetings
- Monthly area clergy meetings
- Funeral services and bereavement counseling for folks outside of our church family
- Pre-marital counseling and wedding planning
- Serves on New England Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and Tri-State District Committee on Ministry
- Mentors two candidates preparing for ordained ministry
- Continuing education

As you can see, Pastor Tom has Discovered the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ through serving his congregation, his community, and his conference. Inspiring, isn't it. I'm sure Pastor Tom would be happy to have you join him if you give him a call.



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.

New! CHANGE:
Nicole LaJeunesse
4156 E. Lee Street
Tucson, AZ 85712

Updated Church Directories of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the church family are now available in the church office trailer or see one of the church secretaries (673-2669).

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

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.

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.

News of Our Church Family . . .

Welcome to New Members . .

Marcus Lines of 41 Ball Hill Road, Milford. Marcus joins by transfer from the Immanuel Bible Church, Springfield, VA. Serving as his sponsor is Rita Lines.

David and Shirley Stackpole of 72 Meadow Drive, Hollis. David and Shirley join by transfer from the Brookline Community Church. Their sponsors are Lisa and Rudy Rumohr.



Dates to remember:

May 20 District Training Day at Milford UMC. Plan to attend this important training event led by our Bishop, Peter Weaver. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with prayer with the Bishop, then a luncheon for Community Leaders where the Bishop will hear concerns for our community, then the training beginning at 1:00 pm. From 4-6:00 p.m. people from our district, including us, will visit homes in Milford to invite them to our church, and to give out information about MUMC. We'll meet back at the church at 6:00 pm for dinner and testimonies. From 7:30 - 9:00 pm we'll have a Spiritual life event at which the Bishop will be preaching.

We invite all of you to attend, and to help out in various roles. We'll need people to help put together information packets, servers at the two meals, people to help with direction, visitors in the community, prayer teams, and babysitters. Please call Pastor Tom or Susan Drew (672-4877) to volunteer or to ask questions.

June 25 Dedication Service for our New Church Home, 3:00 p.m.

Join your church family and many guests as we give thanks to God for our new church home!

Keep your eye out for information about other upcoming events.

2006 Crop Walk

Get out your sneakers/walking shoes and dust off that tread-mill because Crop Walk 2006 is quickly approaching.

Recently the Crop Walk had their 2006 organizational meeting. It was decided that this year's crop walk will be held on Sunday May 7th. We will again be starting and finishing our walk at St. Patrick's Church. If you are interested in helping with this year's Crop Walk let Tami Betelak or Brad Reed know of your interest.

In 2005 the Souhegan Valley Crop Walk had participation by 250 walkers raising a total of \$29,746. As always 25% of all money raised stays local at Share. Share then gives 1/3 of their total to Wilton's Open Cupboard food pantry. These are two fine organizations that are helping those in need in our community. Through the years The Crop Walk has seen over 3500 walkers participate locally. Those walkers have raised in excess of \$278,000. A remarkable accomplishment!

The last few years Milford United Methodist has set the pace and led the way at the Crop Walk. In 2005 we had 56 walkers. In 2006 our plans are to reach new highs in both the number of walkers and money raised. This will allow us to do even more at home and abroad. WE NEED YOUR HELP to reach these goals. Plan now to participate in CROP 2006. Start walking!

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service. .

Diva Day Update

We found out that Diva Day means lots of ladies having fun! Diva Day in March was a great success for MUMC. 103 women entered our drawing for the fabulous gift boxes made by Suzanne Randlett. Eighteen (18) women requested more information about our programs. One woman came to worship the following day! One thing that Carol Brooks, Wendy Getchell-Lacey, Elaine Driscoll, and Susan Drew heard over and over at the MUMC booth was how excited our community is for our new building. We also heard many stories about how friendly our congregation is. Thank you to all the ladies who participated at the booth, and all the MUMC ladies who stopped by to chat and laugh! It was a great day.

Driving Ministry

Thank you to Bill Wrocklage, Everett Gale and Steve Tackas who have volunteered for the Driving Ministry. If you, or someone you know, needs help to get to the doctor, or even to church on Sunday morning, please give me a call (Susan Drew, 672-4877). The earlier you call to make arrangements the better as this is a new ministry for us. We don't yet have all times and all days available, but we'll do our best.



Planning meeting for the Divorced/ Separated Support Group

One of our new programs planned for the fall is a support group for those going through a divorce or separation. If you would like to help plan for this group, please come to meeting at the Levesque home, 16 Christine Drive, Milford, 673-8868, Monday, April 10th, 7 pm. We are also looking for people who have been to such a support group who can tell us of their experiences. You don't need to sign up to be a group leader, but your input will help us with planning. Call Susan Drew (672-4877) or Pat Levesque for more information or directions.



Rachel Circle to start meeting!

The Rachel Circle (a knitting circle) will have it's first meeting, Wednesday, April 5th, 7 pm, at the home of Nicole Masters, 673-6465, 8 Chestnut Circle, Mont Vernon, NH 03057. Circles are time of devotions, prayer, fellowship, and fun. Bring your yarn, your knitting needles and prepare to have a good time with other crafty ladies! No experience necessary.

Deborah Circle, a place for working ladies to revitalize and fellowship, and the Mary Circle, for stay-at-home moms to recharge spent batteries, are both looking for leaders and members. Please call Susan Drew, 672-4877, to see when we can get started. All we need is the time, the place and you!

Outreach/Missions Activities

Committee Members: Alexis Eaton, Marcy Stanton, Theresa Sekanina, Holly Merryman, Bob Morgan, Bob Carey, Bob Levesque, Wendy Getchell-Lacey and Tami Davis-Betelak.

REACHING OUT BEYOND THE CONGREGATION IN CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SERVICE

SHARE - St. Patrick's Church is the home of the SHARE food pantry. Along with several other churches and organizations we support their effort by helping to stock the shelves with frequently used items. During the month of April we will donate: **Catsup, mustard, mayo, pickles, pickle relish, large brown bags.** Please place any items in the basket in the fellowship area.

GNIHN - Our last week of hosting homeless families as part of the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network was March 26th - April 1st. As of this time we have 4 families consisting of 5 adults and 9 children. These families, having gone through a screening process and criminal background checks, will live at the AnneMarie House in Hudson until the time that they can secure affordable housing. In the meantime, we provide volunteers that make it possible to keep the facility safe and secure along with cooking an evening meal each night. If you would like more information about how you and perhaps you and your whole family can be a part of this important ministry please contact Tami Davis-Betelak or Wendy Getchell-Lacey.

Next week of hosting: **May 7th - May 13th**

BOX CITY - Homelessness in our community is not as visible as it is in other cities or in other parts of our country. Yet, homelessness is a reality for so many individuals and sadly enough, for so many families. In an effort to raise homeless awareness we will be hosting **BOX CITY** on **Saturday, June 3rd from 7 pm - 7 am** Sunday morning. We will be inviting both youth and

adults (1 adult per every 4 youth) from area churches and temples to participate in this event. The hope is that while sleeping in this simulated homeless community they will gain a deeper understanding of the reality that faces so many. It is through awareness that we can then step out to help those in need and truly make a difference.

The MUMC Youth group will be invited to participate. We will need some adult help so if you are interested please contact Tami Davis-Betelak.

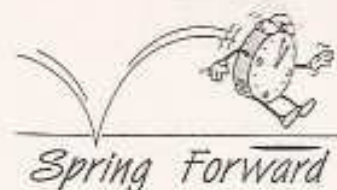
COMMON THREADS: a benefit concert for local homeless families will be held on Saturday, May 20th, 4 pm-8 pm at the Amato Center (aka Boys & Girls Club) here in Milford. The concert will feature a variety of local musicians and musical groups. Tickets are on sale now ..

\$10/adults, \$5/children (under 5 free .. \$25 max per family) This is the 3rd annual benefit concert with all proceeds helping to support the GNIHN. .

One Day at a Time - if you are interested in reaching out to help as part of the MUMC family but are not able to make a long term commitment here are a few ideas:

- \$ bring in cookies or a snack for coffee hour **ONE** Sunday
- \$ volunteer **ONE** Sunday to help cook a meal at the Nashua Soup Kitchen
- \$ prepare **ONE** part of a meal (a casserole, a loaf of bread, a salad, etc) as part of our Samaritan Meal program.
- \$ Bring in **ONE** item for the SHARE food pantry.

(Contact any Outreach Committee member for more information or sign up on the Outreach bulletin board in the fellowship area.)



Wanakee Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Wanakee Fund is to encourage attendance at Wanakee (or another Methodist camp) by providing camperships for prospective campers. This campership will equal half of the cost for one session of camp. Campers who need more than half tuition may request more by speaking to the Pastor or a camp booster.

Procedure: Families are encouraged to register for camp soon after the brochures become available as some camp sessions fill up early. Although the camp registrar makes registration information available to our church camp boosters, families are requested to let the church office or boosters know of their intentions to attend camp. This serves two purposes. First, it allows for Wanakee Fund distribution. Second, it allows us to let the congregation know through the newsletter and/or bulletin who is at camp in any given week. (The campers might even get some mail!)

Campers who are registered by May 15 will be contacted by the Wanakee boosters about their camperships. Campers who register after that time will receive funds as they are available.

Current Camp Boosters:
Nancy Tong and Kerri-Lynn Kimmer



Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about summer. We know spring has just started, but now is the time to start thinking about summer camps. Wanakee is a wonderful place to consider sending your child(ren) It is a "Beautiful, Spiritual, Place in the Hills." If you have been reading The Outreach throughout the year you probably have read many memories about Wanakee written by our children. They love Wanakee, as do many of the adults in our Congregation. There are many opportunities at Wanakee for children of all ages.

This year, as in years past, MUMC will provide 1/2 scholarships (camperships) for any child going to camp. Camperships are available for all children attending camp. It is our hope to have many children attend Camp Wanakee.

Brochures are available or you can visit Wanakee.org. If you have further questions please contact a Wanakee Booster.

Please fill in the form below, and place it in the offering plate, or give it to a camp booster by May 15.

Parent(s) name(s)

Camper's name

Name of camp

Date(s)

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.

Tri-State Lay Speaking Courses - April 8 - 8:30 am - 4 pm - First UMC, Portsmouth, NH. Contact our very own Lisa Rumohr for more information. 886-8794 or lisa@svenson.com.

Igniting Ministries Training - April 22 - 9:30 am - 3:30 - Gilford, NH. Or April 23 - 3 - 8 pm - Acton, MA. Led by Larry Homitsky. Just in time to open the new building - come sharpen your welcoming skills. Some of us attended a workshop led by Rev. Homitsky in October and we promise it will be worth your while to attend. Contact Jim McPhee, mcphee@neumc.org, (978)682-7555, for more information or to reserve your space.

Growing Healthy Congregations - topics include Growing Congregations of Passionate Christians, Igniting Ministries and Need-Oriented Evangelism, Natural Church Development Can Grow Your Church, and From Financial Barriers to Functional Structure. Dates and Places for this workshop are: April 25 - 4:30 - 8:45, Good Shepherd UMC, Haverhill, MA. April 26 - 4:30 - 8:45, Wilbraham United Church, Wilbraham, MA. May 1 - 4:30 - 8:45, First UMC, Lincoln, ME. May 3 - 4:30 - 8:30, Heritage UMC, Braintree, MA. Contact Jim McPhee, mcphee@neumc.org, (978)682-7555, for more information or to reserve your space.

Help Wanted!

Our youth groups are in need of more volunteers at all levels. Middle School, Senior High, Youth Worship, and the Youth Advisory Team could use your help. Our youth are the future of the church. Please don't let our youth programming suffer due to lack of support. For those of you who grew up in church, remember how important youth group was in your life. You can make a difference. Please contact Pastor Tom (673-2669) or Susan Drew (672-4877) for more information.

Men's Planning Meeting - and Donuts!

Instead of a breakfast this month, let's meet to plan our future activities. Meet at Bob Levesque's house, 16 Christine, Milford, Saturday, April 15, 9:30 am. Breakfasts, mission projects, conferences, Bible studies, whatever you'd like to do. Bring your ideas and have coffee and a donut. Call Bob at 673-8878 so he has enough for everyone.



Beginnings An introduction to Christian faith

We invite you to join a new *Beginnings* program. *Beginnings* is a 9 week program, to run on Tuesday nights beginning, May 9th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the home of Lisa Rumohr (9 Oriole Drive, Nashua) to start with a move into the new church soon. Each session includes a meal, a presentation about basic Christian beliefs, and small discussion groups. There will also be a Special Day Apart retreat to look forward to. This program is ideal for anyone who wants to learn more about the Christian faith. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Or invite your friends, co-workers or neighbors. The meal, and program are free. For more information, call Lisa at 886-8794 (lisa@svenson.org), or the Milford United Methodist Church, 673-2669.

Make a
**HANDPRINT
BUTTERFLY**



The butterfly is a symbol of new life and of the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and gave us hope for a new life.

What you need:

- Bible verse Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)
- tempera paint or acrylic paint
- paintbrush
- 1 sheet of light-colored construction paper
- paper towel or baby wipe



What to do:

1. Draw a picture of a butterfly's body. Make it wide enough to write this verse inside the body.

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"
Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)

2. Use the paintbrush to paint the palm of your hand.
3. Make a butterfly wing with your handprint by pressing your hand down next to the butterfly body.
4. Clean your hand with the paper towel or baby wipe.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the other hand.

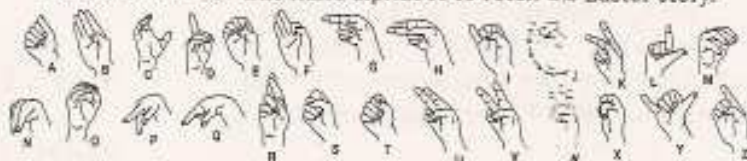
6. Let the butterfly remind you of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and of the beauty of his Resurrection.



Just for **KIDS**

"Behold my hands and my feet ..." Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Hands play an important role in the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Use this hand alphabet to retell the Easter story.



Jesus' _____ were _____ to the tree.

Two criminals were also crucified, one on the _____ and the other on the _____ of Jesus.

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, " _____ into your _____, I commit my spirit."

The _____ of Jesus' friends _____ Him from the cross to the tomb.

Jesus showed _____ His _____ to prove He was Christ.

Bring your _____ together in _____ and thank God for His Son Jesus.

ANSWER: HANDS, N/AILED, RIGHT, HAND, LEFT, FATHER, HANDS, HANDS, CARRIED, THOMAS, HANDS, HANDS, PRAYER.



The Events Team is planning a YAAAAARD SALE for, May 27, 7:00 am-Noon at the 327 North River Road property. Pat Rafter will begin collecting items for the yard sale starting on May 6th. Please drop your items off in front of their garage on Highland Avenue in Milford on nice days. Please make sure items are clean and in working order. **NO CLOTHES.** Please speak with Pat before dropping off electric items (some things just do not sell, then it costs money to throw them out.) If you need items picked up, call or e-mail Pat (673-4516 or icu2per@aol.com) and she will get someone to come get them. The events Team is also inviting members of the church and community to come and sell their items as well. Cost for space will be "donation" encouraging 10% of sales or \$25, whichever comes first. Funds raised from this sale will go towards seed money for all the events coming up this summer. So start your spring cleaning and set those items aside for the sale!



Middle School Youth Activities . . .

During the month of March our youth had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful community event with Church Of Our Saviour. We also met and planned to host the Bunny Breakfast for our church family, as well as had a night filled with fun and games galore. In April, we will be doing several different activities. We have activities planned for fellowship, in service of others, as well as an awesome faith builder on Palm Sunday. A detailed list of our activities is listed below.

Please encourage any youth that you know in grades 6 - 9 to join us. We will be having a Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Our Youth will be working in pairs to help church members with various spring cleaning projects in order to raise money for Soul Fest, and other planned summer activities. Look for them between services to schedule your help. This fundraiser will be in donation form. You plan the project and how much their help is worth to you.

April 1: Digital Scavenger Hunt, 6 - 9 Meet at the Ladeau's

\$5/person for pizza and drinks

We will be working in teams to tour Milford collecting photos, coming back to the Ladeau's for pizza, and then we will be watching a slideshow of each team's hunt. Promises to be a fun night for all.

April 2: NO YOUTH GROUP

April 8: Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt, 8:00 - 11:00

Meet at Mason's Hall at 8:00 to set-up and prepare for the morning's activities.

April 9: Seder Meal for Passover, 4:00 - 8:00

The Stringer's will be hosting a Seder Meal for us at their home. We will meet at the Ladeau's at 4:00 and then travel to the Stringer's home. **You must RSVP for this event by April 2 if you plan to go.** All youth will be dropped off at their home following this meeting.

April 16: NO YOUTH GROUP (EASTER)

April 23: Youth Worship at Church of Our Savior

6:30 - 8:00

May 6: Spring Clean-UP Fundraiser

Plan your project and schedule your times.

Thanks for supporting our youth -
Becky Ladeau and Marcus Lines



Notes from Program Ministry

I can't tell you how much fun I had at Diva Day talking to women about our church. We had so many women who stopped by to ask how construction was going, to find out when we're opening, and tell me they drive by often to see what's going on. The other thing I heard a lot is how friendly and warm our congregation is. We have quite a reputation in our community. I know Pastor Tom says he hears this all the time, but this was my first time to represent the church in this way and hear the comments. Talk about Discovering the Joy!

And now that I have you all buttered up (you knew it was coming didn't you!) I'm going to ask for more. More welcoming, more service, more prayer. The new church is set to open this spring and let's give it everything we've got.

During Lent I've been trying to be more focused on Bible Study and prayer (instead of giving up chocolate which only worked for a week anyway). I was reading in Exodus 4 when God calls to Moses. Moses is arguing, why me, send someone else, I can't do it, I'm not good enough, etc, etc. God says, "I made you the way you are and you are good enough!" Wow! What a concept.

The next time you think, I can't lead a Bible Study, or be a greeter, or help on a committee, or invite a friend to worship, or talk about my faith to someone who doesn't go to church -- Remember Moses. He thought he couldn't do anything and look what God did with him! There will be all kinds of opportunities to get involved in the opening and ministries at the new church. Join us and Discover the Joy of Knowing and Serving Jesus Christ.

Susan Drew (672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com)

SUMMER EVENTS -06

The events team has been meeting regularly planning for a fun filled active summer calendar. It is our goal to offer a variety of activities that will achieve our two goals. We want to reach out into the community with programs while offering something of interest for everyone. All this activity is being planned, while showcasing our church and the facility we will be occupying.

Some of the events being planned are one of Pat Rafter's (now famous) yard sales, the blessing of the pets service, an old time tent revival, Open House, Grand Opening events, Red Cross training. This and much, much more.

What this means with all this activity is YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. There will be lots of opportunity for YOU to step up and assist with the summers events. So keep your eyes open for upcoming information on the summer's events. Be prepared to offer your assistance. Your help will be needed to make this summer the success we are hoping for with our new church facility.

See any events Team member for more detail on how you can be involved -- Members are: Pat Rafter, Keith Ladeau, Judy Green, Bob Morgan, Alberta Finch, Verna Fournier, Emily St John, Brad Reed

July 9 Grand Opening Sunday!

This Sunday marks the beginning of a whole summer full of great worship, exciting events, and meaningful outreach opportunities as we officially open the doors of our new church home to the public.

July 10-14 Vacation Bible School

That's right! VBS is back, bigger and better than ever. Come and bring your friends to enjoy a great time of learning, dancing, singing, and celebrating in our brand new, air-conditioned building!

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth/Learning/Service/Fellowship - April 2006

Group/Activity	Description	Contact
Worship Services	Spirit Celebration, Contemporary Worship Service each Sunday at 8:30 a.m., Traditional Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Church office (672-2669) Susan Drew, 672-4877, smdrew@mindspring.com
Youth Worship	All youth, ages 6th grade and up are invited to a monthly worship service, run by youth from area churches on a rotating basis. Sunday Morning Christian Education: 9:15-10:15 a.m.	
Nursery	All children meet in the Theater Lobby for opening time before Sunday School starts newborn to 36 months - just beyond the Worship meeting room	Education Team - Kerri-Lynn Kimmner, chair 672-9911, skkimm91@adelphia.net
Pre-school	age 3 - 4, meet in the nursery	
Kindergarten - 1st grade	meet in the board room	
2nd - 3rd grade	meet in the board room	
4th - 5th grades	meet in the teen center	
6 - 7 grades	meet in the theater lobby	
8th grade - high school	meet in the teen center	
Adults	Meet in the kitchen -currently studying Beyond 30 Seconds, welcoming materials	
Fellowship/Growth/Learning		
Confirmation	All youth ages 10 and up who have yet to be confirmed are invited to speak to Pastor Tom. Each confirmand meets with a mentor for bible study and confirmation classes.	Pastor Tom, 673-2669, plg13@aol.com
Middle School Youth	Youth in grades 6-8 meet for fellowship, service projects and fun. April activities include 4/1 Digital Camera Scavenger hunt, 4/8 - Bunny pancake breakfast, 4/9 - Seder meal, 4/23 - youth worship	Becky Ladeau, 672-9641, kbladeau@msn.com
Senior High Youth	Youth in grades 9-12 meet for fellowship, service projects and fun. 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.	Pastor Tom, 673-2669, plg13@aol.com
Bunny Pancake Breakfast	Children of all ages will enjoy this fun time - April 8, 9:00 am at the Mason's hall. Breakfast and Easter egg hunt.	Kerri-Lynn Kimmner, chair 672-9911, skkimm91@adelphia.net
Seasoned Generation - Mile Away trip	Enjoy a delicious dinner and good conversation with your friends in the adult crowd. Limited to 18 so call Callie for reservation today!	Callie McMahon, 673-5239 Keith Roberts, 249-9774, krobertsr@verizon.net
White Tops	Group of senior men who meet for fellowship. Meets every Wednesday 9 a.m.	
Helping Hands	Group of senior ladies who meet for fellowship, crafts, and service projects. Meets every Thursday 10 am - 1 pm	Barbara Balevre, 673-3397

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Tuesday night Bible Study	Tuesday nights, 7-9 pm	Jim Lawler, 673-7513, bigdaddy52_2000@yahoo.com
Lamplighters Ladies Bible Study	Wednesday afternoons, 12-2:30 pm. Are you new to the Christian faith, or just want to know about Jesus, this study is for you. Meets Tuesday evenings, dinner provided. Sign up now for April start date.	Susan Drew, 672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com Lisa Rumohr, 886-8794, lisa@svenson.org
Beginnings	Meet 6 Saturdays during Lent, Saturdays 9-10 am beginning March 4th. \$12 to cover book encouraged	Pastor Tom, 673-2669, ptg13@aol.com Lisa Rumohr, 886-8794, lisa@svenson.org
Lenten Bible Study - Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus		
Craft workshop	Enjoy crafting, maybe learning a new skill, and fellowship. Do you like to knit? Or want to learn? Join the Rachel Circle for a time of devotions, fellowship and knitting. First meeting -- April 5th, 7 pm	Nicole Masters, 673-6465 Susan Drew, 672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com
Rachel Circle (knitting)		
Women's Circles	Devotional, mission project, and lots of fun. Women's circles starting now.	
Service Opportunities		
Prings of Prayer	A part of the nurturing ministry of MUMAC. Provides support to persons through a prayer chain and pray partners.	Alexis Eaton, 672-4408
Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network (GINHN)	A homeless shelter for families with children located in Hudson. Our volunteers prepare meals, host daytime and evening hours, and spend the night one week out of every six. Training provided.	Tami Davis-Betelak, 672-9082, martin.betelak@verizon.net Tami Davis-Betelak, 672-9082, martin.betelak@verizon.net
SHARE Food Pantry	Donate food, personal hygiene products, and household goods for the food pantry serving the greater Milford area. Look for the basket outside the sanctuary each week. Drive a church member to church, a doctor's appointment for a member for the church not able to drive.	Susan Drew, 672-4877, sndrew@mindspring.com Judy Green, 673-7507, jagreen7507@yahoo.com
Driving Ministry	Visit a member of the congregation once a month who is not able to get out and about anymore.	Carol Rowlette, 67335403, carollerow@aol.com
Visitation Team	Deliver a Welcome Bag to a newcomers home after worship on Sunday. It only takes a few minutes! This isn't a time to stay and chat, just say "We're glad you came!"	Wendy Gatchell-Lacey, 673-7861, wiggie4@aol.com
Welcome Bags		Tami Davis-Betelak, 672-9082, martin.betelak@verizon.net
Coffee Hour	Bring goodies for fellowship time between services. Stay and talk and make a new friend. Cook a meal for someone going through a difficult time. Delivery will be made by the Outreach Committee.	Tami Davis-Betelak, 672-9082, martin.betelak@verizon.net Jim Lawler, 673-7513,
Samaritan Meals		
Nashua Soup Kitchen	Help cook and service the mid-day meal the 2nd Sunday of the month.	Jim Lawler, 673-7513,
Sanctuary set-up crew	Meet every Sunday morning at 7:30 am to get our rented space ready for worship.	bigdaddy52_2000@yahoo.com

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Greeters	Bring your smile and gift of gab. Greet people as they come to church, make a new friend!	Faith Cyr, 672-0282, cheleyr@yahoo.com for the 1st services, Roberta Randlett, 672-4997, rrandlett@aol.com for the 2nd service
Music Groups		
Chancel Choir	All adults with singing interests welcome. Rehearsal times - 7-8 pm Thursdays SVBGC	Sally Landis, Choir Director, 465-7937
Praise Band	All musicians welcome. Rehearsal times - 8-9 pm Thursdays SVBGC	Sally Landis, Choir Director, 465-7937
Trinity Dove	Children of all ages. Rehearsal times 4:30-5 pm, Wednesdays, Harborside Nursing Home, Crosby Street	Mary Tyler Wall, Director, 878-0664
Adult Bell Choir	Adults meet Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm, at the Millhouse home, 42 Baldwin Rd, Milford.	Mary Tyler Wall, Director, 878-0664
Children's Bell Choir	Children in 3rd grade and up are welcome to join. Call for rehearsal times.	Nancy Tong, Director, 673-7180

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The Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9-10 a.m. Lenten Study 6-9 p.m. Youth Digital Camera Scavenger Hunt
2 5th Lent 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship NO Youth	3 6:30 Outreach at Levesque's 7:00 Ed Team at Kimner's	4 7:00 Events mtg at Granite Sq 7:30 Trustee's at Randlett's	5 9 White Tops 9:30 Staff Mtg 4:30 Trinity Do 5:30 Bells 7:00 Ch.Council 7:00 Rachel Cir	6 10-1 Helping Hands 7-8 Chancel Choir 8-9 Praise Band/ Choir	7	8 9-10 a.m. Lenten Study 9-11 Bunny Pancake Break- fast and Egg
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Seder Meal	10 7:00 Planning- Divorced/ Separated Support group	11 7:00 Worship Mtg at Reed's	12 9 White Tops 4:30 TrinityDov 5:30 Bells 7:00 Stephen Supervision	13 10-1 Helping Hands 7-8 Chancel Choir 8-9 Praise Band/ Choir	14	15 9-10 a.m. Lenten Study 9:30 am Men's planning mtg at Levesque
16 Easter 6:00 Sunrise 8:30 Spirit Celebration No Sun School 10:30 Worship	17	18	19 9 White Tops 4:30 Trinity Dove Choir 5:30 Bells 7:00 Finance	20 10-1 Helping Hands 7-8 Chancel Choir 8-9 Praise Band/ Choir	21	22
23 2nd Easter 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 6:30 Youth Wor	24	25 7:00 Staff- Parish Rel.	26 9 White Tops 4:30 TrinityDov 5:30 Bells 7:00 Stephen Supervisor	27 10-1 Helping Hands 7-8 Chancel Choir 8-9 Praise Band/ Choir	28	29
30 3rd Easter 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship						

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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



An Easter Prayer..



Once again, Lord, we are astounded by the incomparable and glorious event of Easter.

To remember how you conquered sin and evil through the resurrection of Jesus stirs up joy and hope within us.

It comforts us greatly to know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we who are "in Christ" have the assurance of eternal life.

Furthermore, to have the living Christ as our Savior and the undergirding Holy Spirit as our daily Companion assures us of grace that never fails us.

Finally, it is a certainty that all things good and desirable are possible for those who love you, because Christ lives and reigns as King of our lives.

All praise and glory to you, loving Creator, now and forever! Amen.

.. Charles Ferrell