



The Outreach

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Milford, NH, Rev. Matthew Wissell, Pastor
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Pastor's Corner

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Dear MUMC Family,

November is a month of remembrance. As the air cools and the days shorten, the Church pauses to give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. On **All Saints Sunday**, we remember the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) who have run the race before us—those whose lives have pointed us toward Christ.

For John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, All Saints was a day of deep gratitude and holy joy. He wrote in his journal, "*I always find this a comfortable day.*" To Wesley, the saints were not distant heroes but living examples—ordinary people transformed by extraordinary grace. He reminded the early Methodists that sainthood was not reserved for a select few but was the calling of every believer: to be made perfect in love, reflecting Christ's holiness in heart and life.

As United Methodists, we share in that same calling. When we celebrate All Saints, we honor not only those whose names are written in stained glass or in church history books, but also the quiet saints who shaped our lives—teachers, parents, mentors, neighbors, and friends. Their faith continues to shape the Church today.

In Wesley's view, holiness was never a private matter. He believed that "there is no holiness but social holiness," meaning that our faith must find expression in love of neighbor, works of mercy, and justice for the oppressed. The saints show us what that looks like—faith lived out in community, in service, in witness, and in compassion.

As we name the saints of our congregation and community this All Saints Sunday, let us give thanks for their witness—and let us hear again Christ's call to follow in their footsteps. For the communion of saints is not only a remembrance of the past; it is the living body of Christ, present and active today.

Pastor's Corner Cont'd

Let this be our prayer: that we, too, may live as saints—grateful for grace, steadfast in faith, and alive in love.

Under the mercy,

Pastor Matt

Email

pastor@milfordumc.org

Reminder: Church Conference is November 10. SPRC meets at 6 and the body meets at 7pm. All reports are due to the office by November 3, so they can be entered to the People Portal.
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Child & Family Ministry with LeeAnne

ALL THE WAYS TO PRAY

Thanks to each of you that made time to offer your favorite ways to pray and put them in our jar. We are learning and trying new things in Children's Church.

We are also spending time with the Story of Esther in our Children's Bible. As you may know, Esther lived in difficult times, both parents dead, she was raised by her cousin Mordecai. When Haman made a law that all had to bow before him or die, this troubled the Jews greatly because they promised to only bow to God. With powerful intercessory prayer from the people, Esther had the courage to invite the King to come to her. Esther managed to speak truth to power and ask for what she needed and save her people. Esther is one of the great heroes of the Bi-

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Mission & Outreach

From Pat Rafter

Cards were written out to our World Vision child and will be mailed to him shortly. Thank you for taking the time to send him some thoughtful messages.

Mission/outreach Committee met on Sept 23. As usual MUMC has been busy with mission and outreach projects! Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child are available. Please see Steve Takacs for information. Filled boxes are due back by Sunday Nov 15.

Bell ringing for Salvation Army will be on Saturdays, Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20 and Christmas Eve, Wed Dec 24. We will be ringing each of these dates from 10-2 at both Shaw's and Market Basket. Hours can be adjusted if we have more people interested in filling additional time slots. We are looking for a coordinator for Dec 6 and Dec 20. Please contact Sue Kostuk if interesting in a ringing slot or coordinating. There will also be sign up sheets in the narthex.

We will begin collecting gifts for our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas, a program coordinated by SHARE Outreach Inc. A tree with tags of gift suggestions will be in the Narthex in late Nov and gifts will be due back to the church by Dec 10 at noon.



Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Here are some of MUMC Family spreading Joy in October! Did you ?



Aspen Tlapa at her "White Coat" ceremony at Clarkson U.



Our own Marilyn Edmondson with the Milford Garden Club



Crop Walk 2025! 21 humans and 4 dogs. What a team! Thanks for walking!



Jacqui, Rob, Mekenna & Dean Cook apple picking



The latest Herlihy pic. Emmie, Avery, Jaclyn, Cora, and Tim.



Andrew & Sarena Houston! Congratulations and best wishes!



Aubrey, Quentin, & Lincoln Biron



Jamie & Lily Eves



John, Jess, Jonah & Tessa Farnsworth

At the Pumpkin Festival.

Would love to see how you spread Joy. Friend me on Facebook or send a pic to office @milfordumc.org

Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.



But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

**In November
SHARE Is Collecting.
Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, diced tomatoes**



Food
Pantry
Needs

SHARE
Collection

Christmas Fair ***From Callie McMahon***

Now is the time to let you know what we need to bake or create for the fair's goodies. These items will be displayed on a wreath in the Narthex. You can pick a leaf or many and bring your donation to the church according to the information on the back of the leaf.

Cookies: We need 80

dozen total. These will be displayed on a leaf as quantities of 2-4 dozen, the typical quantity for a batch.

10 dozen Chocolate Chip
10 dozen Oatmeal
10 dozen chocolate
10 dozen snickerdoodles
10 dozen sugar
10 dozen thumb prints
5 dozen Christmas type
10 dozen of your favorite cookies

Snack Mixes: We need 2-3 standard size recipes of each.. These fill our gift boxes and sell very well.

Chex mix with nuts Chex Mix no nuts
Garlic Ranch pretzels Granola no nuts
Granola with nuts Puppy chow
Carmel corn (nuts) Carmel corn no nuts
or check here for something you like [25 Best Snack Mix Recipes for Your Next Party](#)

Candy: We sell this in 1/2 and 1 pound boxes. It always sells out

Chocolate fudge with and without nuts
Peanut butter fudge, Mint Chocolate fudge, peneuche fudge, white chocolate with peppermint bark, chocolate peppermint bark, or any candy you love to make.

Fair Set up and prep: Look in the narthex for information on when you can help.

Café Shopping list: Look for this sign up list in the narthex

We look forward to this yearly tradition of seeing our community at our fair. We hope you will come and enjoy the event and if you can contribute to any of the needs we have, we thank you for anything you can do.



November Crafting Dates



Can we help?

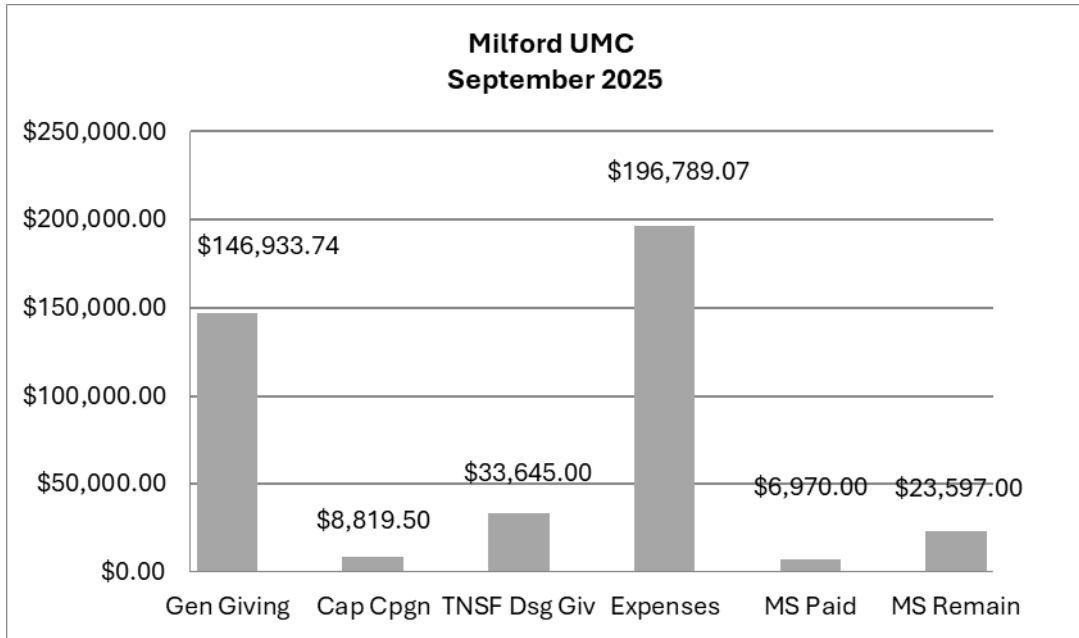


Do you need extra help to hear the service or to read the bulletins or hymnal? Call the office and let us know how we can help you. 603-673-2669. Leave a message with your phone num-

December Men's Breakfast
Date Changed to December
13th

Financial Reports

From Deb Santinelli, for the Finance Committee



Please consider volunteering to be a money counter on Sunday mornings. This job only takes about 20 minutes after the service. It is required that 2 people be present to count cash. Once we have a few volunteers, we can rotate serving so no one is burdened every week. See Callie or Andy, if you are interested.

YTD Financials

General Giving	\$146,933.74
Cap Campaign	\$ 8,819.50
TSF Dsg Giv *	\$ 33,645.00
Expenses	\$ 196,789.07
Mission Shares Paid	\$6,970.00
Mission Shares Remain	\$23,597.00

*Dsg = Designated giving accounts that are being used to fund items that show up in the Expense category.



Milford UMC
General Fund
<https://pay.com/15ABZaWNGao>

The miracle of giving is that giving makes miracles.
—Bishop Robert E. Goodrich

MUMC giving QR Code

Operation Christmas Child From Steve Takacs

I will be distributing shoeboxes, and receiving filled boxes, after each church service through November 16 which is the deadline to fill the boxes and return them to the church. Last year, we delivered 63 shoeboxes to the Nashua distribution center. Hopefully, with your help, we can deliver even more!



New Fellowship Hour Hosts for November

A big "thank you" to our October hosts from the MUMC Bell Choir.

November's hosts are primarily from the MUMC Choir and as of today include, Deanna Beetcher, Kathy Gray, Arthur Harkness and Jen McInnis. One other family has been asked but they have not replied as of yet.

We have certainly been well fed and welcomed warmly.!



Choir Update From Jenn Erdody

Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on November 13th, from 6:00 to 6:50. Everyone is invited to join!

The Christmas Choir performs at the Christmas Concert, which will be Sunday, December 14th at 4:00.

Choir rehearsals will be every Thursday.

Our Chancel Choir will still rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00, with Christmas Choir following at 6:00.



Youth Update From Tom Knapp

The youth mission team has changed its destination. We are going to Lincoln, Illinois, June 20-28, 2026.

First Friday at Café on the Oval at 6:30 a.m., November 7.

Gift Card sales start in the Narthex starting November 9-30.

Sunday, the 16th of November, at 7 p.m. is a mission meeting. Zoom will be available. Stay tuned for an email from me. Live at the meeting we will be making things for the craft fair and we should be thinking about being involved in helping with the Christmas Café ,



NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries 2025

If you see any of these folks around town, be sure to wish them a happy day!

Birthdays:

November 2:	Faith Cyr
November 12:	Barbara Gorman
November 14:	Libby St. Jean
November 16:	Graham Gordon
November 25:	Cecil Rowlette
November 25:	Donna Daley

Anniversaries:

November 14: Rich & Nicole Masters

We would love to include you on the birthday and anniversary list. Won't you share your special dates at office@milfordumc.org

Hope your day is extra special!



This Month's Lectionary

November 2: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

November 9: Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

November 16: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

November 23: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

November 30: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44



Driving Ministry

If you are in need of a ride and have no place to turn, call the office and we will notify the driving ministry to help you out. This program is primarily directed to our handicapped and seniors, but anybody who needs a ride and can't find one is eligible. There is no charge for this service. Office 603-673-2669 Steve Takacs 603-672-5118

office@milfordumc.org
trumpetchoo@msn.com



From VOICE

Submitted by Janet Hromjak

At the end of September Claire and I went to Jaffrey to see an event sponsored by Leadership New Hampshire entitled 'Join or Die, a Conversation with Dr. Robert Putnam' who has roots in Jaffrey and is the author of 'Bowling Alone'. That book used the metaphor of less & less people doing social activities like bowling to discuss how community cooperation has declined significantly since the mid 1900's. The Park Theatre was lovely – (and we saw some other MUMC folks there too!). From the brochure: Across the country, including here in NH, we see deep divisions, frayed trust, and neighbors more disconnected than ever. Dr. Putnam's research reminds us that civic renewal doesn't happen by accident. It happens when people step forward, rebuild bonds of trust, and invest in the strength of community life.'

He mentioned some causes of the place we find ourselves in now: a shrinking sense of 'we' (versus 'I') in society; class based social isolation and a lack of 'seeing' those in crisis.

I took away 3 avenues to pursue to solve these problems: get the young people involved – they have passion; start local with grassroots efforts; and our 'individualist' thinking needs to change to 'we or communitarian' thinking.

I found a lot of parallels to what he was saying with our faith and our Social Principles. We are told to love our neighbor, to help those in need and to

advocate for the marginalized.

I found it to be time well spent and was glad I went. It gave me a lot to think about...maybe I'll check out his new book 'The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again'.

Remembering The Saints

When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.



Greater Nashua Crop

Hunger Walk 2025

Update from Pat Rafter

God is good. The beginning of that week had the weather looking cold and wet. But it turn out to be a beautiful day for a walk around Nashua. A fantastic turn out and bountiful donations. The grand total will be announced at the end of the year, but it is well over the goal of \$55,000! The MUMC team brought in more than \$5700! That total is also growing. Pastor Matt was the "leader of the pack", bringing in about \$1000.

Thank you walkers, donators, volunteers and those or you that prayed for a successful mission.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
thank you for every good gift—
for the food before us,
the people around us,
and the love that surrounds us.
Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice
in Your constant goodness and grace.
May our hearts overflow with grati-
tude,
not just today, but every day.

Amen.



A Day to Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords in-
to plowshares, and
their spears into
pruning hooks; na-
tion shall not lift up
sword against nation,
neither shall they
learn war any
more" (Isaiah 2:4,
NRSV).



Gratitude Shift

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

Safer Sanctuary Corner

By Dave Haag

The relationships between our baptismal covenants, making boundaries, and safer sanctuaries.

The UMC General Council has determined that the practice of keeping boundaries is closely tied to our baptismal vows. I will discuss that premise below.

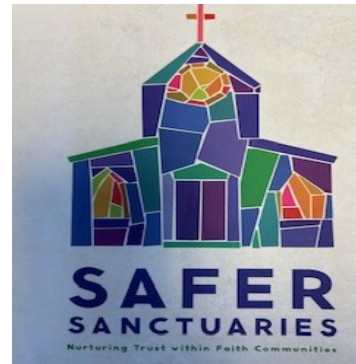
A baptism at church is one of my favorite times at the church. Typically, we have a young family making vows for their tiny infant. Baptism vows to renounce wickedness, reject evil, repent sins, and accepting the power that God will give us to prevail. We agree that Jesus Christ is our Savior and put our whole trust in His grace as we promise to serve Him.

As I reflect on this Covenant, I think about what we as a congregation are also reaffirming to. The pastor asks us several questions, which we automatically respond with "I do". But have you ever really looked at, thought and prayed about what we are saying? We as a congregation in addition to the parents promise to love, nurture and protect this newest member of our Christian faith. Not just for that day, or while they are children, but forever! This is a mutual commitment to love, protect, and nurture.

The baptismal covenant helps define who we are and helps to establish the identity of the church. Our United Methodist Church leadership has stated that boundary setting and accountability protocols are an integral part of rejecting and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in any form. These are therefore closely tied to our baptismal covenant.

Therefore, boundary setting and keeping are an important part of the church's identity. This identity of keeping all people safe and ensuring that everyone feels safe when they enter our church is

important for the communities both inside and outside of the church to know. Developing boundaries and accountability measurements is the task of the Safer Sanctuaries Committee. As our baptismal covenant empowers other ministries to be able to thrive in the community outside of church. So will Safer Sanctuaries policies reach beyond our church walls. This ministry will help to make our community safer.



**REMEMBER YOUR TO
WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**

Noise Offering for Wanakee

November 9, 2025



***Think before you spritz or
spray. Someone will thank***

Scents can make some people sick.

Child & Family

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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PRAYERS?

Please take a moment to email me your favorite prayers. You could also take a picture and send that to me via text or email to share with our children. We've learned the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23 in Children's Church. Surely the Spirit of the Lord is in this church and you have special prayers to share with the children. We are curious and would love to hear from you!

LeeAnne's contact information
email: childfamilyministrydirector@milfordumc.org
cell: (603)864-9005

Our Sunday School offers more opportunities to learn!

We offer 3 classes for children K-3, 4&5, 6&7. Children will leave with LeeAnne after the Children's Moment and enjoy Sunday School in our classrooms. We do a lesson, crafts, games, and stories.

Class Times are: 8:30-9:30, 9:40-10:20 and 10:30-11:30. We are prepared to offer lessons at different ages at the same time.

Family Worship Room: Childcare will be offered in the Family Worship Room with LeeAnne and Devin when there are no Sunday School Classes in session.

In honor of Autumn and because children are the apple of my eye, we will be enjoying **Ciderfest Sundays in November** by sipping Cider with our snacks in the classroom.

Continued by popular demand!

Wednesday November 12 from 5:30-7 IS CHICKENFEST

Jesus loves the little children and us big ones too. Did you know that Jesus compared himself to a mother hen not just once, but twice In Matthew 23:37 and Luke 13:34? Jesus said that he will protect us like a mother hen. Wednesday November 12 from 5:30-7:00 we will be celebrating all things chicken! We will eat chicken nuggets with sauces for dipping. We will have a special reading of the Little Red Hen, play Chicken Foot Dominoes, AND race my Tiny Toy Chicks. Do you know the chicken dance? We will learn it! We may even sing De Colores which sings about chickens and the sounds they make. You are welcome to drop off your children or stay and eat. Please let me know you are coming so we can reserve your spot.

Dear MUMC Family,

Patrick and I are overflowing with gratitude for the kindness, care, and compassion you offer as we acclimate Tallulah, our JRT to our pack. The trainer is hopeful she may have the disposition to be a therapy dog for people. You show her love and encouragement every day. We had some tough moments on the CROP walk and you helped. The Blessing of the Animals was especially rich because it was calm, and you shared your furry kids with us. Tallulah learned so much more about the love and security of other dogs. We are a work in progress, and we appreciate you! Animals and our families are aware of the blessing, and it influences how we take next steps as a pack in faith.

Please join us for Chickenfest!

Grace and Peace,

LeeAnne

Committees, Groups and Ministries

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group on the calendar, here's who to talk to.

Administrative (Ad) Council: Steve Kimner

Reviews monthly committee meetings, discusses pending issues and votes on church-wide decisions.

Adult Mission Trip Steve & Pat Rafter

Bell Choir: Heidi Rocha

For adults and older kids interested in hand bell ringing.

Christian Aftercare Ministry: Callie McMahon

Serving primarily men leaving prison, helping them settle in new homes and productive, positive lives.

Chancel Choir: Jennifer Erdody

Open to adults and teens interested in singing in the Chancel Choir at the second service.

Community Supper: Kerri-Lynn Kimner

A supper we host at SHARE in Milford every 6-8 weeks. Volunteer to help bake or prep ahead of time, or to work at the supper itself.

Driving Ministry— Steve Takacs

Provides transportation for those in need of help. Call the church office for contact information.

Finance: Andy Baver

Oversees church financial commitments

Hospitality : Callie McMahon and al of the family

Providing opportunity for hospitality churchwide.

Lamplighters: Carol Rowlette & Elaine Driscoll

A Bible-study group for women.

Nominations: Pastor Matt. *Matches people with the committees they might be interested in serving on.*

Mission/Outreach Diane Miller Sue Kostuk

Focuses on ways our church can reach out to the local, regional and international community.

Children & Family : LeeAnne Steenhoek

Focuses on involving Children and Families in church events and spiritual growth.. Family Worship room available during service

.Praise Band: Steve Rafter, Lisa Payne, Rudy Rumohr

Contemporary Christian music that plays at the first service on Sunday.

Staff Parish Relations (SPR): Sue Rudolf

This committee acts as liaison between our staff and the congregation.

Safer Sanctuary Team Dave Haag. *Rewriting our safe sanctuary policy to new guidelines.*

MUMC Care Team: Callie McMahon

Provides confidential one-on-one Christian care with trained lay ministers.

Pastor Transition Team Led by SPRC Sue Rudolf

Trustees: Steve Rafter

Oversees and facilitates the care and keeping of the church building and parsonage.

White Tops: Everett Gale

A social group for retired men of all denominations.

Worship Committee: Heidi Rocha

Plans and facilitates Sunday service needs and organizes special Sundays

Worship Design: Steve Rafter

Plans music and worship for the contemporary Sunday service.

Vacation Bible School: LeeAnne Steenhoek,

Usually happens in July. A time for the kids to be immersed in learning about Jesus.

VOICE *Giving voice to the marginalized in our community. Janet Hromjak, Callie McMahon, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Annika Weis*

Men's Group: Jim Lawler *For men interested in fellowship and service. Meet Sunday Evenings*

Youth Mission Trip Tom Knapp *Provides support for youth ministry in the world.*

Works with the youth and organizes mission work near and far.



For Virtual Services starting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, join Us On-Line from our Facebook page Milford United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation or YouTube milfordumc or from the Website milfordumc.org

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to wear your name
tag!



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November, 2025

Sunday Worship Times:

8:30a. Spirit Celebration, 10:30a. Traditional Service, 9:40a Adult Sunday School & Children's church. Watch Us live Online Facebook & YouTube @10:30 Rev. Matthew Wissell, Pastor
Email: pastor@milfordumc.org

Milford United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Church

Discover the Joy!

Rev. Matthew Wissell, Pastor

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

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

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

Our Values:

We commit ourselves to:

- Know scripture and live it.
- Act with integrity.
- Be faithful to Jesus Christ, our families, and our church family.

- Strive for excellence in all we do for the Lord.
- Celebrate the ministry of all Christians, lay and ordained.
- Treat all people with respect and sensitivity.
- Encourage people to grow in Christ.
- Care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people.

Welcoming & Inclusion Statement:

Milford United Methodist Church is a welcoming and inclusive church which celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We welcome and serve persons without regard to age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical abilities. Milford United Methodist Church recognizes the diversity of the Body of Christ and gives thanks to God for this divine gift. We invite ALL to discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.