



The Outreach

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Pastor's Corner

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Dear MUMC Family,

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." — Luke 24:5-6 (NRSVUE)

April arrives with the quiet boldness of resurrection. The earth itself begins to testify. Buds push through cold soil, longer days stretch toward light, and the promise of new life is whispering in every corner of creation. At the heart of this month, we hear again the question spoken at the empty tomb: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It is a question that does more than announce resurrection, it confronts us. It asks us to examine where we are searching for life. The women who came to the tomb that morning were faithful. They carried spices, prepared to honor the body of Jesus. Their actions were loving and devoted. But they were still looking for Him in a place of death. They expected to find Jesus where He had been laid, not where He now lived.

How often do we do the same?

We may not walk to tombs of stone, but we often search for life among the "dead." Among the trappings of this world that promise fulfillment but cannot deliver. We look for life in achievements, thinking success will satisfy our deepest longings. We look for life in possessions, believing that more will finally be enough. We look for life in control, trying to secure our future by our own strength. We even look for life in old wounds, rehearsing past hurts as though they still define us.

These are the places of death, not because they are inherently evil, but because they cannot hold the living Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus declares that life is not found in what is temporary, fragile, or fading. Life is found in Him who has overcome the grave. The angels' question is both a gentle rebuke and a gracious invitation: Stop looking in places that cannot give life. Come and see where life truly is.

For us, as followers of Christ in the Wesleyan tradition, this question calls us into a deeper understanding of grace. John Wesley spoke of God's grace as that which goes before us, awakens us, and leads us into new life. Resurrection is not just an event we celebrate, it is a reality we are invited to live. Through the power of the risen Christ, we are not bound to the dead things of this world. We are freed to walk in newness of life.

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This means letting go.

It means releasing the need to prove ourselves and instead receiving our identity as beloved children of God. It means loosening our grip on material things and opening our hands in generosity. It means surrendering our fears and trusting in the One who holds all things. It means stepping out of old patterns of sin and into the transforming grace that makes us new.

The resurrection is not only about where Jesus is, it is about where we are called to be.

We are not meant to linger at the tomb. We are called to go, to witness, to live as people of resurrection hope. In a world that often feels burdened by death, violence, injustice, division, and despair, we are sent as Easter people, bearing the light of Christ.

As United Methodists, we believe that holiness is lived out in the world. Resurrection life is not confined to Sunday morning; it is embodied in acts of love, mercy, and justice. When we feed the hungry, visit the lonely, advocate for the oppressed, and forgive as we have been forgiven, we are living out the truth that Christ is risen.

So this April, hear again the question: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

Let it challenge you. Let it free you.
Let it redirect your heart.
Where might you be searching for life in places that cannot give it?
What "dead" things is Christ calling you to leave behind?
How is the risen Lord inviting you into new life today?
The tomb is empty. Christ is alive. And because He lives, we are invited to live differently. We are invited to live with hope that does not fade, with love that

does not fail, and with faith that reaches beyond the grave.

May this Easter season awaken in each of us a renewed commitment to seek the living Christ. Not among the dead things of this world, but in the vibrant, transforming presence of His risen life. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Under the mercy,

Pastor Matt

Email pastor@milfordumc.org

Racial Justice Series



General Commission on Religion & Race (GCORR) is sponsoring **"Racial Justice: A Mandate to Our Discipleship,"** - a four-session series inviting participants to explore the racial justice mandate of The United Methodist Church—its origins, meaning, and ongoing significance as a mandate for dismantling racism, white supremacy, and colonial legacies in the life of the Church.

A recording of Session 1: Actively Engaging Racial Justice in Local Congregations is **now available here**. The next session, "Racial Justice & Its Implications for Today," will be held on April 7, 2026 from 10-11:30am.

Sessions 3 & 4 are also from 10-11:30am.

5/5/26 - Session 3: Racial Justice & Our Methodist Heritage

6/2/26 - Session 4: Understanding Racial Inequity, White Privilege, White Supremacy, and Colonialism

Levi Sunday

From Steve Rafter

The trustees have chosen April 26 for this year's Levi Sunday. Everyone is invited to wear or bring work clothes to join us for an hour or two of yard work and cleaning up at the church.

Work will be done after both services. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Hope you can join us!

Blessings,
MUMC Trustees



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

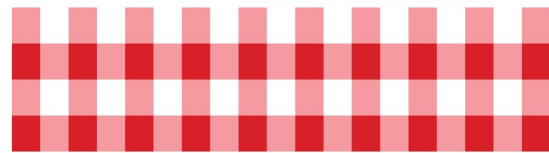
to Benefit Youth Mission Trip

Tickets \$10 / Person

April 11, 2026

5-7 PM

MUMC



Benefits the youth mission trip to Lincoln Ohio!

First Friday, 4/3. 6am Café on the Oval

In April SHARE Is Collecting.

Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Diced Tomatoes



SHARE
Collection

New Fellowship Hour Hosts for April SPRC

A big "thank you" to our March hosts from Voice.

April's hosts are the SPRC committee: Colleen Guzman, Sue & Rich Rudolf, Dave & Audrey Haag, Johnathan & Jess Farnsworth, with Marilyn Edmondson.

Thank you for making everyone feel welcomed!



Crafting Workshops the 4th Saturday of each month
12:30 to 3P



Spring Yard Sale

From Janet Hromjak /Callie McMahon

A big thank you to all who signed up to help with the yard sale!

Yard Sale will be May 30, 8a.m. –1 p.m. This is a change from the original date due to Memorial day being the 23rd. Drop off days are May 2 & May 9, 9-11. We will schedule extra pricing days as needed.

There are a few spots that are light on help but the sign up sheet will stay out in the narthex through April, or until we have plenty of help. Pre –drop off set up seems to be well staffed.

As in the past, all donations must be clean and in working order. No furniture, magazines or musty books. Stuffed animals with original tags will be accepted. No exercise equipment or electronics.

Gently used clothing and shoes will be accepted.

If drop off dates do not work for you please contact Callie McMahon at the office 603-673-2669 to see if we can find an alternate time.

PLEASE try to have all donations in by May 9, at the very latest!

Happy Spring cleaning.



The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).



If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God.

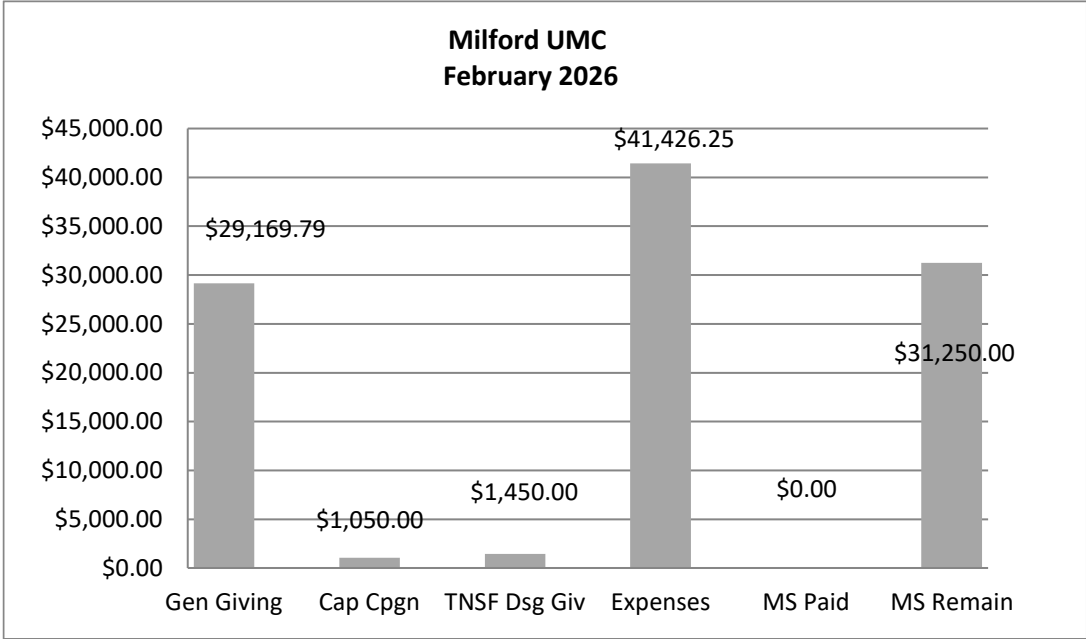
—C. Neil Strait

I've learned that people are more influenced by how much I care than by how much I know.

—Anonymous

Financial Reports

From Deb Santinelli, for the Finance Committee



The 2026 MUMC budget is being finalized. It will be completed and approved in February.

General Giving	\$ 29,169.79
Cap Campaign	\$ 1,050.00
DSF Dsg Giv *	\$ 1,450.00
Expenses	\$ 41,426.25
Mission Shares Paid	\$ 0.0
Mission Shares Remain	\$ 31,250.00

Did you know that we are only about \$50 K away from satisfying the church mortgage? Could we tie this with our 175th anniversary of MUMC in Milford? See page 8.

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

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

Happening in and around MUMC this month

Love Divine
 A Holy Week cantata
 Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm
 First Church of Christ, Milford



With the combined choirs of MUMC
 and First Church
 10 Union Street, Milford

NH UCC ANTI-RACISM MINISTRY GROUP
4TH ANNUAL HARRIET WARD MEMORIAL ANTI-RACISM SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

Featuring Keynote Speaker
JO PORTER
 Strategic Advisor at NH Center for Justice and Equity and former Director of the Institute for Health Policy and Practice at UNH

"THE NEXUS OF HEALTH AND RACISM"



APRIL 12TH, 3PM
 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST
 8 CHURCH ST. AMHERST, NH 03001

REGISTER FOR FREE:
[TINYURL.COM/ANTI-RACISM2024](https://tinyurl.com/anti-racism2024)



Share Supper
 April 21, 2026

Sign ups will be posted in the Narthex
 It's a great way to get involved.




MUMC Children's News
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Crafts, Singing and FUN!
APRIL 5TH @ 9:45 AM

Easter Sunday! Before we celebrate Jesus's resurrection, the children will learn about the events leading up to it- Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday.
 John 20: 1-18

*Fall 2027 marks the 175th anniversary of MUMC!
 Have you got ideas on how to celebrate?
 Interested in helping to plan?
 Call or email the office.*



April

2026

This Month's Lectionary

April 5: Acts 10:34-43, Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18, Matthew 28:1-10

April 12: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

April 19: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

April 26: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

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

Birthdays:

- April 1:** Alexis Eaton
- April 2:** Devin Holland
- April 3:** Natalie Lawton
- April 4:** Marley Gale
- April 5:** Ruth Ann Paden
- April 7:** Amy Wissell
- April 18:** Haylee Lambert
Teresa Randlett
- April 23:** Abbie Tobbe
- April 24:** Jerry Hoppe
- April 26:** Grace St. Jean
- April 28:** Kerri-Lynn Kimner
- April 30:** Lincoln St Jean

Anniversaries

The office knows of no anniversaries this month. If we missed yours, let us know so we don't miss it again.

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!



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

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trumpetchoo@msn.com



Safer Sanctuaries Corner

By Dave Haag

How to Report Suspected Abuse in New Hampshire

By David Haag

In our last Safer Sanctuaries Outreach article, we discussed the prevalence of abuse to children, youth, and other vulnerable populations. It is clear that more work must be done to improve the well-being and safety of our vulnerable populations.

Experts in these fields and State resource experts report that NH is continually working to improve protective services and prevention programs.

They reinforce the fact that public engagement remains essential if we are going to have improved outcomes. Safer Sanctuaries programs such as ours will be part of that public engagement. One source of public engagement is to report suspicious or known abuse activity. Shown below is [How to Report Abuse in New Hampshire](#). We will post this information on our church bulletin board.

If someone believes a child or vulnerable adult may be experiencing harm, they can take the following steps:

- **Call the New Hampshire DCYF Central Intake line:** This is the primary number for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect. Reports can be made 24/7.
- **Use 911 for immediate danger:** If someone is at risk of serious or imminent harm, emergency services should be contacted right away.
- **Report vulnerable adult abuse to**

Adult Protective Services: APS accepts reports of suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation of adults who cannot protect themselves.

- **Provide as much detail as possible:** Names, ages, addresses, what was observed, when it occurred, and why it raised concern. Even partial information is acceptable.

- **Understand that your identity is protected:** Reporters can remain anonymous, and their identity is confidential under state law.

Know that reporting is mandatory: In New Hampshire, *everyone* is a mandated reporter for both children and vulnerable adults. Failure to report can carry legal consequences.

What Happens After a Report:

Once a report is made, trained screeners review the information to determine whether it meets the criteria for investigation. If it does, Child Protective Services or Adult Protective Services will begin an assessment, which may involve interviews, home visits, and coordination with law enforcement when necessary.

New Hampshire emphasizes that reporting is not an accusation, it is a **protective action**. The goal is to ensure safety, offer support, and intervene early when needed.

To Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect:

- NH DCYF Central Intake (24/7): 603-271-6562
- Toll-Free (NH only): 1-800-894-5533

Emergency / Immediate

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Danger: 911
To Report Suspected Vulnerable Adult Abuse:

Adult Protective Services (APS):
1-800-949-0470 (Statewide number for reporting abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation)



He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'
Matthew 18:2-5

Worship Committee News **From Heidi Rocha**

Your worship committee meets monthly hoping to make your MUMC worship services meaningful. How fortunate we are to be able to meet freely together and share in God's hope and blessings for our lives. He desires for us true AGAPE. Pastor Matt has and continues to seek guidance and input from all our members to help make the first year transition as smooth as possible. Yes, there were a few glitches here and there with some feelings. Our hope and prayer now and always is that we are able to show God's grace and ask His guidance as we journey forward. Please, as always feel free to speak with anyone on the committee if you have concerns. We want to hear from you if/when things are going great. We want to hear from you if/when we are missing

something important. Alongside you on this journey of faith.

We are collecting again!

Sneakers can be dropped off with the yard sale drop offs. May 2 & 9.

All sneakers that are not taken in the clothing sale, will be collected and sent to gotsneakers?.



Mission Team News **From Diane Miller**

The bread donations for SHARE on communion Sundays, went well last month. This ministry will be continuing. We are also continuing our collection of toiletries for NHMARF as well as food donations to SHARE.

We will be supporting the Rotary International fundraising golf tournament in June with a sponsorship of one or two holes. Last year they donated \$100,000 from the event to SHARE.

Our Mother's Day to Father's Day event this year will be collecting funds to purchase animals from Heifer International. We are targeting the "Joy to the World" package which would provide 2 sheep, 4 goats, 1 heifer, seeds and training to the recipient. The cost of this is \$1500. We are also in the process of setting up an online catalog to purchase items with the logo "MUMC Serves". More information will follow as soon as we get it set up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

submitted by Sue Rudolf, CE chair

On **Communion Sundays** which are the first Sunday of the month, **Sunday School** for children **ages 4 - 10** will be offered between services - **9:40 - 10:20** - in our Sunday School classroom. All children are welcome to come at any time. No prior registration needed. Devin and I are ready to teach and have fun every Communion Sunday so please stop by and see what it is all about!

On April 5th, Sunday School falls on EASTER SUNDAY! John 20:1-18 will be read, but before we celebrate Jesus's resurrection and talk about what it means, we will spend a few minutes learning about what transpired the week before including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Good Friday. Our songs will be "They hung Him on the Cross" and "Halle, halle, Hallelujah"!

In Sunday School on May 3, we will learn about how Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection. Starting with the miraculous catch of fish found in John 21: 1 - 6. Our song in May will be "Peter, James and John in a Sailboat".

Our last Sunday School session for this school year will be on June 7. We will review what we have learned since February, sing our songs and celebrate a wonderful beginning to the revitalization of SS at MUMC. Bible focus will be Mark 10:13 - 15, "Jesus loves the little Children" and John 8:12 "Jesus is the Light of the World".

Vacation Bible School! We are thrilled to announce that we will have a Monday - Friday Vacation Bible School this summer led by Jen McGinnis. Keep checking the blue bulletin board in the narthex for dates, times and more information. If

this something you might be interested in helping with, please let Sue, Jen or the church office know and we will happily be in touch with you.

The Family Worship Room is available both services for children 2-5 and for those who have trouble sitting through the service. These older children are encouraged to stay in church until after the Children's Moment, and then either continue to stay in church or go to the FWR where there will be age appropriate toys, games, activities and supervision.

We have a special **Children's Worship Rug** in the sanctuary and HAVE YOU SEEN OUR "KID'S STOP" POLE WITH CLIPBOARDS AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS????? It's sort of in the middle of everything so I'm sure you have. On the rug, there is a basket with pencils, crayons, puzzles, games and a bucket of fidget toys. There will be a Children's Moment during the service every Sunday except Communion Sunday when we will have Sunday School.

I am excited about our children's ministry and look forward to seeing what God has in store for us as we continue to love and care for the children at MUMC.



Noise Offering for Wanakee

April 12, 2026



**Think before you spritz or spray.
Someone may thank you.!**

Scents can make some people sick.

***Caring for Our Environment -
Adapted from an article by Ryan
from Kerri-Lynn Kimner***

As Earth Day approaches, we often think about ways to protect our environment. In Genesis, humans receive a special commission to care for the good creation (Genesis 1:28). Being created in the image of God entails a calling to care for the natural world and its goodness—just as God expressed care and goodness in creating it. Humanity is called to be “the channel of conveyance” of blessings to both one another and to the natural world around us. We are challenged with keeping creation and the natural world good. When we fail to do so, we mar the goodness of creation, we mar the image of God in ourselves, and we block up the channels of blessings flowing out of us towards one another.

The natural world is a means of encountering God. Romans 1:20 says that God’s power and nature are understood and seen through that which God made. We see God’s goodness and love in nature. Likewise, we understand that God cares for us because of the bounties of nature. The natural world provides so much of what we need.

John Wesley proposed three general rules for Christian living. They are rather simple:

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Attend to the ordinances of God.

When it comes to the environment, we have repeatedly sought out rule 2 while remaining neglectful of rule 1. That, of course, means we’re missing out on rule 3 -- for God commissions humanity to care for the natural world.

The challenge moving forward is in considering the ways in which we contribute to harming the environment, and thereby harming our neighbors. How do we change those behaviors that do not glo-

rify God’s creation?
Here are some suggestions.

Waste and Plastic Reduction

Instead of plastic water bottles, use a reusable metal or glass bottle.

Instead of plastic bags, bring canvas or reusable bags to the store.

Instead of plastic straws, use metal, glass, or bamboo straws (or no straw at all).

Instead of disposable cutlery/plates, use reusable silverware and dishes, or uncoated paper products for parties.

Instead of paper towels, use rags or reusable cloths for cleaning.

Instead of individually wrapped items, buy in bulk to reduce packaging waste.

Instead of large corporate stores, shop at independent local stores / farm-stands.

Consumption and Diet

Instead of fast fashion, buy second-hand clothing or higher-quality, sustainable brands.

Instead of meat-heavy meals, adopt a more plant-based diet (less beef/dairy).

Instead of imported produce, buy local, seasonal food from farmers' markets.

Instead of throwing away scraps, compost food waste to feed your garden.

Energy and Transportation

Instead of driving, walk, bike, or take public transit for short trips.

Instead of incandescent bulbs, use LED lights, which last longer and use less energy.

Instead of high heat/AC, adjust your thermostat and use curtains

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to regulate home temperature. Instead of electric drying, line-dry laundry when possible.

Home and Gardening

Instead of chemical cleaners, use eco-friendly or homemade alternatives. Instead of pesticides, use biological methods like ladybugs, traps, or hand removal.

Instead of a short-cut lawn, plant native species or create a pollinator-friendly garden.

Instead of running water, turn off the tap while brushing teeth or washing dishes.

Mindset Shift

Instead of "What can I do?", ask "What can I do, next?"—focus on building a relationship with the nature immediately around you.

Instead of panic, take small, consistent actions that collectively make a big difference.

Bishop's Day

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will be holding five regional meetings during April and May.

Clergy are strongly encouraged to attend and all laity are welcome.

You can attend any event that is convenient for you.

Register for all events using <https://neumc.reg.brtaapp.com/BishopRegionalMeetings2026>
2 locations that work well for MUMC:

5-8 pm Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Meal at 5; talk from 6-8

Aldersgate UMC, 242 Boston Road, Chelmsford

10 am to noon Saturday, May 16, 2026

Lunch following

Lebanon UMC, 18 School St., Lebanon, NH

Wanakee Sunday April 12 From Nancy Tong 12

On April 12, MUMC will be celebrating our support for Wanakee, the United Methodist camp, located in Meredith, NH. Leslie Drew, the camp's assistant director will be visiting our services to spread the good news about camp. Leslie grew up in our church, and she and her family have supported Wanakee in many ways through the years. As we welcome Leslie on the 12th, we'll also be celebrating the camp in other ways throughout the service.

Please explore the Wanakee website at <https://www.wanakee.org>. You might be surprised to see the variety of programming options. There are "You and Me" camps for young campers with an accompanying adult, Family Camp, partial week camps for young elementary agers, and camps for middle and high schoolers specializing in hiking, boating, sports and games, arts and crafts and cooking. There really is something for everyone!

Each month, we at MUMC do a collection to raise money for scholarships to help send campers to this wonderful "Beautiful Spiritual Place in the Hills." The "Noise Offering" not only raises some funds, but helps to keep Wanakee fresh in our minds through the year, not just in the summer. MUMC has a continuing pledge to offer a half scholarship to campers from our church. Wanakee is one of the best values for summer camp around, but, like everything, has become more expensive. Our monthly collections cover only a fraction of our commitment to this ministry, and if you'd like to contribute more to the fund, you can write a check to MUMC and put Wanakee in the memo line (or do the comparable do-

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nation online).

MUMC has long history of supporting Wanakee campers. If you know of someone, even someone not in our church, who needs this type of summer fun, please be in touch with Nancy Tong, Kerri Lynn Kimner, Sue Rudolf, or Pastor

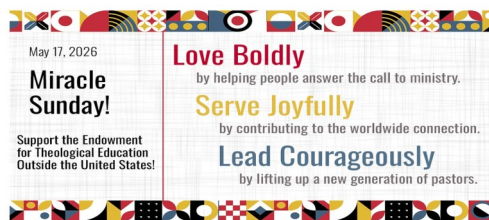
New Hope Supports Miracle Sunday 2026

April 12 – May 17, 2026

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

Beginning the Sunday after Easter members of the New Hope Episcopal Area (the New England and York Annual Conferences) are joining 30,000 United Methodist congregations around the world in a six-week journey of prayer, Scripture, and reflection, called the [Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously initiative](#)

On Miracle Sunday, congregations everywhere will receive a special one-time offering to endow theological scholarships for clergy candidates in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. The goal is 500 scholarships endowed in perpetuity. That is a large and faithful ask, which is precisely why it needs a miracle and why it begins six weeks early with prayer.



MUMC will soon be part of a cooperative Parish. This event will help you learn more about what that means. Register at [Cooperative Parish Workshop: Building! Supporting! ing!](#)



Wesley United Methodist Church 79 Clinton St., Concord, NH, April 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. Gather, worship starts at 9a.m–3 p.m.

Registration \$10 per person Register by April 15, 2026

Cooperative Parish Workshop Building! Supporting! Growing! Keynote Speaker Rick Hanse, Greater Meriden Cooperative Parish Coordinator (NYAC)

Lunch will be provided

Granite District Resource Day Agenda

8:30 A.M.	Gathering
9:00 A. M.	Worship & Intros
9:30 A.M.	1st Session
10:30 A.M.	2nd Session
11:30 A.M.	3rd Session
12:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 P. M.	4th Session
2:00 P.M.	Closing with Communion

Note: Each session will have worktime built in.

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

Christian Education Committee Sue Rudolf interim Chair
Oversees creation and implementation of Sunday School for children.

.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: Jim Lawler
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: Sue Rudolf Interim Chair
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.*



Live streaming 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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 1 Lamp-lighters	2 8:45 Coffee, Donut Express on Elm St 5:30 Choir 7 Bells	3 Good Friday Cantata UCC	4
5 He is Risen! 6:30 Sunrise service MUMC 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:40 Sunday School, Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service	6 1p Bible Study 6 SPRC / TT Virtual	7 1p. Bible Study 4 Worship 7 Praise Band	8 1 Lamp-lighters	9 8:45 Coffee, Donut Express on Elm St 5:30 Choir 7 Bells	10	11
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Sunday Worship Times:

8:30a. Spirit Celebration, 10:30a. Traditional Service, 9:40a Adult Sunday School.>Children's Sunday School first Sunday of the month 9:40 a. 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.