



The Outreach

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Pastor's Corner

Dear MUMC Family,

May is a month of movement. The days are longer, flowers share their colors, and we begin to feel the pull of summer's rhythms. Yet for us as United Methodists, May also invites us to pause and remember a moment that helped shape who we are as a people of faith: Aldersgate Day.

On May 24, 1738, a discouraged Anglican priest named John Wesley attended a small gathering on Aldersgate Street in London. There, as someone read from Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans, Wesley experienced something he could scarcely describe. In his journal, he wrote, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation..."

That simple phrase, strangely warmed, has echoed through the centuries. It was not the beginning of Wesley's ministry, nor the end of his struggles, but it was a turning point. It was the moment when faith moved from his head into his heart in a deeply personal way. It was grace made real.

As his decedents, we hold tightly to this truth: faith is more than knowledge, more than duty, more than habit. Faith is a living relationship with Jesus Christ. It is grace that meets us where we are and transforms us from the inside out.

Wesley did not keep that experience to himself. In the years that followed, he rode thousands of miles, preached in fields and churches, and organized communities of believers who would encourage one another in holiness of heart and life. He believed that grace is not only something we receive, it is something we live.

That same call is before us today.

In a world often marked by anxiety, division, and uncertainty, Aldersgate Day reminds us that transformation is still possible. Hearts can still be warmed. Lives can still be changed. The Holy Spirit is still at work among us, stirring faith, awakening hope, and calling us to love.

But Aldersgate also invites us to ask some honest questions:

- When have I experienced God's grace in a way that felt real and per-

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sonal?

- Where might my heart need to be warmed again?
- How is God calling me not just to believe, but to live differently?

Perhaps for some of us, faith has become routine. It is something we do rather than something we feel. Perhaps we are weary, or distracted, or unsure. The good news of Aldersgate is that God meets us even there. Wesley did not arrive at Aldersgate full of confidence. He arrived uncertain and searching. Yet, that is precisely where grace found him.

As we move through May, I invite you to make space for that same grace. Spend time in prayer, not just speaking but listening. Open Scripture with expectation, trusting that God still speaks. Gather with others in worship and fellowship, where faith is strengthened in community. Be open for opportunities to serve, because often our hearts are warmed most deeply when we share Christ's love with others.

In the Wesleyan tradition, we speak of the "means of grace," those practices through which God shapes us: prayer, Scripture, Holy Communion, acts of mercy, and Christian conferencing. These are not obligations to check off a list; they are pathways through which the Holy Spirit works to renew our hearts.

Aldersgate is not just something that happened in 1738. It is an invitation that continues today.

May this month be a time when we open ourselves again to God's transforming presence. May we be remind-

ed that faith is not merely something we profess, but something we experience. May our hearts, perhaps in quiet, unexpected ways, be strangely warmed once more.

Under the mercy,
Pastor Matt
Email pastor@milfordumc.org

Activate Update as of April 2026

I want to give you an update on what the Activate Team has done over the last few months. We have decided on a project and will be rolling it out in late July. We have a great deal of ground work to do between now and then and will be seeking help from the congregation to meet the needs of the project.

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your prayerful support for our team. It has been a journey guided by your prayers and feedback as we asked some of you for opinions on what we would like to do as a congregation to engage with our larger community. The online meetings with Dave Abbott and the two other churches have been invaluable for helping us focus on a project and devising a way to get started.

So, without further ado, the Activate Team has decided to reestablish our Benevolent Action Team (BAT). We have selected to rebuild a church member's front deck at her mobile home here in Milford. We will be reaching out to other members of her community to see if there are other small projects we can do around her home or in the vicinity. We plan to work the last week of July starting on Saturday July 25th and working until what needs to be done is complet-

ed.

We will be demolishing the old deck and building a new one in its place. I know there is some yard work and other small projects that could be tackled while we are there as well. We hope to have other things to do in the neighborhood as well. We will be looking for workers, food prep and delivery to the job site(s), financial contributors, and your support through prayers.

We will be submitting a grant to the United Methodist Foundation in the coming weeks to get us some seed money, but we would like to get a sense of your willingness to help out with this project, BAT 2.0 (we need a new name too, suggestions welcomed!). Please let one of the members know your thoughts on what we would like to do.

If you know of someone who could use some extra help with a project, painting, yard work, junk removal, let us know and they can be added to the project list for that week, or sooner need be. Also, if you know of any business partners we could contact that may be interested in helping us out that would be welcomed as well.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to making this a sustainable project moving forward.

Sincerely,

Steve Rafter
Callie McMahan
Jim Lawler
Steve Kimner



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



**In May
SHARE Is Collecting.**

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap,
Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers,
Wipes



Food
Pantry
Needs

SHARE
Collection

**New Fellowship Hour Hosts
for May
"General Congregation"**

A big "thank you" to our April hosts
from SPRC

May's hosts are the from the general
congregation: Marley Gale, Cynthia Geiger,
Elaine Driscoll, Lynda
Gianopoulos, and Callie
McMahon



Thank you for making
everyone feel welcomed!

Spring Yard Sale

From Janet Hromjak /Callie McMahon

Many thanks to Chris Costantino, Tom Knapp and Pat Rafter who got all the pallets and canopies set up mid April. We took photos so we can repeat this process again in the fall. It took just a couple of hours with the 5 of us helping.

The first Yard Sale Drop off is Saturday May 2, 9-11 a.m. If you signed up to help, thank you and we will see you then. Tose of you who are more mobile will be asked to help move items from the cars dropping off to the pricing table and then to the pallets. We are hopeful that there will be youth to assist with this as well. Same drill for the 9th, our second drop off day,

Yard Sale will be May 30, 8a.m. –1 p.m. We will schedule extra pricing days as needed based on the progress we make at the drop off days.

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.



From the Choir Director

From Jenn Erdody

Would you like to sing with us? Now that we have longer sunny days, it's easier to get to choir!

We rehearse on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 and would love to have you join us! We'll be singing weekly through the end of June.

Come sing with us!



Grateful for All Who Gave

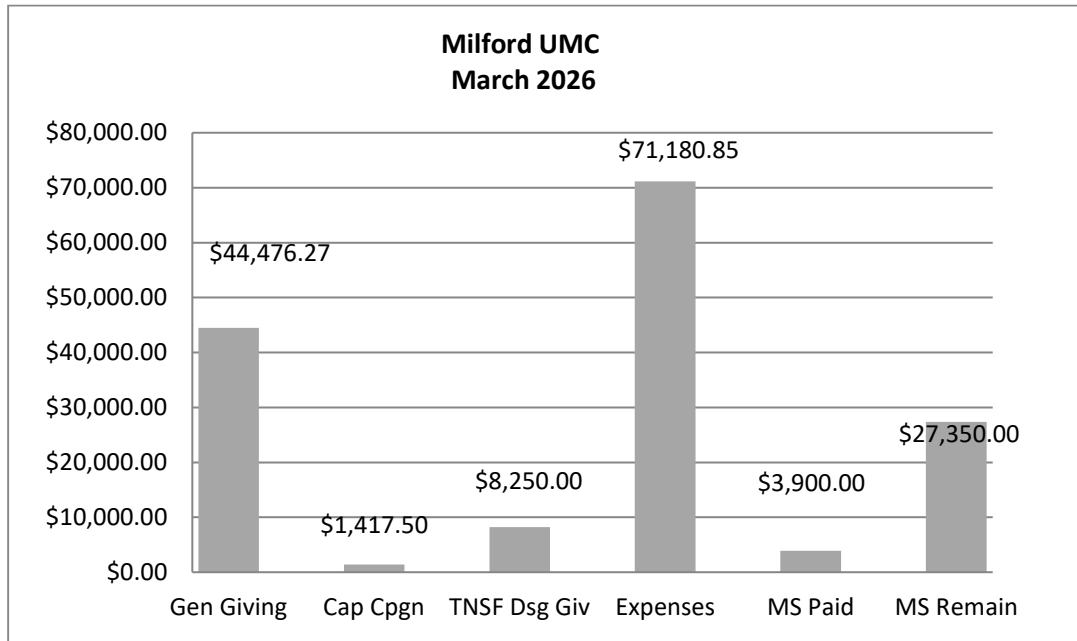
We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Financial Reports

From Deb Santinelli, for the Finance Committee



YTD Financials

General Giving	\$ 44,476.27
Cap Campaign	\$ 1,417.50
DSF Dsg Giv *	\$ 8,250.00
Expenses	\$ 71,180.85
Mission Shares Paid	\$ 3,900.00
Mission Shares Remain	\$ 27,350.00

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

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.

Register for all events using <https://neumc.reg.brtapp.com/BishopRegionalMeetings2026>

The next event is :

10 am to noon Saturday, May 16, 2026

Lunch following

Lebanon UMC, 18 School St. Lebanon, NH

Immigration Solidarity Vigil at the UMC Nashua Main Street every second Saturday with GSOP. 12P.M.-1P.M., May 9 is the next gathering.



MUMC Children's News **Sunday School**

Crafts, music, & fun!

June 7th
9:40-10:20 AM
(Last session of this school year.)



The children will review what they have learned since February.

Mark 10: 13-15, "Jesus loves the little Children"

John 18: 12 "Jesus is the Light of the World"

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 

Gall Westergren Scholarship Fund

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 7AM-12

Milford Masonic Temple

30 Mont Vernon Rd., Milford

\$9.00 per person

All you can eat pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, milk, coffee, tea and juice

There will be a free vocal show performed by Milford High School solo vocalists on Monday, May 18th, at 6:00, here at MUMC. A variety of pop and Broadway tunes will be performed. All are invited!

Share Supper

May 19, 2026

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



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.



2026

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Birthdays:

- May 13:** Gavin Lawton
- May 16:** Dave Haag
- May 17:** Sarah Theriault
- May 18:** Violet Holland
- May 19:** Emmie Herlihy
- May 21:** Cora Herlihy
Jenny Lawton
Jerry Theriault
- May 28:** Ray Guzman
- May 30:** Janet Hromjak
- May 31:** Nancy Tong

Anniversaries:

- May 3:** Jim & Diane Miller
- May 4:** Pat & Steve Rafter
- May 13:** Matt & Amy Wissell
- May 22:** Carol & Cecil Rowlette

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!



This Month's Lectionary

May 3: Proverbs 4:10-18, Psalm 119:9-20, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 10: Ezekiel 34:1-7, Psalm 115:1-11, 18b, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 17: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 21:1-7, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

May 24: Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

May 31: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20



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 Callie McMahon

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” —Matthew 10:16, ESV.

As followers of Christ, we are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to care for the children, youth, and vulnerable people in our communities. The words of Jesus remind us that discipleship requires innocence and wisdom, compassion, and caution, especially concerning the safety of the most vulnerable among us.

Church leaders recently received deeply troubling information: individuals with harmful intentions have taken images of children from publicly broadcast worship services—especially from video feeds showing children gathered for children’s moments—and have manipulated those images for abusive purposes. This reality is heartbreaking. After all the work we have done to make our churches safe, it is devastating to learn that the images of children worshiping God have been misused.

In cases where such activity was reported, all required notifications, reporting procedures, and legal steps were followed. But the warning is clear: **digital spaces create new avenues of risk that the church must address with seriousness and urgency.**

For decades, the United Methodist Church has committed itself to the work of Safer Sanctuaries—training, screening, policies, and practices that prevent abuse and protect children in our physical spaces. Now, we must apply that same care and vigilance to our *digital* ministries.

While sharing worship experiences online helps us reach new people and connect with homebound members, it also exposes children’s faces, voices, names, and physical locations to the wider world.

Unlike in-person ministry, where we can see who is present, **a livestreamed image is accessible to anyone—known or unknown, safe, or harmful.**

Children cannot consent to this exposure, and predators exploit these vulnerabilities.

Safer Sanctuaries emphasizes that abuse prevention involves recognizing risk, applying common-sense safeguards, and protecting the identity and dignity of children and the most vulnerable. The digital environment requires us to extend these long-standing practices into a new arena.

To safeguard children effectively, churches are strongly encouraged to implement protective practices immediately:

Your MUMC Safer Sanctuary team will be creating these best practices as part of their ongoing creation of MUMC’s Safer Sanctuary documents.

We are dedicated to making our beloved MUMC a safe and nurturing place for all.

Adapted from “.Protecting Our Children in Digital Spaces: A Safer Sanctuaries Call to Vigilance” by Kevin Johnson



Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.

Handbells

From Heidi Rocha

Your faithful handbell choir has been enjoying ringing more challenging music this year. They have done a wonderful job and are so dedicated and fun to work with. We attended a "Massachusetts Spring Ring" in Tewksbury, MA, in April, ringing with 214 ringers from 26 different bell choirs. It was REALLY FUN. We are hoping to attend more of these in the future. It was a wonderful experience for all of us.

We are looking to start a handbell small group/ensemble in the near future. Some of our ringers are wanting to stretch themselves just a little further and hopefully bring handbell music to the worship service more often.

A huge shout out to the wonderful friends who have been our ringing subs when we are down our regular ringers. Laura Mock, Doug Dixon, Pam Sturdevant, Becky Boisvert and Susan Lewis. As some may not know, if all the handbell positions are not filled it's difficult to have a productive rehearsal. As always, if you are interested in ringing with us, please contact Heidi. She would love to hear from you. Peace in your midst.

We are collecting sneakers 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 getsneakers?.



Mission Team News

From Diane Miller

Reminding you that 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.

The bread donations for SHARE on communion Sundays, continue to go well. We are also still collecting 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. Rotary is a big supporter of SHARE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS !

submitted by Sue Rudolf, CE chair

June 7th will our last Sunday School session for this school year! 9:40 - 10:20.

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!

June 22 - 26

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Volunteers needed! More information to come!

It's gonna be a blast!

And the following is available all year long:

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 are age-appropriate toys, games, activities and supervision.

Our special **Children's Worship Rug** is in the sanctuary and our **"KID'S STOP"** pole is in the narthex. 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 the first service of the month which is Communion Sunday.

Your Christian Education Team continues to be excited about our children's ministry and looks forward to our re-start in

September. We will explore what God has in store for us as we continue to love and care for the children at MUMC and within the community.

Have a wonderful summer!



MUMC Children's News
Sunday School
Crafts, music, & fun!

May 3rd
9:40-10:20 AM
(repeated May 10th)

The children will learn about how Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection.
John 21: 1-6

The poster features a green and yellow background with a white cross and musical notes. There are also illustrations of blue fish swimming in the water.



Noise Offering for Wanakee

May 10, 2026



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

Scents can make some people sick.

*Report from the Transition
Team
From Sue Rudolf*

LAST Report from the Transition Team submitted by Sue Rudolf, TT/SPRC chair

We made it! When Matt became our new the pastor in July of 2025, the Conference commissioned all churches with new pastors to form Transition Teams and provided instructions and guidance to help make the transition as smooth as possible.

I want to thank our SPRC, Heidi Rocha, Jim Lawler, Steve Rafter and Steve Kimner for their dedication this year to work together to follow the Conference guidelines for the transition.

We've completed all but one recommendation and that one, the revival of small groups, is a work in progress.

The Meet and Greet Fellowship Group program was a success with many members of our congregation participating. Being able to spend time with Pastor Matt and Amy in a casual setting and ask questions was enjoyed by all. Thanks to you both, Pastor Matt and Amy, for taking time to meet with us.

We feel the Transition process was a success and we are hopeful we won't need another Transition Team for a very long time!



Save the Date

VBS 6/22-26, 5-8pm

Stories, songs, crafts, games, science, snacks, and more!

JOIN US!

What: Vacation Bible School
Where: Milford United Methodist Church
When: June 22 to 26, 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Volunteers Needed

Planning Snacks Donations

Game Leader Arts Leader

Music Leaders Bible Story

Decorating, Group Aid, Clean Up

Learn about God's Love for Us!

*You can help make this VBS
fun!*

**Contact Jen McInnis
Jennifer.dwc@gmail.com or
603-321-8275**

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.

May 17, 2026

Miracle Sunday!

Support the Endowment for Theological Education Outside the United States!

Love Boldly
by helping people answer the call to ministry.

Serve Joyfully
by contributing to the worldwide connection.

Lead Courageously
by lifting up a new generation of pastors.

Racial Justice From Janet Hromjak for Voice



I've been participating in the UMC Religion & Race webinar series "Racial Justice – a Mandate to Our Discipleship" which is a 4-part event inviting attendees to explore racial justice in the UMC – its origins, meanings and significance for dismantling racism, white supremacy and colonial legacies in the life of the Church. The first session (Actively Engaging Racial Justice in Local Congregations) touched on things like: what stores are we putting in front of our children, how racial justice is not just a branding exercise but a conversation about the soul of a congregation and what are we willing to rearrange (our schedules, calendars, budgets), to assist with social justice initiatives. The second session (Racial Justice & Its Implications for Today) discussed how God is not colorblind but rejoices in diversity of every form, how Jesus brought people together across social & economic divides, how he calls for us to fight injustice and to follow him into the fight for social justice and to build a beloved community. I look forward to the next 2 sessions: 10-11:30am on 5/5 (Racial Justice & Our Methodist Heritage) and 6/2 (Understanding Racial Inequity, White Privilege, White Supremacy & Colonialism). Here's the link: [Register Now](#).

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

From Steve Kimner

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to let you know that we will be holding a Spiritual Gifts workshop on Sunday May 17th and again on Sunday May 31st. Both sessions will be after the 2nd service.

You may be asking yourself, "what are spiritual gifts?" I am glad you asked. Here is a short description I found on the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries website:

Spiritual gifts are just that – gifts, given to Christian believers for the building up of the whole body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 (NRSV) says, "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Spiritual gifts are not talents or skills. "These fruits and gifts are not of our own achievement. They and others are the outgrowth of the Spirit's work in us, by grace, through our faith in Jesus the Christ. And they are not given for personal gain. Through these fruits and gifts, the Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry in the world" (United Methodist Member's Handbook, Revised by George Koehler [Discipleship Resources, 2006], 84-85).

We all possess talent and skill, but spiritual gifts are something more, something God has given us that we may not yet fully realize. If you would like to learn more, Come to one of the sessions.

You will have the opportunity to either take an online version of the assessment or do a paper and pencil version. There are 80 questions that address various areas of spiritual gifts. I have put a list of those gifts below.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Kimner, MUMC Lay Leader, sakmnr91@gmail.com, 603-930-0909

Key Aspects & Characteristics of Spiritual Gifts

Purpose: To match deep passions with the world's needs, build community, and serve God.

Definition: They are grace-based power for serving, not merely innate talents.

Universality: Every child of God is endowed with unique gifts; no one is without purpose. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

Common Spiritual Gifts Examples

Servanthood/Service: Acts of service or ministry that meet the needs of others, often putting others before oneself.

Shepherding: Mentoring and providing spiritual guidance to nurture others' discipleship.

Teaching: Transforming information into life-changing knowledge.

Wisdom: Applying deeper knowledge to everyday situations.

Hospitality: Making visitors and newcomers feel comfortable and integrated into the church family.

Administration/Leadership: Organizing and directing the church community toward shared goals.

Exhortation/Encouragement: Motivating others toward active service. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

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

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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
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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.