



# The Outreach

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### FROM THE MUMC PARKING LOT



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**WRIGHTSVILLE, PA  
JUNE 22-29, 2025**

## More Pics from a Busy June



Sybil Whitley's  
Turtle



The Campfire  
Turtle



More Good Bye Campfire



Pics from the NE Annual Conference



## Volunteer Wanted: Join Our Media Ministry Team!

As we continue to grow and enhance our Sunday services, our Media Ministry team is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join us in creating a seamless and impactful worship experience. The responsibilities of preparing and presenting our services are becoming more significant, and we need your help to continue delivering high-quality presentations and broadcasts.

### Why Volunteer?

Volunteering with the Media Ministry is a wonderful opportunity to serve our church community in a meaningful way. It's not only a chance to share your skills and talents but also to learn new ones, meet new people, and become an integral part of our worship services.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

We have several key areas where your assistance would be invaluable:

1. **Livestream Operation:** Run the livestream during the service. This includes managing the cameras and audio to ensure a high-quality viewing experience for those joining us online.
2. **Media Shout Operations:** Operate the Media Shout software during the service to display slides and videos. This role is crucial for the flow of the service, and we'll provide full training.

**Sunday Service Slide Preparation:** Help us set up slides for songs, announcements, and sermon notes using Media Shout. This task involves organizing content and ensuring everything is ready for the service.

### No Experience Necessary!

We offer comprehensive training for all roles, and our team is always here to support you. If you are comfortable with technology, possess a willingness to learn and an interest in contributing to this essential ministry, we need you!

### How to Get Involved:

If you feel called to join our Media Ministry team or if you have any questions, please provide your contact information and your area of interest to Lisa Payne, Rudy Rumohr, or Jason St. Jean, There is a sign up list in the narthex.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Together, we can deliver worship services that inspire others (as well as ourselves) to find the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ.

# Our MUMC Family Out in the World

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



Cindi Geiger reads her poem to the Whitley's as we said a sad goodbye 6/15



Jimi, Kim, Lily and Jamie Eves at Jamie's graduation from pre-school



Sarah, Chris, Quinten, Aubrey, and Lincoln Biron at the beach.



Chris and Jenn Erdody wearing yukata at the ryokan, a Japanese hotel.



Children's church made "kissing hands" and a "hello, goodbye, til we meet again" space to help feel the emotions of the changes we face in saying goodbye to Pastor John and his family, and hello to Pastor Matt and his wife Amy. L-r in the kissing hands pic: Devin Holland, Jonah Farnsworth, Eliot Caldera, LeeAnne, Faith Tejada, & Tessa Farnsworth.



Good bye Campfire



Commissioning Youth



Good Bye Sunday



Janet Hromjak at the NPR booth at Manchester Pride Event



Jess, John, Jonah, & Tessa Farnsworth at the drive-in.

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

**In July**  
**SHARE Is Collecting.**  
 . Canned Ham, Canned Meats/tuna/chicken, Mac and Cheese, Pasta (all sorts), Progresso and Chunky Soups

Food Pantry Needs  
 SHARE Collection

## Finding Freedom

What does freedom look like to you? In *GraceLaced*, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I'm determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in



### 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 number.

## **Fire transforming us for the good**

For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us. (The full poem is here: [unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire](http://unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire))

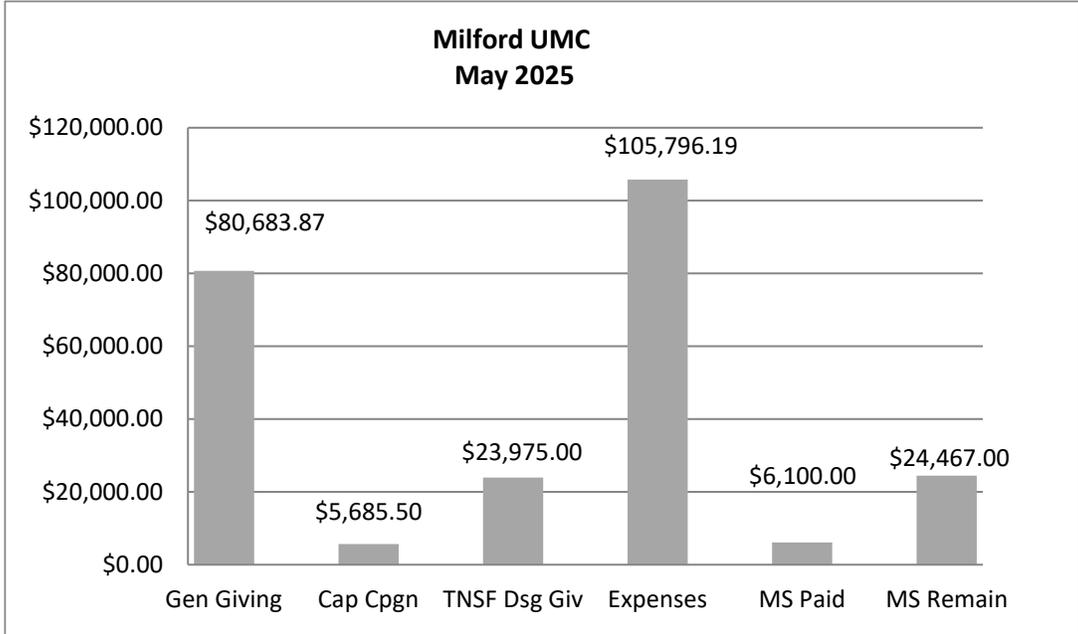
God, your presence is like a consuming fire —  
not destructive, but transformative,  
not the fire of anger but the flame of love,  
the fire of glassblowers and bakers  
the grace to make us more beautiful,  
strong and useful.  
Your glory is no tame campfire  
where we sit and make s'mores.  
It burns out of our control.  
The furnace of your love  
roars about our hearts, remaking us  
Teach us to be unafraid. ...

When you bask in firelight glow —  
and maybe eat some s'mores! — ponder how  
God is transform-  
ing you  
with love,  
and for the  
sake of  
love.



# 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.

General Giving	\$80,683.87
Cap Campaign	\$ 5,685.00
TSF Dsg Giv *	\$23,975.00
Expenses	\$105,796.19
Mission Shares Paid	\$6,100.00
Mission Shares Remain	\$24,467.00

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



Milford UMC  
General Fund  
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The miracle of giving is that giving makes miracles.  
—Bishop Robert E. Goodrich

MUMC giving QR Code

## Family Life

with LeeAnne

### Family Spotlight Events Mark your calendars!

**Campfire Goodbye Campfire Hello**  
Campfires are such a good way to be together!

**June 11 Family Ministry said goodbye to Pastor John and Sybil.**

**July 11 we get to welcome Pastor Matt Wissell and his wife Amy 'round the campfire. There will be hot dogs and s'mores, fruit and chips. Please let me know you are coming so we are prepared for you!**

**Vacation Bible School VBS 2025 Road Trip!**

**Friday July 11 6-8, Saturday July 12 9-3 and Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> Worship is our VBS Family weekend!**

**Did you mark your calendar? Do please invite a friend!!!**

Friends,

Did you hear about our cool campfire goodbye for Pastor John complete with free-range children as he calls them? Tallulah and the children ran and played, and frolicking happened, right here at MUMC. We played games, Pastor Ben Daggett came with his guitar, and we sang some songs, roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. We made s'mores and some wore tie-dye! We had newcomers and grandparents! Everyone's got a place in family ministry. Even the turtle! We've been praying for God to show up in tangible ways in Children's Church and God is faithful. Let me tell you about it!

I had arrived early to drop off supplies by the fire before people arrived and as I drove towards the parking lot, Pastor John and Sybil waved me over to protect a turtle in my path. A turtle is something new!

We had such fun gathering, singing, roasting, and playing games! After a while, we took a quick potty-break back at the

church.

There in our path was a turtle. She was digging a hole in the dry sandy earth near the gate. Cool! We watched her for a little while and returned to the campfire fun. Eventually it was time for goodbyes. We soaked the fire for safety and walked out together towards our cars.

There, in the middle of the path was our turtle. She had dug a hole and was filling it with white eggs. I counted at least seven eggs! None of us had ever seen a turtle lay eggs, so we gathered around her and watched. We took a few pictures, careful not to disturb her. Wow! That was outrageously cool!

The next day, I walked into church, past our "Hello Goodbye" space for Pastor John and Pastor Matt. I looked up and saw Sybil's drawing of a turtle with the word HOPE written on it from the first Sunday of Advent. We had done a meditation from the *CHILDREN'S EDITION All Creation Waits The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings* by Gayle Boss and Illustrated by Sharon Spitz called Painted Turtle:

At the bottom of the pond  
Painted Turtle has buried herself.  
Beneath the weight of frigid water  
Sealed with a layer of ice  
And a skin of snow  
She has stilled herself, made herself so slow

For six months she will not need to breathe.

If she stayed busy, not still  
The cold would kill her.  
Utterly quiet in her bed of mud  
She will be safe-  
If she waits.

Waiting is her one work  
And it is not easy.  
Sunk in deep stillness, she trusts  
That one day her world will warm again  
That she will breathe again  
And swim free!

*The dark is not an end. It's a door.  
It's the way a new beginning comes.*



### This Month's Lectionary

**July 6:** 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 13:** Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82,  
Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

**July 20:** Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

**July 27:** Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13



### 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



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

#### Birthdays:

- July 2:** Sue Story
- July 6:** Lindsay Lambert
- July 12:** Emmy Tyler-Wall
- July 13:** Paula Muller
- July 15:** Kirk Randlett
- July 21:** Arthur Harkness
- July 22:** Kris Harrington
- July 23:** Ellen Mercer
- July 24:** Neva Harvey-Olson
- July 24:** Aspen Tlapa
- July 25:** Josh Rafter
- July 26:** Holleigh Tlapa

#### Anniversaries

- July 24:** Tim & Jaclyn Herlihy
- July 25:** Tom Knapp & Alexis Eaton
- July 27:** John & Elizabeth Whitley

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



## Mission Team

*From Diane Miller*

Last month we concluded a successful collection for bed nets.

This month we are already thinking about going back to school! On July 13th, we will begin our annual collection of backpacks and school supplies for SHARE.

The list of items requested follows.

SHARE supplies backpacks filled with supplies for hundreds of needy children. Let's see how many backpacks we can fill! Collection of items will end on August 10th. See Pat, Diane or Sue if you have any questions.

Enjoy the summer!

### **SHARE Back to School Program 2025 Most Wanted**

- Back packs
- Binders
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Dividers for binders
- Dry erase markers
- Filler paper - wide ruled and college ruled
- 2-pocket folders -- plastic
- Index cards
- Lunch boxes
- Markers -
- Notebooks - college ruled
- Ticonderoga Pencils #2
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencil pouches

- Pens -blue, black, and red
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Post It Notes
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Sharpies



Family Life  
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God reveals Himself in tangible ways. If we had not created our Hello/Goodbye window with the children's art I might not have noticed God's full-circle gift. Goodbyes feel like an ending because they are. I'm grateful to look through the dark and sadness for the door, a portal to God doing something new. I'm focusing on gratitude for the blessing of what has been and HOPE for the blessings sure to come with Pastor Matt and his wife Amy. We get to grow in God together.



How is God showing up in tangible ways in your life? I'd love to

The Turtle & its eggs

## Choir From Jenn Erdody

The choir will end their season on Sunday July 6th, singing "Affirmation of Faith" to welcome Pastor Matt and Amy to our church!

This summer, we have Special Music lined up beginning July 13th. Our favorite harmonica player, Jim Kostuk, will return, as will Sue Rudolf performing on guitar, and vocalist Emma Lambert. We have four spots open in August; please contact Jenn if you're interested in sharing your musical gift!



## Noise Offering for Wanakee July 13, 2025



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

Scents can make some people sick.

## Welcoming Our New Pastor

Pastor Matt Wissell will be our new Pastor as of July 1.

Pastor Matt and his wife Amy will be joining us for worship starting July 6. Pastor Matt will be serving communion and getting a feel for what and how we do worship.

Sunday July 13, will be a **combined** service starting at **10:30** and we will welcome Pastor Matt and Amy with Cake after service.

## Please Plan to Join Us



**REMEMBER YOUR TO  
WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**



## ***A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth From Voice***

What can the Church do to address racism? Plenty, according to **Kamal Carter** and **Kyle R. Williams** of [A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth](#), a 21-day anti-racism activation experience designed to empower participants with knowledge and skills to combat racism in their daily lives, presented at the New England Annual Conference's (NEAC) 32nd Annual Conference on June 19, or Juneteenth, Freedom Day. The United Methodist Church is committed to eliminating racism, leading racial justice ministries, and collaborating with other anti-racist focused groups. Kyle and Kamal's session, "Anti-Racism Work: Developing the Skills Needed to Advocate on Behalf of the Marginalized," discussed the intersection between race and religious faith to empower individuals to find their voice. According to Williams, The Long Talk's Chief Empowerment Officer, the average person can move the needle by joining a grassroots movement in what calls a "war against ignorance." He notes that it critical to understand that: **Being Anti-Racist is not enough, seek progress over perfection.** Those who profess to just be anti-racist "The best way to prove that you're not a racist, is to be do something." Try and fail to interrupt racism in your midst.

**Anti-racism is an action.** "You can't stand still on a moving bus, if you haven't decided to get off the bus and do something, you're just along for the ride," Carter said.

*What is the Long Talk Community?* Williams shared: "We are family and friends, teammates and co-workers. We are neighbors and strangers, and we are believers in the promise of America."

Here is what they believe:

- Racism is a virus
- Truth is the vaccine
- We want to be "super spreaders" of this truth serum.
- We believe that by sharing in an ongoing, open and honest dialogue we can educate to end hate.

We are looking for allies that want to be energized and empowered to be a voice and force in challenging racism in all forms.

On a 15-year mission to neutralize the impact of racism and begin to dismantle systemic oppression in America.

Williams speaks of his desire to "put one anti-racist at every dinner table" to change the culture. Already, *The Long Talk* has worked to create a shift at major universities (University of Pennsylvania, Brigham Young University and others) in their work with student athletes. Carter posed the question: How do we have conversations and not confrontations? Key, Williams says is to "work with people who want to change the world and pray for those who don't."

The first conversation of the third day of the Annual Conference offered the opportunity to build upon the learning of the first day's anti-racism training. Williams opened by sharing a quote from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King: "The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the people of God."

In many instances, silence is not golden — especially when it comes to interrupting racism in our midst. "We can't be the silent good people ... we have to speak up and say something, but most people don't know what to say," Williams explained. "If you don't say something it's not because you're a bad person, most people just don't know what to say." The worst thing anyone can do is nothing. Training can help. But remember, it's impossible to win

## A Long talk cont'd

arguments with ignorance; strive to have conversations over confrontations, Williams said. The goal is to "interrogate ignorance" and ask questions until the bottom falls out of their ignorance. You have to go from furious to curious because curiosity furthers the conversation.

Here's how it all works using what Williams calls the "CPR Protocol" an approach that offers a framework for engagement by encouraging deep and probing questions." Here's how it works:

1. **Ask the clarifying question: "Excuse me, but what do you mean when you say..."** The clarifying question allows the normalcy of getting into arguments when you disagree with what's being said; get them to explain and own their statement.

2. **Ask the probing question: "How do you think it makes ----- feel when you say that?"** Ask and wait for the answer, it allows for choice and details that forces ownership of statements and beliefs.

**Ask the redirecting question: What do you think would happen if you supported ----vs. opposed on this?** The goal is not to change people in a moment, it's to change the space by being an interrupter.

When in doubt, keep asking questions. It's not a rush, let your curiosity reign by being curious and open with questions, Whatever you do, don't start preaching. Interrogate; preaching brings .

Williams recommends Jeffery Robinson's lecture, "*The History of Race in America*" which takes the audience through the United States' history of anti-Black racism from 1619 to present, showing how the legacy of slavery and the myth of white supremacy impacts every aspect of our society. Learn more from The Who We Are Project: <https://www.thewhoweareproject.org/>

### **Fun in the sun**

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?" Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?

A: It's prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?

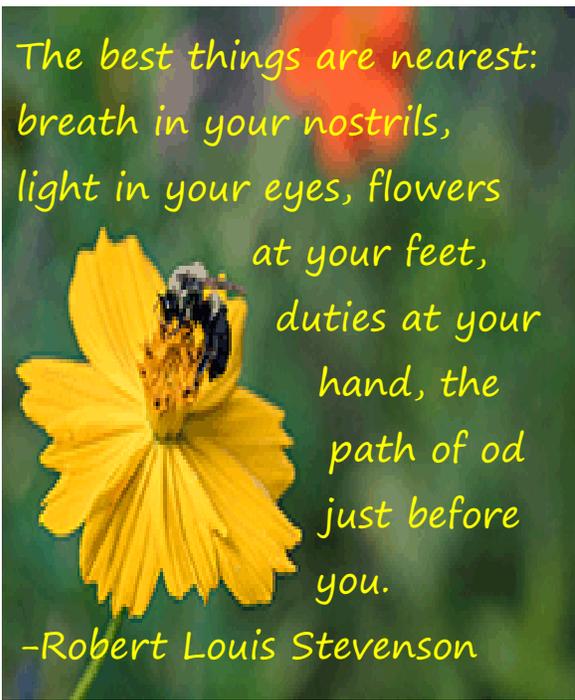
A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?

A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?

A: A baa-baa-cue!



*The best things are nearest:  
breath in your nostrils,  
light in your eyes, flowers  
at your feet,  
duties at your  
hand, the  
path of od  
just before  
you.*

*-Robert Louis Stevenson*

## 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*

**Home Groups: Steve Rafter (Thursday) or Callie McMahon (Friday) *Not meeting*** Expands spiritual experience in a social context, meeting at a host's homes.

**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

**Children's Church: LeeAnne Steenhoek**  
10:40 Sunday morning year round.

**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.*

**MUMC Care Team: Callie McMahon**  
*Provides confidential one-on-one Christian care with trained lay ministers.*

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



2025

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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July 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

# 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.