



The Outreach

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Pastor's Corner

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Dear MUMC Family,

As February unfolds, the church begins to stand at the threshold of Lent. Lent invites us to slow down, look inward, and turn again toward God. Lent does not rush us. Instead, it gently calls us to honesty, repentance, and renewed trust in the grace that meets us exactly where we are.

Lent begins with ashes and a stark reminder of our humanity: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words are not meant to shame us or diminish us. Rather, they ground us in truth. We are finite, fragile, and deeply dependent on God. And it is precisely there, in our weakness and need, that God's mercy finds us.

In a world marked by noise, division, and anxiety, Lent offers a different rhythm. It challenges us to step back from what distracts us and to pay attention to what truly matters. Through prayer, fasting, acts of generosity, and works of justice, we are invited to examine our lives and ask hard but hopeful questions: What is shaping my heart? What needs to be let go? Where is God calling me to deeper faithfulness?

For us as United Methodists, Lent is never only a private spiritual exercise. Following Jesus always draws us outward—to our neighbors, our communities, and a world in need of healing. John Wesley reminded the church that true faith expresses itself in love of God and love of neighbor. As we walk the Lenten road, we do so not to earn God's favor, but to be formed more fully into Christ's likeness for the sake of the world.

This season ultimately leads us to the cross, and beyond it, to resurrection. Lent prepares us to see clearly the cost of love and the depth of grace. It reminds us that God is still at work, even in places of struggle and sorrow, bringing life where we least expect it.

Pastor's Corner Cont'd

As we enter Lent together, my prayer is that this season would be a gift to you: a time of renewal, courage, and deeper communion with God. May we walk this path faithfully, trusting that the One who calls us to repentance also promises new life.

Under the mercy,

Pastor Matt

Email

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Mission Team News From Diane Miller

We are very thankful for the generous giving during the advent season. There were 48 boxes donated to the Samaritan's Purse ministry, and we donated gifts for 2 families to SHARE. Our community helped with the Salvation Army collection of \$9111.47. We had 54 volunteers for 90 hours of service. A special thank you to Tom Knapp who gave 18.5 hours. All in all, a wonderful season of giving.

A member of NHMARF (New Hampshire Mutual Aid Relief Fund) and frequent attendee at MUMC, Eric Bozoian, met with the missions committee in November. He described their mission to give clothing, food and toiletries to the needy in Nashua and Manchester every Sunday. The support that we will give them will not impact our donations to SHARE.

We have decided to take up the

SOUPER Bowl challenge! The Pacific Northwest Conference has issued a challenge to the New England Conference to see who can collect the most food and financial support for our local food bank and meal ministries. We will be collecting food or financial gifts for NHMARF until Super Bowl Sunday. There will be a box in the narthex. The food donations will be weighed and recorded. Let us support this challenge with generosity, unity and faith in action. Pat Rafter will be the contact person for this drive.

We are returning to a ministry that we had several years ago. On communion Sundays, there will be collection baskets to donate bread for SHARE. These can be either commercial baked or homemade. Anything that is homemade must have the ingredients listed on the outside of the wrappings. This will start on March 1st.

May God continue to bless our missions.



**NEW ENGLAND,
IT'S TIME TO TACKLE HUNGER!**

**JOIN THE SOUPER BOWL
FOOD DRIVE!**

Help Us Beat the "Seahawks" in the Fight Against Hunger!

DONATE FOOD | **GIVE FUNDS** | **RALLY YOUR COMMUNITY**

COLLECT FOOD & FUNDS FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS!
BECOME A COLLECTION SITE | INVITE YOUR COMMUNITY | REPORT YOUR DONATIONS

WE NEED YOU!
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS & CHURCHES NEEDED!
LET'S SCORE BIG FOR THOSE IN NEED!

New England Conference
The United Methodist Church

<https://neumc-reg.brapp.com/SuperBowlFood>

Our MUMC Family Out in the World

Here are some of our MUMC Family spreading Joy in January. Did you ?



Amy & Pastor Matt at Clown School! How can we not smile and feel joy?



Bruce Houston leaf blowing snow from his car.



Deb Santinelli at a sunset cruise in Miami.



Grace & Libby St. Jean. Grace made the President's List at Keene St,



A boy and his dog, Lincoln St. Jean & Maya.

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

Youth Mission Team From Tom Knapp

Super Bowl Subs are on sale February 1st in the Narthex between services. The last day to order (text or email Tom or the office) is Tuesday, Feb 3.

First Friday is February 6, Café on the Oval, 6am.

Shrove Tuesday Supper, February 17, 6:00.-7:30 at the church. The team would be happy for donations of cornbread, coleslaw, or baked beans. Contact Tom or the office if you want to donate any of these. This is a fun meal with pancakes for dessert.



**In February
SHARE Is Collecting.**

Canned Ham, Canned Meats/tuna/chicken, Mac and Cheese, Pasta (all sorts), Progresso and Chunky Soups



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

*SHARE
Collection*

The Love God Desires



God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

Communion Sunday

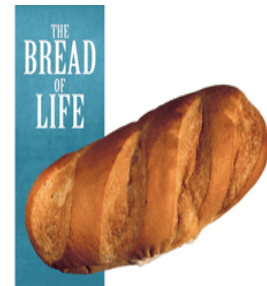
Loaves of Bread Donations

From Pat Rafter

Remember when we used to have a basket out near the altar on Communion Sundays to collect loaves of bread to donate to SHARE? Well it has been some time since we last did this and Mission/ Outreach Team would like to get this going again.

Beginning on March 1, there will be a basket on the altar for this purpose. Please bring your store bought bread on those Sundays. No rolls or sweet bread just regular loaves of sliced bread.

Home made bread can be donated but the ingredients must be clearly written on the packaging. The loaves will be donated to SHARE and/or NHMARF depending on how much is collected. If you have questions please see Pat Rafter.



Blessings

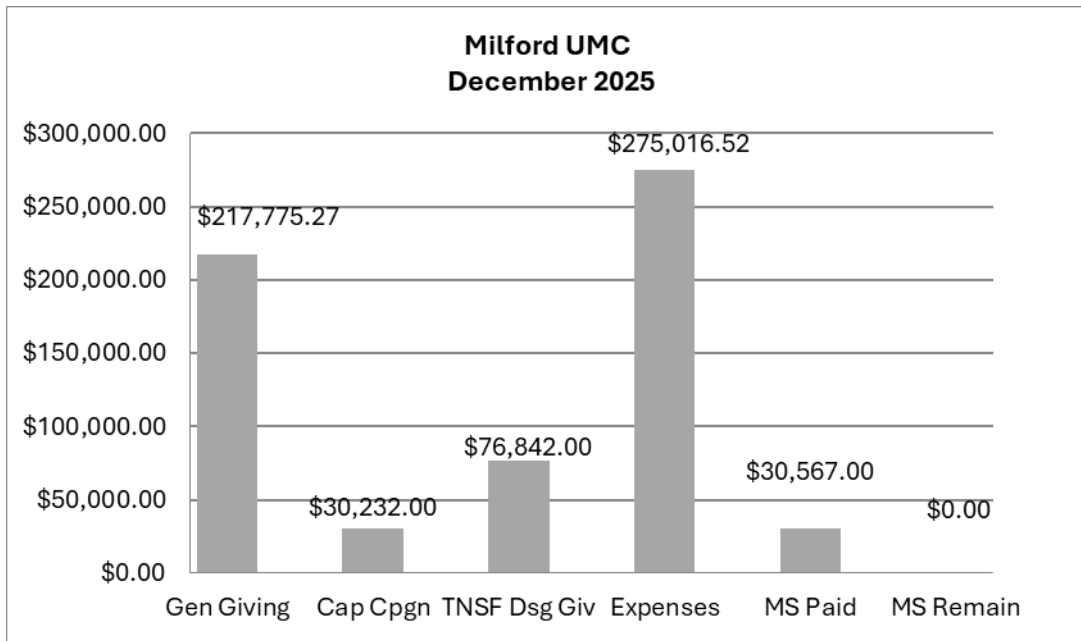
February 14.th

Happy Valentine's Day! It is a sweet reminder that God's love is the very source of all love. May we share it freely — with kind words, grateful hearts and acts of compassion.



Financial Reports

From Deb Santinelli, for the Finance Committee



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

YTD Financials

General Giving	\$ 217,775.27
Cap Campaign	\$ 30,232.00
TSF Dsg Giv *	\$ 76,842.00
Expenses	\$ 275,016.52
Mission Shares Paid	\$ 30,567.00
Mission Shares Remain	\$ 0.00

*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

The Upside Down-Blessing

The Beatitudes are more than poetic lines from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They're a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. The Greek word *makarios* doesn't just mean "happy." It describes a deep, untouchable joy that pain, loss or hardship cannot erase. As scholar William Barclay wrote, it is "the joy which shines through tears."

Jesus flips the world's idea of success upside down. The "blessed" aren't the powerful or prosperous, but the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek and the merciful. Imagine reading them as "Congratulations, you who feel broken, God's kingdom belongs to you!" His words assure us that, even in suffering, we stand in God's favor.

Real blessing isn't about shiny possessions or smooth sailing. It's the steady, saving presence of God — a life preserver tossed to us when we're struggling to stay afloat. And it's not just an individual promise. Jesus spoke these blessings to a community, a we more than a me. Together, as the body of Christ, we find comfort, strength and the courage to live with joy that nothing in life or death can take away.

— Adapted from *HomileticsOnline.com*

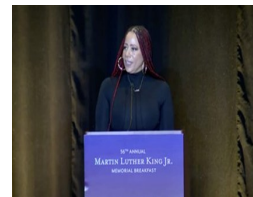


MLK Breakfast 2026 From Janet Hromjak for Voice

I attended the 56th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast in Boston again this year. There were more than 1,400 people present. This is the longest running event in the US honoring Dr. King, once again organized by Union Combined Parish & St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. The theme this year was "The Fierce Urgency of Now: Revolutionary Love, Liberation, and Joy," which spoke to Dr. King's call to confront injustice without delay.

One of the speakers, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, said that we must do better together and we should refuse to be defined by what we oppose. Other speakers included Mass Governor Maura Healey, U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Senator Edward Markey, and Mass Attorney General Andrea Campbell.

The keynote speaker, Nikole Hannah-Jones, is an award winning journalist & creator of The 1619 Project which looks at US history by placing the lasting impact of slavery at the center of the discussion while also highlighting the contributions of Black Americans and the ongoing legacy of racism in the US. She talked about such things as confronting systemic racism, our abandonment of the vulnerable, how history is now repeating itself and how we each need to find the courage to act in spite of fear. That's what made Dr. King so powerful and that is what is required of all of us. She certainly made me think when she asked 'what will history say about you?' Bishop Bickerton offered the benediction, encouraging people to enact Dr. King's vision in the many spheres of their own lives.



Keynote Speaker, Nikole Hannah Jones



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

Birthdays:

- February 4:** Natalie Houston
- February 5:** Joe Guzman
- February 6:** Suzanne Randlett
- February 8:** Mickey Katz
- February 9:** Steve Kimner
- February 22:** Patrick Harvey-Olson
- February 23:** Ivy Rose Harvey-Olson
- February 27:** Nathan Kimner
- February 28:** Juan Guzman

Anniversaries

We have no anniversaries on our calendar. Hope we didn't miss you!

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

February 1: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

February 8: Isaiah 58:1-12,
Psalm 112:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

February 15: Exodus 24:12-18,
Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

February 22: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11



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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Return of Sunday School From Sue Rudolf

Christian Education Committee Report
submitted by Sue Rudolf, interim CE
committee chair

Immediately after the change in our Christian Education staffing, the two remaining members of the Christian Education Committee (CE) were contacted, the situation explained and an assurance was given that CE will continue in some form at MUMC.

A well attended brainstorming session was held which resulted in excellent suggestions, discussions and a framework for our future Sunday School program was created.

After the meeting, Sue talked with our CE committee members and Family Worship Room (FWR) attendant at length presenting the plan and the suggestions that were made. With a few tweaks a plan was agreed upon and was ready to be implemented on February 1, 2026.

It's a good start but will need many more tweaks and the support of the congregation to make it grow.

This what's happening starting in February:

On **Communion Sundays** which are the first Sunday of the month, **Sunday School** for children **ages 6 - 12** will be offered between services - **9:40 - 10:20** - in our Sunday School classroom. We will be using Cokesbury 'Celebrate and Wonder' curriculum. The room will be staffed by a volunteer teacher and Devin, our FWR attendant.

One more thing that will be offered on **Communion Sundays. During second service.** Sue Rudolf will be the volunteer second adult in the FWR with Devin and will be teaching about why we do what we do in church and answering children's questions. This will be done informally while we are playing. Children will start in the sanctuary and head to the FWR, if they choose to go, at a designated time in the service. There is no children's moment on Communion Sundays.

The FWR 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 clipboards with Children's Bulletins, that match the service of the day, and crayons. On the rug, there will be a basket with pencils, erasers, colored pencils and fidget toys.

So, I am hoping you are asking yourselves, **"What do I do to help?"**

Here are a few suggestions:

Volunteer to teach one or more 30 min Sunday School classes- 9:40 - 10:20 - the schedule is a work in progress - no teaching experience needed. If you can read a book to a child, you can help us. Devin or another adult will be with you. Please let Sue, Pastor Matt or Callie know you are interested or have any questions.

Be our **Sunday School Reporter.** Update the Website every week with info

about our Sunday School program. The information will be shared with you.

Pray for our children, our families and this ministry.

We are working at making MUMC the place to be for children on Sunday mornings. It's probably not going to happen overnight, but if we stay faithful, keep our eyes on the future and step up when needed, we, all of us, will make it happen!



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Share Supper

February 17, 2026

Sign ups will be posted in the Narthex

It's a great way to get involved.



MUMC Care team Looking for Care Givers

The MUMC Care team needs volunteers to make phone calls, occasional visits, and other outreach to those who are going through life challenges. Whether it's loneliness, a hospital stay, or another of life's big bumps, we are looking for people who want to be there for their brothers and sisters.

The team meets quarterly. We have a list of folks that need a caring voice, a shoulder to lean on, or just someone to brighten their day through a call or a card, or a visit. Is this YOU?

If you are interested and feel you need to learn more about how to be a care-giver, we can talk about a training session or two to give you confidence.

It's a great way to get involved in a caring ministry. Let Callie know if you are interested. cmcmahon28@comcast.net. or email the office.



Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, Galatians 6:2

Safer Sanctuaries Corner

By Dave Haag

This article will be the first in a series of articles that will review and report on the level of child, youth and vulnerable adult maltreatment and abuse occurring in our communities right here in New Hampshire. We will also review ways that we can work on and support ways to reduce it.

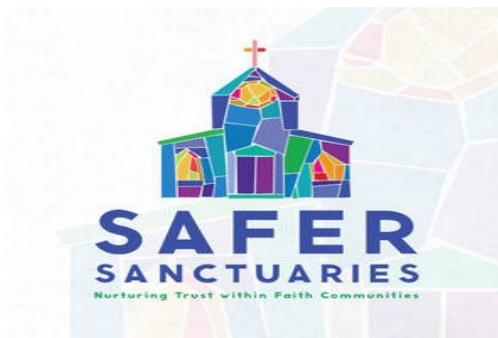
New Hampshire continues to confront the difficult reality of child maltreatment and vulnerable adult abuse, with recent data illustrating both the scope of the problem and the urgent need for sustained prevention efforts.

The most recently reported data, from 2023, shows that the state received 200,393 referrals for child abuse and neglect, a dramatic volume that underscores how frequently families come into contact with protective systems. Of these referrals, 10,318 were screened in for further assessment by Child Protective Services, and 1,276 children were confirmed victims—a rate of 5.1 per 1,000 children, representing a slight increase from previous years. Neglect remains the most common form of maltreatment, accounting for 78.7% of confirmed cases, while physical abuse represents 3.9% and psychological maltreatment 10.8%. Infants under one year old continue to be the most vulnerable, making up 158 of the confirmed victims. While New Hampshire's 5.1 per 1000 children is lower than the national average of 7.7 per 1000 children, the types of abuse and age patterns are very similar.

The picture is similarly concerning for vulnerable adults. According to the New Hampshire Bureau of Adult and Aging Services, adult abuse—defined as physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect, self

—neglect, or exploitation—affects adults across all ages and backgrounds. It is estimated that only one in six cases of adult abuse (in NH and nationally) is ever reported, meaning the true prevalence is far higher than official counts suggest. Abuse can occur in private homes, long term care facilities, or community settings, and often involves individuals who are vulnerable and cannot protect themselves due to age, illness, or disability.

These statistics highlight a persistent and deeply rooted challenge. They also point to the importance of community awareness, early intervention, and robust support systems for both children and adults. As New Hampshire continues to strengthen its protective services and prevention programs, public engagement remains essential in recognizing signs of abuse and ensuring that vulnerable residents receive the safety and dignity they deserve. Our Safer Sanctuaries ministry will be part of that public engagement.



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

Scents can make some people sick.

Report from the Transition

Team

From Sue Rudolf TT/SPRC chair

As we move into the second half of our transition year, the team has chosen to focus on having Fellowship Group meetings to allow the congregation and Pastor Matt to talk and ask questions in order to get to know him better and he us.

We will also be working on reviving our Small Group ministry with the goal of including as many people in our congregation as possible.

Please look for information on both of these programs and think about hosting either a Fellowship Group or a Small Group in your home.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions as we move forward through this time of transition, please feel free to talk with any SPRC or Transition Team member.

IT'S GREAT
TO MEET
YOU!

New Fellowship Hour Hosts for February

A big "thank you" to our January hosts from the Worship Committee. The King cake on January 18th was delicious.



February's hosts will be from the Missions and Outreach committee. Diane Miller, Kris Harrington, Pat & Steve Rafter, Jim & Sue Kostuk,, and Carolan Robinson.

Thank you for making everyone feel welcomed!

SPRC Report From Sue Rudolf

As all of you know by now there was a big change in our staff this past month. The position of Director of Children and Family ministries was defunded which then led to the termination of LeeAnne Steenhoek. We are grateful to LeeAnne for all the time, energy and love she shared as she tried to rebuild our Children and Family Ministries program but it was not to be. Over the three years LeeAnne was with us, there was essentially no growth in the program so it was not good Stewardship to continue paying a Director.

Since then, Sue and Pastor Matt have been working diligently to come up with a plan, in communication with the CE committee and our FWR attendant, to revitalize our CE program. Please see the CE committee report found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Remember to donate your new or used greeting cards to the collection box in the Narthex.



Cards go to the NH Prisons where the fronts are used in their crafting projects.

VOICE

Noise Offering for Wanakee

February 8, 2026



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.

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: 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

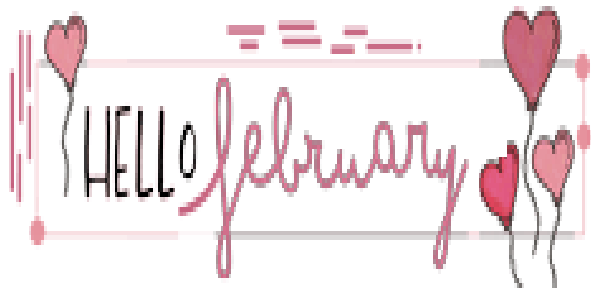
Worship Design: Steve Rafter
Plans music and worship for the contemporary Sunday service.

Vacation Bible School: 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

<p>1 8:30 Spirit Celebration 9:40 Sunday School & Adult Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Service 5p Men's Group</p>	<p>2 1p Bible Study 6 SPRC /TT Virtual</p>	<p>3 1p. Bible Study 4 Worship 4:45 Staff 7 Praise Band</p>	<p>4 9 Whitetops 1 Lamplighters</p>	<p>5 8:45 Coffee, Donut Express on Elm St 5:30 Choir 7 Bells</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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February, 2026

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.