



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends,

Have you ever spent time searching for something, only to discover you had it with you the entire time? That happened to me with my cell phone once. I looked all over the house for it, and finally called it from my husband's phone only to feel it vibrating in my pants pocket! The same thing can happen with our faith sometimes. Maybe we feel that God isn't with us, or that we're searching for God's presence in our lives and we just can't seem to find it. Perhaps we're filled with fear or doubt; overwhelmed by anxiety. We forget the words of Jesus, from the Gospel of John:

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth...I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." (John 14:16-17a, 18a)*

God sends us the Holy Spirit to be a very real presence with us every day. But often we forget that the Spirit of truth is always with us, tucked safely against our side, like a cell phone in our pocket. Through the Holy Spirit we communicate with God and God speaks to us. Maybe God is even trying to call us right now, but we've set the phone to silent.

In chapter 17 of the book of Exodus the Israelites have lost sight of God. They're wandering in the desert and they're thirsty and they're afraid. They've already forgotten God's promise of faithfulness. Chapter 15 recounts the miracle of the parting of the sea and their escape from the armies of Pharaoh. Chapter 16 describes how God provided manna for them in the wilderness. Yet here they are in Chapter 17 complaining once again, *"Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"* In their anguish they've forgotten how God has always been there for them in the past, protecting and providing for them.

Moses is fed up with the Israelites, but God has compassion for them. God commands Moses to strike a rock with his staff and from the desert God brings refreshing water. God hasn't forgotten them in their time of need. Even when we behave like the Israelites, forgetting God in our moments of selfishness or despair, God is steadfast and faithful, never forgetting us.

When we understand that God is faithful in all circumstance, we can begin to grow in our own faithfulness. Faithfulness is being reliable and true to one's promise. God's faithfulness never ends, but what about our own? Are we faithful friends, caring and supporting each other? Are we faithful colleagues, encouraging and lifting each other up? Are we faithful followers, trusting in God and sharing God's love with the world? As we move into this season of thankfulness I pray that we will all have an attitude of gratitude, especially for God's eternal mercy and grace.

Blessings,

*Pastor Jenn*

# WAYS TO WORSHIP

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP



Our Stewardship Series continues as we explore the 5 promises we make when we become a member of the church. We promise to follow in the way of Jesus through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. We invite you to rediscover your promises to God and the Church.

Join us for worship online through Facebook, or in-person Sundays at 10:00 am.

**November 6<sup>th</sup> – All Saints’ Sunday/Holy Communion**  
*“i promise...to give”*

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – “i promise...to serve”**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Sunday/ “i promise...to bear witness”**



**November 27<sup>th</sup>** is the First Sunday of Advent.

Join us as we ring in the Christian New Year and celebrate the season with the ***Hanging of the Greens.***

Our Advent Worship Theme begins with ***“The Redemption of Scrooge”***



**CALENDAR PAGES ON THE WEBSITE:** <http://www.milfordmethodists.org>

Website link provides information on meetings, events, worship, bulletins, and activities.

At the top of the **Calendar page** is a link to all Zoom meetings. No more looking through old emails to find the link, just click and join!

## **NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE**

Current and past **MUMC Newsletters** are available to read on the website. Find them under the heading of News and click the large yellow button for Newsletters.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**



Join us on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 PM

on the front lawn of our Milford United Methodist Church for a *Trans Day of Remembrance Memorial Service*. All are welcomed!

On **Sunday, December 11**, following worship services, we will be dedicating the new addition to the church sign in the front of the building.

Next RMT Meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 PM. Meeting will be held in the Conference Room and online.



# WAYS TO GROW

## CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Please support the Crafty Ladies  
**HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE!**

Last year our bake sale made over \$800! Let's help them reach \$1000! Donate your baked goods to support our fundraising event and come to our sale! So many tasty things...yum!



Every time you shop, use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and the donation will automatically be sent to the church. Thanks for your support!

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