

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every **Sunday at 9:30 AM**

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 11:30 AM** following worship service

LOOKING AHEAD:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 PM.** Online

CHURCH COUNCIL: **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM.** Online

JOIN US DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME SUNDAYS through February 12 for a brief video by Rev. Adam Hamilton explaining why he's **ProudToBeUMC**. Grab coffee and refreshments as we explore the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 30, 4-6pm: Auditions open to Middle School and High School students for "Godspell" (to perform this spring). Contact Pastor Jenn for more information at: jennlovallo@gmail.com

Friday, February 3, 6-8pm: Pizza and Game Night in the Community Room at the church. Join the Vision Team and connect with others as we share food and fellowship

Volunteer at the Ecumenical Food Pantry: **Friday, February 10, 6:15-8:00pm**



WE WELCOME ALL!

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link: www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC. The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: www.milfordmethodists.org. It is located under the Worship Heading on the site. If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 22, 2023 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany | 10:00 AM

Theme: Beatitudes

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you; let all together sing praise to the glory of God.

Blessed be the God who brings us together, whose amazing wonders fill the universe.

Listen, people of God, for a message of hope. Look around for opportunities to share good news.

The God of hope fills us with joy and peace. The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve in humble trust.

***PRAYER OF CENTERING**

Defender of the poor and needy, meet us here in our own poverty and need. Prepare your way within us and among us. We want to lay aside all pretense and selfish ambition that cut us off from you and the people around us. Grant us here a vision of your realm in which harmony prevails and peace abounds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH 568

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Micah 6:6-8 OT pg. 866
 Matthew 5: 1-2, 6 NT pg. 4

SERMON “Stand up for the Impassioned”

ANTHEM “Praise God! Sing All Ye Heavens” By W. A. Mozart

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***OFFERING & DOXOLOGY**
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

***CLOSING HYMN** “Bring Forth the Kingdom” TFWS 2190

***SENDING FORTH**

GREETERS | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Tammy Moglia
FELLOWSHIP | Robert Bloom

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations:

OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn



PRAYER LIST: Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Nancy McCallum, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, California Residents, Tornado Victims, Joyce Van Nest and Family, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Safety of Police Officers, Ruth Townsend, Bill Kanen, the family of Bill Davis, Jr., Marilyn Schultz, Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, The Family of Ros Williams, The Family of Nancy Farr, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, the Family of Robbie Schneider, the Family of Cesar Lecha, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa,



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When is a Church more than a Church?

The United Methodist Church of Milford is not just for Sunday services, it also supports and hosts a variety of community outreach activities: Like the little food pantry in front of the church or the little free libraries, the food pantry is available at any time to provide shelf-stable easy to prepare foods to anyone who needs it.

Weekly, groups and organizations use the church building to provide a safe space for AA and Al-anon meetings. Pike County Children and Youth Services supervise parent visits, training, and events that support foster families. Family Promise of Monroe and Pike County are able to meet privately with clients. In cooperation with Pike County Children and Youth Services, parishioners collect and organize items for children being transferred to foster care.

The church holds an annual Souper Bowl event that collects and donates hundreds of cans of soup to local pantries. A community of volunteers provide food and financial support to The Ecumenical Food Pantry. The Food Pantry usage is up 50% since the fall of 2021 and volunteers/donations are always needed.

The Church provides rehearsal space for The Delaware Valley Choral Society and the Tri-state choral Society. The Delaware Valley Choral Society does performances at the Church. New members are always welcome.

Crafty Ladies, a church and community group gather weekly to share fellowship while working on crafts. Book and Bible Study Groups are also hosted as well as Outreach, Sunday School and Youth Groups. The church is a Reconciling Ministries Congregation and hosts a Transgender Remembrance Service.

Future plans include programs about effective communication, small coffee-house style gatherings, safe gathering space for LGBTQ+ and transgender youth, and more! Need a safe place to gather, contact the church office at (570) 296-6124 for information.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12. Throughout the month of January, the Outreach Team invites you to bring your cans of soup to the sanctuary on Sundays. Or, you can deliver them to the church office (M-Th 9-12). Your gifts will support both the Ecumenical Food Pantry as well as our own Little Food Pantry. **In 2022, we collected 871 cans and over \$125 in cash and gift cards.** Questions? Contact Jack Donson, Chair. As of today, we have 166 cans of soup, keep up the good work.

TEAM CODY 96 total

TEAM HENRY 70 total



Here are some pictures of furry parishioners. Send in a picture of your pet and we can put it here. Here are the pictures we have so far:

