



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

GATHERING SONG “Sanctuary” (4x) TFWS 2164++

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who stand in awe before God. Happy are all who walk in God’s ways.

The love of God chooses and unites us. God’s grace makes strong our hearts.

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord. Let us praise God as long as we live.

We bring all that we are to this time of worship. Praise God for the joy inspired by the Holy Spirit.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN ***BOLD Italic***

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

*OPENING HYMN “This is the Day” UMH 657

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Eternal God, your love for us is boundless and your mercy extends to all your children. Teach us to love you with our whole being, that we may live confidently, growing in our relationship with you and with one another. May our lives embody your love so perfectly that the whole world shares in the experience of your amazing grace. May the great commandments of Christ, summing up all the law and the prophets, motivate and empower us all to be the church you have dreamed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22: 34-40 NT p.25

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “In Christ There Is No East or West” UMH 548

MESSAGE “Essentials (of the Faith)” Barbara Miller

OFFERING “In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” TFWS 2195++

*DOXOLOGY “Give Thanks” TFWS 2036++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of all gifts, we seek to share as you have shared with us. We dedicate these gifts to your service as we rededicate our lives to you. Bless this faith community that we may love you and one another; and bless our offerings that they may extend your love to our neighbors and to all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS 2129

*BENEDICTION

For all that has been...***Thanks!***

For all that will be...***Yes!***

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

**GREETER |
SPECIAL MUSIC |**

The Hancock Family
Maria Cirillo-Lein
Jeff Fornoff
Jackson Hancock
Elijah Keay
Gregg Rhodes
Tom Stukane
Liz Steen
Pastora Veronica

**LITURGIST |
COFFEE HOUR |**

PRAYER LIST: Rhonda Leister, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, Linda Grady, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



August Activities
Green Team Hike to
Child's Park (L)
Representing God's
Love & Grace at Pike
Pride event at
Akenac Park (below)



IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

BIBLE STUDY - WILL RESUME 9/14 Mondays 6:30PM (H)

ESL Classes: Tuesdays 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

Fridays 11AM—FRIDAY FRIENDS Bible Study @ Twin Cedars—All Welcome

- Tuesday, August 11th 7-9PM—OUTREACH MINISTRIES MEETING
- Friday, August 14th 1PM—Bicentennial Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- Friday, August 14th 6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Church
- **Saturday, August 15th 9AM—GREEN TEAM HIKE at PEEC Scenic Gorge (moderate/difficult)**
- Thursday August 20th 7:30PM—Faith in Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm/H)
- Tuesday August 25th Noon— MS Support Group (Conf. Rm/H)
- Wednesday, August 26th 6:30PM—One Board Meeting (Conf. Room)
- Saturday, August 29th 5PM—Dinner Church in Fellowship Hall (Pot Luck)

Please reach out to church office if you need more information about any of our scheduled events! Leave message at 570-296-6124 or email



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