

## Sharing Abundance



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 17, 2023 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 AM

Theme: **Sharing Abundance**  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we bow before you this morning.

***You have created all that is, and we are thankful.***

Abundant God, we stretch out our hands and hearts to you, and to one another.

***May sharing extend from our hands and grace spring from our hearts.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

by Hildegard of Bingen

***Divine Wisdom, encircle us, keep us upon your path. Enliven us to seek you in the heavens, upon the earth, and in all of your creation. We give you all praise, as it is right for us to do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“A Place at the Table” (vs. 1,2 & 5)

see Insert

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-31

OT p. 1

#### SERMON

“God’s Creation”

#### BELL CHOIR

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Susan Berry & Janet Van Valey

#### PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

“To God Be the Glory” (verse 1)

UMH 98++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of Grace, all that we have, even life itself, are gifts from your generous hands. We thank you for this place where we can come to be reminded of the deep, deep love of Jesus. Everywhere we go, you are there, and we are thankful. Bless these gifts and use them to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS 2241

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

**GREETERS** | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Jan Lucciola  
**FELLOWSHIP** | **FLOWERS** | *\*sign up with church office*  
Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament  
UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing  
++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

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**PRAYER LIST: Family of Ray Sommers, Ruth Russell, Lorna Cuevas, Martha Peldunas, Kenn Sanders, David Kent, Family of Carol Smith, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: [www.milfordmethodists.org](http://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](mailto:www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:15 IN EDUCATION WING**

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

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

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Sunday at 11:30 AM** in Sanctuary.

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### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**



We are Updating our Church Directory and looking to put faces to the names. Please drop by the Conference Room before or after Worship this Sunday and next to have your photo taken, it will only take a moment of your time. If this is not convenient, you can email a photo in jpeg format to [milfordmethodists@gmail.com](mailto:milfordmethodists@gmail.com) or you can drop a photo off at the office and we will scan and convert for you. We hope you will participate and help us make a directory that will help us to get to know one another better.

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### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES STARTING IN OCTOBER**

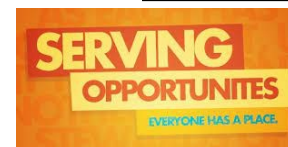


If you are interested in becoming a member of Milford United Methodist Church, or simply curious about us and want to learn more, we invite you to participate in our Fall New Member Classes. Register with church office by Oct. 1st.

WHEN: Monday, October 2nd and 16th 6:30-8:00PM

WHERE: In-person in Church Conference Room or via Zoom Link [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](http://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)

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We are looking to grow stronger in several areas of the church and looking for those who are interested in being part of a team. The focus is on **WORSHIP, EDUCATION, and COMMUNICATION**. Please reach out to Pastor Jenn if any of these teams sound like they might be a fit for your interests and talents! Thank you!

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### **MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](http://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)**

**LAY-LED BOOK STUDY** (Hybrid) Wednesdays in September! 20, 27th 7-8PM

**CRAFTY LADIES** Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

**FINANCE** Tuesday, September 19th 6PM (Hybrid)

**VISION TEAM** Tuesday, September 19th 6:30PM

**TRUSTEES MEETING** Wednesday, September 20th 6PM (Conference Room)

**CHURCH COUNCIL** Tuesday, September 26th 6:30 PM (Hybrid)