



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026 | 10:00 AM

18th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: A New Vision

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, when we feel afraid and pressed in on every side,

The Spirit protects and advocates for us.

When the world’s problems seem too big to solve, and we don’t know how to do the next right thing,

The Spirit comforts and strengthens us.

When we need wisdom to know what to do and the courage to know how to act,

The Spirit counsels and empowers us.

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

Today, we call once again on the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

UMH 89++

* 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

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Merciful God, give us a wider vision of the world and a broader view of justice. Give us dreams of peace that are not defined by boundaries of geography or race or religion, or by the limitations of worldly structures and systems. Open our hearts and our minds to hear your voice calling us by name: calling us to serve, calling us to share, and calling us to praise. May we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and everyone can enjoy life in all its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING

Psalm 16:5-11 (sung Response 2)

UMH 748

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:6-10

NT. p.200

SERMON

“Empowered by the Spirit”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Marcus Lovallo

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, you call us beyond survival into life—abundant, rooted, and overflowing. You invite us to walk by faith, not as individuals alone, but as a community growing together in Christ’s fullness. Receive these gifts we offer in joyful response to your goodness. Use them and us to build up the body, to bless the world, and to proclaim that, in you, there is always more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (vs. 1,2, &5)

UMH 584

Tune UMH 707

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers Today are presented by Rebecca Masters and Dedicated to those seeking asylum and a new life in other countries.

GREETER | Hannah Tomczyk **LITURGIST** | Jackie Pentecharsky
GUEST MUSICIAN | Marcus Lovallo **COFFEE HOUR** | The Hendricks

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
206 E. Ann St. • Milford, PA 18337

Fall Celebration of the Arts

Creativity Builds a Brighter Community

**Saturday, October 17th
12 - 4 pm**

Featuring Artwork from local students

Arts and Crafts Activities

Silent Auction

Snack Concession

All Are Welcome!

ART • COMMUNITY • FAITH • TOGETHER

200 YEARS
1826 — 2026
FAITH • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY
THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating 200 Years of Faith & Community!

Milford United Methodist Church
Bicentennial Celebration

When:
Sunday, October 18, 2026
at 10:00 AM

Where:
206 E. Ann St., Milford, PA 18337

Special Guest:
Featuring guest preacher
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

Event Highlights

10:00 AM: Bicentennial Worship Service

11:30 AM: Community Pot-Luck Fellowship Meal

All members, past parishioners, neighbors, and community members are warmly invited to join us as we praise God for two centuries of ministry and look forward to the future!

HISTORY • FAITH • COMMUNITY • HOPE

PRAYER LIST: Robert Everett, Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, Pat Moulton, Jean Hoff, Linda Ryder, Lorraine Gregory, Rhonda Leister, Marilyn Schultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbell, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, 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, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, 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

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (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

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM **BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM**

BIBLE STUDY - Mondays 6:30PM Conf. Rm (H)

ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

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

- Friday, Oct. 2nd 6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall) RSVP for Pizza
- Saturday, Oct. 3rd 10AM-12NOON—Annual Church Conference —ALL Welcome!
- Sunday, Oct. 4th 1 PM—Blessing of the Animals
- Friday, Oct. 9th—6-8PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- Thursday, Oct. 15th—Faith & Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm.) *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi
- Saturday, Oct. 17th—Fall Community Arts Festival & Silent Auction 12-4PM
- Sunday, Oct. 18th—Special 200th Anniversary Service with Bishop Moore-Koikoi followed by a celebratory Pot Luck in Fellowship Hall



A Blessing of the Animals witnesses to the Church's love, care, and concern for God's creation. Join us on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00pm and bring your pets (All Creatures Great and Small!) for a time of worship and celebration.



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