



Pastor Jenn, Caroline Krejmas and Jim Snodgrass at the recent Pike County Pride Event



Milford United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

Sept-Oct 2025 Issue

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JENN

Dear Friends,

For those of us determined to live out Christ's commandment to love God and to love our neighbor, these past few months have been particularly challenging. While we can all agree that people shouldn't break the law, and that immigrants and refugees should come to this country legally, the news of people, including US citizens and Visa holders, being kidnapped off the streets by masked unidentified men should horrify us all. Jesus, who was an immigrant himself, must be weeping at the cruelty and mistreatment of the immigrant population. In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, chapter 9, God says to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." God then lists all of the rules that the Israelites need to follow in order to be holy. Verses 33-34 of that list read:

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

It can't get any clearer than that. "You shall not oppress the alien...you shall love the alien as yourself." Even Jesus - our Lord and master - made it clear that not caring for the strangers among us will result in our eternal damnation, as described in the parable of the judgment of the nations found in Matthew 25:31-46. When speaking of acts of mercy and justice, Jesus says, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

We have worked hard in our church to welcome all people and to care for those in need. But there's still so much more work to do. I've learned that there are local residents who live and work in our community but are afraid to attend worship because of the color of their skin. They live in fear that if they venture onto the streets masked men will kidnap them and detain them without due process. During the summer I encountered a backpacker hiking through our area who stopped for directions. He was looking for a place to set up his tent overnight but wanted to make sure it was legal. He had come to the church rather than to the police because he was afraid. He wasn't an immigrant. He didn't have an accent. But because of the color of his skin, he was afraid. So he came to the church, where he believed he would find a welcome.

May we all do better, and love better. Speak up when we see injustice and stand up for those who are oppressed and afraid. God commands it, and Jesus models it.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. - 1 John 4:8

Blessings,
Pastor Jenn

September – October Worship

Join us for 10:00 am Worship on Sundays, in-person, or livestreaming on our Facebook page.



I Will Call Upon the Lord

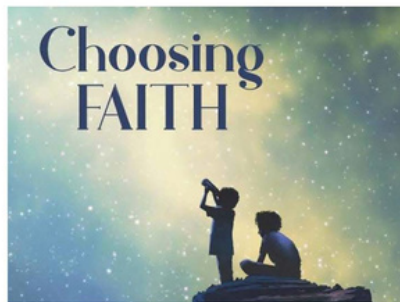
It is said of the Methodist movement that we were born in song. We sing our faith, and our songs are about calling out to God. For September worship we turn to the song book that has sustained and defined the people of God from the very beginning – the Psalms. The Psalms give words to a variety of emotions and circumstances out of which we call upon the Lord. We shape our worship around these words to give voice to people in our communities who may feel unheard even by God. The witness of the Psalms is that God is prepared to meet us where we are. So let us call upon the Lord.

September 7th – HOLY COMMUNION/ “God Knows My Name”/ Psalm 139

September 14th – “Our Hope is in the LORD”/ Psalm 14

September 21st – “For the Glory”/ Psalm 79

September 28th – “Safety in the Shadow of the LORD”/ Psalm 91



Is faith a gift or a choice? Is it something God does in us, or something we do for God? Faith is a combination of all that and more. It is a partnership with God as we enter into relationship for our good and for the good of the world around us. We are choosing every day to live by faith, to be shaped by faith, and to submit all of our actions and relationships to the measure of faith. Throughout this stewardship series, you are invited to examine what it means to be people who are choosing faith.

October 5th – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/ “Faith to Change”/ Luke 17:5-10

October 12th – “Whole Faith”/ Luke 17:11-19

October 19th – “Persistent Faith”/ Luke 18:1-8

October 26th – “Humble Faith”/ Luke 18:9-14



Help Wanted

SUNDAY HELPERS NEEDED

CONTACT LIZ in OFFICE

570-296-6124

Greeters

Tech People

Sunday School Helpers

Bell Ringers

Choir Members

Nursery Staff Needed

We need a nursery caretaker for Sundays 9:45-11:15

The salary is \$25/week. Background check and Safe Sanctuary online training required.

Our infants and toddlers need someone who is able to care for their needs. Must like playing Peek-A-Boo, reading stories, holding, feeding and changing when needed. You will be one of two people in the room.

If you are interested in the joy filled positions, please contact Rebecca Masters via email : rebamast@gmail.com or text/call 845-417-6122

Reconciling Ministries

Book Study Book Study

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

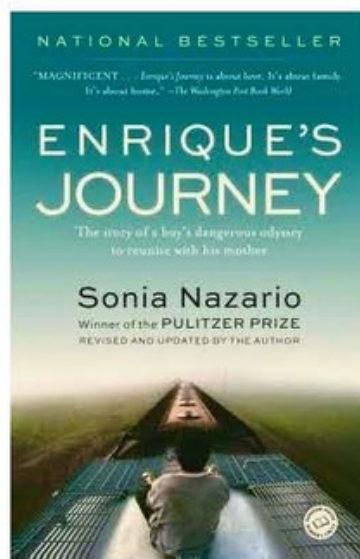
Sept. 11, 18, 25, & Oct. 2

7:00-8:00 pm. In-person at MUMC and by Zoom

Pulitzer Prize winning true story and fast-paced read about a young person's repeated attempts to flee Honduras and reunite with his mother in the United States.

This story opens our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the unimaginable risks immigrants experience to become strangers in strange lands

Open your hearts and join us for a great read!



This book is available through Amazon.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Game Night

& Pizza!

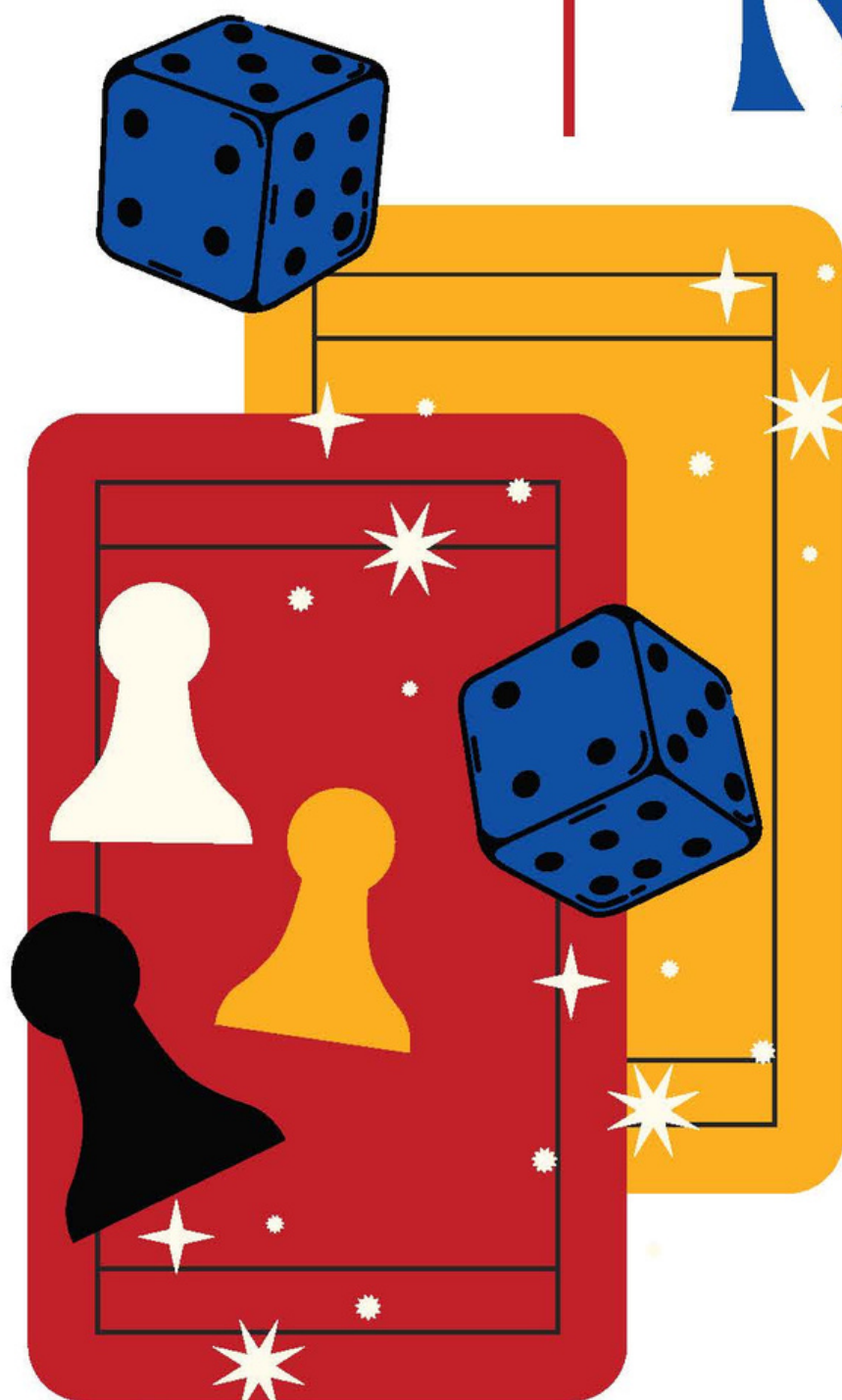
6 - 8 PM

EVERY

FIRST

FRIDAY

Join us!



Please RSVP: 570.296.6124

206 E Ann St, Milford, PA 18337 

Milford United Methodist Church
Presents

BROADWAY TUNES NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSICAL MAGIC
FEATURING FAVORITE BROADWAY HITS!



Saturday, Sept 20
6:30 PM Doors Open
Show begins 7PM

LIVE PERFORMANCES
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FAMILY FRIENDLY

**SUGGESTED
DONATION: \$5**

206 E. ANN ST. MILFORD PA
FELLOWSHIP HALL





Fall Community Arts Festival

Saturday, October 11th
12-4PM

- Children's Art Exhibit
- Live Musical Performances
- Crafting
- Bake Sale and more!

See you there!

**206 E. Ann St. Milford, PA
570-296-6124**

New Member Celebration and Potluck



September 28th Worship & Fellowship



Sunday, October 5th

We celebrate World Communion Sunday during worship - a Special Communion Offering will be taken and then at 1PM Pastor Jenn will be Blessing our beloved pets and furry or not-so-furry companions. ALL WELCOME!!!!



- CHURCH CONFERENCE - OCT. 25th 11AM -SPARTA UMC
- HALLOWEEN POPCORN DISTRIBUTION - 10/31 - more details to follow
- CRAFT & BAKE SALE - Nov. 7th & 8th Our favorite event of the year, organized by the Crafty Ladies and friends