



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 9, 2023 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 AM

Theme: Half Truths

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, children in Christ, we gather to be fed by the One who gives life.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk according to the law of God.

Love God, and obey the commandments God has given; choose life, that you and your descendants may live.

Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies; who seek God with their whole heart.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God, whose ways reach beyond horizons we cannot see, and whose law plumbs the depths we only dimly discern, teach us today. We want to keep your commandments, but we find it hard to distinguish between eternal truths and human invention. We want to make the right choices in life, but often there are no clear directions through the clouds and shadows that overwhelm us. Come and dwell among us as we seek to worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127++

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jodi and Matt Hancock, Dani and Jackie Pentecharsky

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:11-20 OT P. 186

SERMON "Give Me a Reason"

SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have been blessed, most generous God, beyond our deserving. We have been fed in ways we have not acknowledged. We bring our offerings with full intent to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to return the love you have so lavishly bestowed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Trust and Obey" UMH 467++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

CRAFTY LADIES: Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

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

TRUSTEES: Wednesday, July 12th 6PM (Conference Room)

FINANCE: Tuesday, July 18th 6PM (Online)

CHURCH COUNCIL: No Meeting in July

Friday, July 14th 6-8PM **Game Night** Community Room
Pizza Served (GF Available)
Sign Up by contacting Church Office
Join us for a fun, intergenerational gathering!

Sat. July 22nd **Church Wide Flea Market**
Please Sign Up to Volunteer, Donate, or become a Vendor through Church Office or during Fellowship.

HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING KITS 2023

Over the summer, the Outreach Team will be creating Home/School Learning Kits for youngsters at the Ecumenical Food Pantry and Pike County Children and Youth.

We will be accepting donations of school supplies beginning July 9. Meanwhile, be on the lookout for the following: Glue Sticks, pocket folders, one subject spiral notebooks, crayons (16 or 24 count), ballpoint pens, wide ruled loose leaf paper, construction paper, colored markers. In addition, the August Communion Offering will go to support this project. Let's help give our younger neighbors the tools they need to be ready to learn on Day #1!

GREETERS | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Laurie Osczepinski
FELLOWSHIP | New Member Reception
FLOWERS | Barbara Brown: *In Memory of Dick Brown*

*Please contact Church Office to sign up for Helping with Fellowship and providing Flowers for the Altar—Thank you!

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: Seety Wassef, Joan Pauley Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Minnie Weinstock, Marge Carofano, Family of Chet Rideout, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Family of Ernie Kotschessa, 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., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

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.

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