



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026 | 10:00 AM | 4th Sunday After Pentecost | Father's Day

Theme: Forming a Family/Preparing a People

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds us, we cry out to God,

And God listens to us.

When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will make ends meet, and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God,

And God listens to us.

When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God,

And God pays attention to us.

As we gather in this place and time, remember: We are not alone. God knows where we are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters needed to continue on our journey as the family of God.

* 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 "Saranam, Saranam"(vs 1&2) UMH 523++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Father God, come to us in our distress. We are weary of conflict and long for your healing waters of forgiveness and renewal. In your eyes every sparrow has value, and in your love even the hairs of our heads are counted. Lead us to the light, that we might proclaim your love from the rooftops, and put you first in our lives. May our discipleship reflect the witness of our teacher that all nations may bow down before you and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DRAMATIC READING Genesis 21:8-21 OT. P. 17

SERMON "Hearing the Voice"

ANTHEM "We Are the Church" Nancy Price & Don Bessig

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

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| GREETER | The Hancock Family |
| LITURGIST | Janette Hendrick |
| COFFEE HOUR | Faith in Action Team (formerly Reconciling Ministries) |

PRAYER LIST: Family of Michaela Decker, Family of Elizabeth Vaneekhoven, Jane, Evelyn Duval, Dorothy Steen, 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, Connie & Fred Lamando, 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, David Kent, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

CALLING ALL FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Pantry volunteers will be marching in Milford's Fourth of July Parade! We'll wear our aprons and bang pots and pans (BYOP) in an informal drum corps.

**CELEBRATE THE USA CELEBRATE PA
CELEBRATE PIKE COUNTY**

It's a great way to highlight the Pantry, hear rounds of applause from our supporters along the route, and have FUN! Gather at Ann Street Park Saturday, July 4 starting at 10:30AM Parade kicks off at Noon
Any questions? Contact Jodi H. or Rebecca M.



Thank you to all who helped us this year in Sunday School and Nursery. For the Summer months, we are in need of helpers in the Nursery, to assist Alex Felso, our scheduled attendant. Please contact Rebecca Masters at rebamast@gmail.com for more information.

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

- **CHILD CARE AVAILABLE** (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)
 - **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursdays at 9:30-11:30 AM in Community Room

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE and (H)MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered Monday nights at 6:30pm

JUNE (6/22, 6/29) (H)

- Wednesday, June 24th 6:30PM—One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Saturday, June 27th 5PM—Dinner Church Pot Luck (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, July 1st 8:30Am-3PM—Skylands District Meetings
- Friday, July 3rd 6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)—Let us know if you plan to attend, call or email the office, thank you!
- Friday, July 10th 6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Church
- Thursday, July 16th 7:30-9:00 PM— FAITH & FICTION BOOK GROUP
- Wednesday, July 22nd 6:30 PM—One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Saturday, July 25th 5PM—Dinner Church Pot Luck (Fellowship Hall)



Don't forget to submit your list of Favorite Hymns for 2026. Deadline is June 28th! Our Annual Hymn Sing will be held July 12th.



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