

Milford Messenger

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Pastor's Pensee

"In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by." Psalm 57:1

David wrote these words when he was hiding in the cave of Adullam. It felt like a storm of adversity had swept over him. Fleeing for his life from King Saul, he had tried to find sanctuary with Israel's enemy, the Philistines. But when they discovered who David was, the Philistines tried to kill him as well, and would have, except he started acting like a crazy man and got off on an insane plea.

Then David had no more places to run, and no more crazy schemes to try. All that was left was to hid in a cave until the destroying storm passed him by. But it was from the cave that David, and we, have always done some of our best praying.

There is nothing in the Bible that promises if you just live right you can avoid the storms of life. To the contrary, the Bible promises that the rain will fall upon the just and the unjust. But it also promises you can survive the storm if you just stay under the wings of God. You don't

have to keep doing the crazy thing of running out into the middle of adversity.

Eventually the storm goes away. By itself. Nothing you do is going to speed that along. So just head for cover. Any cave can become the shadow of God's wings if it is a place of prayer. That prayer is your only sanctuary until the sun breaks through.

—John Harris

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Session Searches for a New Youth Director

Hello and Greetings from the Personnel and Policy Committee of MPC!

Our church is in search of a part-time Youth Director for grades 6-12 and we need your help! If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this opportunity, we ask that you prayerfully consider applying.

We feel it is critical for youth to have a wide range of options to assist them in their faith journey. We want this program to provide both spiritual and fellowship opportunities that encourage our young people to walk with Christ. We are looking

for a Christian who is energetic and can bring fresh and fun ideas to the effort. Please see the job description on page 6 for more detailed information.

We know that one person cannot do this alone. It is our hope to develop a strong support network to make this program thrive. We will need the commitment of the parnts and all church members to make this a success. We ask for your prayers and support.

Our goal is to have a person and a program ready to begin by September. Thanks and God Bless!

Yours in Christ,

Personnel and Policy Committee

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Win-Some Women 2010 Fall Retreat

Nurse's Recipe

Piano Lessons

Our organist Rick Moore now teaches piano lessons At Milford Music 248-889-8200 For more info.



Milford Presbyterian Women (MPW) Scholarships available for the "Win-Some Women" 2010 Fall Retreat.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life." Ezekiel 36:26 (NRSV)

Hundreds of Win-Some Women are waiting to meet you at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for Christian fellowship, music, and a sharing of the reality of Jesus Christ. The theme for fall 2010 is:

"Keeping in the Love of God"

MPW is excited to be offering two need-based financial scholarships which will enable two women from our church to attend this spiritually rewarding retreat.

The scholarship includes the retreat registration fee, a round-trip Arnold Line Ferry ticket, accommodations at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island (sharing a room), dinner on the day of arrival, breakfast and lunch on the day of departure, all taxes, gratuities, and baggage handling fees.

The scholarship does not include

transportation from your home to Mackinac City or lodging in Mackinac City if you choose to come up the night before the retreat.

Each retreat begins at 12:55p.m. on the first day and ends at 2:00p.m. on the following day.

The dates are:

Tuesday and Wednesday
October 19 & 20 or

Wednesday and Thursday
October 20 & 21 or

Thursday and Friday
October 21 & 22

Please contact Jeanne Koresky (248) 935-3654, Colleen Reader (248) 684-2395 or Marilyn Burkland (248) 685-3334 during the month of June for further information.

If you wish to learn more about Win-Some Women, their website is:

www.win-somewomen.org

Peach, Plum and Apricot Crisp

4 1/2 C. sliced peaches

2 C. sliced plums

2 C. sliced apricots

3/4 C. sugar

3 T. flour

1/4 t. nutmeg

1 C. rolled oats

1/2 C. brown sugar

3/4 C. flour

1/2 t. salt

1/4 C. butter

Combine first 6 ingredients and let stand for 15 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 400. Spray 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Spoon in fruit mixture and bake for 35 minutes. Combine oats, flour, brown sugar and salt. Drizzle with butter and stir until crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit and bake another 15 minutes until topping is lightly browned and fruit is bubbly. Serve warm with ice cream.

Grief Support By Hospice Advantage

Our own Nancy Izzard, MSW is offering an opportunity for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Losing a loved one can be hard, come support one another and let the healing begin. . .

The 2nd Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 pm at the Highland Adult Activity Center located at 209 North John Street in Highland. To register please

call 248-440-1301. This support group is facilitated by Nancy Izzard and is offered to all within the community.

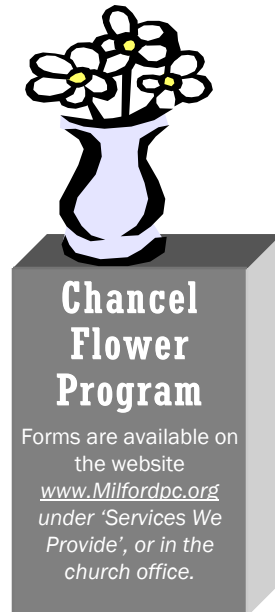
Hope Circle Bible Study 2010-2011

Join the Ladies of Hope Circle every 3rd Thursday starting in September and continuing through May at 7:00 pm in the Westminster Room for Bible Study and Fellowship.

Reporter Susan Linn

Meals on Wheels

Wanted/Needed—
Drivers to deliver “Meals on Wheels” to shut-ins. It would entail approximately 2 hours, once every 5 weeks. Please consider giving of your time to help those who are shut-in and in need of a hot meal once a day. If you are interested please contact Anne Grissim at 248-685-0658 or Neoma Harris at 248-977-5572



Of Note

Church Office Hours

Monday 9:15–12 Becky

Tuesday 9-12 Margaret

Thursday 9:15-12 Becky

Friday 9-12 Margaret

Pastor Harris's Cell Phone

248-931-7778

Worship services are televised on Comcast cable Saturday and Sundays

Email contacts:

kingb@milfordpc.org

mbabineau@milfordpc.org

Deacon News

Cards were sent to the following people by our Deacon Terri Foster:

Ron and Joyce Huey, Glen Julian, Lois Dengate, Doris Flynn, Bill Lorimer, Amy Qualman, Betty Wiczorskowski, Lori Mudge, Bob and Mary Lou Gharrity, Barb and Gene Crockett, Suzi and Harold Haskew, Kim Seagraves, Pat and Larry Teal, Elizabeth Thomas, Gayle Lafferty, LT. Col. J. Wade Foster, T/Sgt Matthew Holtan, T/Sgt Michael A. McClenahan, Sgt. Aaron Roose, SGT Richard Poynton, CPO Kevin Warford.

Many service personnel change locations in June. Please update addresses for church records with Terry

Foster at speedywildcat@gmail.com or at 541 Florence Court, Milford, 48381.

If you wish to have the Deacons send a card to someone who is not a member of our church please leave the name and address in the office and we will be pleased to send a note. Or contact Terry Foster directly. Her email is: speedywildcat@gmail.com

The deacons are continuing to collect toiletries for the clients of the 'Everyone Eats' program. Please place donations in the wooden box outside the elevator. The Deacons continue to visit our shut-ins and take communion to them monthly. Let us know of others wishing communion

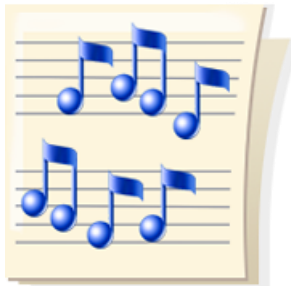
Music Notes

Margaret reports that she is all rested and relaxed from her vacation in Maine. We welcomed her back on July 25th. We missed you Margaret!

Attention

Choir Members

The Chancel choir will begin rehearsing on **September 1** at 7:30pm and will rejoin our worship service on **September 12**.



Margaret Babineau, reporter

VBS Volunteers are Great!

'The best week of the year' would not be possible if not for the time and dedication of our awesome volunteers! Thank You!

Adrienne Beller
Chris Strnad
Kelly Feather
Julia King
Diane Lawrence
Sarah Schang
Carolyn Gatesman
Isabella Smith
Lynn Smith
Amber Innis
Justin Seng
Ali Leist
Dani Leist
Taylor Dieck
Sophie Phillips
Lesley Williams
Adam Kleckner

Nathan Feather
Kate Conrad
Nate Shafto
Jennifer Schang
Leda Flory
Michael Bartoluzzi
Olivia Overberg
Gabrielle Overberg
Regan Denniston
Judy Cooper
Nora Gilbert
Seth Sansocie



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please call the church office if you wish to renew or add someone to our Prayer List.

Suzi Haskew
Kim Seagraves
Pat Teal
Jimmy Winters
Tammy Baker
Ruste Wilke
Maria McCarty
Sam Hines
Jackie Pisco
Denise Pins

(Kathy Wilson's niece undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer)

Diane Eichhorn
Christopher Cooper
Stephanie Zaft
Darlene Grantham
Bob Bennett
Rich Johnston

Aiden Braatz
Jack Baker
Bernice Bowers
Jordan Seagraves
Karen Scott

Service men of our congregation: SSG John Adrian

Major Michael Bogacki,
Lt. Col. J. Wade Foster,
T/Sgt. Matthew Holtan,
T/Sgt. M. A. McClenahan,
Aaron Roose,
AP2 Kevin Warford

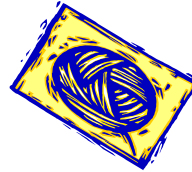
Prayer Warriors

E – Mail Prayer Chain

After studying healing prayer for a short time, our study group decided we were being called to continue our fellowship and study, but weren't quite sure how. Prayer Warriors will be at your disposal.

If you are interested in joining our prayer chain or have prayer concerns email: shrlymb@aol.com

Judy Cooper, reporter



pouches I have stitched recently.

Becky King, reporter

Church Chicks with Sticks

Stitching for charity is so rewarding! My friend Karen's mom Diane Zimmerman has a ministry to clients of the Lansing Rescue Mission. She is in need of slippers for adults and children and small pouches for feminine hygiene products. Pattern copies and a sample of the slippers is posted in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to use your favorite patterns too and please join me in the joy of creating and giving of yourself to others—you won't be disappointed!

I would love to hear about what you are stitching. Call me at home 248-685-7941 or catch me at church on Sunday, Monday and Thursday mornings!

There is currently a greater need for the little pouches for feminine hygiene products as the Rescue Mission is moving families into a repurposed elementary school in the area. Need some direction? Please ask, I'd be glad to share with you some of my ideas from the

Financial Update

	April-June 2010 Actual	April-June 2010 Budget	Over/Under(-) Budget
Income	\$91,156.47	\$89,875.67	\$1,280.80
Expenses	\$82,466.72	\$93,244.52	-\$10,777.80
Total	\$8,689.75	-\$3,368.85	\$12,058.60

Dave Luoma, Treasurer

Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry

The prayer quilt ministry has been very busy cutting squares and creating prayer quilts from all the fabrics our congregation has donated. We have made and given 5 quilts this fall. Please join us the second Friday of each month to create these beautiful prayer quilts. We meet from 10am-Noon in the Westminster room.

For information or questions contact Sherry Staricha at 248-887-5792 or Gail Perrin at 248-684-6646

Sherry Staricha, Reporter

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the work to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning once a month for 4 months while she is in treatment. Sign up at:

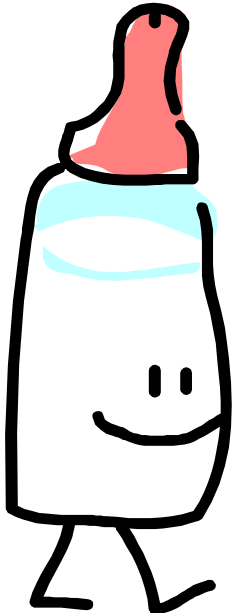
www.cleaningforareason.org

All she has to do is have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Margaret Davey, reporter

Hallway Help

Are you handy with a scroll saw, looking for an excuse to use that belt sander? I could use some help with the hallway renovation in the Promise Land. There are figures of children and animals to be cut out of plywood and to be sanded on the edges before painting. If you would like to help, (the church will provide sandpaper and scroll saw blades), contact Becky at 248-240-9774 Cell or at church 248-684-2805. Thank you!



Another Way Pregnancy

Center Needs:

Diapers—Premie and size 1 and size 2

Wipes

Formula— Enfamil & Similac

Spring & Summer clothes

Infant up to size 2T

Kids News

The Best Week of the year is upon us! **VBS August 2-6, 2010** Stop by and see for yourself our High Seas Expedition! VBS is held in the morning from 9-11:30am or 6-8:30pm at Milford United Methodist Church, next to the Post Office in Milford.

Milford United Methodist
1200 Atlantic Ave.



Summer Sunday School

Bob and Larry and all our Veggie-tale pals return for a summer full of "clever, quirky, green leafy fun". To volunteer to help facilitate this video based, learning center very Veggicational experience see Becky or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

In an effort to keep up with the changing needs of our upper ele-

mentary aged kids and tweens those entering grades 4-6 we will be offering an alternative Summer Sunday School for them a video based series entitled "Extreme Sayings" and one called "Driving Force". Extreme Sayings focuses on those radical things Jesus said in the Bible like "love your neighbor, and pray for those who persecute you". Loving, forgiving, having faith, establishing priorities, setting an example, showing humility, being peaceful, and acting maturely are the focus of the first 8 weeks of the summer. Clearly this means we will be needing twice as many summer volunteers as before, but I know you are up to the challenge, because our kids are worth it!

Dates still available for volunteers in Summer Sunday School are:

August 15 & 29

September 5

Fall Sunday School resumes on September 12! Our regular Sunday School classes for kids ages 3-5th grade will resume on Sunday, September 12. We use the award-winning Hands-On Bible curriculum from Group Publishing. We offer 4 classes at our 10am service for Preschoolers, Kindergarteners, 1st & 2nd graders and 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. If you are interested in committing some time to the kids in our children's ministry see the display in Fellowship Hall or contact Becky King 248-685-7941. Training is available.

Becky King, Reporter

Youth Director Job Description

Position: Youth Director

Reports to: Personnel Committee/
Session

Status: Part-time

Broad Function:

The Youth Director is primarily responsible for organizing and developing the Church's youth ministry under the direction of the Session.

Responsibilities:

1. Organize and develop educational and spiritual ministry for youth (grades 6-12), with the help of volunteers. The director will provide Christian fellowship opportunities in weekly sessions with the youth from September through May.
2. Coordinate spiritual message in a collegial way with the Senior

Pastor and other appropriate resources.

3. Arrange and attend a winter retreat
4. Arrange and attend a week long summer mission trip
5. Arrange and attend several mission and outreach programs providing a message of service.
6. Provide program updates to Session, the Congregation, through the Newsletter, bulletin boards and website.
7. Organize and solicit youth for Confirmation classes. Attend confirmation dinner. Attend the communicants' Sunday recognition service.
8. Provide instruction on merits and responsibilities of church

membership.

9. Work to develop program to integrate youth into all aspects of the church.

10. Work to develop a parent volunteer program

Knowledge & Skills Required:

Energy & enthusiasm

Organizational skills and high degree of creativity

Experience/Education:

Prefer two years college education or equivalent.

Prefer two years experience working with youth

Applicant will have a commitment to reformed theology

Other:

Required to pass a background check

Nurse's News

Are my kids watching too much TV? Here we are in the middle of summer and it's hot outside and the kids are lounging around the TV like house cats, but at least they're quiet. When you add in the time on video games, DS players, Gameboys, etc., etc., (I'm sure I've left some popular ones out) a child can spend quite a few hours a day in "screen time."

According to the Kaiser Foundation (KFF):

*Two-thirds of infants and toddlers watch a screen an average of 2 hours a day

*kids under age 6 watch an average of about 2 hours of screen media a day, primarily TV, videos or DVDs

*kids and teens 8 to 18 years spend nearly 4 hours a day in front of a TV screen and almost 2 additional hours on the computer (outside of school-work) and playing video games

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that kids under 2 years old not watch *any* TV and that those older than 2 watch no more than 1 to 2 hours a day of quality programming. Being a "Grammy" to five lively grandchildren ages 2 to 10, I can see that enforcing this would be challenging if not impossible. However, like you, I want to do what's best for the little ones. In a study in Oregon,

children in out of home care centers spent much less time watching TV than children cared for at home.

The first 2 years of life are considered a critical time for brain development. TV and other electronic media can get in the way of exploring, playing, and interacting with parents and others, which encourages learning and healthy physical and social development.

As kids get older, too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically active, reading, doing homework, playing with friends, and spending time with family.

Of course, television, in moderation, can be a good thing: Preschoolers can get help learning the alphabet on public television, grade schoolers can learn about wildlife on nature shows, and parents can keep up with current events on the evening news. No doubt about it—TV can be an excellent educator and entertainer.

But despite its advantages, too much television can be detrimental:

*Children who consistently spend more than 4 hours per day watching TV are more likely to be overweight.

*Kids who view violent acts are more likely to show aggressive behavior

but also fear that the world is scary and something bad will happen to them.

*TV characters often depict risky behaviors, such as smoking and drinking, and also reinforce gender-role and racial stereotypes.

Children's advocates are divided when it comes to solutions. Although many urge for more hours per week of educational programming, others assert that no TV is the best solution. And some say it's better for parents to control the use of TV and to teach kids that it's for occasional entertainment, not for constant escapism.

I think I lean toward a moderate approach. Eliminating TV and video screens just doesn't seem doable or practical. Limiting screen time is very possible and being aware of how much screen time your child is getting. I know a mom who has a chart on the refrigerator where each child keeps track of his own screen time and when 2 hours is up, it's done for the day. Also, taking the TV out of the children's bedroom has been shown to reduce the amount of time a child watches TV.

An awareness of what and how much screen time our kids are getting is the first step in assuring that they have the best opportunity to develop all of their skills and talents.

Who knew? A study in the *Journal for Food Protection* advised flipping burgers every 30 seconds for optimal E.Coli reduction. Even when reaching proper temperatures, burgers flipped more often have 1/5 of the E.Coli.

Gayle Lafferty, Reporter



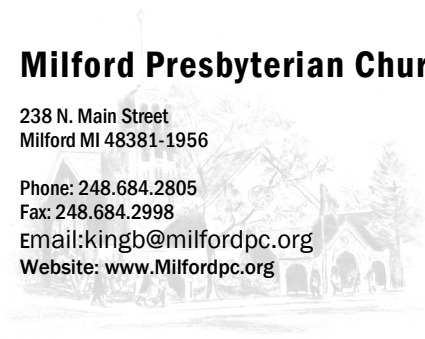
Your contributions can be fulfilled on a monthly basis automatically. MPC accepts debit, credit cards or bank transfer. They are processed during the last week of each month.

Authorizations are available In the church office.

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Milford Presbyterian Church exists to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ by **recruiting** disciples for the kingdom of God, **renewing** disciples in their faith commitment and **reaching** out in love and compassion.



VBS!
Aug 2-6

Community Sharing
Pantry is in
need of:

Spaghetti Sauce

Jelly

Condiments

Boxed meals

Canned meats

Soup

Canned Pasta

Household Items

Personal Items

Diapers (size 3, 4, 5 &6)

Dry Cat Food

Canned Dog Food

Plastic and Paper Bags

Donations can be dropped off at 2029 N. Milford Road, Highland Monday through Wednesday, and every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 10am-1pm also on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6-8 pm. 248-889-0347

Www.community-sharing.org

Our Elders

Class of 2010

Dorothy Anderson

Kelly Holloway

Jerry Mantela

Kristen Denniston

Class of 2011

Kelly Feather

Angela Germain

Dick Taylor

Irene Taylor

Class of 2012

Edith Nader

Kathy Kleckner

Keith Mounts

Roger St. John

Church Officers

Our Deacons

Terry Foster

Nancy Izzard

Marie Jackson

Carolyn Gatesman

Other Officers

Brian Schang, Clerk of
Session

John Harris, Moderator
Of Session

Dave Luoma, Treasurer



Church Ladies Book Club Season V

Church Ladies Book Club goes Hollywood for season five. This season brings a change to our past format of reading books and discussing them at the meetings. We will now be watching faith based/inspirational movies followed by a light discussion. Popcorn and dessert will be provided.

The meetings will be held on the **first Tuesday** of every other month (with some exceptions) our dates for 2010/11 are:

October 5, 2010

December 7, 2010

February 1, 2011

April 5, 2011

June 7, 2011

Please join us from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Westminister Room at MPC New members are always welcome. For information contact Susan Linn (248) 685-3053 or at SLinn465@aol.com.

Susan Linn, reporter