

In The Region



Grace Valvano celebrated her 10th birthday by collecting for animals in need. She invited her friends to a party to celebrate her birthday and asked them to bring her very specific presents. She asked for dog food, bones, kongs and kitty litter! Her generous friends helped her collect a huge pile of things to help the animals in need at the Animal Rescue League in Bedford. Grace is shown here with Obi-Wan, one of her three rescued dogs. Grace is a fourth grader at the Wilkins School in Amherst. Grace hopes her actions will inspire other kids to forgo their gifts and help the animals too!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



During this holiday season and every day of the year, we wish you all the best.

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Religion



Christmas Eve at the Congregational Church of Amherst ~ UCC:
Christmas Eve Services at 5, 7 and 9 pm. Pastors Richard Leavitt and Carol Mento, along with all the choirs of the Congregational Church of Amherst ~ UCC invite ALL to the white church on the Amherst Village Common for Christmas Services on Saturday Evening, December 24, Christmas Eve. Attend the Children's Service at 5:00 pm, and bring a new stuffed animal as an offering for a hospitalized child, or come to the 7:00 pm Starlight

Service led by the Senior High Youth Group, or choose the 9:00 pm traditional Candlelight Service, where the sanctuary is filled with light, candle by candle. On Sunday, Christmas Day's Service will be at 10 am. (There is no 11 pm service this year on Saturday.) Celebrate Christmas in the church that fully welcomes everyone, and experience the joy of the season, with the grace and spirit the Christ Child offers to all.

Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

25 1/2 Middle Street
Pastor: Mike Sacco
Church Office: 673-4063
Website: www.amherstfirstbaptist.com
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m

For the children

Nursery: to age 3
Super Church: ages 4 thru grade 4

Puppet Ministry: grades 5 through 7
Immediately following worship, there are adult and teen breakout discussion groups from 11:30 to 12 noon.

Christmas Eve Service – 5pm
Christmas Sunday Service will be a joint service held at 10am at Christ's Church of Amherst, 58 Merrimack Rd.

Congregational Church of Amherst UCC

11 Church Street
Amherst Village Common
Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt
Church office: 673-3231
Web site: www.ccamherst.org

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10 am at the church on the common in Amherst Village. Children 2 years old through seventh grade attend church school following the Children's Time in the service. Nursery care is provided. The church is handicapped accessible via the driveway entrance. All are cordially invited to coffee hour in the Community Room immediately following the service.

The Woman's Association meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM.

The Men's Fellowship group meets weekly at 8:30 am on Tuesdays in the Youth Room.

The Women's Spirituality group meets the fourth Wednesday from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Parlor. Our time together fosters community and faith.

Senior High Youth Fellowship meets the first three Sundays of each month.

The Prayer Shawl Knitters meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Shawls created under this ministry reach out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl.

Christ's Church of Amherst

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
673-8292
www.ccnh.org
Pastor Darin Shaw
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with Nursery Care up to age 3 years and Children's program 3 years to grade 5.

Souhegan Christian Church

5 Route 101A, Unit #2
Amherst
672-6759
Pastor Ray McDavid
www.sccofnh.org

We welcome you to come and worship with us! And we invite you to join us in discovering and serving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Sunday worship

10:30 am Worship service - followed by fellowship
Children's church for 3yrs old – 6th graders
Nursery care for those under 3 yrs old
(Holy Communion the 1st Sunday of each month)

Other Ministries

Small groups meet throughout the week

Weekly prayer meeting APoC, a youth group for grades 7-12, meets every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. There are several small groups that meet through out the week, call or visit the church's website for more information.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. Tom Teichmann, Pastor
303 Route 101
PO Box 488
Amherst,
673-2011 (office)
673-7707 (meeting and fax)
messiahnh@comcast.net

Regular Sunday schedule - 9:00 am Sunday School and Adult Forum, 10:30 am Worship
Christmas Eve - 5:00 pm especially suited to children. 11:00 pm for all ages

St Luke Anglican Church

3 Limbo Lane, Amherst
/672-6054
st-luke.amherst.nh.us

Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Henderson Webb using the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Bible study is at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays in the church.

All are welcome to worship with us.

Amherst Christian Church

Corner of Patricia at 134 Hollis Rd.
Amherst
Phone: 672-1541
Sunday Discipleship classes 9-10 Children's class (Grades 1-6) 10-10:30
Worship Service 10:30
Children's church for pre-schoolers during service
Childcare provided for infants

Milford United Methodist Church

327 No. River Rd
Milford
8:30 Spirit Celebration
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship

The 8:30 Spirit Celebration is led by Chris Willard and the Praise Band. It is an informal worship service featuring contemporary Christian music. The 10:45 service features the Chancel Choir led by Sally Landis, and traditional prayers and readings. Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey preaches at both services. We have Sunday school for children of all ages, a high school class and an adult class. A variety of ministries are offered including Home Groups, Afternoon Off (senior care), Stephen Ministries (peer counseling), music ministries, bible studies, vacation bible school and much more. Information: Susan Drew (672-4877). Web: www.MifordUMC.org. Feel free to contact our office at 673-2669 or office@milfordumc.org.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

3 Craftsman Lane
Amherst
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church welcomes you to join us each Sunday for our worship service. Our Sunday Service begins at 9:30am with our Sunday School at 10:55 and adult Bible study at 11:15. Nursery service is available. Please be our guest as we celebrate the Lord and all he has done for us. Pastor Joel Petermann and Pastor Brian Schuessler 821-9891 www.stpaul-amherst.org

Church of Our Saviour

10 Amherst St.
Milford

Regular weekly church school classes begin Sunday, September 25, when pre-K through grade 5 students meet at 9:45 a.m. and youth in the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) and Young Adults in the Church (YAC) classes, ages 14 and up, begin their biweekly meeting schedule at 9:00 a.m.

All church school groups welcome both return and new members. For further information, call the parish office at 673-3309 or log on to the parish web site: www.coosmilford.org.

Mont Vernon Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
4 South Main Street
Mont Vernon
Interim Pastor: David Jadlocki
Church Office: 673-3500 (open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Web site: www.montvernonchurch.org
E-mail: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is available for children aged 6 and older, while child care is provided for children under 6 years. Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the Round Room following worship.

Holy Trinity Southern Episcopal Church

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
Fr. Griffin: 654-5741
Website: www.ccnh.org
Holy Trinity, part of the conservative Southern Episcopal Church, meets as a subcongregation of Christ's Church of Amherst, in the Christ's Church building.
7:30 p.m. Saturday: Holy Eucharist, 1928 Prayer Book (sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday: Spiritual Formation class (office)

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Website: www.ccnh.org
Phone: 673-1311
Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

First Church Of Christ, Scientist

103 South St., Milford
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting: 8 p.m.- Child care available.

Christian Science Reading Room
87 Union Square, Milford
Mon. through Fri. 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wed. 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
First Sun. of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Telephone – 673-5274
Email – readingroom@csmilfordnh.org
Website – www.csmilfordnh.org

On December 27 at 2:00 p.m. we will listen to a Christian Science Sentinel–Radio Edition CD on two topics: “Harmony in families” and “A life made new.”

The Bridge Community Church

65 West Street
Milford,
673-5191
email: info@bridgechurchnh.com
web: www.bridgechurchnh.com
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. M-F
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ronald Bouthilllette
Schedule: Sunday 10:30am - Morning Worship & Adventure Zone

(Children)

First Unitarian Congregational Society Wilton Center

Isaac Frye Highway in Wilton Center
P.O. Box 89, Wilton
654-9518
Website: www.uuwilton.org/
Email: admin@uuwilton.org

Church Services are at 10:30 am on Sunday (except July and August) followed by coffee hour at The Red House. Children join in the opening portion of the service and then have time for age appropriate Sunday school programs.

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
10 Union Street, P.O. Box 188
Milford
Church: 673-3713
Parish House: 673-5101
E-mail: milforducc@firstccmnh.org

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ would like to announce that they will resume their 10:00am Worship time. Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm resumes on September 18th and Sunday morning book study (for adults) will begin at 9:00am on September 18th.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

20 Elm St.
Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.
Johanna Seale, Director of Religious Education
www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.

Sunday services and children's programming begin at 10:30 AM. Childcare (infant to two years) is available. A high school youth group meets at the church most Sunday evenings at 6 PM.

UUCM hosts a community dinner the third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. It is free and open to everyone in Milford and surrounding towns to share a meal and camaraderie.

St. John Neumann Catholic

708 Milford Road - Rt 101A
Merrimack
880-4689
www.sjnnh.org
Fr. Agapit H. Jean, Jr

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am
6:00pm Labor Day through Memorial Day
Weekday Mass: 12:15pm
Holy Days: 7:00pm vigil, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

Christmas 2011 Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sat. Dec. 24th
4:30pm Liturgy - Children's Choir - Church
4:30pm Liturgy - Hall Priest, Pi-anst, Cantor
7:00pm Liturgy - Contemporary Ensemble
10:00pm Liturgy - Adult Seasonal Choir
Christmas Day - Sun. Dec. 25th
10:00am Liturgy - Organist and Cantor
There will be NO 6:00pm evening mass on Christmas Day.
New Year's Eve - Sat. Dec. 31st
5:30pm
New Year's Day - Sun Jan. 1st
8:00am & 10:00am
There will be NO 6:00pm evening mass on New Year's Day.