

THIS WEEK AT MILFORD HILLS

Sunday, December 14

9:00am.....Adult Sunday School
9:50am.....Fellowship Time
10:00am.....Worship
11:00am.....Adult/Youth/Children SS
3:30pmCookies & Crafts
5:00pmYouth

Monday, December 15

10:00am.....Experiencing Christmas Study (CR)
7:00pmCapital Campaign Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

10:00am.....Knit & Nibble
6:30pmExperiencing Christmas Study (Z)

Wednesday, December 17

7:00am.....Prayer Breakfast (Hendrix BBQ)
6:15pmHandbells
6:30pmTrustees
7:00pmChoir

Sunday, December 21

Newsletter Deadline

9:00am.....Adult Sunday School
9:50am.....Fellowship Time
10:00am.....Worship
11:00am.....Adult/Youth/Children SS
3:00pmCommunity Christmas Caroling
5:00pmYouth & Families Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cookies & Crafts** | Join us today at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of cookies, crafts, and Christmas cheer! Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share, and for a donation to the Youth Fund, enjoy creating Christmas crafts (instructions/materials provided). All proceeds will support our Honduras mission trip.
- **Staff Love Offering** | Reminder that the deadline to give to the staff love offering is Wednesday, 12/17. Scan the QR code below or find a specially marked envelope in the sanctuary or office.
- **Newsletter** | The deadline for the January newsletter is Sunday, 12/21.
- **Community Caroling Event** | On Sunday, 12/21 at 3pm, join us as we ride around the neighborhood in a horse drawn wagon spreading Christmas cheer!
- **Cantata** | Join us on 12/21 at 10am for our annual Christmas Cantata, *"The Thrill of Hope,"* by Joel Raney.
- **Christmas Eve** | Special music begins at 6:30pm followed by worship at 7pm.
- **2025 Giving** | In order for donations to be credited for 2025 tax purposes, please have them turned into church by Sunday, 12/28 at the latest.



Give + More!



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE, SERVE, AND LIVE AS CHRIST.



DECEMBER 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Jim Parsons

Music Director & Organist: Dustin Shelton

Director of Youth, Young Adult, & Children's Ministries: Vera Smith

Administrative Assistant: Blake Kehr

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WORSHIP OF GOD
Milford Hills United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025 | 10:00am
Third Sunday of Advent

Listening Assistance Devices are available at the Sound Booth or from one of the Ushers.
Nursery is available during the service for children under 4 years.

†All who are able may stand

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” 18th century carol
duet by Michael Mock & Dustin Shelton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

†HYMN OF PRAISE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH #206

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE James 5:7-10

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAISING GOD THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

ANTHEM “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” 11th century tune

†OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

†SCRIPTURE Luke 2:25-32

SERMON Do You Feel What I Feel? Vera Smith

†APOSTLES’ CREED

†HYMN “In the Bleak Midwinter” UMH #221

†BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace” UMH #668

†POSTLUDE “Gaudete” by anonymous

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
O ye heights of Heav’n adore him!
Angel hosts his praises sing!
Powers, dominions bow before him
And exalt our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.
Christ! to thee with God the Father,
And O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Weekly Financial Update

12/7/25 Offering:
\$7,870.00

Remainder Needed for 2025:
\$59,759.14

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lay Reader:	Emily Preslar
Children’s Moment:	Jim Parsons
AVL Team:	Chris Preslar Grayson Gusa Kelli Brentnell
Trustee:	Trudy Walker

SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/21)

Lay Reader:	Nan Buehrer
Children’s Moment:	David Cox
AVL Team:	Chris Preslar Lucas Knight Jonathan Brentnell
Trustee:	Paul Hoben

SERVING IN DECEMBER

Communion:	David Cox Gail Allen Sue Park
Greeters:	Sue Park David Cox Liz Slate 1 volunteer needed
Ushers:	Bob & Joyce Lippard Jason Shrader 1 volunteer needed
Acolytes:	JJ & Tre Alexander



Scan me to be a worship
volunteer in December!

Want to stay in the loop? Text **IN PERSON** to 833-264-3866 to let us know you’re here today!