### THIS WEEK AT MILFORD HILLS

| Sunday, December 28 |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 9:00am              | Adult Sunday School     |
| 9:40am              | Fellowship Time         |
| 10:00am             | Lessons & Carols        |
| 11:00am             | Adult/Youth/Children SS |

#### Thursday, January 1 Office Closed

#### Friday, January 2 Office Closed

## Monday, December 29

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Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 30

Office Closed

| Wednesday,    | December 31 |
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| Office Closed |             |

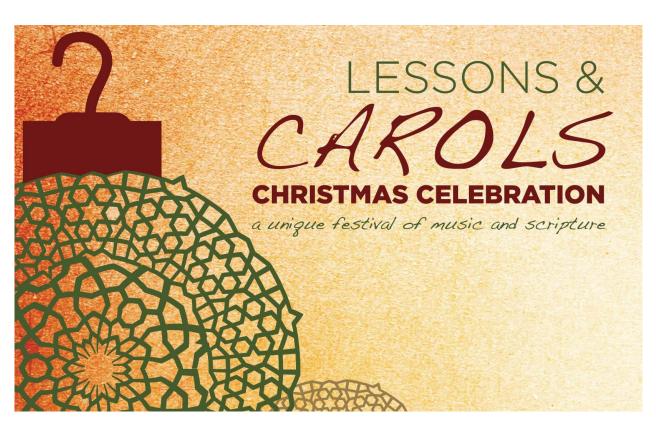
|         | <u>Sunday, January 4</u> |
|---------|--------------------------|
| 9:00am  | Adult Sunday School      |
| 9:40am  | Fellowship Time          |
|         | Worship                  |
| 11:00am | Adult/Youth/Children SS  |
| 5:00pm  | Youth                    |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2025 Giving** | In order for donations to be credited for 2025 tax purposes, please have them turned into church by today, Sunday, December 28.
- Office Closed | The office will be closed through Friday, January 2. Normal hours will resume Monday, January 5. We hope that everyone has a happy start to 2026!
- **BBQ** | Tickets are now available in the Gathering Room for everyone to pick up. New members have tickets too, so be sure to check the table for your envelope (the instructions are inside). If more tickets are needed, or you have any questions, come by the office during the week.
- **Leadership Training** | On Saturday, January 10 from 9:00—11:00am, we will hold a training in the sanctuary. If you are on a committee, plan to usher/greet, or volunteer with the youth, please plan to attend this training.
- **Newsletter Update** | Beginning in January, the newsletter will start coming out every other month. This is just something new that we are experimenting with to see how it goes. We will also have a bulletin board outside the office that will list, each month, all the birthdays, anniversaries, and any important info that pops up between newsletter months.







# **DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**Lessons & Carols** 

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 28, 2025 | 10:00am Lessons & Carols

**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

**PRELUDE** "Prelude of Christ's Birth" by Don Wyrtzen

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

A BIDDING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

| LESSON 1: | Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19             | Stephen Hunter     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| †CAROL 1: | "Once in Royal David's City"      | UMH #250 (v. 1, 4) |
| LESSON 2: | Genesis 22:15-18                  | Will Beecham       |
| CAROL 2:  | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"        | UMH #211 (v. 1, 7) |
| Lesson 3: | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7                   | Hannah Gray        |
| CAROL 3:  | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  | UMH #196 (v. 1, 2) |
| LESSON 4: | Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9                | Paul Hoben         |
| †CAROL 4: | "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" | UMH #218 (v. 1, 4) |
|           |                                   |                    |

**OFFERTORY** 

| †Offertory Response | "Doxology"                      |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lesson 5:           | Luke 1:26-35, 38                | Liz Slate           |
| CAROL 5:            | "Of the Father's Love Begotten" | sung by choir       |
| Lesson 6:           | Luke 2:1-7                      | David Cox           |
| CAROL 6:            | "The First Noel"                | UMH #245 (v. 1, 2)  |
| Lesson 7:           | Luke 2:8-16                     | Christopher Dockins |
| CAROL 7:            | "Angels We Have Heard On High"  | UMH #238 (v. 1, 2)  |

**Lesson 8:** Matthew 2:1-11 Betty Jo Hardy

**CAROL 8:** "We Three Kings" UMH #254 (v. 1, 3, 5)

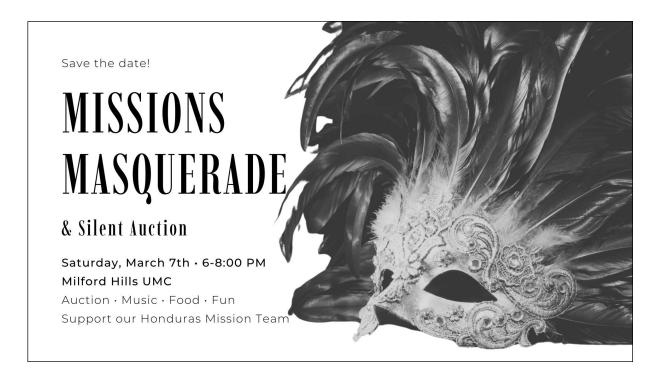
**Lesson 9:** John 1:1-14 Laura Preslar

†CAROL 9: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

**†BENEDICTION** 

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" UMH #688

**POSTLUDE** "Christmas in About Three Minutes" by Mark Weston



## **Weekly Financial Update**

12/21/25 Offering:

\$6,877.00

**Remainder Needed for 2025:** 

\$42,832.14