SUNDAY WORSHIP OFFERING

Scan the QR code to go to the Church's Online Giving page to make a Sunday Worship Offering using your credit or debit card, or ACH.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers - October 4 10 AM Bruce Kingsley, Elisa Kingsley	**Ushers - October 11** 10 AM Joan Viola and Pat Brennan
Flower Helper - October 4	**Flower Helper - October 11**
Liturgist – October 4 10 AM Karen Testone	**Liturgist – October 11** 10 AM Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Volunteer Sunday: https://bit.ly/VolunteerSundayFirstUCCMilford

THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 4
8:00 AM Worship Service, Chapel
9:15 AM Donuts and Devotionals, Library
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
Coffee Hour follows 10:00 AM Worship, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Exploring Faith with the Gilmore Girls, Library
11:15 AM Nominating Committee Meeting, Parlor
4:00 Youth Fellowship
5:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM SrPF
6:00 PM JPF
6:00 PM Parents Supporting Youth with Care and Hope (PSYCH), Library

Tuesday, October 6
9:00 AM Conversation on Epiphanies, Fellowship Hall and Zoom
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM First Church Food Pantry
5:00 PM Kids Helping Kids Pack
6:00 PM Meetinghouse Ringers, Choir Room
7:00 PM Diaconate Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7
9:30 - 9:55 AM Tap Class, Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM -12 noon Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, October 8
6:00 PM Outreach Ministry Meeting, Library
6:30 PM Church Campfire, Back Plymouth Lawn
6:30 PM Faith Formation Ministry Meeting, Back Plymouth Lawn

Friday, October 9
9:00 - 11:00 AM Weekly Playgroup, Church Nursery
7:00 PM Trivia Night, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 11
8:00 AM Worship, Chapel
9:15 AM Donuts & Devotionals, Library
10:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
Sunday School during 10:00 AM Worship
Coffee Hour follows 10:00 AM Worship, Fellowship Hall
Christmas Pageant Auditions following 10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Can & Bottle Drive, Parking Lot
6:00 PM JPF

Church Updates October 4, 2026

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

Church website: firstchurchofmilford.org

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

FLOWER MINISTRY

If you would like to order flowers to adorn the chancel on Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, or to recognize an important group or occasion, you can do so online on the church's website Giving Page or by sending $50 to the church office. Include who the flowers are in honor or memory of and, if desired, who is giving them.

STEWARDSHIP IN 60 SECONDS

Generosity Is A Spiritual Practice

We practice generosity because generosity changes us. Giving can remind us that what we have is not simply ours to keep, but something we can use to participate in God's work in the world.

At First UCC, our stewardship theme has said it beautifully: **Dreaming God's Dream. No gift is too small. No dream is too big.**

UPCOMING

- **Conversations on Epiphanies: Session 3 Oct 6th** 9 AM **Fellowship Hall.**
- **Kids Helping Kids Pack (Milford Food 2 Kids):** Tuesday, Oct 6 5 PM Plymouth Lawn (Sign Up: https://bit.ly/Kids2KidsF2K)
- **Tap Class with Carol: Oct 7th** 9:30 AM **Fellowship Hall**
- **Can & Bottle Drive: Oct 11th** 11:30 – 1 PM Church Parking Lot.
- **Holiday Fair Planning Meeting: Wed., Oct. 14** at 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Needed: Volunteers, Vendors, Sponsors, Pie Contest Coordinators, Creche Exhibit Coordinator, and fun folks! Speak to Kristen or Rev Ashley at coffee hour.
- **Tour de Faith: Oct 18th Visit to Melvana Mosque –** Flyer in Fellowship Hall/RSVP!
- **Trunk or Treat: Oct 25th** – we are looking for trunk hosts and trick or treaters.

2026 Year to Date as of October 2nd

	Budgeted	Pledged*	Collected
Pledges	$ 325,000	$ 310,539	$ 243,122 (78%)
Unpledged	$ 34,000		$ 10,702 (31%)
Plate	$ 14,000		$ 13,729 (98%)

* Based upon Pledges received

GOOD & FAITHFUL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

The deacons are now accepting nominations for the 2026 Good and Faithful Award! Nominees should be sixty years or older and have engaged in ministry at First UCC starting at least fifteen years ago. The deadline for nominations is **October 5**, and the award will be given during worship on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22, 2026). Submit nominations via email to milfordneighbor@gmail.com or in hard copy form to the deacons' box in the church office. Please include the person's name and a description, as best you can, of how your nominee has served God through the church.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Join us for worship when we remember those who died this past year. We speak names of our saints and let their memories ring with our love.

Please email or call the church office by October 27th to have your loved one's name included in the Saints Roll.

Office: 203-877-4277 or milfordfirstucc@yahoo.com

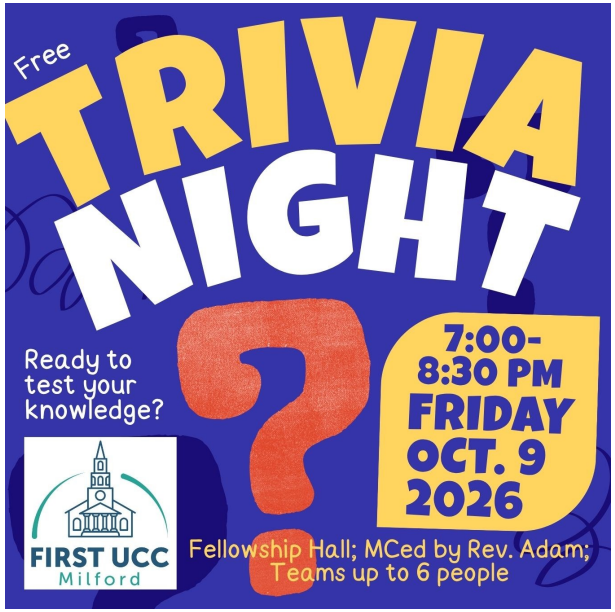
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY
World Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. NIN funds justice ministries engaged in advocacy and direct support. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministries, comprising over 20 Native congregations and over 1,000 individuals in the UCC, and two-thirds funds justice efforts in the National Ministries. This includes a NIN grant program that provides funding to UCC congregations and partners for projects that address immediate needs, create advocacy campaigns, and establish innovative justice programs.

In 2025, the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. Learn more at **www.ucc.org/nin**

When you give to Neighbors in Need, you help build a just world for all. Thank you!

If you are writing a check, address to "First UCC Milford" and add "NIN" in the memo line.



SCAN ME

ONE-TIME SUNDAY

Volunteer Opportunities

8:00am | 10:00am

BE AN USHER (greeter)

GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE!

Arrive 30 minutes before your chosen service to greet worshipers as they arrive. Participate in the offering.

BE A LITURGIST (reader)

NOT AS SCARY AS IT SOUNDS!

There is time to review the passages you are reading. Arrive 10 minutes before service to check in with service leaders.

HOST COFFEE HOUR

BUDDY UP!

Arrive at 9:00 to make the coffee and set treats out. Enjoy. Then clean up after. Contact us to set you up with a coffee hour veteran.

BE A FLOWER FRIEND

NO GREEN THUMB NEEDED!

Bring the worship flowers downstairs and divide them into small bouquets to be shared at coffee hour or delivered to homebound members.

- *https://firstchurchofmilford.org/*
- *Click the "Worship" category*
- *Then click "Volunteer on Sundays"*
- *Need help? kienzlefam@gmail.com 781-248-8801*

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