

Virtual New Milford Tree Lighting November 28, 2020

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Join Mayor Bass, members from the United Methodist Church Men's Group, and Directors from the New Milford Chamber of Commerce on Facebook Live as we light the trees on the Green at 5:30 pm on Saturday, November 28th.

The trees are put up by the United Methodist Men of the New Milford United Methodist Church, www.newmilfordumc.org. This is the 54th year of trees on the Green.

Tradition of the Trees

The tradition of the trees on the Green was started by Walter Schutte in 1967 and the practice continues in his memory. The lights on the trees come alive with color on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Over the years, many people make a special detour on their way home from work or shopping to drive by the Green in the evenings to view the lights on the New Milford Green; while others make it a special place to visit with their young children and friends from out of town when the snow is softly falling and the trees are all aglow with many sparkling colors.

Members of the New Milford United Methodist Men's Club and other church members donate their time and effort to cut the trees down, place them on the Green, string the wires and the lights, and take them down shortly after New Year's. Contributions for lights and other essentials help to keep this tradition alive.

Typically, the Men's Club also sells Christmas Trees at the church during the month of December to raise funds that support local scholarships, mission projects, and local community agencies. They are not able to do that this year; however, if you are so inclined, donations may be made to the New Milford United Methodist Men Club, 68 Danbury Road, New Milford, CT 06776.

November 28th is also Small Business Saturday – Shop Local

In 2010, American Express founded Small Business Saturday to help businesses with their most pressing need – getting more customers. The day encourages people to shop at small businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The single day has grown into a powerful movement, and more people are taking part than ever before.

This year, Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28th. We encourage you to Shop Local and support all our businesses in the Greater New Milford area.