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## Faith Story Spotlight July 2017

At Milestones Ministry  
we believe that  
**"Home is Church too!"**



### Glossary of Milestones Ministry Resources

The resources at Milestones Ministry continue to grow.

Here is a brief description of each:

#### Taking Faith Home:

This is an annual resource that provides a different bulletin insert each week during the church year. This enables individuals and families to bring the Christian faith into the home and daily life by experiencing the Word of God through the Four Key Faith Practices that are also used in Milestones Ministry modules and Moments. Using Taking Faith Home with Milestones will help strengthen a congregation's lifelong faith formation

**Milestones Ministry**  
*"A healthy church is a church that practices  
faith at home!"*

The screenshot shows the Milestones Ministry website with a red navigation bar containing: HOME, MILESTONES, **TAKING FAITH HOME**, TOOLBOX, FAITH FORMATION STORES, COACHING, ABOUT, STORE. Below the navigation bar, there are three main content areas:

- WHAT IS TAKING FAITH HOME?**: A section with a green background and a photo of hands holding soil. Text includes: "Growing People in Faith when at Home and Away" and "...and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away. When you do, please send when you can. (Lectionary 8/7b)".
- Taking Faith Home Cards**: A blue box with text: "Taking Faith Home Cards are designed to allow individuals and families to nurture their faith at any time and place! Each card contains a variety of faith-building activities, allowing one to pick and choose what is most beneficial in your current setting. Each of these 64 cards in Deck A are based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year A and include a scripture verse and prayer on one side and caring conversation, service".
- The Heart of Milestones**: A purple box with text: "At the heart of Milestones Ministry are the Four Keys. These Four Key Faith Practices nurture the Christian faith, reach out to the larger world with the love of God in Christ, and bless and strengthen relationships at home and in the congregation. They are: 1. **Caring Conversations**: These conversation starters provide meaningful reflection on biblical texts and our daily lives."
- Taking Faith Home**: A green box with text: "Taking Faith Home (TFH) is an annual subscription providing a weekly bulletin insert to enhance faith formation in the home!" and a list: "Offers suggested daily Bible readings." and "Gives examples of each of the Four Key faith practices (caring conversations, devotions, service)".

On the right side of the website, there is a "Connect with us:" section with Facebook and Twitter icons, a "Sign Up for Enews" button, the email address "info@milestonesministry.org", and the phone number "or call 304-300-0836".

#### Who are we?

We are a small four-person ministry that develops and provides vital Christian resources for faith formation and outreach to individuals, congregations, and community members. We provide bulletin inserts and faith discussion cards based on the Revised Common Lectionary. We also provide milestone event recognition modules and shorter moments as well as publish and provide church leadership books to help and guide individuals and church leadership with faith formation. All our products are produced locally in the United States, and our internet

ministry. [Click here.](#)

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[Click here for more info.](#)

**Milestone Modules:** Each module includes a Four Key Faith Practices outline for three different settings: Cross+Generational, Home, and a Follow-Up. Also included are tips for leaders, an appendix with additional suggestions, and a Worship Blessing, and an appendix that includes ideas for outreach.

- **Child and Youth:** There are 18 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)
- **Adult :** There are 12 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

### **Milestone Moments for the**

**Home:** There are 12 at this time and we add new ones regularly. These guides are a two-page design that can be used in a small group setting or the home. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

**Gifting Stones:** If you choose to use a stone as a visual reminder of the Milestone, a stone for gifting has been designed by our potter and artist, Dawn Deines-Christensen for each Milestone module. Other gifting suggestions are also given in each module appendix.

[Click here for more information about the Gifting Stones.](#)

store currently provides resources to customers in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, South Africa, and Norway.

### **What do we do?**

We create and publish leadership guides and resource materials to assist development of faith formation in the home, congregation, and community. All our efforts affirm a conviction that a healthy church is a church that practices faith at home.

### **When did we start doing this?**

In April 2014 Vibrant Faith Ministries chose to pursue more of a leadership consulting based ministry and decided to spin off the Milestones Ministry portion of their ministry into its own separate ministry. After some quick and hectic planning, Milestones Ministry, LLC was established on 1 August 2014 in the State of West Virginia. Former Vibrant Faith Ministries staff member, the Rev. Dr. David W. Anderson, and Associate for Vibrant Faith Ministries, Deborah A. Streicher, were working on revising and updating an existing Milestones Manual at the time. David has authored several leadership books available in our store. Debbie has hands-on experience working on staff in a congregation with a focus on faith in the home. And both David and Debbie have coached and done consulting for many years with congregations across the United States, in Australia, and in Canada. They became the Co-Directors and coerced their recently retired spouses to join them in maintaining and growing this new fledgling ministry.

### **Where are we?**

Our company is located in scenic and beautiful West Virginia just south of Cumberland, Maryland. Our office is located in the basement of Burt and Debbie Streicher's home. David and Gloria Anderson live in Roseville, Minnesota which is a lovely suburb of St. Paul.

### **How are we accomplishing what we do?**

We believe that Milestones Ministry provides an essential congregational tool for faith formation and outreach in the twenty-first century. For the home, Milestones Ministry nurtures the Christian faith, strengthens relationships, and creates the kind of bond that promotes meaningful memories for years to come. We provide downloadable files, CDs, discussion cards, stones and bowls, printed products, and church leadership books, coaching, and presentations.

***"Growing people in faith when at home and away."***

***"...and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:7b***

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*The Milestones Ministry Mission is to provide congregations and households with resources and coaching services to nurture the Christian faith and reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.*

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