



wednesday, july 22, 2015  
 the open door  
 contemporary worship  
 7:00 pm  
 ...in a religion born in a barn,  
 an open door goes without saying

children's message  
 reflecting on God's message  
 anthem  
 presentation of the offerings  
 song  
 song  
 going forth

God's children

opening song  
 welcome & announcements  
 passing the peace  
 sung prayer  
 joys & concerns

**psalm 145** - [*Opening to You Zen-Inspired translations of the Psalms by Normam Fisher*]  
 people will proclaim memorials to Your goodness  
 they will sing full-throated of Your righteousness  
 for you are gracious and compassionate  
 long-suffering and overflowing with kindness  
 good to all, and Your tender mercies wash the world clean  
 so that everything is drenched in gratefulness  
 and those who love You bless You with every breath  
 and converser always of the brightness of Your presence  
 speak only Your power and pervasiveness  
 to make clear to the onrushing generations  
 the Your acts are decisive  
 Your presence is bright  
 Your rule is timeless  
 and Your pattern weaves through all that is  
 you hold up the falling ones  
 You lift up those who are pressed down  
 all eyes wait upon You hopefully  
 and when it is time You give them what they need  
 opening Your hand to satisfy them  
 in Your love You preserve those who love You  
 but in Your distance You are the abandonment of those who abandon You  
 my mouth shall ever speak these words of praise for You  
 and all flesh shall be the blessing of Your unsayable name  
 everywhere and always.

contemplative moment

**ephesians 3:14-21** *the message (msg) [adapted with inclusive language]*  
<sup>14-19</sup> my response is to get down on my knees before the Redeemer,  
 this magnificent Parent who parcels out all heaven and earth.  
 i ask God to strengthen you by the Holy Spirit—  
 not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—  
 that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in.  
 and I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love,  
 you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus  
 the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.  
 reach out and experience the breadth!  
 test its length!  
 plumb the depths!  
 rise to the heights!  
 live full lives, full in the fullness of God.  
<sup>20-21</sup> God can do anything, you know—  
 far more than you could ever imagine or guess  
 or request in your wildest dreams!  
 God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us,  
 the Holy Spirit deeply and gently within us.  
 glory to God in the church!  
 glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!  
 glory down all the generations!  
 glory through all millennia!  
 oh, yes!

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**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

our prayers are with:

- Bob Burwell who is having medical issues.
- Corky, a member of the Open Door Band, who has shingles.
- Tom Burns who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano's niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Terri Hudak's cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.
- Terri Hudak's aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- Laurel Partrick's cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Emily Nixon's cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Marlene Davis' son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.

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**Our Life in Community**

For more information about any item listed below, please contact the  
 Church Office at 860-354-4596 or office@newmilfordumc.org

**VBS** - New Milford United Methodist Church will be having its Vacation Bible School this year August 3-7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is G-Force Adventure Park. The week will be full of constant motion and Bible-based activities.

VBS is open to all children ages 4-12 and a \$10.00 registration is required, although scholarships are available. Pre-registration is desired. Forms are available on the Church website at www.newmilfordumc.org. Questions may be directed to Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028.

VBS is a church-wide effort and requires many volunteers. Whether you are able to volunteer for one hour or ten, please plan to get involved. A planning meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Fall Fair** is just 2 months away and the planning is beginning. Please join us for an organizational meeting on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We are hoping we will get some new ideas and also hear how our standard ideas are working and can be enhanced. For more information, please contact Tracie Nixon at tracienix@gmail.com or 203-994-7763 or Marlene Davis at mmdavis@sbcglobal.net or 203-417-4554.

**Pastor Alex's office hours** will be Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Although he may have meetings scheduled intermittently during that time, these are the days and times he's planning to hold office hours. Feel free to drop by and see him at your convenience.

If you need to contact him, feel free to email - pastor.alex.souto@gmail.com or call/text him - 415-706-5397.

**Our Daily Bread** is open every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Donations and volunteers are always welcome! If you find yourself with an abundance of fresh produce, it can be brought to Our Daily Bread on Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. or from 2:30-3:00 p.m. If those hours are not convenient, call Gene Parsons at 203-415-7675 to arrange a suitable time.

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**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

Thurs., July 23 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn  
 Sun., July 26 at 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service at Chapel in the Pines  
 at 10:30 am Lay Led Devotions in the Sanctuary  
 Mon., July 27 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 Tues., July 28 at 7:00 pm Church Council in Conference Room  
 Wed., July 29 at 5:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Dinner in Fellowship Hall/Youth  
 at 7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall every Monday - Friday at noon