



Celebrations this month!

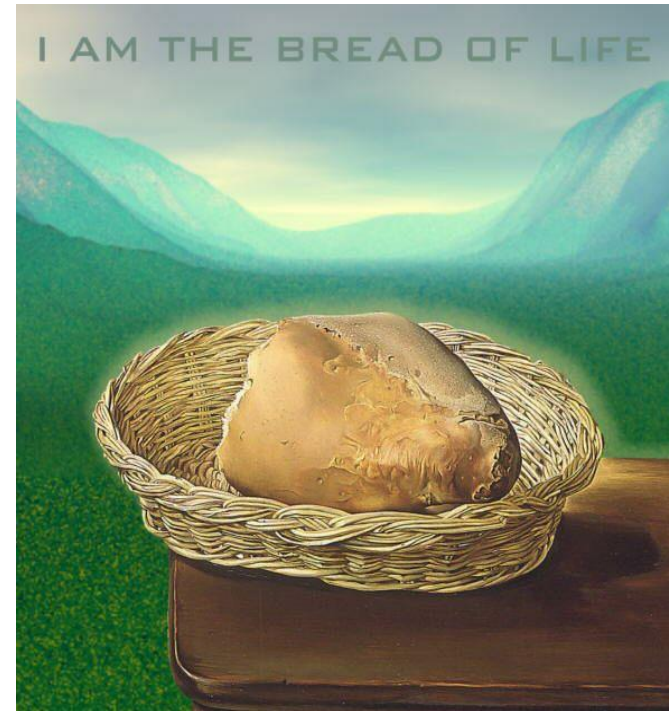
Birthdays

- Athena Mazza - 4
- Damon Mazza - 5
- Rich Tomascak - 8
- Jacque Gaynor - 13
- Travis Kullgren - 14
- Bonnie Weed - 24
- Angie Chastain - 24
- Tracie Nixon - 26
- Elizabeth Kern - 26
- Tom Nixon - 27
- Lu Vivona - 28
- Diane Singleton - 29

Anniversaries

- Bill and Bonnie Weed – 4
- Lynn and Michael Cannito – 14
- Harold and Patty Jacobsen – 16
- Larry and Pat Tripp – 20
- Bill and Jody Ihlo – 22
- Bob and Joan Hoburg – 29
- Rob and Jennifer Mayette – 29

Notes



The Service of Worship
 New Milford United Methodist Church
 68 Danbury Road, New Milford, CT 06776
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 860-354-4596

Rev. Alex da Silva Souto, Pastor
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 02, 2015 at 9:00 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

*** The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**
 † Means you are invited to stand if able.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and News

[Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news, and please share it with your family and friends.]

† **Opening Hymn # 420** “Breath on Me, Breath of God” TRENTHAM

† **Call to Worship**

Let us lead a life worthy of our calling.
We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.
 Let us lead a life filled with the gifts of our calling, gifts to be used in service with humbleness.
We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.
 Let us lead a life which reflects our calling, that life of peace grounded in the Holy Spirit.
We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we seek to share the grace offered to us.
 Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness [IN UNISON] Roberta Buddle

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please You. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of Your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and `satisfying our thirsts, we cannot taste that

*Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others,
we have no time to look in the mirror and recognize our own short comings.*

*Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with Your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner
being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us,
so they might beat as one with each other, and with Your Son, our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

[a moment for silence confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Despite knowing our iniquities, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness,
God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us.
This is the good news: God loves us unconditionally!

*God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness.
Thanks be to God! Amen!*

†Hymn of Praise # 351 “Pass me Not, O Gentle Savior” [v.v. 1, 2] PASS ME NOT

Prayers of the People [*Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.*]

Hymn of Praise # 351 “Pass me Not, O Gentle Savior” [v.v. 3, 4] PASS ME NOT

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

†Gospel Reading “John 6:24-35” [NRSV] Roberta Buddle

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message “God Surprises” Pastor Alex
Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children return to their pews.

Reflecting on God’s Message

Pastor Alex

†Hymn of Response # 629 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

†Doxology [IN UNISON] “Praise God...”
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

*[Communion is a time when we celebrate and share in the presence of the risen Christ around His Table.
This is an open Table and all are invited. **You need not** be a member of this Church or any Church;
you need not be baptized. **You need only desire a closer encounter with God.**
John Wesley, the founder of the people called Methodists, believed that it is possible
to have a conversion experience during Communion, and so all are welcome at the Lord's Table]*



†Hymn of Preparation # 620 “One Bread, One Body” ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Great Thanksgiving [*Please refer to pages 13-14 in the UMH*]

LORD’s Prayer [IN UNISON] UMH 895
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread, Cup & Blessing

Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

†Closing Hymn # 553 “And Are We Yet Alive” [v.v. 1, 2, 6] DENNIS

Commission, Benediction, and Passing the Peace

Let us go into the world with God’s gifts.
We will perform God’s works of mercy and life.
Let us go into the world with the Bread of heaven in our hands.
We will share Christ’s grace which gives life to everyone.
Let us go as the one body of faith and fellowship.
We will to witness to the one Spirit of hope and faith.

Postlude

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful for:

- Everyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month of August.
- The book, *Jesus Calling*.
- Letter to editor by Marilyn Fuller.
- Sunday Devotion Group and ask for prayers of guidance as we hope to open it to the New Milford Community in the future.

prayers of healing and recovery for:

- Viola, Roxanne Martin's aunt, who recently experienced a fall and was injured.
- Abby's friend who recently had back surgery.
- Janet Schnitzler who is recovering from surgery.
- Tom who is undergoing radiation treatment.
- Jan Parsons as her ankle continues to heal.
- Elizabeth Kern
- Mary Prause as her foot continues to heal.
- Alma Hough who is experiencing health issues.
- Marcia Cairns' nephew who is not responding to treatment.
- Liz Burwell who is having medical issues.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano's niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Chris Martirano's cousin and friend, Valorie, who is experiencing health concerns.
- 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. Prayers for complete healing.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.

prayers for those mourning:

- João and his family and friends mourning his death.
- Alli as she mourns her husband and daughter.

travel mercies and fun times

- Adrienne Kern's parents who is here visiting
- Stephen, Kitty's grandson who is here visiting
- Bob and Joan Hoburg as they travel to visit Bob's brother and Joan's sister

prayers for:

- The Mozambique team as they travel to Mozambique next week.
- Everyone afflicted with addiction.
- Chris Martirano as he goes through the adoption process.
- Joe Tigner who is in need of prayer.
- Prayers for Valorie Kolitz in her time of unemployment.
- B.J., Jonathan, and Edward
- Tina and Jonathan as they purchase a new home.

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

Vacation Bible School – NMUMC's Vacation Bible School will be held this coming week, August 3-7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. VBS is open to all children ages 4-12 and space is still available. Forms will be available the first evening for walk-in registration. Questions may be directed to Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028.

Sandy Lybe will moving away from Connecticut and leaving her position as Music Director at NMUMC. There will be a farewell and good luck reception for Sandy and her family on Sunday, August 23rd immediately following the Chapel in the Pines worship service. Everyone is invited to attend!

Fall Fair is just 2 months away and the planning is beginning. We are looking for new ideas and would also like to 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.

Communion – We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the components of Communion (bread, grape juice) on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers can sign up indefinitely or by the month. Please contact the church office at office@newmilfordumc.org or 860-354-4596 if you're available to assist.

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.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:00 am Chapel in the Pines
at 10:30 am Lay Led Devotions in the Sanctuary

Mon., Aug. 3 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Tues., Aug. 4 at 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School
at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room

Wed., Aug. 5 at 5:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary
at 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School
at 6:00 pm Open Door Dinner in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary

Thurs., Aug. 6 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
at 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School
at 6:45 pm Scripture at the Tripp's

Fri., Aug. 7 at 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Sun., Aug. 9 at 9:00 am Chapel in the Pines
at 10:30 am Lay Led Devotions in the Sanctuary

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.