

CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 25

9:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Reconciliation/Human Sexuality
vote: Becoming a Reconciling Church
1:00 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

Mon., Sept. 26

10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., Sept. 27

7:30 pm Evangelism in Library

Wed., Sept. 28

5:30 pm Open Door Band Practice
7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary
7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Sept. 29

3:00 pm Our Daily Bread in the Food Barn
5:45 pm Bell Practice in Sanctuary
7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

Fri., Oct. 30

8:30 a.m. Pie Making in Fellowship Hall

Sat., Oct. 1

8:00 am FALL FAIR

Sun., Oct. 2

9:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Adult Sunday School
12:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
2:00 pm Missions in Fellowship Hall

AA in Fellowship Hall Monday - Friday at noon

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Ministers: *All members of the New Milford UMC*

New Milford United Methodist Church



Sunday Worship Celebration

September 25, 2016 @ 9:30am



*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.
Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.
† Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.
listening assistance devices are available at the entry of the sanctuary

ALTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF
CHRIS AND MARY PRAUSE'S 10TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	Cambine UMC Choir Video	
Welcome & News		
Prayer of Invocation	Jerry Jones	
O, God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, we give thanks for your call to be involved in your mission; For your grace that upholds as we seek to fulfill that mission; For your peace that surrounds us in the midst of our struggle. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.		
† Opening Hymn #437	"This Is My Song"	FINLANDIA
† Call to Worship	Jerry Jones	
God is at work in the world, and he wants you to join him. Being a Christian includes being sent into the world as a representative of Jesus Christ.		
Scripture Reading	"James 1:27" [NRSV]	Marilyn Fuller
The restoring Word of God to the wise people of God! <i>Thanks be to God!</i>		
Children's Message	"What Does It Mean to be an Orphan?" [children are invited to Sunday School for our first Godly Play lesson.]	Kay Jones
Hymn of Praise #593	"Here I Am, Lord"	HERE I AM, LORD

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Jerry Jones
We ask, O God, that you open our eyes to see your face in the face of each person we encounter each day; Open our ears to hear your voice in the voices of those in need; Open our mouths to speak your words of challenge, comfort and grace to those we meet; Open our hands to find ways to carry out different tasks in your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† Bible Readings Diane Singleton
Gospel "John 20:21"
Hebrew Bible "Deuteronomy 10:18"
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Listening for God's Message The Mozambique Team

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Response #354 "Take My Life and Let It Be" [v.v. 1-2] MESSIAH

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

† Doxology #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Offertory Prayer

GOING FORTH

† Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace

We ask, O God, that you continue to keep us from being self-satisfied with actions completed without recognizing that it was your action; Guide us to places of service which we would not find without your light to lead the way; Strengthen us when we falter, for it is your power that lifts us up and places our feet once more on your path. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Example, and our Savior. Amen

† Closing Hymn #354 "Take My Life and Let It Be" [v.v. 1-2] MESSIAH

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith