

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

Mon., Apr. 14 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Wed., Apr. 16 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room

Thurs., Apr. 17 at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall  
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn  
 at 3:30 pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission off-site  
 at 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary

Fri., Apr. 18 at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes off-site

Sat., Apr. 19 at 1:00 pm "Relay for Life" Zumba Class at The Club  
 at 7:15 pm Family Bowling at Lore's Lanes

Sun., Apr. 20 at 6:45 am Sunrise Service in Chapel in the Pines  
 at 9:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
 at 11:30 am Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary  
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group  
 at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Holy Week at the New Milford United Methodist Church**

**Maundy Thursday Service** will be Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Good Friday Community Service** on the Green in New Milford begins Friday, April 18th on the steps of the Congregational Church at 12 noon.

**Easter Sunday Worship Services** will be Sunday, April 20th at 6:15 a.m. in Chapel in the Pines and 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Bring your Easter baskets!** All children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt between the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services starting at 10:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Art and Alice Smith by their son Forrest Smith.

**New Milford United Methodist Church  
Every Member A Disciple**

**Ushers—9:30 a.m.—Roger and Maryanne Ploof  
11:30 a.m.—The Walsh Family**

**Liturgist: Dave Kullgren**



**The Open Door  
Contemporary Worship  
11:30 am**

...in a religion born in a barn,  
an open door goes without saying

song 78 "hosanna"  
song 58 "come into this house"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 61 "breathe"  
song 86 "like an avalanche"

gospel lesson matthew 21:1-11  
page 23 in the new testament in the pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.  
**thanks be to God.**

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "the wave" rev. paul a fleck

anthem "yah mo b there"

joys & concerns

song 6 "i could sing of your love forever"  
song 55 "all about you"

sending forth

dramatic reading "remember me"



Palm  
Sunday



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Rev. Paul A. Fleck

**Palm Sunday  
"The Wave"  
Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 9:30 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.

**ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Moment of Silence**

**Processional** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE  
**Hymn #278**

**Call to Worship**

Open the gates!  
**Give us courage to walk through!**  
Lay down the cloaks.  
**We mark the journey to Love's reign.**  
Lift up the branches!  
**Let us boldly proclaim God's peace!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God of Courage, give us wisdom,  
that we may sustain the weary with our words.  
As we speak, help us also to listen.  
Amen.**

**Psalm** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Page 565 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

(Please stand for the Gospel lesson, if you are able.)

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 21:1-11  
Page 23 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*The children are invited to come forward and sit at the chancel with the pastor as the congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 191, “Jesus Loves Me.”*

### Children’s Sermon

### Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

## OFFERING

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

“Antiphonal Hosanna”  
*Children and Chancel Choirs*

*Please stand for the Doxology*

### Presentation

**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

*All Sit.*

*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Offering Prayer.*

### Anthem

“Ride On”  
*Chancel Choir*

### Prayer

Name above all names,  
as you emptied yourself for others,  
we offer ourselves and these gifts  
as a sign of our hope in your reign.  
Where there is death, bring life.  
Where there is sorrow, bring joy.  
Where there is injustice, bring courage for change.  
**Amen.**

## Responses

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn.*

**Hymn #277** “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” STORIES OF JESUS

### Morning Prayer

*Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we stand at the gate,  
hesitant and uncertain;  
we are reluctant to answer your invitation;  
we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Grant us the help we need to be your people—  
the courage to join you in the procession;  
the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you;  
the freedom to lift our palms to your glory;  
and the knowledge that by your grace  
we are forgiven. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Hear this good news!  
The procession is ever moving forward.  
We can join at any moment.  
The invitation still stands!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen!**

### Passing the Peace

*The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14*

Let the words of my mouth,  
**and the meditation of my heart,  
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

### Sermon

“The Wave”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing the hymn.*

### Hymn #160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

## SENDING FORTH

### Dramatic Reading

“Remember Me”

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with:

- Roberta Buddle as she recovers from surgery.
- The DeBoy family as they grieve the loss of Sue.
- The Hudak family as they grieve the loss of June.
- Roxanne Martin as she continues her recovery from back surgery.
- Roger Nagle as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- The LaBella family whose daughter is fighting cancer while pregnant.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who has begun cancer treatment.
- Jan Parson’s sister-in-law, Ellen, who is recovering at home following her surgery.
- Denise Reiss’ friend who is suffering from ovarian cancer.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- Bonnie Knapp’s brother, Dick, who underwent a successful operation for lung cancer but is now receiving radiation for a growth on his neck.
- Marlene Davis’ nephew who is in hospice.

## OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

*Have an announcement for Our Life in Community? If you get it to us by 12 noon on Thursday, we will try to make sure it gets into the bulletin the following Sunday.*

**Egg Fillers** are needed by the Youth Group for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. They will be filling eggs **THIS AFTERNOON**. Please drop all donations in the marked box in the Narthex/Library.

**Flowers for Jesus**—Don’t forget to bring your “Flowers for Jesus” on Easter Morning, Sunday, April 20th to be placed in the wooden cross on the church lawn.

**“Our Daily Bread” Food Barn** is in need of canned corn, canned fruit, and boxes of pasta. Donations may be dropped in the “Our Daily Bread” box in the Narthex.

**Bowling**—Don’t forget to RSVP for Family Bowling Night, Saturday, April 19 at 7:15 p.m. at Lore’s Lanes. Please RSVP by April 17 to Linda Slater at (860) 354-6180 or [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com).

**Relay for Life Zumba Class**—Join the Methodist Movers as they participate in a Zumba Class, this Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the NM Sports Club.

**Sunday School**—Please note, there will be NO Sunday School the following days: Sunday, April 20, 2014 (Easter Sunday); Sunday, May 25, 2014 (Memorial Day Weekend); Sunday, June 8, 2014 (Combined Service); or Sunday, June 15, 2014 (Promotion Sunday).

**Wise and Wonderful Lunch**—All seniors are invited to attend the annual “Wise and Wonderful Luncheon” to be held April 27 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for seniors to get together for food, fun, and fellowship. If you need a ride or to RSVP, please contact the church office at 860-354-4596 ext. 10 or by email at [office@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:office@newmilfordumc.org). If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

**Mother and Father’s Day Cards**—Mother’s and Father’s Day Cards will once again be sold to support the Church World Services “Blanket and Tool program”. This program purchases tools and blankets for people in developing countries. This program started in 1989 and, to date, our church has collected close to \$7000! Cards are \$5 each and will be sold in the Narthex. Mother’s Day Cards will be available on April 27, May 4 and May 11. Father’s Day Cards will be sold on June 1, 8, and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

**Relay for Life**—Sign up and pledge sheets for Relay for Life are in the Narthex, please sign up for a time that’s convenient for you. Please help us in our fundraising efforts by donating any loose change in the “Coins for Cancer” jar in Fellowship Hall. During Fellowship Hour stop by the Relay for Life table and purchase handmade knitted hats for only \$8 or a Luminary bag for \$5 to decorate and dedicate to that special loved one. Please contact team Captain, Linda Slater at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) or 860-354-6180 for further information.

**God Sightings**—Don’t forget to send your God Sightings—every day occurrences and small miracles that reveal the nature of God—to Emily Nixon at [opendoor@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:opendoor@newmilfordumc.org) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

**Sandy Recovery Mission Trip**—The devastation left by Super Storm Sandy still exists. On May 3 and 4 we would like to send a team to work on local projects on Saturday, attend a local Church on Sunday, and work a few more hours before heading home. If interested in being included in the May trip, please contact Tracie Nixon, Missions Coordinator for NMUMC at 860-355-8628; [tracienix@gmail.com](mailto:tracienix@gmail.com) or Steve Kolitz at 203-417-9670 or 860-355-8416 or [sbkolitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbkolitz@sbcglobal.net).

**Coupons Wanted!** Kimber and Madelyn Malinowski are gearing up for an “extreme couponing” shopping trip to benefit Our Daily Bread! They are looking for coupons. If you have any you would be willing to donate, please place them in the envelope marked COUPON COLLECTION on the table outside the Church Office. Contact Kimber Malinowski 203-770-7791 with any questions.