

**Scholarships**—Faye and Art Carlson Scholarship applications are available in the Lobby and on the Church website—[www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org). Scholarship applicants must be members of NMUMC. Scholarship applications are due no later than May 24, 2015. Scholarships will be awarded on June 14th, 2015 and recipients must be present at either the 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service or the 11:30 a.m. Open Door Service to accept.

**Gift Cards**—If you'd like to support the scholarship fund, don't forget to place your 'Gift Cards' order. Order forms are available on the shelves underneath the bulletin board outside the kitchenette in the Lobby. You may also contact Heather Morin with any questions h-860-354-8406; c-203-770-5782; e-hmorin218@yahoo.com.

**The Methodist Movers** Relay for Life Team is looking for members! Registration is free this year, so please consider signing up today! All survivors and caregivers, please register as soon as possible. We had a wonderful year last year and I am hoping this year will be just as great. The event is June 27 - 28th, but the Team is in need of registrations as soon as possible planning can begin for the event weekend. Funds raised by anyone helping out on any fundraiser will be applied towards your required amount to earn a T-shirt. A ZUMBA for Relay Dance Party is scheduled for May 2nd at Phys-Ed, Still River Dr. Cost: Donations Please consider attending. Help with future fund-raising, decorations, team ideas, thoughts and ideas are very much welcomed. Please contact Team Captain Linda Slater at 860-354-6180 or [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com)

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

**TODAY** at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary  
 at 1:00 pm Senior Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

**Mon., Apr. 20** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall

**Tues., Apr. 21** at 6:30 pm SPR in Conference Room  
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Wed., Apr. 22** at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:30 pm "The Mix" in Sanctuary

**Thurs., Apr. 23** at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food  
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library  
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

**Fri., Apr. 24** at 4:30 pm Ed Center Art Show in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Conference Room

**Sat., Apr. 25** at 10:00 am Women's Club in Fellowship Hall

**Sun., Apr. 26** at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
 At 2:00 pm Youth Group in Classroom

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall

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

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—  
[www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)



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

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

song "come, now is the time to worship"  
 song "without you"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song "i could sing of your love forever"

contemplative moment

song "what you are"

**gospel lesson** luke 10:25-37  
 page 71 in the new testament in your pew Bible.  
 the word of God for the people of God.  
**thanks be to God.**

presentation of the offerings

children's message

sermon "the good samaritan" paul a. fleck

anthem "if we are the body"

joys & concerns

song "miracle in my heart"  
 song "hallelujah"

sending forth

**NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 "Every Member a Disciple"  
**Ushers— 9:30 a.m. Mike and Larissa Dreyfus**  
**11:30 a.m. The Kolitz Family**



**The Service of Worship**  
 New Milford United Methodist Church  
 68 Danbury Road  
 New Milford, CT 06776  
[www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org)  
 860-354-4596

Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor  
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister  
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader  
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 19, 2015 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**

**Processional** "Welcome" WELCOME  
**Hymn #3152 (Green Hymnal)**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

**People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

Leader: How shall we answer?

**People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.**

Leader: How shall we answer?

**People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.**

**Sung Prayer for Illumination**

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love hear;**

**Things I would ask him to tell me if He were here:**

**Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,**

**Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First Gospel Lesson**

Luke 10:25-37

Page 71 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

All Sit.

**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

## The Lord's Prayer

### OFFERING

#### Invitation to Offering

#### Offertory

*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 anthem.*

**Anthem** "Amazing Grace"  
*Bell Choir*

#### Prayer

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

### RESPONSES

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

**Hymn** "Who Is My Neighbor"

"Who is my neighbor?" A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him. So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:  
Lonely the way ...  
Lonely the traveler one day ...  
Robbers attacked him and left him.

First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.  
Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.  
Then one despised,  
Hated in everyone's eyes,  
Knelt down to heal and restore him.

Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.  
He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.  
Not by a creed  
But by responding to need,  
He proved to be the good neighbor.

#### Morning Prayer

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

## Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

#### Passing the Peace

*During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet your neighbor verbally.*

*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 Good Samaritan" Paul A. Fleck

**Hymn 560** "Help Us Accept Each Other" ACCEPTANCE

### SENDING FORTH

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

*our prayers are with:*

- Jerry and Kay Jones on the death of Jerry's uncle, Malcom Starr.
- The family of George Perry, a friend of Mary Gunther, upon his death.
- Larissa Drefus' uncle, David, who is in hospice care.
- Matt and Dee Yukon's family who both recently passed away and leave two surviving young children.
- Student of Jen Burns' whose father passed away a few weeks ago and whose mom is in hospice.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Wendy, who is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.
- Diane Jones, a relative Linda and Alex Slater, who had a large tumor removed from her bladder and will be undergoing chemotherapy.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano's niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Chris Martirano's father-in-law and mother-in-law, who are experiencing health issues.

- Bonnie Knapp's sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- 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.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver 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.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.

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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](mailto:office@newmilfordumc.org)**

**Fellowship Hour**—Please join us between services for Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!

**Wise and Wonderful Lunch**—Join us TODAY for the annual "Wise and Wonderful" luncheon. All seniors are invited for food, fellowship, and fun in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m.

You can support the **Kairos Prison Ministry April 23-26** by filling our the prayer hands and placing them in the Offering Plate or by handing them directly to Chris Prause. Chris also will have the forms that need to be submitted to the Dept. of Corrections if you are interested in attending the closing ceremonies on April 26.

**Mother's/Father's Day Cards**—Since 1989, NMUMC has offered the opportunity to purchase Mother's and Father's Day cards through the tools and blankets program of church world service. Through the sale of these cards NMUMC has contributed over \$6,500 to date toward the purchase of tool and blanket supplies for people in developing countries. Mother's Day Cards will be on sale April 26, May 3rd and May 10th. Father's Day Cards on sale June 7, 14 and 21st. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at (860) 355-0559.

**New Member Orientation**—There is a New Member Orientation scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in learning more about joining the Church should plan to attend.

**All Star Concert—All Star Concert**—The All-Star Concert 2015 will be held on Friday, May 22 beginning at 6:30 pm with a silent auction and refreshments. The bands will begin to play at 8:00 pm. The event promises to be a great time, highlighted by first-rate music for only \$12 per ticket, plus a cash refreshment and bar area. Members of Higher & Higher, Tony T. Orchestra, City Express Band, Future Tense, Perfect timing Duo, Shoo Fly, Two Dollar Hat, and the Open Door Band will be performing. To purchase tickets, send your check to the church address with your contact information and we will have your tickets at the "will-call" table at the event. You can also go to this website: [www.showclix.com/event/all-starconcert](http://www.showclix.com/event/all-starconcert) where you can purchase tickets for a small fee. We are looking for items for the silent auction so if you know a business that might be willing to donate an item or a service, please contact one of the members of the auction committee—Steve Kowitz at [sbkowitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbkowitz@sbcglobal.net) or 203-417-9670, Tracie Nixon at [tracienix@gmail.com](mailto:tracienix@gmail.com) or 203-994-7763 or Marlene Davis at [mmdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmdavis@sbcglobal.net) or 203-417-4554. Information and links for the All-Star Concert can also be found on the church website - [www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org).