

Joys and Concerns

our prayers are with:

- Kitty Muro's grandson, who is recovering in Yale-New Haven Hospital from an accident.
- Giovanni Thomas, who will begin treatment for a cancerous mass behind his kidney.
- Janice Mayette, who will be having surgery this Friday.
- Helen Leary's niece, Diane, who is grieving the loss of her husband.
- The family of John Farrell as they grieve his loss.
- Louise Fazio, whose kidney transplant stopped working.
- Robert Cerrato as he heals from leg and heart surgery.
- Jerry Jones as he recovers from an arm injury.
- Marlene Davis' son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Jan and Gene Parsons' friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- Millie Ackerly's daughter, who is receiving cancer treatment.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Aug. 18 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 Fellowship Hall
Tues., Aug. 19 at 7:00 pm SPR in Conference Room
Wed., Aug. 20 at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room
Thurs., Aug. 21 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
Sat., Aug. 23 at 1:00 pm NMHS Swim Team Car Wash
Sun., Aug. 24 at 8:30 am Chapel in the Pines Worship Service
at 10:00 am Blended Service in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Our Life in Community

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

Safe Sanctuary Training will take place TODAY - Sunday, August 17— at 1:30 p.m.. Anyone who works with children and/or youth must come to this mandatory training and complete a background check. Our Safe Sanctuary Policy can be found online at www.newmilfordumc.org. For more information about this training, contact the Church Office at 860-354-4596 or by email at office@newmilfordumc.org.

Scripture Study—Larry and Pat Tripp will be hosting a Scripture Study at their home on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:45 p.m. Please call Pat at 860-354-8720 to RSVP and get directions.

On Call Pastor—Pastor Paul will be on vacation August 20-27. If anyone should need pastoral services during that time, please contact Martha Epstein, Pastor, United Methodist Church of Monroe. Her office number is [203-268-8395](tel:203-268-8395) and her cell is [914-830-5462](tel:914-830-5462). She may also be reached by her email at PastorMartha@verizon.net.

Our Daily Bread is in need of pasta, canned meat or fish, fresh vegetables, and hot dogs (may be placed in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall kitchen clearly marked "Our Daily Bread.")

Rally Sunday- A joint service will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. for our Rally Sunday—when we welcome families back to church for the Sunday School year. We will be kicking off a new sermon series entitled "Why?," exploring topics such as "Why Faith?" "Why Prayer?" "Why Church?" and "Why Jesus?" Please be sure to join us!

Worship Retreat—A worship retreat will be held on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing the upcoming Advent season as well as plans for the coming year. Anyone who would like to join us is invited to attend.

Fall Fair—Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 4th for the Annual Fall Fair. More information will be coming soon!



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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Blended Service—Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 10:00 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. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. 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

Hymn 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Call to Worship

Sometimes we get the feeling that we are the only ones that the Lord loves.

Open our hearts to see all the people who are loved by the Lord.

We want Jesus to be our sole possession.

But Jesus reaches out to all others in need.

Lord, forgive our selfishness.

Open our hearts to find healing and restoration that we might be better disciples. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Seeking unity, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Acknowledging our discord, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Realigning our lives with God, we come to the scriptures.

Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not

