

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

Chapel in the Pines—Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 8:30 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. 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

rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Psalm Psalm 133
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

All Sit.

Prayer

Merciful God,
we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us.
In spite of our human failings,
your love continues to draw us together.
Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love.
Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace.
Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.
How good it is to be together!
Hallelujah! Amen!

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn 374 “Standing on the Promises” PROMISES

Morning Prayer

*Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.
The lay leader will conclude: Lord in your mercy.
The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God of Love,
we have come here today for a family reunion!
We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.
Each of us is your precious child.
And yet there is division in this family.
There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations.
We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.
We would rather choose our relatives,
than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature of your family.
Open our hearts to your love,
and show us the way of reconciliation.
Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes.
Help us claim our heritage as your own children,
and live together in unity as your family.**

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Communion

Please refer to the enclosed Communion Insert.

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

“Crumbs from the Table” REV. PAUL A. FLECK

Reader’s Theater

Please stand if you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn 383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” BEGINNINGS

SENDING FORTH

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**Liturgist:** Tom Tibbatts

**Altar Flowers:** The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory and celebration of Art and Alice Smith’s birthdays by their son, Forrest Smith.

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