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

On Call Pastor—Pastor Paul will be on vacation through August 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 and her cell is 914-830-5462. She may also be reached by her email at PastorMartha@verizon.net.

Gas Card Collection for the Singleton/Thomas family. At this time they making two trips a week to Hartford Children's Hospital, and this will go on for several weeks. To help off-set the expense, the Youth Group will be collecting gas station gift cards to give to the family for the duration of Giovanni's treatments. If you are able to prayerfully donate, cards may be given to Brinna Kolitz or left in the "youth pastor" mailbox (top left mailbox) behind the sliding closet doors in the church narthex. For more information, contact Brinna at youthminis-ter@newmilfordumc.org.

Food Barn Photo—All Food Barn volunteers are invited for a photo on Thursday, August 28th at 10:00 a.m. Wear Orange!

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!

Not Just Eggs—NJE returns on Sunday, September 7th at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Mary Prause 860-355-0491 or maryprause06776@aol.com.

Youth Group is planning to kick-off the 14-15 school year on Sunday, September 7th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the church conference room (education center). All youth 6th -12th grade are welcome to join us! We can get to know each other and start to plan our year! Any questions please contact Brinna Kolitz at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org.

"The Mix" Returns this Fall!- Our popular *lectio divina/pneuma divina* guided meditation will return as a special service this Fall starting September 10 and 24 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and be a part of this personal reflection on the Word in our lives.

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- The Fall Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 4. An organizational meeting will be held in early September—more details to follow.

Notes



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

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Blended Service—Sunday, August 24, 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 378

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

Call to Worship

God has blessed each and every one of us.

We want to serve God.

Each talent, each skill can be used for peace and justice

Lord, help us be part of ministries that promote hope and peace.

Come, let us praise God for the diversity present here.

Enable us, O God, to discern what you would have us do. 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.

Gospel

Luke 12:22-34

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens:

they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 26 "Power of Your Love"

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation. Please end your prayer with: This is my prayer, The congregation may respond: This is our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Caring God,
you call us to be the body of Christ:
to live in community, to care for one another,
to use our different gifts.
Instead of working to sustain community,
we follow our own desires.
Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone.
Forgive our neglect of others.
Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another,
depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 36 "Rise Up and Praise Him"

SENDING FORTH

RACHEL DUNCAN

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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.

Joys and Concerns

our prayers are with:

- Sue Perry, whose father, StuartTrowbridge, passed away on Monday at the age of 89.
- Kitty Muro's grandson, who is recovering from an accident in Bethel Health Care Center. She reports he is doing well.
- Giovanni Thomas and his family as they go through Giovanni's treatment for a cancerous mass behind his kidney.
- Janice Mayette, who recently had foot surgery.
- 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. 25 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
Wed., Aug. 27 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Leader's Meeting in FH
Thurs., Aug. 28at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
Sun., Aug. 31 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