

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Feb. 17 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
 at 7:00 pm SPR in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Feb. 19 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Feb. 20 at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" Food Barn
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library
 at 3:30 pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission (off-site)
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall

Fri., Feb. 21 at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall

Sat. Feb. 22 at 10:00 am Leadership Training in Fellowship Hall
 at 2:00 pm New Member Orientation in Conference Room
 at 3:00 pm Pack 66 Blue & Gold Banquet in FH

Sun., Feb. 23 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
 at 10:00 am Sunday School
 at 10:45 am Chime Choir Practice
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
 at 2:00 pm Nominations in Conference Room
 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 Fellow. Hall
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Notes



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

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

song 18
 song 82

"come, now is the time to worship"
 "i will follow"

welcome & announcements

song 56
 song 15

"meet with me"
 "your unfailing love"

passing the peace

gospel lesson
 page 4 in the new testament in the pew bible

matthew 5:21-24

the work of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "create right relationships" rev paul a fleck

anthem "mighty to save"

invitation to prayer (refrain)
**does anybody know somebody?
 does anybody know somebody,
 anybody know somebody who could use my help?**

joys & concerns

song 6 "i could sing of your love forever"
 song 39 "we seek your face"

sending forth



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Rev. Paul A. Fleck

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Sunday, February 16, 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

**Processional
 Hymn #3152 (W&S)**

"Welcome"

WELCOME

Call to Worship

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Blessed are those who observe God's
 commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed
 on righteousness.

**Joyful are those whose hearts are filled
 with praise.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One who leads us
 in the ways of life.**

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."*

Prayer for Illumination

**O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path,
 that we may travel the road you have prepared for us.
 Hearing your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed,
 enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand
 your goodness and your grace.
 Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life,
 that we may embrace the life-giving
 work of your Spirit.
 Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us,
 and help us resist the evils
 and temptations of this world,
 that we may truly follow the way
 of kingdom living. Amen.**

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

**Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Gene and Jan Parsons
 11:30 a.m.—The Gaudette Family**

Liturgist—Dave Kullgren

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Gospel Lesson

Page 4 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

Children's Sermon

Prayer

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

Loving God,
you have shown us your ways
and led us in the paths of abundance.
You have blessed us and kept us safe.
In you we see that we are loved.
We offer you our lives,
for we have chosen to follow you.
We offer you our praise,
for your love is great.
Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts
to establish your realm of love upon the earth. Amen.

All Sit.

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

Anthem "We Are One, Lord" Chancel Choir

Responses

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

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

Hymn 3122 (W&S) "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" BROKEN WALLS

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,
you call us into community,
teach us your ways,
and bless us with abundant life.
Yet we turn aside to follow other paths:
we take the easy way out,
listening to the world's call
rather than your call to commitment;
we quarrel with one another,
letting differences divide us;**

Matthew 5:21-24

**we cherish our resentments,
shutting off our hearts
from forgiveness and reconciliation;
we cling to petty jealousies,
feeling we deserve more than we have.
Forgive us when we wander from your love.
Draw us into community with each other,
and feed us with the milk of your grace,
that we may grow in faithfulness
and work together in peace. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God is at work, nurturing our growth
and showing us the ways that lead to life.
**God is at work, reconciling us to one another
and teaching us the paths of love.**
God is at work, hearing our confessions,
forgiving our disobedience,
and blessing us in love.
Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

Christ asks that we be reconciled to one another. The love of Christ
reaches out to friend and stranger, touching each life with blessing.
Share the peace and forgiveness of Christ with one another.

*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 "Create Right Relationships" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn 2223 (TFWS) "They'll Know We Are Christians
by Our Love" ST. BRENDAN'S

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful

- Millie Ackerly's daughter, Dawn, who came through surgery very well.

our prayers are with:

- T.J. Langer's family following his accident last week.
- Bonnie Knapp's brother, Dick, who had surgery for lung cancer.
- Pastor Paul's wife, Renata, on the passing of her aunt.
- Marlene Davis' nephew who is in hospice.
- Alma Hough who is at Village Crest.
- Pat Hammer who is recovering from surgery at Danbury Hospital.
- Ellie Middleton who is recovering from surgery at Bethel Rehab.
- Laurel Partrick's friend who needs surgery.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Leadership Training—Are you new to a board or committee at NMUMC? Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall for our annual Leadership Training. You can pick up your orientation packet this Sunday in the Narthex.

New Member Orientation—Interested in joining NMUMC or curious about just what it means to become a member? If so, plan to attend our New Member Orientation scheduled for February 22nd from 2:00—5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone who makes a commitment to join the Church will be accepted into membership during our March 2nd joint worship service.

Bowling Night Join us for Family Bowling Night at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 15th at Lore's Lanes in the Goodwill Plaza. Please RSVP to Linda Slater at lslater0256@yahoo.com or 860-354-6180 by Thursday, February 13th. Lane Rental of \$45.00 is split between participants (6 people per lane). Cost is typically around \$7.50 per person for 2 games and shoe rental.

Lenten Activities

Don Cairns Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- Join us on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.! There will be 6 kinds of pancakes, bacon, and sausage. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Kullgren at 860-354-1102. All profits go to the Don Cairns Memorial Fund for upkeep and maintenance of the church.

Ash Wednesday Service- The annual imposition of a cross of ashes marking the beginning of the penitential season of Lent will take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup and Study- The Lenten Soup and Study will take place on Wednesdays in Lent beginning on March 12 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a light meal of soup and bread then engage in a study of Richard Foster's book, *A Celebration of Discipline*, learning about inward spiritual disciplines such as meditation, prayer, and fasting. You can order the books from the church office; the cost of the books is \$11 for paperback, \$18 for hardback, but you can download it for free at <http://cciog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Celebration-of-Discipline-Richard-J.-Foster.pdf> Richard. Please RSVP and let us know you are attending by contacting the church office at 860-354-4596.

Mission Challenge E-Reader Project—At our Church Conference in January, Rev. Ken Keifer, District Superintendent, told us about the District Mission Challenge for this year. It is the E-Reader Project to provide electronic readers and theological books for theological students in Africa. The challenge is to have each church in the District fund at least one E-Reader (\$85). Those churches that are up for a greater challenge are invited to raise \$300 (which includes an e-reader and 3 years of updates).

If you would like to donate to this project please make a check to NMUMC with E-Reader Project in the memo line. You may also donate cash but will need to indicate on the envelope that it is intended for this project. Donations may be placed in the collection plate or left at the church office. The deadline for donations is February 23, 2014.