

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Feb. 3 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm Finance in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Feb. 5 at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Feb. 6 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" Food Barn
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

Fri., Feb. 7 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall

Sat., Feb. 8 at 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Feb. 9 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
 at 10:00 am Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
 at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room
 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

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

**Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Sue Sterling and Lu Vivona
11:30 a.m.—Marlene Davis**



**The Open Door
Contemporary Worship**

11:30 am

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

song 48 "for the Lord our God reigns"
song 10 "as we gather"

welcome & announcements

song 66 "you are my all in all"
song 45 "love you so much"
passing the peace

gospel lesson matthew 5:1-12
page 4 in the new testament in the pew bible

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

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "embody beatitude living" rev paul a fleck

anthem "everybody" ingrid michaelson

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

joys & concerns

special offering pastor's discretionary fund

sacrament of communion

song 52 "you shine"
song 11 "Lord, i lift your name on high"

sending forth

Fourth
Sunday after
the Epiphany



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
"Embody Beatitude Living"
Sunday, February 2, 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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON
Hymn #57

Call to Worship

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

**Not with words alone, but by living lives
of justice and love.**

Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart,
now and forever.**

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

God of love,

May we hear your call to follow in the reading of your Word.

**Turn our hearts toward you and give us the wisdom to walk
in your ways. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Page 4 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Matthew 5:1-12

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

All Sit.

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

Anthem "Blessed Shall They Be" *Chancel Choir*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**Keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods,
and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth."

**Help us not to be ruthless with one another,
and to eliminate the discord and violence
that exists in the world around us.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."

**Let us not be impatient under our own burdens
and unconcerned about the burdens of others.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they shall be filled."

**Make us thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness,
and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in
society.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy."

**Grant that we may be quick to forgive
and slow to condemn.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God."

**Free us from our senses and our evil desires,
and fix our eyes on you.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God."

**Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country,
and in the world.**

Lord Jesus, you said,
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."

**Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right
rather than to practice injustice;
and do not let us discriminate against our neighbors
and oppress and persecute them.**

Responses

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

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

Hymn 434 "Cuando El Pobre" EL CAMINO
(When the Poor Ones)

Special Offering

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Confession

**Far too often, O God,
we desire to look wise
in the eyes of the world.
We have not spoken truth with our hearts.
We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.
We have forgotten our true identity,
wandering into ways that are not yours.
We have lost the path of true worship,
focusing on form and words rather than deeds.
We have forgotten what true discipleship is.
And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.
Forgive us and help us live into becoming
the people you have created and called us to be:
people of justice and love and truth
and humility, and yes, even foolishness.
May we be fools for Christ,
embracing our true identity,
even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.**

Words of Assurance

God has called us and blesses us
when we live God's ways and not the world's.
God's love embraces us
even when we fall short of what God desires
for our lives and actions.
Know that the God of blessing
loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness.
And in so knowing, may our lives and souls
be transformed.

Passing the Peace

The God of blessing and love be with all of us.
We embrace God's blessing and love.

Turn now and pass that blessing on to one another so that our
community may be bound together
in love and blessing.

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

(See 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 "Embody Beatitude Living" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn 2172 (TFWS) "We Are Called" WE ARE CALLED
(see insert)

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful

- Sandy, Roberta Buddle's daughter, will celebrate her 55th birthday and retirement from her job as public school teacher.
- On February 1st, Gene and Jan Parsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

our prayers are with:

- Marlene Davis' nephew who is going into hospice.
- Alma Hough who is at Village Crest.
- Martha McMahan's family as they grieve the loss of her son-in-law, Jeff, who passed away after an extended illness.
- Bob Hoburg and his family. Bob's nephew, Leland, passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for Ron and Sheila (Leland's parents) and Melissa (Leland's wife).
- Pat Hammer who is recovering from surgery at Danbury Hospital.
- Ellie Middleton who will have surgery on January 31st.
- Millie Ackerly's daughter, Dawn, who needs another surgery for cancer.
- Laurel Partrick's friend who needs surgery.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Help Wanted: Recording Secretary. Church Council is in need of a Recording Secretary for 2014. If you are interested, please contact Stacey Didato at tiana2@comcast.net or call the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

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.