

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>. Please RSVP and let us know you are attending by contacting the church office at 860-354-4596.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Feb. 24 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40208 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall
 Tues., Feb. 25 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall
 Wed., Feb. 26 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
 at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
 Thurs., Feb. 27 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" Food Barn
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library
 at 5:00 pm Ed Center Potluck in Fellowship Hall
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in Sanctuary
 Sat. Mar. 1 at 8:00 a.m. Umpire Meeting in Fellowship Hall
 at 9:30 am Girl Scout Cookie Pickup in Sanctuary
 at 4:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony in Fellowship Hall
 Sun., Mar. 2 at 8:30 am Not Just Eggs
 at 10:00 am JOINT SERVICE in Sanctuary
 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

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

New Milford United Methodist Church
Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Roxanne Martin and Zoe Dreyfus
11:30 a.m.—Lisa Best

Liturgist—Roberta Buddle



The Open Door
Contemporary Worship
11:30 am

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

song 34
 song 58

"arise, shine"
 "come into this house"

welcome & announcements

song 84
 song 70

"mighty to save"
 "amazing love"

passing the peace

gospel lesson

matthew 5:38-46a

page 5 in the new testament in the pew bible

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

presentation of the offerings

children's message

bonnie weed

message

"go beyond"

rev paul a fleck

anthem

"live like that"

the sidewalk prophets

invitation to prayer (refrain)

does anybody know somebody?
does anybody know somebody,
anybody know somebody who could use my help?

joys & concerns

song 78

"hosanna"

song 40

"open the door"

sending forth

Seventh
 Sunday after
 the Epiphany



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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
"Go Beyond"
Sunday, February 23, 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 #399

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

MESSIAH

Call to Worship

Hear the word of God:

"You shall be holy, for I am holy."

We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.

We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world.

We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.

We affirm that we belong to Christ.

We crave his wisdom and his ways.

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

By your word, O Lord,
you teach us.

May your Holy Spirit
grant us understanding and guidance
to live your word.

Lead us in the right paths
of true spirituality.

Turn our hearts and our eyes toward Jesus
and confirm in our souls
the beauty of your ways. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Page 106 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Leviticus 19:9-10

Psalm
Page 567 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Psalm 119:33-40

Gospel Lesson
Page 5 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Matthew 5:38-46a

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

Children's Sermon

Bonnie Weed

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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" *Madelyn Malinowski*

Prayer

Almighty Teacher,
instruct us in your statutes today.
Help us turn the other cheek when we are wronged
and do so without bitterness.
Inspire us to give to those in need
and do so without resentment.
Turn our hearts,
that we may learn how to love our neighbor,
even our enemies.
Teach us and show us the way of holiness,
that we may be a holy people. **Amen.**

Responses

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

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

Hymn 3120 (W&S) "Amazing Abundance" ABUNDANCE

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for our sins against our community.
We have not provided for the poor or the alien in our land. We have not paid just wages to those who labor. We have made life difficult for the blind, deaf, and those with special needs. We have rendered improper judgments about right and wrong. We have done harm to the environment.

Holy Jesus, forgive our sins against our neighbors.

We have not been generous. We have not prayed for our neighbors' needs. We have slandered friends and foes alike. We have loved ourselves more than we love others.

All: Holy Spirit, thank you for the assurance of forgiveness. Help us move beyond our sin, that we may make the world a better place to live. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We belong to Christ: our past belongs to Christ;

our sins belong to Christ.

We belong to Christ: our right now belongs to Christ;

our moment of forgiveness belongs to Christ.

We belong to Christ: our future belongs to Christ;

our holy future, free of guilt and shame, belongs to Christ.

Passing the Peace

That we may all be as daughters and sons of God, our Mother and our Father, let us greet one another with signs of peace and blessing, affirming that God desires love and kindness to all.

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

"Go Beyond"

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn 2175 (TFWS) "Together We Serve" SAN ANSELMO
(see insert)

SENDING FORTH

If you belong to Christ, then you belong to God.

We belong to Christ; we are God's.

Go and be holy in the world, as God is holy.

We will walk in the way of holiness,
giving glory to God in all we do.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- Pat Hammer and Ellie Middleton are both home.
- For the birth of Roger Ploof's great grandson, Conner Matthew, on February 5th.
- Roger Ploof celebrated his 75th birthday on February 13th.

our prayers are with:

- Stacey Didato and her family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Susan.
- Jamie Baldwin, on the death of her father-in-law, Richard.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has health issues.
- The Baldwin family on the passing of Doug's father.
- Bonnie Knapp's brother, Dick, who is recovering from surgery for lung cancer.

- Marlene Davis' nephew who is in hospice.
- Alma Hough who is at Village Crest.
- Laurel Partrick's friend who needs surgery.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Help Rebuild Anuario's Home - Anuario is a young man from Mozambique who lost his leg to a land mine. Kay and Jerry Jones, from our congregation, brought him to the U.S. to be fitted with a prosthesis last November. Just this month Anuario suffered another tragedy: his entire home burned destroying clothing, furniture and other equipment. Jerry and Kay are organizing funds to rebuild Anuario's house (at an estimated cost of \$2,000), get clothing for him (costing an estimated \$500), purchase furniture (estimate \$750), and purchase other equipment and utensils (estimate \$1,000). To date, we have collected \$50 from our congregation and Kay and Jerry have received another \$375 from other sources. Please help restore this young man's home. Donations can be made out to NMUMC with Anuario in the memo line.

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.

Charge Conference, March 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall - Due to procedural errors during the last Charge Conference related to the vote on the pastor's compensation and addition of extra time to the pastor's schedule, District Superintendent Ken Kieffer has announced that there will be a need to conduct another Charge Conference on March 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Charge Conference will be led by Elder Mel Kawakami of the Newtown United Methodist Church. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our church.

All-Church Lenten Service Project: Comfort Bags for the Danbury Women's Center Emergency Shelter- Often, women in crisis escape from abusive situations with little more than the clothes on their backs. NMUMC will be collecting items for and creating "Comfort Bags" that include various necessities. We need a number of different items for donations. We will need fabric for the bags themselves; we will also need the following toiletries/necessaries to help "fill the bags": toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths, small towels, feminine hygiene products, combs, brushes, deodorant, and mouthwash. Please deposit these items in the Narthex/Library at the back of the Sanctuary. Brinna Kolitz is helping to organize the sewing of the bags; for more information on how you can help with that portion of the project, you can contact her at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org or 203/770-2881. On March 30 from 1-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall we will form an assembly line of volunteers to put the items in the finished bags. Let's see how many we can make for this worthy cause! For more information on how you can get involve, contact Pastor Paul Fleck, who is helping to coordinate the project, at 860/354-4596 or via e-mail at pastorpaul@newmilfordumc.org.