

have moral/ethical guideposts upon which to base our decisions. Join us for a robust faith discussion and question and answer session.

Lenten Study Book: *Renegade Gospel* -- Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. Learn what it means to not just believe in Jesus but truly follow him. Join the "Off the Track" Sunday School class throughout Lent (starting Feb. 22) as they engage in this challenging study. Cost of the books is \$10; you can purchase yours via cash or check to NMUMC and by turning that into the Church Office. Scholarships are available.

Sunday, March 8, 2015 is **Girl Scout Sunday**. If there are any Girl Scouts in the congregation who would like to participate in the Traditional or Contemporary Services on that date and did not participate last year, please contact Laurie Putnam at 860-355-2550. Any Girl Scout who participated last year will be contacted to see if they would like to join us this year

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 8:30 am "Not Just Eggs" in Fellowship Hall
 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

Mon., Feb. 2 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., Feb. 3 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room

Wed., Feb. 4 at 6:00 pm Boy Scout Sunday Organizational Mtg.
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

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

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

Sun., Feb. 8 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—
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**The Open Door
 Contemporary Worship
 11:30 am**

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

song 59 "arise"
 song 83 "everybody praise the Lord"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 6 "i could sing of your love forever"

contemplative moment

song 53 "healer, heal me"

old testament lesson deuteronomy 18:15-20
page 174 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson mark 1:21-28
page 35 in the new testament in your pew Bible.
 the word of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "teaching with authority" rev. paul a. fleck

anthem "ghost"

joys & concerns

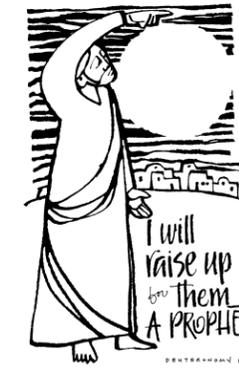
communion

song 63 "my redeemer lives"

song 64 "you are good"

sending forth

9:30 a.m. Ushers — Helen Leary and Jean Lord
9:30 a.m. Liturgist—Tom Tibbatts
11:30 a.m. Usher —The Koltz Family



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
 Brinna Koltz, Youth Leader
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2015 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 "Cast Out, O Christ" HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN
Hymn #3072 (W&S)

Call to Worship

Leader: From the pillar of fire and cloud of smoke, God led the people.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Through the voices of the prophet, God proclaimed the way to live.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offered us new life.

People: Thanks be to God who has showered us with blessing upon blessing! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, creator of a new reality just now coming into view, we have come today to see and touch and know your presence here among us. Be with us as we listen for your call.

Help us hear afresh the good news:

that power and steadfast love

arise from you, our rock and our salvation. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Page 174 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Psalm Psalm 111
Page 562 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Our nets are full enough to share God’s bounty. Our hearts are open wide to the needs of others. Let us reach out and share what we’ve been given.

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

Holy God, Steadfast Rock of all Salvation, we marvel at the strength of your compassion and your ability to offer forgiveness.

We come to you, hungry to be part of the good news you are bringing forth, for we would be part of the realm you are revealing. **Amen.**

All Sit.

Anthem “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

PETHEL

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

Prayer

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #262 “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”

SUTTON COMMON

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought. We proclaim your word when it suits us and often only to those with whom we want to associate. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness. There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today’s world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm of God and the peace that passes all understanding.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

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

Please refer to the insert for the Communion Liturgy.

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 “Teaching with Authority”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #463 “Lord, Speak to Me”

CANONBURY

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559 or bonnieknapp@charter.net if you have any prayer request you would like sent out through the prayer chain.

we are thankful:

- Steve and Adrienne Kern’s friend, Steve’s cancer treatments have been successful.

our prayers are with:

- Bonnie Kanpp’s sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- Dean’s Perry’s sister-in-law’s sister, Claire, who passed away at he

age of 58.

- Tim Poeti, who is recovering from his surgery.
- Tyler Poeti, who is recovering from surgery.
- Terri Hudak’s cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.
- Terri Hudak’s aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery February 2nd.
- The Vivona family as they grieve the loss of Ben.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- Anne Meehan’s nephew, Scott, whose brain tumor was found to be malignant, but treatable.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Cindy, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Wendy (Cindy’s sister), who had a double mastectomy.
- Laurel Partrick’s cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Emily Nixon’s cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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.

Our Life in Community

For more information about any item listed below, please contact the Church Office at 860-354-4596 or office@newmilfordumc.org

Cancellations and Changes—it’s that time of year for weather related cancellations and/or schedule changes. Please tune into WFSB (CBS Channel 3), WTNH (ABC Channel 8), or check our church website www.newmilfordumc.org in case of inclement weather.

Boy Scout Sunday—Boy Scout Sunday will be held next Sunday, February 8th. There will be an organizational meeting this Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for any interested scout or scouting group to participate in the service.

2015 District Resourcing Day will be held Sunday, February 8 at Wethersfield United Methodist Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A variety of workshops will be offered including - Church Finance, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Music for Multicultural Worship, and Listening to Youth.

In addition, there will be Resource Tables on Lay Servant Ministries and the United Methodist Women. All lay people and clergy are invited and encouraged to attend.

Making Moral/Ethical Decisions (a presentation by Rev. Jack Gilpin of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Rabbi Scott Saulson of Temple Shalom, and Rev. Paul Fleck), February 11, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom- When it comes to the state of religion in America today “whatever” seems to be where it’s at. But each of our faith traditions do