

## ***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](mailto: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](http://www.newmilfordumc.org) in case of inclement weather.

**Making Moral/Ethical Decisions (a presentation by Rev. Jack Gilpin of St. John's Episcopal Church, Rabbi Scott Saulson of Temple Sholom, and Rev. Paul Fleck), February 11, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Sholom-**

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

**Special Guest**, Derrick Lewis Noble, NYAC's Director of Church Development and Revitalization, will preach during the February 15 worship services. In between services he will make a presentation in Fellowship Hall about revitalizing the NMUMC congregation. Please plan to join us.

### **Lenten Activities**

**Don Cairns Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Bring the whole family and join us on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a pancake supper! There will be 6 kinds of pancakes plus bacon and sausage. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Kullgren at 860-354-1102. All proceeds go to the Don Cairns Memorial Fund for upkeep and maintenance of the church.

**Ash Wednesday** emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The Imposition of Ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance. Join us for Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Meet and Greet**—Join us for a meet and greet with the new director of The Education Center, Kristin Austin, between services and during Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 22nd.

**Girl Scout Sunday** is March 8, 2015. 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.