

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Jan. 20 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice
 at 7:00 Wesley Group

Tues., Jan. 21 at 5:30 pm Worship Committee in Narthex
 at 7:00 pm Evangelism in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Jan. 22 at 7:00 pm SPR in Library
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Jan. 23 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., Jan. 24 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Jan. 26 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 at 10:00 am Sunday School
 at 10:45 am Children's Choir
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

New Milford United Methodist Church
Every Member A Disciple

Ushers

9:30 a.m.—Bill and Jody Ihlo

11:30 a.m.—The Walsh Family

Liturgist

Chris Prause



The Open Door
Contemporary Worship

11:30 am

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

song 47 "we give you glory"
song 14 "sing for joy"
welcome & announcements

song 8 "he knows my name"
song 25 "you are the one"

passing the peace

gospel lesson matthew 5:43-48
page 5 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

anthem "up to the mountain"

old testament lesson 2 samuel 18:19-33
page 292 in the old testament in the pew bible

message rev craig robinson

joys & concerns

song 23 "Jesus, you are lord"

song 12 "shout to the north"

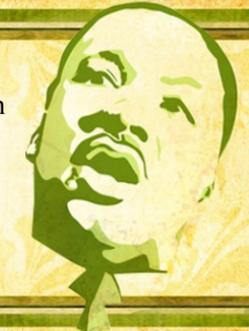
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Second
Sunday after
the Epiphany



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Rev. Paul A. Fleck



Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day/Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
Sunday, January 19, 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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECOUS LORD
Hymn #474

Call to Worship

When the strain is heavy--
When day is dangerous--
When the night is dreary and weary--
When the pain is too much to bear--
When the burden feels like the weight of the world is upon us--
that is often the moment when God uses us to help change the world and write a new chapter in history. Each of us can make a difference where we stand and serve now.

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 "Jesus Loves Me."

Prayer for Illumination

Lord,
As we reflect on the Word, we must remember that the Bible teaches that faith without works is dead. It does us no good to hear God's word unless we are willing to respond. Amen.

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 5:43-48**
Page 5 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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count.
Through steadfast love and faithful care,
God enriches us in every way.
Therefore, do not delay!
Let us offer to God ourselves this day,
all that we have and all that we are,
in praise and love of Christ.

The children are invited to give their offering as they go out to Sunday School.

Offertory

Bell Choir

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.

Anthem

“At the Name of Jesus”

Chancel Choir

Prayer

God, you are so loving and compassionate. You hear the audible cries of the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. You also hear the silence of inaction. When we become too comfortable and complacent, disturb our peace with questions. Ask us if we have good religion. Ask us if we love you. Ask us if we love our neighbors in the global village. Ignore our excuses. Ignore our regrets. Then, wait for our honest reply. And lead us to integrity in faith and action. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

RESPONSES

Leader: We are grateful, O God, for those whose lives inspire our own.
People: We pray that we may be more like them.
Leader: Grant that we may aspire to more than a fleeting popularity and a temporary fame.
People: Make us yearn for true greatness in our midst—for those who actually serve your kingdom with all their hearts and all their might.

Leader: Help us to follow the real leaders and not the false leaders.

People: Give us the grace to discern who the real leaders are, and to honor them while they are living.

Leader: Let the spirit of Christ be in us all, to teach us truth and not error, and love and not hate.

People: And grant that we may be ready, like your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., to pay any price in the service of your kingdom.

All: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Special Sunday Offering

Human Relations Day

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

Hymn 3127 (W&S)

“I Have a Dream”

REPTON

Prayer of Confession

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way: we confess that we have not judged each other as gifted. We confess that because of our negligence we have not honored those who are different among us. Help us to allow our gifts to be used. Help us to extend hospitality to those working toward social justice. Help us to become the beloved community you call us to be. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please offer silent prayers of confession.

Words of Assurance/Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ,
The Lamb who bears our sin.
Happy are those who put their trust in God,
And delight to do God's will,
For God makes our footing sure
Upon the rock of Christ.

Passing the Peace

Lift your eyes and look around.
Let us now greet the light that shines
From the face of each one here
Rejoice that we are here together,
And pass the peace of Christ,
Our joy and our hope.

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.**

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 18:19-33

Page 292 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

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

Sermon

Rev. Craig Robinson

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

Hymn 519

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

SENDING FORTH



JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Sue DeBoy who has developed an infection.
- Butch Raymond who is in ICU at New Milford Hospital recovering from a ruptured appendix and phenomena.
- Ellie Middleton who has shingles and is causing her knee replacement surgery to be postponed.
- Millie Ackerley's daughter who will be operated on this week at Sloane Kettering for breast cancer.
- June and Jim Hudak as June continues her struggle with cancer.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

FREE LUNCH IS SERVED - TODAY at 1:00 p.m. we'll be serving homemade soups (5) and homemade bread (lots). Please join us. If you'd like to bring a mug or bowl to trade or use, please do. Friends are welcome.

Attention All Church Leaders! District Resourcing Days are scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Woodbury UMC and Sunday, February 9 at Yalesville UMC. We are organizing a carpool to attend the Resourcing Days in Woodbury on the 1st. Topics include Grassroots Marketing; SPR 101 led by District Superintendent Ken Kieffer; Mission; Memorial Gifts, Wills and Trusts; Church Finances led by Conference Treasurer Ross Williams; Sunday School for Special Needs Children. Please RSVP with the Church Office at 860/354-4596.

Mozambique Trip Opportunity—We are in the process of firming up our plans for our May trip to CBO. If any of you want to join us please let us know as soon as possible. We want to make flight reservations the first week of February, so half of the cost would be needed by 1/31/14 and the other half by 4/1/14. The dates are: Leave for Mozambique on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 (11:15AM flight ex-JFK on that date). Return to US on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 (6:40AM arr into JFK on that date). The cost would be \$3,500, assuming no more than 5 people go. Contact Kay and Jerry Jones at jerry7jones@aol.com.

Soup-er Bowl Coming! The Youth will be hosting a Soup-er Bowl for Hunger on Saturday, February 1 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. to help raise awareness about hunger in our community and encourage folks to bring in canned goods and other non-perishable items for our Our Daily Bread food pantry. If you would like to contribute a soup or chili and/or join us for this fun fellowship and food event, please mark your calendars and/or contact Brinna Kolitz at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org.

How Have You Been Blessed? We are asking the congregation to bring in visual examples on or before February 2nd of how they have been blessed in their lives for our sermon theme for the day entitled “Embody Beatitude Living.” To the extent you have digital photographs, we are asking that you forward them to Emily Nixon at opendoor@newmilfordumc.org to be compiled for a special presentation the following week.

Help Wanted: Recording Secretary. Church Council is in need of a Recording Secretary for 2014. If you are interested, please contact Stacey Didato at tilana2@comcast.net or call the Church Office at 860/354-4596.