

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

End of Year Giving Statements are available in the entryway of the church. Any statement not picked up today will be mailed to the permanent address we have on file.

The first Missions Committee meeting of 2014 will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45 p.m. in the library. Everyone is invited to come and learn about the local, regional, and international mission opportunities available at NMUMC. No experience necessary and we are looking for new opportunities to expand our ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Nixon at 860-994-7763 or tracienix@gmail.com.

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 out of 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.

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; and Sunday School for Special Needs Children. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

Soup-er Bowl Coming! The Youth will be hosting a Soup-er Bowl for Hunger on Saturday, February 1 from 11:30 a.m. 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 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.

New Milford United Methodist Church
Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Roger and MaryAnne Ploof
11:30 a.m.—The Kolitz Family

Liturgist—Pat Tripp



The Open Door Contemporary Worship

11:30 am

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

song 36
song 69

"rise up and praise him"
"here i am to worship"

welcome & announcements

song 26
song 61
passing the peace

"power of your love"
"breathe"

gospel lesson
page 3 in the new testament in the pew bible

matthew 4:12-23

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

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "claim your vocation" rev paul a fleck

invitation to prayer
(refrain)

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

joys & concerns

sacrament of communion

song 30 "miracle in my heart"
song 5 "i will celebrate"

sending forth

Third
Sunday after
the Epiphany



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Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, January 26, 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON
Hymn #206

Call to Worship

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will follow Jesus into the future.

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.

**May we see that the foolishness of your Word
is more powerful than the wisdom of this world.**

**May we lay aside our differences
for the sake of the Gospel.**

**Your realm of light and life has drawn near;
we hear your Word of truth.**

Turn our hearts toward you

and give us the wisdom to walk in your ways. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Page 3 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

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.

Anthem

“Lord, Here I Am ”

Chancel Choir

Prayer

God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples
to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear
witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand
And our vocation serve to draws people to your salvation;
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 348

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

THOMPSON

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Confession

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken
because of our sin of exclusion.
We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle,
the circle of power and the circle of despair,

the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding,
whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever we cannot see eye to eye,
whenever we cannot link hand to hand,
whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Please offer silent prayers of confession.

Through God's grace we are forgiven,
by the mercy of our Creator,
through the love of the Christ,
and in the power of the Spirit.

Let us rejoice and be glad!
Glory to God! **Amen.**

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.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Life up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the light of your love
as we praise you at all times and in all places...

...And so, with your people on earth,
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
the light of the world, to claim us as your own...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer After Receiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
In which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
In the strength of your Spirit,
To give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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

“Claim Your Vocation”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn 2130 (TFWS)

“The Summons”
(see insert)

KELVINGROVE

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

congratulations:

- To Sue Sterling’s son, Tad, and his fiancée, Kate, who got engaged this past week-end.

we are thankful

- Millie Ackerley’s daughter who came through her operation well.
- For the 7 members of NMUMC that staffed the homeless shelter last week.

our prayers are with:

- Bob Hoburg and his family. Bob’s nephew, Leland, passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for Ron and Sheila (Ron’s parents) and Melissa (Ron’s wife).
- Pat Hammer who is scheduled for hip surgery on January 27th.
- Sue DeBoy, Ellie Middleton, and Alma Hough who are dealing with health issues.
- Michael Dreyfus’ son’s friend who is seeking help out of a dark place.
- Butch Raymond who is in ICU at New Milford Hospital recovering from a ruptured appendix and pneumonia.
- June and Jim Hudak as June continues her struggle with cancer.