

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

**TODAY** 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., Jan. 12** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall

**Tues., Jan. 13** at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Wed., Jan 14** at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:30 pm "The Mix" in Sanctuary

**Thurs., Jan. 15** at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall  
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food  
 at 3:30 pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission (off-site)  
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library  
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall

**Fri., Jan. 16** at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)

**Sat., Jan. 17** at 2:00 pm Relay for Life Kick-off in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:15 pm Bowling (Lore's Lanes)

**Sun., Jan. 18** 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 2:00 pm Nominations and Lay Leaders in CR  
 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—  
[www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)



**The Open Door  
Contemporary Worship  
11:30 am**

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

song 17 "God is good all the time"  
song 40 "open the door"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 67 "come to the river of life"

contemplative moment

song 37 "what you are"

**old testament lesson** genesis 1:1-5  
page 1 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

**gospel lesson** mark 1:4-11  
page 34 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 "remember your baptism" rev. paul a. fleck

joys & concerns

communion

song 68 "shine, Jesus, shine"  
song 48 "for the Lord our God reigns"

sending forth



the **Baptism**  
of our **Lord**



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

*1st Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Sunday, January 11, 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** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" FOREST GREEN  
**Hymn #152**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

**People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

Leader: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

**People: Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God, the more we know you, the more it is that joy dances in our souls. So, as we open the pages of our family's history, show yourself in its words. Whisper your love in our ears. Draw us into the embrace of your arms. Let our hearts beat a little faster, as we hear the sound of your voice so near. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 1:1-5  
Page 1 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.*

**New Testament Lesson** Mark 1:4-11  
Page 34 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All Sit.*

**9:30 a.m. Ushers** — Gene and Jan Parsons  
**9:30 a.m. Liturgist**—Mary Prause  
**11:30 a.m. Usher** —Roxanne Martin

## 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

### 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 "Baptized in Water" SIMEONE  
*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.*

### Prayer

Great God of waves and flames, are we wet enough to burn brightly?  
As we gather today to celebrate the baptism of our Lord  
Set your seal upon our hearts,  
wash our sin-stained robes righteous,  
And cool our tempers and angers while fueling our desire for justice.  
Make us be living water and living flames  
To give relief to those who thirst  
And to bring light to those who sit in darkness.  
As you did in Elijah's day, rain down flames upon us, O God,  
So that we may be wet enough to burn brightly. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn.*

**Hymn #3045** "Down by the Jordan" LOBE DEN HERREN

### Morning Prayer

*Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.*

### Pastoral Prayer

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you have blessed us with life. We praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We have tried our**

**own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore. We long for home and hope. From across these waters, you have called us. Now let us come to you in contrition, seeking your healing and forgiving love.**

*The people confess their sins in silence.*

### Words of Assurance

### Passing the Peace

*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.**

*Please refer to the insert for the Communion Liturgy.*

**Sermon** "Remember Your Baptism" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

**Hymn #252** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" COMPLAINER

## SENDING FORTH

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*we are thankful:*

- For the birth of Juliette Maureen Diamond, daughter of Emily Nixon and James Diamond, granddaughter of Tom and Tracie Nixon. Juliette was born January 7th at 1:13 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. and is 21" long. Mom and baby are doing well.
- For the birth of Dahlia Joy, daughter of Amy and Jon Brooks, granddaughter of Ralph and Barbara Williams, born on Christmas Day!
- Sandy and Denis Lybe celebrated 28 years of marriage.
- Tom and Ann Tibbatts celebrated their 57th anniversary.

*our prayers are with:*

- Roxanne Martin's cousin, Scott, who has an infection throughout his body and is not doing well.
- Tim Poeti, who is recovering from surgery.
- Ben Vivona, who is unable able attend church at this time.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Angie Chastain's father who underwent surgery for colon cancer this week.
- Art Carlson's brother-in-law, Sven, who is in Danbury Hospital and very ill.
- 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.
- Kimber's friend, Linda, who has health issues which postponed her

surgery.

- Roberta Buddle's niece, Cindy, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Wendy (Cindy's sister), who had a double mastectomy.
- Dorothy O'Rourke whose cancer has returned.
- 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.

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## 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)

**Spaghetti Supper** will be serving on Saturday, January 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please join us for spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, (vegetarian or butter available upon request) plus salads, homemade desserts, and soft drink. For more information, please contact the church office at 860-354-4596.

**2015 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the church office at [office@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:office@newmilfordumc.org) or 860-354-4596.

**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.

**Family Fun Bowling** night is Saturday, January 17th at 7:15 p.m. at Lore's Lanes. Please RSVP to Linda Slater no later than Thursday, January 15th at 5:00 p.m. at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) or 860-354-6180.

**Relay For Life** of New Milford's annual Kick Off is set for Saturday, January 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This is a perfect opportunity for any one to stop in and obtain information on what Relay is all about, sign up to be on a Team, or sign up as a Team Captain. Registration is FREE this year! There will be food, prizes, a scavenger hunt, games, and fun for everyone! Please contact Linda Slater at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) or 860-354-6180 for further information or you may log onto [www.relayforlife.org/newmilfordct](http://www.relayforlife.org/newmilfordct).

**Human Relations Day** will be next Sunday, January 18th. A special offering will be taken during the service to support missions related to this cause.

**Family Game Night** will be held Saturday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share with everyone. For more information, contact Roxanne Martin at [mrm189@att.net](mailto:mrm189@att.net) or 860-355-4118.