

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 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.

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. 26 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., Jan. 27 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Jan 28 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:30 pm “The Mix” in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Jan. 29 at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary

Sun., Feb. 1 at 8:30 am “Not Just Eggs” in Fellowship Hall
 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—
www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html

9:30 a.m. Ushers — Sue Sterling and Dawn Nagle
9:30 a.m. Liturgist—Chris Prause
11:30 a.m. Usher —The Walsh Family



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

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

song 36 “rise up and praise him”
 song 2 “open the eyes of my heart, Lord”

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 29 “God of wonders”

contemplative moment

song 61 “breathe”

old testament lesson jonah 3:1-5, 10
page 860 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson mark 1:14-20
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 “of nineveh and new milford” rev. paul a. fleck

anthem “something in the water”

joys & concerns

song 30 “miracle in my heart”

song 55 “all about you”

sending forth



**Third
 Sunday** after
 the Epiphany



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 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 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 “Tú Has Venido a la Orilla” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
Hymn #344 (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

Call to Worship

The God of all creation calls us.
We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.
 Power and steadfast love belong to God.
We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God.

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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Page 860 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Psalm Psalm 62:5-12
Page 526 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.
Gospel Lesson Mark 1:14-20
Page 35 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

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 "I'll Follow You" LARSON
The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.

Prayer

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #2129 (TFWS) "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM

2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de -



cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low

2. The world behind me, the cross before me ...

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow ...



Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

Special Offering

Human Relations Day

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world—those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.

Words of Assurance

When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

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. **May the peace of Christ be with you always.**

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.

Sermon "Of Ninevah and New Milford" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #467 "Trust and Obey" TRUST AND OBEY

SENDING FORTH

As we go out to meet a changing world, remember this:
God alone is our rock and our salvation;
the risen Christ is calling each of us to share the
good news of the realm of God.
The realm of God is near, and we are on the way. Amen.

our prayers are with:

- 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.
- Steve and Adrienne Kern's friend, Steve, who has prostate 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

End of Year Tax Statements are available in the Lobby on the same table as the offering envelopes. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please contact the church office at 860-354-4596. Any statement not picked up will be mailed to the address we have on file.

2015 Offering Envelopes are available in the Lobby. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact the church office at 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 in case of inclement weather.

"The Mix" - Just a reminder that "The Mix" will meet this Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

2015 District Resourcing Days will be held Saturday, January 31 at Newtown United Methodist Church from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 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,