

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

July 12 Service—Next week's service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday instead of 9:00 a.m. so we can enjoy our picnic with Pastor Alex after service. Please contact Laurie Putnam 860-355-2550 or Kimber Malinowski 860-210-0498 for details or if you have a picnic style dish you would like to contribute to the festivities.

VBS - New Milford United Methodist Church will be having its Vacation Bible School this year August 5-9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is G-Force Adventure Park. The week will be full of constant motion and Bible-based activities.

VBS is open to all children ages 4-12 and a \$10.00 registration is required, although scholarships are available. Pre-registration is desired. Forms are available on the Church website at www.newmilfordumc.org. Questions may be directed to Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028.

Lifetouch Complimentary 8x10 photos are available on the table in the Narthex if you elected to have your photo sent here.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:00 am Traditional Worship at Chapel in the Pines
at 10:30 p.m. Devotions in Sanctuary

Mon., July 6 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall

Tues., July 7 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room

Wed., July 8 at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall
at 5:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary
at 6:00 pm Open Door Dinner in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary

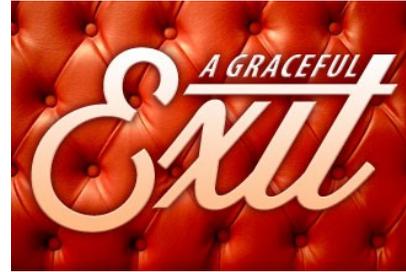
Thurs, July 9 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food
at 7:00 pm Ed Center Board in Fellowship Hall

Sat., July 11 at 9:00 am Lay Leader Class in Fellowship Hall

Sun., July 12 at 10:00 am Combined Worship in Sanctuary
at 12:00 pm Welcome Picnic for Pastor Alex

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall
Monday - Friday at noon and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—
www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html



The Service of Worship

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6th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 9:00 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

Hymn # 400

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Worship

L: When all seemed lost.

P: The good news came to us.

L: Now we live for Jesus, serving others in his name. Let our hearts ring with the song of love for our Savior

P: May our lives be a testimony to all that He has taught us. Amen.

All Sit.

Prayer for Illumination

**O God, open our hearts and minds and souls
to hear your word as if for the first time.**

**Help us experience anew the surprise and joy that
your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,

they are retained.’
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Prayer

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the singing of hymn.

Hymn 383 “This Is A Day of New Beginnings”

BEGINNINGS

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our

complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Greet each other with the peace of Jesus Christ.

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

“Peace, Purpose, and Power”

Maggie Carr

Hymn 378

“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Miller Ackerlyl who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Tom Burns who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Carolyn Dion who is recovering from surgery.
- Rob, Traci Poeti’s brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano’s niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Bonnie Knapp’s sister-in-law, Linda, whose kidneys are improving but still has a few more chemotherapy treatments remaining.
- Terri Hudak’s cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.
- Terri Hudak’s aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- 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.