

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**  
 Mon., June 2 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40208 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 Wesley Group in Conference Room  
 Tues., June 3 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall  
 Wed., June 4 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
 Thurs., June 5 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn  
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 158 in Fellowship Hall  
 Fri., June 6 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall  
 Sun., June 8 at 10:00 am Combined Service in Sanctuary  
 at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary  
 at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH  
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

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New Milford United Methodist Church  
 Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Roxanne Martin and Zoe Dreyfus



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

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

song 40 "open the door"  
 song 23 "Jesus you are Lord"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 45 "love you so much"  
 song 60 "unashamed love"

new testament lesson acts 1:6-14  
 page 118 in the new testament in the pew bible

gospel lesson luke 24:44-53  
 page 91 in the new testament in the pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.  
**thanks be to God.**

presentation of the offerings

u.m. army commissioning

children's message

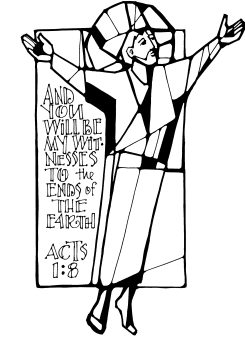
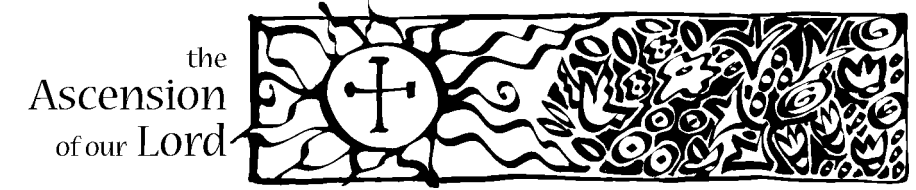
anthem "forever reign"

message "open the eyes of my heart" rev. paul a fleck

joys & concerns

song 12 "shout to the north"  
 song 64 "you are good"

sending forth



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

*Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**  
 Sunday, June 1, 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 Hymn #312** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

**Call to Worship**

Clap your hands, all you people!  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**  
 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!**  
 God is sovereign over all the earth!  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises!**  
 Let everything that has breath sing praises.  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Let the one who has ears to hear, listen.  
 The Word of the Lord speaks to the living of our lives today.  
**God's Word is our fortress and strength,  
 providing shelter and foundation for daily living.**  
 Let the one who has ears to hear, listen. Amen.

**New Testament Lesson** Acts 1:6-14  
*Page 118 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.*

*(Please stand for the Gospel lesson, if you are able.)*  
**Gospel** Luke 24:44-53  
*Page 91 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.*

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

### Prayer

### 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.*

*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Offering Prayer.*

**Anthem** “Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices” MASON/SMITH  
*Chancel Choir*

### Prayer

God of all glory,  
as we come to know your Son  
through the living word of scripture,  
enlighten our hearts with the spirit of wisdom and revelation.  
Remind us again of Christ’s authority over the church  
at all times and in all places.  
Renew in us again our purpose as Christ’s followers:  
to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins  
in the name of Jesus Christ to all people in all places.  
All glory and honor be to you, Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

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

**Hymn #307** “Christ Is Risen” W ZLOBIE LEZY

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

### U.M. Army Commissioning

## Prayer of Confession

**Our Savior Jesus,  
even while we extol you as Divine Sovereign  
whose authority is above all earthly power,  
we have failed to give you authority  
over even the smallest matters of our lives.  
We confess our arrogant, self-centered exercise of power  
over matters in our lives (*pause*),  
in our church (*pause*),  
and in our world. (*pause*)  
We desperately cling to our own power,  
failing to yield to your divine authority,  
wisdom, guidance, and love.  
Forgive us, we pray, for the harm we have done to others  
and to ourselves.  
In your mercy, save us, Lord. Amen.**

## 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.**

**Sermon** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

**Hymn #3087 (W&S)** “O Christ, When You Ascended” LANCASHIRE

## SENDING FORTH

**Benediction** “Easter Benediction” LYBE

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with:

- Chantel, a co-worker of Jen Middleton, received an encouraging cancer diagnosis.
- Sean Barley, soccer coach, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor.
- Jan and Gene Parsons’ friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Brady Tripp’s mother-in-law who has cancer.
- Eileen Clark, who recently had a stroke.
- Roberta Buddle and Sue Sterling who are recovering from surgery.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- The LaBella family whose daughter is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who is receiving cancer treatment.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- The family of Marlene Davis’ nephew, who passed away.

## OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

*Have an announcement for Our Life in Community? If you get it to us by 12 noon on Thursday, we will try to make sure it gets into the bulletin the following Sunday.*

**Father’s Day Cards**—Father’s Day cards will be sold beginning TODAY to support the Church World Services “Blanket and Tool program”. This program purchases tools and blankets for people in developing countries. This program started in 1989 and, to date, our church has collected close to \$7000! Cards are \$5 each and will be sold in the Narthex. Father’s Day Cards will also be sold on June 8 and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

**Stock Sale**—Stock Sales The Youth Group is selling Stocks TODAY in-between services. There is a Stockholder level for any amount. Money raised through Stocks helps support our trip U.M. ARMY and other youth activities and missions.

**Sunday School**—Please note, there will be NO Sunday School Sunday, June 8, 2014 (Combined Service); or Sunday, June 15, 2014 (Promotion Sunday).

**U.M. Army**—NMUMC is participating in the U.M. Army Young Adult camp from June 8-14. Food and kitchen related donations are being sought and may be placed in the box in the Narthex.

### Non-perishable food donation ideas

Individual cereal boxes	Granola bars	Pop tarts
Packages of crackers	Individual bags of chips	Cookies
Fruit roll ups	Fruit snacks	Peanuts
Raisins	100-calorie snack packs	Gatorade mix
Lemonade mix	Iced tea mix	

**\*\*Note\*\*** When possible, individual serving size treats/snacks are always better for camp.

### Other Necessities

Zip-seal sandwich bags	Zip-seal snack bags
Brown paper lunch bags	Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue	Kitchen drawstring Trash Bags
30 Gallon Garbage Bags	Gift Cards (BJ’s, Big Y, or Visa)