

VBS - Would you like to spend a week in the evenings at **G-Force**—*God's Love in Action*, helping our children discover the welcoming love of God at work all around us? VBS Volunteers will help children experience God's amazing grace through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! Sign up for a **Vacation Bible School** leadership role and join us in the excitement. VBS will be held August 3-7, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To Volunteer contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028 or the Church Office at 860-354-4596.



**The Open Door  
Contemporary Worship**

**11:30 am**

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

song 51

"the Lord be magnified"

song 28

"we've come to praise him"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 6

"i could sing of your love forever"

contemplative moment

song 67

"come to the river of life"

old testament lesson

Exodus 16:1-8

page 62 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

the word of God for the people of God.

thanks be to God.

promotion of children's sunday school

presentation of fay and art carlson college scholarships

presentation of george c. Leary camperships

presentation to the open door band

presentation of the offering

children's message

sermon

"exiting gracefully: where we've been"

rev. paul a. fleck

anthem

"God of this city"

joys & concerns

song 48

"for the Lord our God reigns"

song 30

"miracle in my heart"

sending forth



**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

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost/Recognition Sunday**

**Sunday, June 14, 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**

"And Are We Yet Alive"

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**Hymn #553**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the midst of the desert heat, God heard the cries of the people.

**People: Help us, Lord, please help us.**

Leader: Manna was given and water gushed forth from a rock.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: In the midst of the deserts of fear and frustration, God will provide for our needs.

**People: Lord, come to us and heal 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**

Exodus 16:1-8

*Page 62 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 Relay for Life Meeting in Conference Room

**Mon., June 15** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
at 2:00 pm Directory Photos in Sanctuary  
at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall  
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall

**Tues., June 16** at 2:00 pm Directory Photos in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm SPR in Conference Room

**Wed., June 17** at 2:00 pm Directory Photos in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room

**Thurs, June 18** 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 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
at 6:30 pm Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

**Fri., June 19** at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)  
at 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

**Sat., June 20** at 9:00 am Lay Leader Class in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:15 p.m. Family Bowling at Lore's Lanes

**Sun., June 21** Father's Day  
at 9:00 am Traditional Worship at Chapel in the Pines  
at 10:30 p.m. Devotions in Sanctuary

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](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)

**NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*"Every Member a Disciple"*

**Ushers— 9:30 a.m.—Dave Kullgren and Tom Tibbatts**

**11:30 a.m.—Roxanne Martin**

**Liturgist—9:30 a.m.—Pete DelMastro**

## 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** “Do Lord, Remember Me” SYLVESTER  
*Bell Choir*

*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 anthem.*

**Anthem** “Anthem of Fellowship” ALTHOUSE  
*Chancel Choir*

### Prayer

Liberating God,  
we seek your journey.  
With parted waters, set us free.  
With cloud and fire, guide us.  
With gushing waters, quench our thirst.  
With food from heaven, feed us.  
Draw us out with joy and singing,  
that we might know your ways. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

**Promotion of Children’s Sunday School** Martha McMahan

**Presentation of Fay and Art Carlson College Scholarships** Heather Morin

**Presentation of George C. Leary Camperships** Dave Kullgren

**Presentation to Choir and Bells** Rev. Paul Fleck

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

**Hymn 152** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” FOREST GREEN

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

**God of fruitful labor,  
work sometimes brings out the worst in us.  
At home, at school, in the workplace,  
even in our relationship with you,  
we too easily question what others do and get,  
instead of taking care of our own business.  
Take away our bitterness.  
Teach us the art of the careful complaint.  
Give us grateful hearts, we pray. 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** “Exiting Gracefully: Where We’ve Been”  
Rev. Paul A. Fleck

**Hymn 545** “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

## SENDING FORTH

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*we are thankful:*

- The birth of Janet Schnitzler’s 6th great grandchild.

*our prayers are with:*

- Adrienne Kern’s co-worker Dan, whose father passed away following a heart attack.
- Adrienne Kern’s co-worker, Tony, whose wife passed away unexpectedly.
- Mary Prause who is recovering from a broken foot sustained from a car accident.
- S.J., Marilyn Fuller’s grandson, who has not been feeling well.
- Bob, a friend of Jan and Gene Parsons, who has gone home to finish his last days with his family.
- Jan Parsons, who is recovering from a broken foot.
- Jack, Angie Chastain’s father, who has been diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kim Birsén, who is seeking employment.
- 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.

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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**  
**Fellowship Hour**—Please join us between services for Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!

**Father’s Day Cards**—Since 1989, NMUMC has offered the opportunity to purchase Mother’s and Father’s Day cards through the tools and blankets program of church world service. Through the sale of these cards NMUMC has contributed over \$6,500 to date toward the purchase of tool and blanket supplies for people in developing countries. Father’s Day Cards will be on sale TODAY and next Sunday, June 21st. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at (860) 355-0559.

**Church Directory**—**TODAY** is the last chance to sign up to have your photo in the new Church Directory. Photo sessions are still available for June 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. You may schedule your appointment online through the church website – [www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org). For those without internet, signups will be available the next few Sundays between services. We need everyone’s participation!

Every family sitting for photos will receive one free 8x10 portrait as well as a free church directory. **You do not need to purchase any photos.** However, if you wish to order additional photos you will have the opportunity to do so during your session. Questions may be directed to the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

**Pastor Paul Potluck**—Everyone is invited to our Pot Luck dinner for Pastor Paul to celebrate the years he has led us in Christian ministry. Let’s send him off with our prayers, best wishes, and God’s blessing by having an old fashioned Methodist pot luck meal.

The committee will provide ham, beverages, and a cake. If you plan on attending, please bring a supplemental dish to share. We hope you’ll plan to join us for great food and fellowship!

Please direct any questions to Jan Parsons (860) 354-8885 or Ann Tibbatts (860) 868-0413.

Also, mark your calendar for the July 12th picnic to welcome Rev. Alex Souto. More details will be coming soon.

**Methodist Movers** is having a Relay for Life meeting June 14th at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will discuss details for the upcoming event set for June 27th, such as activities for both our Booth stations, Eze-ups, tables, supplies, decorations, set up and 6:00 a.m. Sunday clean up/pack up. Please come with thoughts and ideas.

**Summer Services**—Our summer worship schedule begins NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, June 21. This year, Chapel in the Pines will be our traditional service at 9:00 a.m. with a Devotional Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. The Open Door service will move to Wednesday evenings beginning June 24. The service will be at 7:00 p.m., with a dinner beforehand at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There is no Sunday School during the summer months.