

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- Kitty's granddaughter who graduated from Delaware University.

our prayers are with:

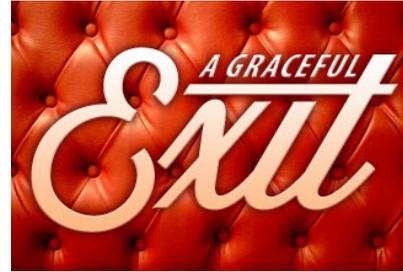
- Tom Burns who is having shoulder surgery this week.
- Adrienne Kern's co-worker Dan, whose father passed away following a heart attack.
- Adrienne Kern's co-worker, Tony, whose wife passed away unexpectedly.
- Mary Prause who is recovering from a broken foot sustained from a car accident.
- Bob, a 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 Birsen, 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.

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

Pastor Alex Welcome Picnic—Mark your calendar for the July 12th picnic to welcome Rev. Alex Souto. More details will be coming soon.

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 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

5th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 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 #568

“Christ for the World We Sing”

ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Worship

This is the promised land of God's love!

Look around and see God's love reflected on each face.

This is a place where people are cared for and nurtured.

You are loved here.

This is the promised land of God's love!

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-9

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over

there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Epistle Lesson

Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

God, you are God forever.

This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people!

As we feel your love washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being:
heart, mind, body, and soul.

We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help
as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Special Offering

Angels in the Pews 2

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

Hymn 555

“Forward Through the Ages”

ST. GERTRUDE

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God,

you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love.

And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others.

We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .

only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe.

Loving God, teach us to love you more fully.

For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others,

even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations.

We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. 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’re Going”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Hymn 2218 (TFWS)

“You Are Mine”

YOU ARE MINE

SENDING FORTH