

Fellowship Hall. There is no Sunday School during the summer months.

In Their Shoes- We invite you to attend a free, informative breakfast (Saturday, June 27 from 8-10 a.m.) at New Milford UMC where we will come together to increase awareness of the issue of homelessness in our community, to hear from the homeless in our community, and to encourage volunteer sign-up for the seasonal shelter. To RSVP call the Church Office at 860/354-4596 or email office@newmilfordumc.org.

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.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Nurses at 8:30 am "Not Just Eggs" in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School at 10:45 am Food Barn Dedication at Our Daily Bread at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Mon., June 8 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary at 6:30 pm United Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall

Tues., June 9 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting in Sanctuary at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall

Wed., June 10 at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm Evangelism in Library

Thurs, June 11 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary at 7:00 pm Ed Board in Fellowship Hall

Fri., June 12 at 9:00 am Litchfield Hills in Kitchen and FH at Ed Center Graduation in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall

Sat., June 13 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall

Sun., June 14 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School in classroom at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School in Classroom at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary at 2:30 pm Relay for Life Team Meeting in Conference Room

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 Open Door
Contemporary Worship**

11:30 am

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

song 18 "come, now is the time to worship"

song 12 "shout to the north"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 61 "breathe"

contemplative moment

song 26 "power of your love"

epistle lesson 2 corinthians 4:13-5:1

page 180 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson mark 3:20-35

page 37 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

u.m. army reflections

sermon "unbinding the gospel" rev. paul a. fleck

blessing of umcor health kits

joys & concerns

song 63 "my redeemer lives"

song 4 "amen"

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Every Member a Disciple"

Ushers— 9:30 a.m.—Bill Ihlo and Dawn Nagle
11:30 a.m.—Marlene Davis

Liturgist—11:30 a.m.—Laurie Gaudette



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

2nd Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 7, 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians ST. BRENDAN'S
Hymn #2223 (TFWS) by Our Love"

Call to Worship

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

People: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God.

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.

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Page 180 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Lesson Mark 3:20-35
Page 37 in the New Testament of 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

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 anthem.

Anthem “O, That I Had a Thousand Voices” ALTHOUSE
Chancel Choir

Prayer

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Blessing of UMCOR Health Kits

U.M. Army Reflections

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

Hymn 2225 (TFWS) “Who Is My Mother,
Who Is My Brother” KINDRED

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our

lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Mark Miller Sung Response

see insert

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 “Unbinding the Gospel” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Hymn 154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” DIADEM

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Earl Williams, Tom Gaynor’s father-in-law, who is having health issues.
- Diane Jones, Alex Slater’s aunt, is recovering from her surgery and will be going home next week.
- Jan Parsons, who broke her foot.
- Jack, Angie Chastain’s father, who has been diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kim Birsan, who is seeking employment.
- Fiona Cooper during life transitions.
- Juliette Diamond, daughter of Emily Nixon, who is experiencing health issues.
- Carolyn Dion who had surgery on May 20th.
- 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
Not Just Eggs—Please join us in Fellowship Hall from 8:30—11:30 a.m. for Not Just Eggs. It’s a great opportunity to fellowship with those from both services. All are invited!

Our Daily Bread expansion dedication will be held TODAY, between services at 10:45 a.m.. at our Daily Bread. Please join us in the upper parking lot for the dedication.

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, June 14, and 21st. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at (860) 355-0559.

Church Directory—Photo sessions are still available for June 15th – 17th for our updated Church Directory. You may schedule your appointment online through the church website – 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.

Pastoral Transition Save the Dates—Additional details on the way...

June 27th—Pot Luck Supper to honor Pastor Paul at 5:30 p.m.—Please note the time has been changed.

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.

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

July 12th - Picnic to welcome Rev. Alex Souto at 12:00 noon following a 10:00 a.m. service.

The Methodist Movers Relay for Life Team is looking for members! Registration is free this year, so please consider signing up today! All survivors and caregivers, please register as soon as possible. The event is June 27 - 28th, but the Team is in need of registrations as soon as possible so planning can begin for the event weekend. Please contact Team Captain Linda Slater at 860-354-6180 or lslater0256@yahoo.com for more information.

Summer Services—Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 21. This year, Chapel in the Pines will be our traditional service at 9:00 a.m. with Devotions in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for anyone that has trouble navigating Chapel in the Pines.

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