

- secure donations of silent auction items
- decorate our tent station
- help set up or take down tent station on the day of the event
- sign up to attend the tent station during the event

Please lend a hand when and where you can to help us with this worthy cause. Please contact Team Captain Linda Slater at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) or 860-354-6180 for further information.

**Easter Flowers**—Easter Flower order forms are available in the Sanctuary (in the holders just inside the door) and on the church website—[www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org). All orders are due by Sunday, March 30. Flowers are \$14.00 each and you may choose from tulips, hyacinths, lilies, or pink lilies.

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

Mon., Mar. 17 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40208 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm United Methodist Men in Conference Room

Tues., Mar. 18 at 7:00 pm SPR in Conference Room

Wed., Mar. 19 at 5:30 pm Lenten Supper in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room  
 at 6:45 pm Lenten Book Study in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room  
 at 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Mar. 20 at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall  
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn  
 at 3:30 pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission (off-site)  
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library  
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)

Fri., Mar. 21 at 9:00 am Mom's Club Tag Sale in Fellowship Hall

Sat. Mar. 22 at 9:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary

Sun., Mar. 23 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 at 11:30 am Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 at 2:00 pm Nominations and Lay Leaders in FH  
 at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary  
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group  
 at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Fellow. Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

**New Milford United Methodist Church**  
**Every Member A Disciple**

**Ushers—9:30 a.m.—Dawn Nagle and Larry Tripp**  
**11:30 a.m.—Martha McMahan**  
**Traditional Liturgist—Heather Morin**  
**Open Door Liturgist—Jane Walsh**



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

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

song 59 "arise"  
 song 24 "trading my sorrows"

welcome & announcements  
 "glorifying busy" video  
 time of silent reflection

song 2 "open the eyes of my heart, Lord"  
 song 19 "your love is deep"

passing the peace

first gospel lesson john 3:1-17  
*page 93 in the new testament in the pew bible*

second gospel lesson luke 10:38-42  
*page 72 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

children's message

message "tuning in" rev paul a fleck

anthem "yah mo b there"

joys & concerns

song 9 "victory chant"  
 song 64 "you are good"

sending forth

Second  
 Sunday  
 in Lent



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*Second Sunday in Lent*

*"Tuning In"*

*Sunday, March 16, 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**

**"Glorifying Busy" Video**

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Processional**

"Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

**Hymn #369**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.**

People: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

**Leader: May we open our hearts to Him.**

People: May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Everlasting Love, it is a joy to be in the presence of your Word. We marvel that you have made us your own. Keep us mindful of your faithfulness. Enfold us in your enduring love forever. Amen.**

*(Please stand for the Gospel lesson, if you are able.)*

**First Gospel Lesson**

**John 3:1-17**

*Page 93 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.*

**Second Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 10:38-42**

*Page 72 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

“Take Time to Be Holy”  
*Chancel Choir*

### Prayer

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Responses

*Please remain seated for the hymn.*

**Hymn 2128, Ver. 1 & 2** “Come and Find the Quiet Center” BEACH SPRING (TFWS)

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn 2128, Ver. 3** “Come and Find the Quiet Center” BEACH SPRING (TFWS)

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing**

**back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

New life is given to you. You can place your trust in God and follow God's way. God is with you. **Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

*During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet your neighbor verbally.*

*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

“Tuning In”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

### Hymn 2202 (TFWS)

“Come Away with Me”

RECREATION

Come away with me to a quiet place,  
apart from the world with its frantic pace,  
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.  
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and pray with me on a gentle sea,  
on top of a hill in the Galilee,  
in gardens like Gethsemane.  
Come away with me. Come away.

Come today with thoughts of the countless ways  
that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,  
and join with me in silent praise.  
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and say, in words whispered from your soul,  
the feelings and actions you can't control.  
Your spirit needs to be made whole.  
Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place,  
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace  
all those who come in hope of grace.  
Come away with me. Come away.

## SENDING FORTH

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- For the birth of Claire Elizabeth, Janet Schnitzler's great granddaughter.
- Joy Hutson was accepted to the University of Arizona.
- Noel Hutson will enter graduate school in the fall.
- Nancy and Kevin Hutson will be reunited in Arizona.

our prayers are with:

- The Hudak family as they grieve the passing of June.
- Millie Ackerly and her family as they grieve the passing of her son-in-law.
- Janet Schnitzler's sister-in-law, Evelyn.
- Roxanne Martin who is recovering from back surgery.
- Denise Reiss' friend who is suffering from ovarian cancer.
- Traci Poeti's brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- Bonnie Knapp's brother, Dick, who is recovering from surgery for lung cancer.
- Marlene Davis' nephew who is in hospice.

## 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.*

### Charge Conference, TODAY, March 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall -

Due to procedural errors during the last Charge Conference related to the vote on the pastor's compensation and addition of extra time to the pastor's schedule, District Superintendent Ken Kieffer has announced that there will be a need to conduct another Charge Conference on March 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Charge Conference will be led by Elder Mel Kawakami of the Newtown United Methodist Church. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our church.

**Lenten Soup & Study**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall as we study spiritual disciplines.

**All Church Lenten Service Project**-Comfort Bags for the Danbury Women's Center Emergency Shelter. Often, women in crisis escape from abusive situations with little more than the clothes on their backs. NMUMC will be collecting items for and creating “Comfort Bags” that include various necessities. We need a number of different items for donations. We will need fabric for the bags themselves; we will also need the following toiletries/necessaries to help “fill the bags”: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths, small towels, feminine hygiene products, combs, brushes, deodorant, and mouthwash. Please deposit these items in the Narthex/Library at the back of the Sanctuary. On March 30 from 1:00—3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall we will form an assembly line of volunteers to put the items in the finished bags. Let's see how many we can make for this worthy cause! For more information on how you can get involved, contact Pastor Paul Fleck, who is helping to coordinate the project, at 860-354-4596 or via e-mail at [pastorpaul@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:pastorpaul@newmilfordumc.org).

**Special Offering Notice**—There will be special offering taken on **March 30** for Dieudonne Karihano, UMC Missionary in Agricultural Missions and Community Development in Cambine, Mozambique, Africa. Dieudonne will be our guest speaker during both worship services.

On **April 6th**, there will be a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. One Great Hour of Sharing supports the United Methodist Committee Relief (UMCOR) - the UMC's disaster response agency. Because of your support for UMCOR's administrative expenses during One Great Hour of Sharing, when disaster strikes, 100% of your offerings go to disaster-affected areas.

**Relay for Life** needs team members! Team members help as much as they can, when they can, in any area they desire. Any and all help is highly appreciated and there is something for everyone:

- plan and organize fundraisers
- sell Luminaria bags
- obtain donations/sponsors/pledges per lap or one set amount