

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Charge Conference, 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.

Help Rebuild Anuario's Home - Anuario is a young man from Mozambique who lost his leg to a land mine. Kay and Jerry Jones, from our congregation, brought him to the U.S. to be fitted with a prosthesis last November. Just this month Anuario suffered another tragedy: his entire home burned destroying clothing, furniture and other equipment. Jerry and Kay are organizing funds to rebuild Anuario's house (at an estimated cost of \$2,000), get clothing for him (costing an estimated \$500), purchase furniture (estimate \$750), and purchase other equipment and utensils (estimate \$1,000). To date, we have collected \$50 from our congregation and Kay and Jerry have received another \$375 from other sources. Please help restore this young man's home. Donations can be made out to NMUMC with Anuario in the memo line.

Lenten Activities

Don Cairns Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- Join us on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.! There will be 6 kinds of pancakes, bacon, and sausage. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Kullgren at 860-354-1102. All profits go to the Don Cairns Memorial Fund for upkeep and maintenance of the church.

Ash Wednesday Service- The annual imposition of a cross of ashes marking the beginning of the penitential season of Lent will take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup and Study- The Lenten Soup and Study will take place on Wednesdays in Lent beginning on March 12 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a light meal of soup and bread then engage in a study of Richard Foster's book, *A Celebration of Discipline*, learning about inward spiritual disciplines such as meditation, prayer, and fasting. You can order the books from the church office; the cost of the books is \$11 for paperback, \$18 for hardback, but you can download it for free at <http://cciog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Celebration-of-Discipline-Richard-J.-Foster.pdf>Richard. Please RSVP and let us know you are attending by contacting the church office at 860-354-4596.

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. Brinna Kolitz is helping to organize the sewing of the bags; for more information on how you can help with that portion of the project, you can contact her at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org or 203/770-2881. 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 involve, contact Pastor Paul Fleck, who is helping to coordinate the project, at 860/354-4596 or via e-mail at pastorpaul@newmilfordumc.org.

Prayer Walk- The Youth Group will be hosting a Prayer Walk, leading us through various prayer stations, on Sunday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join us and engage in various prayer practices this first Sunday of Lent.

Relay for Life planning is well underway and our team, "The Methodist Movers" is extremely busy planning many activities and fundraisers.

Starting this week, a large container for "Coins for Cancer" will be placed in the entryway. We hope you will plan to donate your loose change both today and in the coming weeks.

Please be sure to stop at our table during Fellowship Hour and purchase handmade knitted hats for only \$8.00 or a Luminary bag for \$5.00 to decorate and dedicate to that special loved one.

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for additional activities. Please contact team Captain, Linda Slater at lslater0256@yahoo.com or 860-354-6180 or Team member, Adrienne Kern at scoobymm@yahoo.com with any questions or to volunteer as a new team member! Thank you for your support!

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Mar. 3 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room
Tues., Mar. 4 at 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Fell. Hall
at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room
Wed., Mar. 5 at 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs., Mar. 6 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" Food Barn
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
Fri., Mar. 7 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
Sat. Mar. 8 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall
Sun., Mar. 9 at 7:00 am "Rockin' Eggs" Boy Scout Breakfast in FH
at 9:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
at 11:30 am Contemporary Service in Sanctuary
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
at 6:00 pm Prayer Stations in Sanctuary
at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

New Milford United Methodist Church Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Jim and Debra Waldorf
11:30 a.m.—The Cannito Family



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Transfiguration Sunday "Proclaim Transformation" Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 10:00 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

Mission Moment

The Women's Center

Processional Hymn #2236 (TFWS)

"Gather Us In"

WAREHAM

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for you face;
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light-years away-
here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Call to Worship

As God called to Moses from the mountain,
we are called to be God's people.
As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,
we are called to follow wherever he leads.
As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

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."*

Prayer for Illumination

**By your word, O Lord,
you teach us.
May your Holy Spirit
grant us understanding and guidance
to live your word.
Lead us in the right paths
of true spirituality.
Turn our hearts and our eyes toward Jesus
and confirm in our souls
the beauty of your ways. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Page 18 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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 Offering Prayer.

Anthem

"All My Days" MILLER
Chancel Choir

Prayer

O Glorious God, we are a people who love the light of your face. We
come again this morning to experience your radiance and reflect it with

our lives. Look upon us with the glow of your life-giving countenance
and shine us into a whole new way of being and doing in the world. We
bring into your radiant love the lives of our loved ones, our families,
our friends, our communities, our world. Embolden us to shine in the
lives of loved ones and strangers with your radiant light. **Amen.**

Responses

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the song.

Song 69 (Black Binder) "Here I Am to Worship"

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Confession

Though we want to walk with Moses
and see God's holy radiance,
**we hide in the mist of our own desires,
unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.**
While we want a world of justice and peace,
**we walk in clouds of selfishness,
unable to share God's loving-kindness.**
Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,
**we cower in fear,
unable to bear the light of God.**

Words of Assurance

In the blazing light of God's grace,
Jesus touches us to say,
"Get up and do not be afraid."
In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.
Amen.

Passing the Peace

As we share the peace of Christ with one another,
may the light of Christ shine in you always.
And also in you.

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

*Please refer to the insert for **Sacrament of Communion.**

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP - NICOLE REISS

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Nicole now
before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
examples of Christ.**

**We will surround Nicole with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that
leads to life.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Members of the household of God, I commend Nicole to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks to all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church**

we renew our covenant faithfully to participate

**in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
established you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and 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

"Proclaim Transformation" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the song.

Song 26 (Black Binder) "Power of Your Love"

SENDING FORTH

Walk in light and truth.
See the light of Christ in every face.
Be the light of Christ to all you meet. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

congratulations:

- To Marilyn Fuller on the birth of her grandson. Steven James Buchanan was born February 27th at 3:00 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. He and his parents, Corinne and Steve, are doing well.
- Cooper Dreyfus received his Eagle Scout designation.
- Amanda Singleton on selection by Resident Council for Employee of the Month at Village Crest.

we are thankful:

- Alma Hough is home at Chestnut Grove.

our prayers are with:

- Jim Hudak and family as they grieve the passing of June.
- Janet Schnitzler's sister-in-law, Evelyn.
- Roxanne Martin who is recovering from back surgery.
- Nicole Reiss' friend who is suffering from ovarian cancer.
- All those going through divorce.
- Stacey Didato and her family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Susan.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has health issues.
- Bonnie Knapp's brother, Dick, who is recovering from surgery for lung cancer.
- Marlene Davis' nephew who is in hospice.