

**Bowling Night**—Join us for Family Bowling Night at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th at Lore's Lanes in the Goodwill Plaza. Please RSVP to Linda Slater at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) or 860-354-6180 by Thursday, March 13th. Lane rental of \$45.00 is split between participants (6 people per lane). Cost is typically around \$7.50 per person for 2 games and shoe rental.

**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
- secure donations of 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.

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

Mon., Mar. 10 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm United Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall  
 Tues., Mar. 11 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 5:30 pm Worship Committee in Conference Room  
 at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall  
 Wed., Mar. 12 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 Evangelism in Library  
 at 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
 Thurs., Mar. 13 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in 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  
 at 7:00 pm Ed Board in Fellowship Hall  
 Sat. Mar. 15 at 12:00 pm Lenten Mission Project Bag Making in FH  
 at 7:15 pm Family Bowling Night at Lore's Lanes  
 Sun., Mar. 16 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 Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 at 2:00 pm Charge Conference in Fellowship Hall  
 at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary  
 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.—Tom and Ann Tibbatts**

**11:30 a.m.—Carolyn Dion**

**Liturgist—Larry Tripp**

**Altar Flowers—Given in Memory of Andy Schnitzler by the Schnitzler Family.**



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

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

song 36

"rise up and praise him"

song 28

"we've come to praise him"

welcome & announcements

song 20

"ocean"

song 45

"love you so much"

passing the peace

first gospel lesson

matthew 4:1-11

page 3 in the new testament in the pew bible

second gospel lesson

matthew 11:28-30

page 12 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

"the right tempo"

rev paul a fleck

anthem

"like live that"

joys & concerns

song 73

"adonai"

song 17

"God is good all the time"

sending forth



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*First Sunday in Lent*

*"The Right Tempo"*

*Sunday, March 9, 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**

**Processional** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" LAND OF REST  
**Hymn #269**

**Call to Worship**

We are people of impatient hungers.

**We want to be filled with all good things immediately. We don't want to wait.**

We are people who seek power and authority.

**We want to be in control, not to be controlled.**

We are people whose individual safety is of highest concern.

**Protect and guide us.**

Stop our greed and selfishness, O Lord. Help us to listen to your words of comfort and hope.

**Open us up to all the wonders of your love. Heal our hardened hearts. Give us lives of loving service to others. Amen.**

**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.**

**First Gospel Lesson**

*Page 3 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.*

**Matthew 4:1-11**

First  
 Sunday  
 in Lent



## Second Gospel Lesson

*Page 12 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

“As the Deer”  
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 Offering Prayer.*

**Anthem** “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

*Chancel Choir*

### Prayer

Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes that are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, our home. **Amen.**

#### Responses

*Please remain seated for the hymn.*

**Hymn 3025 (W&S), verses 1 & 2** “God Is Speaking” FRÈRE JACQUES

### Morning Prayer

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

**Hymn 3025 (W&S), verse 3** “God Is Speaking” FRÈRE JACQUES

### Prayer of Confession

**God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day, having just gone through the season of greed. We embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great “want,” and we need to become a people of great “faith.” Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we were living. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our sorrowful souls. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## Matthew 11:28-30

### Words of Assurance

You are loved by God! And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope. Rest in God's love. Prepare yourself for service to God who is ever faithful to you. **Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

Let us greet one another with signs of peace and blessing, affirming that God desires love and kindness to all.

*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

“The Right Tempo”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

**Hymn 2153** “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I'M GONNA LIVE (TFWS)

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

#### SENDING FORTH

Be with us, Lord, as we go from this place. Give us confidence in your loving presence, and help us witness to that love as we encounter others. **Amen.**

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- \$625 has been collected from NMUMC to assist with the rebuilding of Anuario's home that was destroyed in fire.

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.
- 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.*

**Prayer Walk—TONIGHT** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, the Youth Group will be hosting a Prayer Station Journey. A time to center yourself in contemplative prayer as a way to enter into the season of Lent. Everyone is welcome. The stations are not geared towards children, but there will be activities for children to do while parents go through the stations. If you have any questions, please contact Brinna Kolitz at [youthminister@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:youthminister@newmilfordumc.org) or 203-770-2881.

**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.

**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).

**All Church Lenten Sewing Project** - On Saturday, March 15th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, as a part of the All-Church Lenten Mission Project to make Toiletry Bags for the Danbury Women's Shelter, we will have a sewing day to construct the actual bags to give to the women who enter the Shelter that will be filled with necessities that many of us take for granted throughout day to day life. Lunch will be provided. We will explain the bags and then START SEWING! If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it to join in. If you do not have a sewing machine, or do not know how to sew, you can still join us for lunch, fellowship, and other non-sewing jobs related to the bags!! Please contact the youth minister, Brinna Kolitz, at [youthminister@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:youthminister@newmilfordumc.org) or at 203-770-2881 with any questions.

**Lenten Soup and Study**—There is still time to register for the Lenten Soup and Study that will begin this Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continue on Wednesdays through Lent. Come and 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. The book can be downloaded for free at <http://cciog.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Celebration-of-Discipline-Richard-J.-Foster.pdf> Richard. Please RSVP to the church office at 860-354-4596 or [office@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:office@newmilfordumc.org).