

Easter Flowers—If you are interested in purchasing Easter Flowers in honor or remembrance of family, friends, or loved ones, please complete the insert and return it to the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 15th. The form is also available on the church website—www.newmilfordumc.org.

Office Subs—The Church Office is compiling a list of people who would be willing to serve as a substitute in the absence of the Church Secretary. Duties include checking email, answering the phone, bulletin folding, etc. No computer skills are needed. If you would be interested in being added to the list, please contact the Church Office at 860-354-4596 or by email at office@newmilfordumc.org.

Lenten All-Church Mission Project- The Mission Committee is sponsoring our 2nd annual All-Church Lenten Mission project to put together Health Kits to be used by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We will be assembling kits on Sunday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. and will take donations up to that day. A well-placed, well-marked box will be in the lobby of the church with the list of needed supplies. You can also find the list in the February Church Newsletter and on the front page of the church website—www.newmilfordumc.org. Most items can be purchased at the Dollar store, Walmart, or a drug store. All items must be new. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tracie Nixon at 860-355-8628 or by email at tracienix@gmail.com.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY Blood Pressure Checks
 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 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Mon., Mar. 2 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., Mar. 3 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room

Wed., Mar. 4 at 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

Thurs, Mar. 5 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

Sat., Mar. 7 at 3:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 66 "Blue & Gold" Banquet

Sun., Mar. 8 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

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 58 "come into this house"
 song 56 "meet with me"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 38 "father of life"

contemplative moment

song 37 "what you are"

old testament lesson genesis 17:1-7
page 13 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson mark 8:31-38
page 44 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

message "discovering the rebel Jesus" rev. paul a. fleck

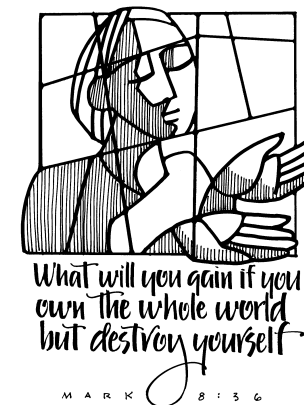
joys & concerns

communion

song 2 "open the eyes of my heart"
 song 3 "with all faith"

sending forth

9:30 a.m. Ushers — Tom and Ann Tibbatts
11:30 a.m. Usher — Tracie Nixon



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

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 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.

In preparation for worship, please silence all cell phones.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Announcements

****Processional** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Hymn #451

Call to Worship*

Hear of God's promise.

The promise rests on grace.

God gives life to the dead.

The promise rests on grace

God calls into being things that did not exist.

The promise rests on grace.

God came to us through Jesus.

The promise rests on grace.

Jesus died and rose again to save us.

God's grace comes to us through our faith.

All Sit.

Prayer for Illumination*

We come broken.

This is a story of hope.

We come fearful.

This is a story of peace.

We come cynical.

This is a story of liberation.

We come empty.

Listen for the story of life.

**Please stand as you are able

*Congregants read bold print aloud in unison.

Old Testament Lesson

Page 13 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Genesis 17 :1-7

****Gospel Lesson**

Page 44 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Mark 8:31-38

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit.

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.

Anthem

“Living Break”

ELIOT

The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.

Prayer

God, you have given us everything.
What can we give in return for our lives?
Be our guide on our Lenten journey.
Help us to deny ourselves,
pick up our cross and follow Jesus.
We welcome the chastening direction in our lives
as we worship you today. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

****Hymn #424**

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

MAITLAND

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession*

**Merciful God,
we confess that our sin turns us from you
again and again.
We are a sinful generation
longing for your mercy.
We want not only to save our lives,
but to gain the whole world as well.
We are too often ashamed to show our faith
to the world around us.
Have mercy on us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace*

Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm
of God and the peace that passes all understanding.
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
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*During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet
your neighbor verbally.*

Please refer to the insert for the Communion Liturgy.

**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

“Revolutionary Lifestyle”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

****Hymn #415**

“Take Up Thy Cross”

GERMANY

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- For the birth of Emily Margret and Charlotte Genevieve, daughters of Robert and Jennifer Mayette, and grandchildren of Herb and Janice Mayette. Both girls and mom are doing well.

our prayers are with:

- Diane Jones, a relative of Linda and Alex Slater, who had a tumor removed from her bladder and will be undergoing chemotherapy.
- Ray O’Brien, who is facing serious health issues.
- Katie, Gene and Jan Parsons granddaughter, as she learns the results this week after her yearlong struggle with her knee.
- Pat, Roxanne Martin’s neighbor, who is facing health issues.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano’s niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Chris Martirano’s father-in-law, who is having open heart surgery.
- Lynn Hayes, who broke a rib after falling on the ice.
- Bill Phillips, who is ill with pneumonia.

- The Davis family as they grieve the loss of Walter.
- Harry, friend of Ralph Williams III, who had a quadruple bypass surgery and is having a difficult recovery.
- Adrienne Kern’s friend, Scott J., as he deals with health concerns for him and his family.
- Bonnie Knapp’s sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- 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 and will have surgery February 2nd.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- Anne Meehan’s nephew, Scott, whose brain tumor was found to be malignant, but treatable.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Cindy, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Wendy (Cindy’s sister), who had a double mastectomy.
- 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.
- Jan and Gene Parsons’ friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.

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**

Lenten Activities

Lenten Study Book: *Renegade Gospel* -- Jesus didn’t come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. Learn what it means to not just believe in Jesus but truly follow him. Join the “Off the Track” Sunday School class throughout Lent (beginning today) as they engage in this challenging study. Cost of the books is \$10; you can purchase yours via cash or check to NMUMC and by turning that into the Church Office. Scholarships are available.

Lenten Book Study: *Renegade Gospel* with Pastor Paul—During Lent, “The Mix” will be replaced with a Book Study discussing Renegade Gospel. The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please let the Church Office know (860-354-4596 or office@newmilfordumc.org) if you’re planning to attend and if you need a book. There will be NO Scripture at the Tripp’s during this time.

Service of Remembrance for Rabbi Norman Koch will be held on Sunday, March 8th from 4:00—5:30 p.m. at the Temple Sholom.