

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 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 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—Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a Book Study discussing *Renegade Gospel*. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering- Next week we will take a special offering celebrating One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering by United Methodists helps cover all the operating expenses of the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR). Thanks to your generosity, UMCOR is able to ensure that 100% of your designated donations get to those who need them most in a disaster or crisis.

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.

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.



The Open Door Contemporary Worship 11:30 am

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

song

song

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song

contemplative moment

song

new testament lesson 1 corinthians 1:18-25

page 166 in the new testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson john 2:13-22

page 93 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 "the most important question rev. paul a. fleck
you will ever have to answer"

joys & concerns

song

song

sending forth

9:30 a.m. Ushers — Dawn Nagle

11:30 a.m. Usher — Sue Whitfield



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

Third Sunday in Lent/Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 8, 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

Introduction of Scouts

Processional "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART
Hymn #77

Call to Worship

Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

God's holy word revives us.

Simple and confused, we yield.

God's word gives us wisdom.

Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

God's word enlightens our eyes.

More precious than gold is God's word.

Sweeter than honey are God's commands.

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Page 66 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament Lesson

Page 166 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.

Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

Page 93 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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 **"He's Got the Whole World"** STEPHENSON

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 "Lord, Speak to Me" SEWELL

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

Prayer

Lord, help us to be good Girl Scouts, ones whom the world can trust.

Help us to respect our neighbors' rights, and never be unjust.

Help us as Christians to be worthy of the cross we bear.

Help us as real Girl Scouts, to be proud of the uniform we wear.

Help us to be clean, Dear Lord, in thought, word and deed.

Help us to follow the law that is in the Girl Scout creed.

Help us to love all people of the world, and then to serve them, too.

Help our actions to count, Dear Lord, in everything we do.

Help give us strength to carry on and do our part each day.

Make a place in this world for us and help us fill it, we pray.

Make us what we ought to be, and in Thy footsteps fall.

Help us to live for others, O great Scout Master of us all. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #395 "Take Time to Be Holy" HOLINESS

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Hear the commandments of God:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, forgive our idolatry.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, forgive us for chasing lesser gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Lord, forgive our blasphemy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord, forgive our forgetfulness.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, forgive us for neglecting our elders.

You shall not murder.

Lord, forgive us for celebrating violence.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, forgive our lustful hearts.

You shall not steal.

Lord, forgive us for oppressing the poor.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord, forgive our lying lips.

You shall not covet.

Lord, forgive our greedy hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The Lord continues to bring God's people from slavery into freedom. Through the power of the cross of Christ, we are being saved. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

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 Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Responsive Reading of the Girl Scout Law *See Insert*

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

Hymn #504 "The Old Rugged Cross" THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

SENDING FORTH

We proclaim the crucified and risen Christ, who is the power and wisdom of God.

May Christ strengthen us and give us wisdom.

Go forth in the name of Christ!

Amen!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- Katie, Gene and Jan Parsons granddaughter, who no longer needs crutches.
- Jan and Gene Parsons' friend, Brad, whose cancer treatments have been successful.

our prayers are with:

- The Panessa family whose son was killed by a hit and run driver.
- The O'Malley Family, friends of the Martin Family, as they grieve the loss of a loved one.
- Jim, the Martin Family's neighbor, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- Ray O'Brien, who is facing serious health issues.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.