

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., May 12 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., May 13 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
at 5:45 pm Worship Committee in Library
at 7:00 pm Trustees Committee in Fellowship Hall
Wed., May 14 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room
at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee in Confer. Room
Thurs., May 15 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 Choir Practice in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall
Fri., May 16 at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)
Sat., May 17 at 1:00 pm Relay for Life Zumba Fundraiser (off-site)
at 7:15 pm Bowling at Lore's Lanes
Sun., May 18 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 District Conference (off-site)
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH
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. — Bill and Jody Ihlo
11:30 a.m.—Lisa Best

Liturgist—Mary Prause



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

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

song 10 "as we gather"
song 3 "with all faith"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 19 "your love is deep"
song 31 "the potters hand"

epistle lesson 1 peter 2:2-10
page 233 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

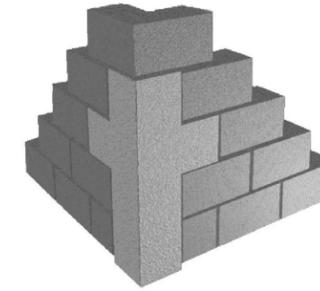
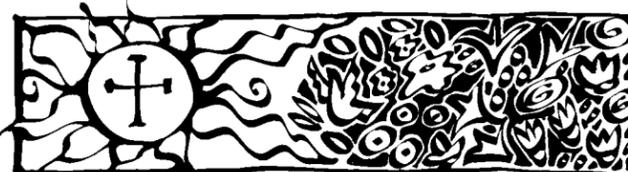
message "finding our cornerstone" rev. paul a fleck

joys & concerns

song 30 "miracle in my heart"
song 9 "victory chant"

sending forth

Fourth
Sunday of
Easter



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Rev. Paul A. Fleck

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
"Finding our Cornerstone"
Sunday, May 11, 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S
Hymn #2223 (TFWS) by Our Love"

Call to Worship

Come now and see for yourselves.

God is alive in our midst and begins life anew even among us.
You will see the very nature of God in those gathered around you.
Get ready to stand firm, to stand on the Rock that is Jesus Christ.

**From there we will feel the confidence
of those who follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**
Welcome.

Prayer for Illumination

Let the one who has ears to hear, listen.

The Word of the Lord speaks to the living of our lives today.

**God's Word is our fortress and strength,
providing shelter and foundation for daily living.**
Let the one who has ears to hear, listen. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Page 233 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

Gospel

Page 108 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

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.

Anthem “God Give Us Love” **BESIG**
Chancel Choir

Today’s anthem is dedicated to all mother’s in celebration of Mother’s Day.

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

Prayer

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #447 “Our Parent, by Whose Name” **RHOSYMEDRE**

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
We pray this day
that we may come to a clearer understanding
that you have more interest in our character
than in our comfort.
Where we have need of correction,
speak plainly to us and grant us the courage
to make the changes you would bring in our lives.
May the love we express for you on this Sunday morning
continue throughout the coming week.
Strengthen this congregation, we pray,
in order that we may become more effective
in our ministry, in our service, and in our witness
to the community.
In the name of the risen Christ, amen.**

Passing the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with your spirit.

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 “Finding Our Cornerstone” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” **ST. PETER**

SENDING FORTH

Go now in peace.
Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.
Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We are thankful:

- Jean Lord’s granddaughter, Alison, who had a baby girl last week. Both mom and baby are doing well.

Our prayers are with:

- Jerry and Kay Jones as they travel to Mozambique.
- Eileen Clark, who recently had a stroke.
- Roberta Buddle, Roger Nagle, Sue Sterling, and Tom Tibbatts who are all recovering from surgery.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- Dave Kullgren’s sister-in-law, Elner Cibelli, who suffered a massive heart attack and is in the hospital in New Jersey. She is expected to recover.
- The LaBella family whose daughter is undergoing chemotherapy.

Our prayers continue for:

- The DeBoy family as they grieve the loss of Sue.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who has begun cancer treatment.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- 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.

Mother and Father’s Day Cards—TODAY is the last day to purchase Mother’s Day Cards to support the Church World Services “Blanket and Tool program”. This program purchases tools and blankets for people in developing countries. This program started in 1989 and, to date, our church has collected close to \$7000! Cards are \$5 each and will be sold in the Narthex. Father’s Day Cards will be sold on June 1, 8, and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

Stock Sale—The NMUMC Youth Group invites you to become a Stockholder! There are Stockholder levels for donations of any amount. Throughout the month youth group members will be selling stocks between services. Proceeds will benefit the youth U.M. ARMY mission trip. Contact Brinna Kolitz at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org with any questions.

Relay for Life—Sign up and pledge sheets for Relay for Life are in the Narthex, please sign up for a time that’s convenient for you. Join the Methodist Movers as they participate in a Zumba Class, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the NM Sports Club. Please contact team Captain, Linda Slater at lslater0256@yahoo.com or 860-354-6180 for further information.

CT District Conference will be held Sunday, May 18th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the New Life United Methodist Church in New Fairfield, CT. Bishop McLee will be the featured speaker. Please contact Pastor Paul at 860-354-4596 if you are interested in attending and/or carpooling.

Sunday School—Please note, there will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, May 25, 2014 (Memorial Day Weekend); Sunday, June 8, 2014 (Combined Service); or Sunday, June 15, 2014 (Promotion Sunday).

Food Focus—Our Daily Bread is in need of canned corn, canned fruit and tuna fish.

Notes