

## 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](mailto:office@newmilfordumc.org)

**Charge Conference** - We will have a Charge Conference on May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. during our regularly scheduled Church Council meeting. There will be three orders of business: (1) the election of Pam Butler as a Trustee in the Class of 2017; (2) the acceptance of a redesignated bequest from Art Carlson; and (3) the pastoral compensation package for Rev. Alex Souto.

**Sunday School**—Please note, there will be NO Sunday School today!

**Our Daily Bread** expansion dedication will be held during Fellowship Hour on May 31st onsite at 10:45 a.m. Please join us in the upper parking lot for the dedication.

**Peace with Justice Sunday**—There will be a special offering next Sunday for Peace with Justice ministries in the greater Church Community.

**Church Directory**—Who's that person? or What's their name?

If you have ever found yourself asking that question on a Sunday morning or at a church event you will be pleased to know that plans are in place for a new church directory. It has been approximately 7 years since our last directory and the church family, as with any family, has changed. With our size and two unique services it is sometimes difficult to recognize all in our midst. However, to be successful, we need everyone's participation!

Photo sessions will be June 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and you may schedule your appointment online through the church website – [www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org). For those without internet, signups will be available the next few Sundays between services.

Every family sitting for photos will receive one free 8x10 portrait as well as a free church directory. **You do not need to purchase any photos.** However, if you do wish to order additional photos you will have the opportunity to do so during your session.

Watch for a letter in your mailbox this week providing greater detail. You may direct any questions to the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

**The Methodist Movers** Relay for Life Team is looking for members!

Registration is free this year, so please consider signing up today! All survivors and caregivers, please register as soon as possible. We had a wonderful year last year and I am hoping this year will be just as great. The event is June 27 - 28th, but the Team is in need of registrations as soon as possible so planning can begin for the event weekend. Funds raised by anyone helping out on any fundraiser will be applied towards your required amount to earn a T-shirt. Help with future fund-raising, decorations, team ideas, thoughts and ideas are very much welcomed. Please contact Team Captain Linda Slater at 860-354-6180 or [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) for more information.

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
"Every Member a Disciple"

Ushers: Helen Leary and Laurie Putnam

### Meetings & Opportunities this week:

**TODAY** at 10:00 am Joint Worship Service  
**Mon., May 25** Memorial Day—Church Offices Closed  
**Tues., May 26** at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm Church Council in Conference Room  
**Wed., May 27** at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
**Thurs., May 28** at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food  
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
**Fri., May 29** at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall  
**Sat., May 30** Playground Mulch Delivery  
at 10:00 am Spaghetti Dinner Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
**Sun., May 31** at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
at 10:45 am Food Barn Expansion Dedication at ODB  
at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary  
at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Classroom

#### AA meetings in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—  
[www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)



## The Service of Worship

New Milford United Methodist Church  
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor  
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister  
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader  
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

## Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 24, 2015 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. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. 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. Please see an usher for the location.

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### PRAYERS

#### Anthem

"I Feel the Spirit"  
Chancel Choir

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#### Greeting

Abby Del Mastro

With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.

#### Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.

#### Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

#### Unite us, Holy Spirit!

Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

#### Opening Prayer

Athena Mazza

Holy One,  
ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today.  
Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame,  
that we may feel your kindling blaze within,  
urging us to do your greater good.  
Make us wholly present to experience a new birth,

and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world.  
In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—  
a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us.  
Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth  
in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination** Stephan Cannito

**O God, open our hearts and minds and souls  
to hear your word as if for the first time.  
Help us experience anew the surprise and joy that  
your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.**

**New Testament Lesson** Acts 2:1-21

*Page 119 in the New Testament in the pew Bible*  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the confirmands' creeds.*

**Stephan Cannito's Creed** Art Putnam

**Abby DelMastro's Creed** Heather Morin

**Athena Mazza's Creed** Valorie Kolitz

*All Sit.*

## PRESENCE

### 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 "Jesus Loves Me" hymn  
number 191.*

### Children's Sermon

### Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

*Please stand, as you feel called, for the singing of the song.*

**Song** "Here I Am to Worship"

*All Sit.*

## GIFTS

### Invitation to the 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

*Please stand, as you feel called, for the singing of the song.*

**Song** "Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing"

*All Sit.*

**Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness** Stephan Cannito

## SERVICE

**Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness** Abby Del Mastro

*Please stand, as you are able, for the singing of the hymn.*

**Hymn 593 (UMH)** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

*All Sit.*

## WITNESS

**Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness** Athena Mazza

*Please stand, as you are able, for the singing of the hymn.*

**Hymn 572 (UMH)** "Pass It On" PASS IT ON

*All Sit.*

## CONFIRMATION

### Presentation of Candidates

Stephan Joseph John Cannito

Abby DelMastro

Athena Mazza

*Please turn to page 33 in your hymnal.*

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

### Confirmation and Laying on of Hands

### Reception into the United Methodist Church

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you,  
and we 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 to faithfully 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.**

### Commendation and Welcome

## SENDING FORTH

Go forth now as Pentecost people,  
filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams,  
and seeing visions of God's possibilities.

**We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed  
by a God who never leaves us alone.**

Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do  
and everywhere that you go.

**We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people—  
people of wind and fire, dreams and visions,  
people filled with that most amazing  
and transforming Spirit. Amen.**

## Postlude

(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*our prayers are with:*

- Diane Jones, Alex Slater's aunt, has bladder cancer and underwent surgery this week. Diane also suffers from heart issues which could affect her recovery.
- The family of Johanna Brenchley, Alex Slater's Aunt, who passed away recently.
- Linda Slater's sister-in-law, whose mother passed away last week.
- Jan Parsons, who broke her foot.
- Jack, Angie Chastain's father, who has been diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kim Birsén, who is seeking employment.
- Fiona Cooper during life transitions.
- Juliette Diamond, daughter of Emily Nixon, who is experiencing health issues.
- Carolyn Dion who is scheduled for surgery on May 20th.
- Rob, Traci Poeti's brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano's niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Bonnie Knapp's sister-in-law, Linda, whose kidneys are improving but still has a few more chemotherapy treatments remaining.
- 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.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- 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.