

been scheduled for June 14th at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to discuss plans for the night of the event. All are invited to attend.

**Summer Services**—Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 21. This year, Chapel in the Pines will be our traditional service at 9:00 a.m. The Open Door service will move to Wednesday evenings beginning June 24. The service will be at 7:00 p.m., with a dinner beforehand at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There is no Sunday School during the summer months.

**VBS -** Would you like to spend a week in the evenings at **G-Force**—*God's Love in Action*, helping our children discover the welcoming love of God at work all around us? VBS Volunteers will help children experience God's amazing grace through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! Sign up for a **Vacation Bible School** leadership role and join us in the excitement. VBS will be held August 3-7, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To Volunteer contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028 or the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

**TODAY** 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 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary  
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room  
**Mon., June 1** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall  
**Tues., June 2** at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room  
**Thurs., June 4** 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., June 5** at 9:00 am Litchfield Hills in Kitchen and FH  
**Sat., June 6** at 9:00 am Lay Leader Class in Fellowship Hall  
**Sun., June 7** Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Nurses  
 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

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 Open Door  
 Contemporary Worship  
 11:30 am**

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

song 41 "come and see"  
 song 58 "come into this house"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 49 "come ye sinners"

contemplative moment

song 20 "ocean"

**gospel lesson** john 3:1-17  
*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

sermon "the riddler" rev. paul a. fleck

joys & concerns

song 29 "God of wonders"  
 song 11 "Lord, I lift your name on high"

sending forth

**NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*"Every Member a Disciple"*  
**Ushers— 9:30 a.m.—Bonnie Knapp and Rita Iverson**  
**Liturgist—9:30 a.m.—Jenn Middleton**



**The Service of Worship**  
 New Milford United Methodist Church  
 68 Danbury Road  
 New Milford, CT 06776  
[www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org)  
 860-354-4596  
 Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor  
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister  
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader  
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

*1st Sunday After Pentecost  
 Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday  
 Sunday, May 31, 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**

**Processional** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" NICA EA  
**Hymn #64**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God's love is poured out on God's world.  
**People: From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things.**  
 Leader: When we cry out to God, God hears and lovingly responds to us.  
**People: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.**  
 Leader: Now we are called to be born anew!  
**People: Open our hearts and our lives that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with God's love. Amen.**

*All Sit.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**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.**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 6:1-8  
*Page 635 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible.*

**Epistle** Romans 8:12-17  
*Page 158 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Gospel Lesson**

John 3:1-17

*Page 93 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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.*

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

**Anthem**

"O Come, Thou Grace of God"

ALTHOUSE

*Chancel Choir*

**Prayer**

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

**RESPONSES**

**Special Offering**

Peace with Justice Sunday

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

**Hymn 404**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

**Morning Prayer**

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace**

*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 Riddler"

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

**Hymn 159**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

**SENDING FORTH**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*our prayers are with:*

- The Coppolla family whose premature granddaughter passed away from an infection this week.
- Diane Jones, Alex Slater's aunt, is recovering from her surgery and will be going home next 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 Birsen, who is seeking employment.
- Fiona Cooper during life transitions.
- Juliette Diamond, daughter of Emily Nixon, who is experiencing health issues.
- Carolyn Dion who had 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.

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***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)

**Fellowship Hour**—Please join us between services for Fellowship Hour at "Our Daily Bread" in the upper parking lot. All are invited!

**Our Daily Bread** expansion dedication will be held during Fellowship Hour, TODAY, 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 TODAY for Peace with Justice ministries in the greater Church Community.

**Father's Day Cards**—Since 1989, NMUMC has offered the opportunity to purchase Mother's and Father's Day cards through the tools and blankets program of church world service. Through the sale of these cards NMUMC has contributed over \$6,500 to date toward the purchase of tool and blanket supplies for people in developing countries. Father's Day Cards will be on sale June 7, 14 and 21st. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at (860) 355-0559.

**Church Directory**—Photo sessions are filling up quickly—have you scheduled yours? 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. We need everyone's participation!

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 wish to order additional photos you will have the opportunity to do so during your session. Questions may be directed to the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

**Pastoral Transition Save the Dates**—Additional details on the way...

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Pot Luck Supper to honor Pastor Paul at 5:00 p.m.

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Picnic to welcome Rev. Alex Souto at 12:00 noon following a 10:00 a.m. service.

**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. 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. Please contact Team Captain Linda Slater at 860-354-6180 or [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) for more information. A Team meeting for the Methodist Movers has