

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., May 5 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in FH
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

Tues., May 6 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall

Wed., May 7 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

Thurs., May 8 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
 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 Ed Board in Fellowship Hall

Fri., May 9 at 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 40236 in Fellowship Hall

Sat., May 10 at 2:00 pm New Member Orientation in CR
 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall

Sun., May 11 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 Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
 at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

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**The Open Door
Contemporary Worship**

11:30 am

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

song 23 "Jesus you are lord"

song 47 "we give you glory"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 8 "he knows my name"

song 21 "wash over me"

gospel lesson luke 24:13-35

page 90 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 "ease on down the road" rev. paul a fleck

reader's theatre

anthem "oceans (where my feet may fail)"

joys & concerns

song 51 "the Lord be magnified"

song 52 "you shine"

sending forth

Third
Sunday of
Easter



Girl Scout Sunday

The Service of Worship
 New Milford United
 Methodist Church
 68 Danbury Road
 New Milford, CT 06776
 www.newmilfordumc.org
 860-354-4596

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Third Sunday of Easter—Girl Scout Sunday

"Ease on Down the Road"

Sunday, May 4, 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

Moment of Silence

Processional "Welcome" WELCOME
Hymn #3152 (W&S)

Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

People: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Enlighten our hearts, Father of glory,

Because sometimes we just don't get it,

Or maybe we just aren't paying attention.

If the bulb is burned out, change it.

If the dimmer is on low, spin it up high.

Do what you must to help us understand,

Because everything is different now.

Christ died, but you brought him back to life.

Now he is in charge of everything, including us. Amen.

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Page 90 in the New Testament in 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

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 "Living Bread" ELIOT

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

Prayer

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Reader's Theatre

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #3170 (W&S) "What Feast of Love" GREENSLEEVES

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Recognition of Girl Scouts

Commissioning of Mozambique Mission

We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of Mozambique and dedicate you to

service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through our prayers we will be untied with you in your work.

May God richly bless your labors.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

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 "Ease on Down the Road" Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with:

- Emily Nixon who was involved in a car accident last week and thankfully was relatively uninjured.
- Carol Muska's husband who is recovering from blood clots in his lungs.
- 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, Elnor 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 has 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.
- Jan Parson's sister-in-law, Ellen, who is recovering following surgery.
- 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.

New Member Orientation—Join us on Saturday, May 10th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our New Member Orientation. New members will be received Sunday, June 8th at our 10:00 a.m. combined service.

Mother and Father's Day Cards—Mother's and Father's Day Cards will once again be sold 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. Mother's Day Cards will be available **TODAY**, and May 11. 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.

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.

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.

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.

We would like to thank the Girl Scouts for their participation in today's service.

Bell Ringer: *Genna Malinowski*

Traditional Ushers—*Anna Burns
Zosia Olejniczak*

Open Door Ushers—*The Gaudette Family*

Greeters—*McKenna Riedl
Emerson Riedl*

Traditional Liturgist: *Madelyn Malinowski
Samantha McCaughan*

Open Door Liturgist: *Maddie Walsh*