

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
Mon., Nov. 3 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room
Tues., Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Sanctuary
Wed., Nov. 5 at 4:00 pm Nominations Meeting in FH
at 6:45 pm Scripture at the Tripp's
at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in FH
Thurs., Nov. 6 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
Fri., Nov. 7 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Nov. 8 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall
Sun., Nov. 9 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 "Open Door" Cont. Worship in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—
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 17 "God is good all the time"
song 35 "humble thyself in the sight of the Lord"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 38 "father of life"
song 25 "you are the one"

new testament lesson revelation 7:9-17
page 249 in the new testament in your pew Bible.
the word of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

naming of the honored dead

the bell will be rung with the repeating of each name.

sue deboy
june hudak
john Farrell
etta kenney

please come forward and place a flower for your saint in the vase
on the altar. the bell will be rung at the naming of your saint.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "when the saints go marching in" rev. paul a fleck

anthem "i give myself away"

joys & concerns

song 69 "here i am to worship"
song 73 "adonai"

sending forth

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Tom and Ann Tibbatts
11:30 a.m.—The Cannito Family
Liturgist—Dawn Nagle

All
Saints'
Day
November 1



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, Pastor
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

21st Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2nd, 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
Hymn #711**

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from God

Who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.**

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,

The firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

**In this many-hued season, God of mercy,
we need the light of your Word to break forth like the dawn.**

**If you will guide us continually, then even the parched places in us
will be like a watered garden.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us
and do not hold back.**

In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Page 249 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Revelation 7:9-17

Epistle

Page 240 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

1 John 3:1-3

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.

Gospel Lesson

Page 4 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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 “For Thy Blest Saints” BROUGHTON

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

Prayer

We bless your holy name, O God,
For all your servants who, having finished their course,
Now rest from their labors.
Give us grace to follow the example
Of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
To your honor and glory;
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Naming of the Honored Dead

The bell will be rung with the repeating of each name.

Sue DeBoy

June Hudak

John Farrell

Etta Kenney

Please come forward and place a flower for your saint in the vase on the altar.

The bell will be rung at the naming of your saint.

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #568 “Christ for the World We Sing” ITALIAN HYMN

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Confession

In quiet trust, in simple words, we enter a space for prayer.
As we confess our sins, both secret and public,
the door to God’s heart is open, and we enter into grace and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

**You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, For the work was hard.**

**You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life, that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
Only when it is convenient for me to do so,
Only in those places where it is safe to do so,
And only with those who make it easy to do so.
Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out
As a usable instrument, that I might take seriously
The meaning of your cross. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The God before whom you have confessed your sins knows you want to be a saint too. Rest in that assurance.

Passing the Peace

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ.

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 “When the Saints Go Marching In” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #708 “Rejoice in God’s Saints” HANOVER

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- Millie Ackerly’s daughter is cancer free.

our prayers are with:

- Marsha Sacca, who is recovering from bypass surgery and pneumonia.
- Sue Perry, who broke her ankle and is recovering from surgery.
- Bill Gardei, who is totally blind and suffers from Parkinson’s Disease. Bill is a former pastor of NMUMC.
- Alma Hough, that she will be relieved of her pain.
- Sue Sterling’s colleagues who have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Cindy, will be undergoing chemotherapy for the next 6 months.
- Rich Baur, who is experiencing health issues.
- Giovanni Thomas’ as he continues treatment.
- John King, who is battling cancer.
- Two friends of Kimber Malinowski who are facing health issues.
- Charlie Chapin, as he heals.
- Laurel Partrick’s cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Mary Gunther, who had abdominal surgery.
- Emily Nixon’s cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Steve and Adrienne Kern’s friend, Steve, who has prostate cancer.
- Marlene Davis’ son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones’ niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Jan and Gene Parsons’ friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.

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

We are still receiving pledges for our *first* stewardship campaign. You may place your pledge in the offering plate or leave it with the church office later this week.

Blood Pressure Screening—The Parish Nurses will be offering Blood Pressure Screening **TODAY**, November 2nd, in Fellowship Hall before and between services.

U.M. ARMY Information Meeting—TODAY at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Any adult or youth interested in finding out more about this great ministry of the church are encouraged to attend or contact Brinna Kolitz at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org or 203-70-2881.

Scripture at the Tripps—Join the Tripp’s for a scripture study this Wednesday, November 5th at 6:45 p.m. Their address is 25 South Main Street.

A Call for Sunday School Teachers! Jesus said, “[I]et the little children come to me.” They’ve come to New Milford United Methodist Church, and our Sunday School is filled to overflowing! We’ve expanded our Sunday School to two classrooms. But this means we need more teachers to help us with the joyful work of teaching our youngsters the love of God. Will you join us? For more information contact the Church Office at 860-354-4596 or Martha McMahon at 860-354-5345.

Family Game Night—Join us on Saturday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. for a night of fellowship at our family game night! Please bring a finger food to share. The Martin's will provide the beverages. Please RSVP to Roxanne Martin at 860-355-4118 by the 2nd of each month.

Future family game nights will be held the fourth Saturday of the month in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Passing of the Peace- Passing of the Peace is an important part of the Christian tradition. We come together as the people of God, we confess our sins against God and neighbor, and we are offered assurances we are a forgiven people. To come full circle, we offer signs of reconciliation to our neighbor through the Passing of the Peace. Sometimes, though, even Passing of the Peace can become too robust. We encourage you to have more lengthy conversations and greetings for Fellowship Hour which immediately follows the service. Thank you!

Gas Card Collection for the Singleton/Thomas family. The Singleton/Thomas family is making weekly trips to Hartford Children's Hospital for Giovanni’s treatment. To help off-set the expense, gas cards are being collected. If you are able to prayerfully donate, cards may be given to Brinna Kolitz or left in the "youth pastor" mailbox (top left mailbox) behind the sliding closet doors in the church narthex. For more information, contact Brinna at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org.