

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room
Mon., Oct. 13 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm "First" Soup and Prayer Group in FH
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 6:30 pm United Methodist Men in Conference Room
Tues., Oct. 14 at 4:00 pm Girl Scouts 40123 in Fellowship Hall
 at 5:30 pm Worship Committee in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall
Wed., Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in FH
 at 7:00 pm Missions in Conference Room
Thurs., Oct. 16 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 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm "First" Bible Study in Conference Room
Fri., Oct. 17 at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Oct. 18 at 7:15 pm Family Bowling at Lore's Lanes
Sun., Oct. 19 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 2:00 pm Nominations and Lay Leaders in CR
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room

Every Week Day at 7:30 am and 12:00 pm
 Prayer Team Conference Call

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 28 "we've come to praise him"
 song 30 "miracle in my heart"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 2 "open the eyes of my heart, Lord"
 song 15 "your unfailing love"

first gospel lesson matthew 6:25-33
page 6 in the new testament in your pew Bible.

second gospel lesson luke 10:25-28
Page 71 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

message "money, work, and debt" rev. paul a fleck

"first" testimonial pat tripp

anthem "lead me to the cross"

joys & concerns

song 51 "the Lord be magnified"
 song 42 "hallelujah, your love is amazing"

sending forth

Eighth
 Sunday after
 Pentecost



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12th, 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 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Chime Choir

Announcements

Processional "Amazing Abundance" ABUNDANCE
Hymn #3120 (W&S)

Call to Worship

Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.
Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.
 What joy we have in God's presence!
What peace is brought to us in God's house!
 This is truly the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed,
open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see your truth,
and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.

First Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:25-33
Page 6 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Second Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-28
Page 71 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Gene and Jan Parsons
11:30 a.m.—Caroline Dion
Liturgist—Chris Prause
Open Door Liturgist—Tracie Nixon

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn 587 “Bless Thou The Gifts” DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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 “Lord, Here I Am” ALTHOUSE
The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.

Prayer

Beloved God,
who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment,
thank you for your many gifts.
You have trusted us with our lives, with this world,
and with your love.
May we offer you gifts to
be used for your service and your glory.
Help us store up for ourselves
the treasure of a good foundation for the future,
that we may take hold of the life
that really is life,
trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

“first” Testimonial Pat Tripp

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #434 “Cuando El Pobre” EL CAMINO
“When the Poor Ones”

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
in our impatience for answers,
we sometimes turn to idols of our own making
and forget our covenant with you.
Passionate for what is right,
we wrong those with whom we differ.
Pleased at the invitation to your banquet,
we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving.
Forgive us when our faith is weak
and our zeal too strong.
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 “Money, Work, and Debt” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #129 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” FESTAL SONG

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- The family of James McCowen, a 7 year old boy who passed away this week. James’ parents are friends of Laurie Gaudette.
- Sue Perry, who broke her ankle and is recovering from surgery this week.
- 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, Candy, who is struggling with cancer.
- Roberta Buddle’s friend who is going through a difficult time.
- Dennis Lybe, who had oral surgery this week.
- Rich Baur, who is experiencing health issues.
- Jerry and Kay Jones, as they travel to Florida.
- Giovanni Thomas’ as he continues treatment.
- John King, who is battling cancer.
- Two friends of Kimber Malinowski who are facing health issues.
- Teddy Oxton’s friends, Diane and Cathy.
- Adrienne Kern’s sister-in-law, Sheila and her family as they grieve the loss of their nephew, Bobby.
- Charlie Chapin, as he heals.
- Laurel Partrick’s cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Lisa Best, who is recovering from diverticulitis and heart failure.
- 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.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter, who is receiving cancer treatment.

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

The members of the Church Council have great faith and belief in the mission, vision, and values of the NMUMC and are committed to assuring it continues to be a vital entity in our community. As a testament to our faith in this church, its members, programs and missions, the Leaders of your church have made personal commitments to make, maintain, or increase their pledge commitments in the coming year. We hope that you will prayerfully consider doing the same as you reflect upon your giving commitment during our Stewardship campaign.

“first: putting GOD first in living and giving”—Book Study and Prayer Group. As a part of our Fall stewardship campaign, we began a study of Mike Slaughter’s book *shiny gods: finding freedom from things that distract us* on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The study will continue through October 23. All are welcome.

During the month, we are asking the entire congregation to engage in prayer as we consider our pledge to the church over the coming month. Chris Prause is leading a team who is praying for our efforts during this stewardship campaign. They are using the *first* devotional as a guide. Anyone who wishes to hold our church, its mission, and its ministries in prayer can join. The prayer team will meet **weekdays** via conference call (Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7031; Meeting ID: 453-833-376) at both 7 a.m. and 12 noon. The prayer team is also having weekly in-person “Soup & Prayer” meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. through October 20.

Blessing of the Animals- Next week, October 19, we recognize the patron saint of animals, St. Francis of Assisi, by conducting the Blessings of the Animals at 4:00 p.m. in Chapel in the Pines. Join us and bring your favorite furry, feathered, or finned friend for a traditional blessing.

Homeless Shelter Volunteer Orientation—There will be a choice of two orientation sessions for new overnight volunteers for the Homeless Shelter. Orientation sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St John’s Episcopal Church on Thursday, October 23 and Friday, October 24. There is a need for more overnight volunteers, especially males.

If you cannot attend these dates but are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Rita Iverson at 860-355-1252. We are arranging an orientation to be held at NMUMC on a Sunday in October.

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.