

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.

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.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 2:00 pm Nominations in Conference Room
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
 at 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals, CITP
 Mon., Oct. 20 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 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall
 Tues., Oct. 21 at 4:00 pm Girl Scouts Leader Training in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm SPR in Conference Room
 Wed., Oct. 22 at 9:00 am The Christian Board in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:30 pm “The Mix” in Sanctuary
 Thurs., Oct. 23 at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm “First” Bible Study in Conference Room
 Fri., Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
 Sat., Oct. 25 at 9:00 am Sower: Seeds of Faith & Finance in FH
 Sun., Oct. 26 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 1:15 pm Stewardship Celebration Lasagna Lunch in FH
 at 2:30 pm Youth “I Scream” Social in Fellowship Hall

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

song

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song

song

proverbs

proverbs 27:23-24

page 609 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson

matthew 6:19-21

Page 6 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

“be faithful, save, and give” rev. paul a fleck

“first” testimonial

rita iverson

joys & concerns

song

song

sending forth

Nineteenth
 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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19th, 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

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

ABUNDANCE

Hymn #576

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
 His faithful love endures forever.
 Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!
 Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

**For he has gathered the exiles from many lands,
 from east and west, from north and south.
 He led them straight to safety, to a city where they could live.**

Let them praise the LORD for his great love
 And for the wonderful things he has done for them.
 For he satisfies the thirsty And fills the hungry with good things.

**Let them praise the LORD for his great love
 And for the wonderful things he has done for them.
 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
 And sing joyfully about his glorious acts.**

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.**

Proverbs

Page 609 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Proverbs 27:23-24

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Page 183 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:19-21

Page 6 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

Carolyn Dion

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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

“Treasures of the World”

SCHRAM

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

Prayer

Dear Lord,
So often we serve our own interest, even on your day.
We acknowledge that the treasures of this earth do not last;
our treasure is in heaven, our heart’s true home.
May we share our bread with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into our house, clothe the naked.
May we make every day your day, placing you first in our living and our giving. In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.

RESPONSES

“first” Testimonial

Rita Iverson

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #3128 (W&S)

“Whatever You Do”

CRADLE SONG

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.
We have many treasures on earth that
we hold too dearly; that we withhold from others in need.
When we sin against neighbor, condone injustice,
and quarrel with one another, we sin against you.
Forgive us, we pray, for we are broken in spirit.
Do not see us for our faults, and do not go away from us.
Keep us always in your presence so that we may be restored to the joy of
your salvation.
Sustain in us a willing spirit to treasure what you desire;
then our hearts will be opened in joy and gladness.
In Jesus Christ, our Treasure, we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

According to God’s steadfast love,
according to God’s abundant mercy,
God does not pass judgment on us
the judgment we deserve.

**God creates in us clean hearts
and gives a new and right spirit.
In the grace of Jesus Christ,
we return to God forgiven.
Praise God for our salvation!**

Passing the Peace

Let your gentleness be known to everyone,
and the God of peace will be with you.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us greet one another with a sign of God's 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

“Be Faithful, Save, and Give”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #3120 (W&S)

“Amazing Abundance”

ABUNDANCE

SENDING FORTH

**Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Larissa and Zoe Dreyfus
11:30 a.m.—Marlene Davis
Liturgist—Stacey Didato**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Steve Bowers, who installed our sound system, is having kidney problems and may require dialysis.
- 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, who is recovering from surgery as well battling 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.
- 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.
- 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

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!

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.

Lasagna Dinner—Next Sunday, October 26th, we’ll celebrate our pledges and the success of our stewardship campaign with a lasagna luncheon after the Open Door Service at 1:15 p.m. Please join us!

Then, stay for the Youth Group’s **"I Scream" Social!** The Youth Group will be hosting an Ice Cream social on Sunday Oct. 26th from 2:30-4. Come enjoy fellowship and ice cream with all the toppings! Any questions, please contact Brinna Kolitz at youthminister@newmilfordumc.org.

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