

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](mailto:youthminister@newmilfordumc.org).

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

*we are thankful:*

- Sue Sterling's daughter blessed her with a granddaughter, Carmen, on Wednesday morning.
- Thelma Neufeld's son became engaged.
- Kitty Muro's grandson has given up his wheelchair and walker and is returning to work.

*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, Candy, will be undergoing chemotherapy for the next 6 months.
- Roberta Buddle's friend who is going through a difficult time.
- 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.

**Ushers—9:30 a.m.** — *Lu Vivona and Helen Leary*  
**11:30 a.m.**—*Mary Leary*  
**Liturgist—Kimber Malinowski**



## The Open Door Contemporary Worship

**11:30 am**

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

song 56

"meet with me"

song 82

"i will follow"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 2

"he knows my name"

song 19

"your love is deep"

**old testament lesson**

leviticus 19:9-10

*page 106 in the old testament in your pew Bible.*

**gospel lesson**

matthew 6:34-40

*Page 29 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

"heart giving"

rev. paul a fleck

anthem

"lead me to the cross"

"first" testimonial

chris prause

joys & concerns

song 78

"hosanna"

song 48

"for the Lord our God reigns"

sending forth

Twentieth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



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Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, October 26th, 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 #2172 (TFWS)**

"We Are Called"

WE ARE CALLED

**Call to Worship**

Now is the time of harvest; the time when we gather in the bounty

**Let us celebrate the many ways in which God has touched our lives.**

God is always with us offering blessing and hope, comfort and peace.

**We offer our praise to God who blesses our lives with goodness.**

Gather us in, Lord. Gather us in.

**Let our praise, worship, living and giving be a tribute to your greatness,**

**O God. 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.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us**

**and do not hold back.**

**In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Leviticus 19:9-10

*Page 106 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.*

**New Testament Lesson**

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

*Page 184 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.*

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.*

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 25:34-40

*Page 29 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

## 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** “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” STUDDERT-KENNEDY  
*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.*

### Prayer

God of rapidly moving times, be with us this day as we gather to offer you praise in thanksgiving for the many ways you have touched our lives. We open our hearts to your stirring, healing words of love, poured out for us throughout all creation. We praise you for the bounty which surrounds us and for our time together. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

### Bible Presentations

**Confirmation**  
Abby DelMastro  
Stephen Cannito  
Athena Mazza

**4th Graders**  
Daniel Fleck  
Damon Mazza

### “first” Testimonial

Chris Prause

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

**Hymn #408** “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, God,  
Ruler of the stars of Heaven, Counter of the hairs on our head:**

**We confess to you that we have failed to be your children.  
We have trusted in the things of this world far more than in you.  
We put security in money, hope in politicians,  
and spend more time following celebrities than Jesus.  
We share love and family only when the calendar  
tells us we have to.  
Our values, work-ethic, and priorities show our sour fruits.  
We are broken. Forgive us we pray.**

*-All offer silent prayers of confession-*

### 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** “Heart Giving” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

### Presentation of Pledges

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

**Hymn #87** “What Gift Can We Bring” ANNIVERSARY SONG

## SENDING FORTH

### **Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

**TODAY** at 1:15 pm Stewardship Celebration Lasagna Lunch—FH  
at 2:30 pm Youth “I Scream” Social in Fellowship Hall  
**Mon., Oct. 27** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
at 4:30 pm Ed Center Potluck in Fellowship Hall  
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room  
**Tues., Oct. 28** at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall  
**Wed., Oct. 29** at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in FH  
**Thurs., Oct. 30** 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  
**Sun., Nov. 2** Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Check  
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 “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](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)*

## ***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)**

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**—TODAY, 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 TODAY, October 26th from 2:30-4. Come enjoy fellowship and ice cream with all the toppings! Any questions, please contact Brinna Kowitz at [youthminister@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:youthminister@newmilfordumc.org).

**Call to Church Council Meeting**- Church Council will be discussing budgetary priorities for the coming year at their Tuesday, October 28th meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to attend this meeting and have a voice in setting the priorities of the church for the coming year.

**Village Crest Trick or Treating**—Village Crest will be offering Trick or Treating on November 30th at 4:00 p.m. All children of the congregation are welcome.

**Bring a Flower for Your Saint**- As a part of our All Saints Sunday next week, November 2, we are asking congregation members to bring a flower and present it at the altar at a special time during the service to remember their special saint that they have lost. If you are unable or forget to bring a flower, we will provide white carnations at the door that you can pick up as you enter the sanctuary for worship that morning.

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

**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!

**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.

**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