

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.

**World Communion Sunday Special Collection—TODAY**—There will be a special collection taken TODAY to support scholarships for national and international students, Ethnic Scholarships for national and international undergraduates studying within the United States and ethnic in-service training.

**“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 has agreed to lead a team who will pray for our efforts during this stewardship campaign; they will use 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 7 a.m. and 12 noon starting Monday September 29. The prayer team will also have weekly in-person “Soup & Prayer” meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. through October 20.

**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).



## The Open Door Contemporary Worship

11:30 am

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

song 18 “come, now is the time to worship”

song 59 “arise”

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 66 “you are my all in all”

song 21 “wash over me”

**first old testament lesson**

deuteronomy 5:6-8

*page 162 in the old testament in your pew Bible.*

**second old testament lesson**

exodus 32:2-4

*Page 78 in the old testament in your pew Bible.*

**psalm**

psalm 135:15-18

*page 375 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

“naming our idols?”

rev. paul a fleck

anthem

“lead me to the cross”

joys & concerns

communion

song 14

“sing for joy”

song 24

“trading my sorrows”

sending forth

**Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Helen Leary and Jean Lord**

**11:30 a.m.—The Kolitz Family**

**Liturgist—Ann Tibbatts**

**Open Door Liturgist—Jack and Maddie Walsh**



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Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

*17th Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday*

*Sunday, October 5th, 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 #451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

**Call to Worship**

Come away from the rush, worry, and idolatry of the world to worship God.

**We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.**

Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

**Praise be to God who calls us to come away from the idols we would otherwise worship.**

**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.**

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**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**

#### Meetings & Opportunities this week:

**TODAY** Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Check  
at 8:30 am “Not Just Eggs” in Fellowship Hall  
at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room

**Mon., Oct. 6** 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 Conference Room

**Tues., Oct. 7** at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Conference Room

**Wed., Oct. 8** at 2:00 pm “Something for Seniors” in Fellowship Hall  
at 5:30 pm Worship Committee in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in FH

**Thurs., Oct. 9** at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn  
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
at 6:00 pm Congregational Care in Conference Room  
at 7:00 pm Ed Center Board in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm “First” Bible Study in Conference Room

**Sat. Oct. 11** at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall

**Sun., Oct. 12** 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 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](http://www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html)

## OFFERING

**Invitation to Offering**      “Bless Thou the Gifts”      Hymn 587

### 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 This Bread, For This Wine”      PURIFOY  
*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.*

### Prayer

Gracious and Patient God, as we come to you this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on you. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

**“first” Testimonial**      Dave Kullgren

**Special Offering**      World Communion Sunday

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

**Hymn #620**      “One Bread, One Body”      ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Prayer of Confession

**Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. Like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation. Help us to be open to your will for our lives.**

### Words of Assurance

### Passing the Peace

The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

### We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

*All stand.*

### The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All sit.*

### Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

*Everyone, regardless of church membership, is invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion. If you wish you may kneel at the altar rail for prayer before returning to your seat.*

### Prayer After Receiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*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**      “Naming Our Idols”      Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

**Hymn #410**      “I Want a Principle Within”      GERALD

## SENDING FORTH

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

*We are thankful:*

- Chris and Mary Prause’s 8th wedding anniversary.
- Giovanni Thomas’ surgery was successful and he is recovering.

*our prayers are with:*

- Bruce King and his family on the passing of his wife, Mary.
- 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.
- Kay Jones, who had hand surgery.
- Charlie Chapin, as he heals.
- Laurel Partrick’s cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer and started chemotherapy on September 22.
- 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.

### *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