

JOYS AND CONCERNS

we are thankful:

- Kitty Muro's grandson is recovering very well from his automobile accident.

our prayers are with:

- Lyle Nichols, grandson of Ann and Tom Tibbatts, as he begins a 2 year Peace Corp commitment in Nepal.
- Charlie Chapin, who is in the Danbury Hospital ICU, with a tear in his aorta.
- Lisa Best, who was recently hospitalized and released with diverticulitis and heart failure.
- Mary Gunther, who had abdominal surgery, and is in Danbury Hospital
- The family of Bishop Martin McLee who passed away Saturday, Sept. 6.
- Emily Nixon's cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer at age 23.
- Steve and Adrienne Kern's friend, Steve, who has prostate cancer.
- Terri Hudak's friend, Leah, who recently lost her husband.
- Kitty Muro's grandson, who is recovering from a car accident.
- Giovanni Thomas and his family as they continue to go through Giovanni's treatment for a cancer.
- Janice Mayette, who recently had foot surgery.
- Louise Fazio, whose kidney transplant stopped working.
- Robert Cerrato as he heals from leg and heart surgery.
- Jerry Jones as he recovers from an arm injury.
- 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.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Sept. 15 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 Fellowship Hall
 Tues., Sept. 16 at 7:00 pm SPR in Fellowship Hall
 Wed., Sept. 17 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Meeting in FH
 at 7:00 pm Missions in CR
 Thurs., Sept 18 at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
 at 6:00 pm Congregational Care in CR
 at 7:00 pm Ed Board in Fellowship Hall
 Sat. Sept. 20 at 9:00 am Worship Retreat in Fellowship Hall
 at 5:00 pm "Spaghetti Supper" in Fellowship Hall
 Sun., Sept. 21 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 Mozambique Presentation in FH
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room
 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall



**The Open Door
 Contemporary Worship**

11:30 am

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

song 36 "rise up and praise him"
 song 40 "open the door"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 22 "draw me closer"
 song 31 "the potters hand"

first gospel lesson matthew 6:5-15
 page 5 in the new testament in the pew bible

second gospel lesson matthew 26:39-42
 page 30 in the new testament in the pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "why pray?" rev. paul a fleck

anthem "hands"

joys & concerns

song 43 "without you"
 song 64 "you are good"

sending forth

Fourteenth
 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

*14th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday, September 14th, 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 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" REST
Hymn #358

Call to Worship

Let creation be still. Let all the people praise God together.

Our Father who art in heaven

May holiness purge our hearts. In thy name we will take our stand.

Hallowed be thy Name.

Dawn upon this world of darkness with thy true light. Make all things new.

Thy kingdom come.

Open our minds and hearts to thy holy will. Free us from sin by the power of grace and love.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Free us as we labor in thy kingdom. Grant us the Bread of Heaven and the Water of Life which last forever.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Deliver us from our worst selves. In the act of forgiving and receiving others may we know thy forgiveness of us.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

May the tests and trials of life not be more than we can bear.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,

Author of the Word made flesh,

To whom belongs both the first Word and the last,

**Open us to your Spirit,
That as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed,
We may be comforted, convinced, and changed
To the glory of Jesus Christ,
In whose name we pray. Amen.**

(Please stand for the Gospel lessons, if you are able.)

First Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-15

Page 5 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Second Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:39-42

Page 30 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

Prayer

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

O, Sing to the Lord

Bell Choir

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.

Duet

“The Lord’s Prayer”

BOWEN

Kimber Malinowski and Emily Nixon

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

Litany of Jesus Praying

Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

Father in heaven;

Hallowed be thy name

I have glorified you on earth; I have finished the work that you gave me to do.

Father in heaven;

Hallowed be thy name.

I have made known your Name to those whom you gave me out of the world.

Father in heaven;

Thy kingdom come.

I pray for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

Father in heaven;

Thy kingdom come.

I have given them your Word; and the world hates them because they are not of the world.

Father in heaven;

Thy kingdom come.

Keep them from the evil one.

Father in heaven;

Thy will be done.

Even as you have sent me into the world, I send them into the world.

Father in heaven;

Thy will be done.

So the world may believe that you have sent me and that you love them as you have loved me.

Father in heaven;

Thy will be done.

O righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these people know that you have sent me.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

And I have made your Name known to them, and will make it known that the love which you have loved me is in them and I in them.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #352

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

PENITENT

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we are the ones you rescue

From aimless wandering and blind despair.

God our Keeper, we are the ones you protect

From our own good intentions

And our foolish, self-centered dreams.

We are your children—fragile, finite, vulnerable.

Silence

Merciful God,

We fail to love those nearest to us

With a tender and sturdy love.

We fail to love those on the other side of town

With generosity and compassion.

We fail to see in our enemies’ faces

Your image and your dreams.

Merciful God, we want to see as you see.

Silence

Merciful God,

We waste the gifts of the earth

And then condemn those whose pantries are bare.

We keep silent when the war goes on

And we keep investing our wealth in systems that oppress.

We shade the truth

And speak ill of others when we can get away with it.

Merciful God, we want to be true as you are true.

Silence

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

“Why Pray?”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

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

Hymn #404

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PENTECOST

SENDING FORTH

New Milford United Methodist Church

Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m. — Gene and Jan Parsons

Liturgist—Dave Kullgren