

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

Mozambique Orphanage Update—TODAY at 2:00 p.m., Kay and Jerry Jones will be making a presentation from their May Trip to Mozambique.

Hunger Awareness Month—September is Hunger Awareness Month. NMUMC will be holding a food collection at Big Lots on September 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for Our Daily Bread. On September 21st there will be an All-Church Food Drive during both services for Our Daily Bread.

Our Daily Bread is in need of pasta, canned meat or fish, fresh vegetables, and hot dogs (may be placed in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall kitchen clearly marked “Our Daily Bread.”)

“first: putting GOD first in living and giving”—Book Study and Prayer Group. As a part of our Fall stewardship campaign, we will study Mike Slaughter’s book *shiny gods: finding freedom from things that distract us* on Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting October 2 and ending on October 23.

During the month of October, we are also 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 daily 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. during the campaign starting September 29 through October 20.

Fall Fair—The Fall Fair will be held Saturday, October 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations of baked goods, tag sale items, and homemade soups are needed, as are volunteers for several areas including set-up and tag sale item pick-up. For more information contact Mike Martin, Fall Fair Chair, at 860-355-4118 or mrml89@nep.net.

The New Milford Homeless Shelter is once again seeking volunteers for the upcoming shelter season (November-April). If you are interested in becoming an overnight volunteer (or learning more about volunteering at the shelter) please contact Rita Iverson (860-355-1252). A training session is being planned for October and further details will be forthcoming.

NMUMC is once again supplying volunteers for the third full week of January 1/18 -24/15. If you are already a volunteer, we would like to have you sign up for an evening that week. You may contact the scheduling coordinator (Gerri Holland 860 -354-5917) directly or contact Rita Iverson.

Christmas in September? The choir has started rehearsing the Cantata for Christmas during the first half hour of their Thursday evening rehearsal starting at 7:00 p.m.. Anyone who would like to join them, please contact Sandy Lybe (the church organist) or stop by practice any Thursday evening.

Gas Card Collection for the Singleton/Thomas family. At this time the Singleton/Thomas family is making two trips a week to Hartford Children's Hospital, and this will go on for several weeks. To help off-set the expense, gas cards are being collected to give to the family for the duration of Giovanni's treatments. 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.