

**Safe Sanctuary Training** will be held Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend if you have not previously attended and plan to work with the children or youth of NMUMC.

**Girl Scout Sunday** is March 8, 2015. If there are any Girl Scouts in the congregation who would like to participate in the Traditional or Contemporary Services on that date and did not participate last year, please contact Laurie Putnam at 860-355-2550. Any Girl Scout who participated last year will be contacted to see if they would like to join us this year.

**Cancellations and Changes**—it's that time of year for weather related cancellations and/or schedule changes. Please tune into WFSB (CBS Channel 3), WTNH (ABC Channel 8), or check our church website [www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org) in case of inclement weather.

**Meetings & Opportunities this week:**

**TODAY** 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 Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary  
 At 2:00 pm Nominations in Conference Room

**Mon., Feb. 16** at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
 at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room

**Tues., Feb. 17** at 5:30 pm Don Cairns Pancake Breakfast in FH  
 at 7:00 pm SPR in Conference Room

**Wed., Feb. 18** at 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary  
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall

**Thurs, Feb. 19** at 1:30 pm Book Club in Fellowship Hall  
 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food  
 at 3:30 pm Bridgeport Rescue Mission (off-site)  
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
 at 6:30 pm Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall  
 at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

**Fri., Feb. 20** at 3:30 pm Loaves and Fishes (off-site)

**Sat., Feb. 21** at 7:15 pm Family Bowling Night at Lore's Lanes

**Sun., Feb. 22** at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

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)



song 78

**The Open Door  
 Contemporary Worship**

**11:30 am**

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

"hosanna"  
 "arise, shine"

song 34

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 33 "shout to the lord"

contemplative moment

song 19 "your love is deep"

old testament lesson 2 kings 2:1-12  
 page 332 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson mark 9:2-9  
 page 44 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 "our hero on the mountaintop"  
 rev. derrick-lewis noble

anthem "up to the mountain"

joys & concerns

song 43 "without you"  
 song 24 "trading my sorrows"

sending forth

**9:30 a.m. Ushers** — Mike and Larissa Dreyfus  
**Liturgist**— Bob Hoburg  
**11:30 a.m. Usher** —Marlene Davis



**The Service of Worship**  
 New Milford United Methodist Church  
 68 Danbury Road  
 New Milford, CT 06776  
[www.newmilfordumc.org](http://www.newmilfordumc.org)  
 860-354-4596

Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor  
 Sandy Lybe, Music Minister  
 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader

*Transfiguration Sunday*

*Sunday, February 15, 2015 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** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON  
**Hymn #173**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord has called you here this day.  
**People: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**  
 Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.  
**People: Lord, make us ready to serve you.**  
 Leader: Come, let us worship God!  
**People: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty God, giver of life, your light shines in our lives and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ. Reveal his glory to us as you did to Peter, James, and John, that we may be filled with his power and our mouths may proclaim his presence forevermore. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson** 2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Page 332 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

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

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 9:2-9  
 Page 44 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

### 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 "I Feel the Spirit" BESIG/PRICE  
*The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.*

### Prayer

Holy God,  
Upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

## RESPONSES

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

**Hymn #258** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" WAREHAM

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

**Patient Lord, you know how accustomed we are to "magic" tricks. Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and**

**strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. Amen.**

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

### Words of Assurance

### Passing the Peace

Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm of God and the peace that passes all understanding.  
May the peace of Christ be with you always.  
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*During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet your neighbor verbally.*

*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** "Our Hero on the Mountaintop"  
Rev. Derrick-Lewis Noble

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

**Hymn #256** "We Would See Jesus" CUSHMAN

## SENDING FORTH

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*our prayers are with:*

- Bill Phillips, who is ill with pneumonia.
- Harry, friend of Ralph Williams III, who had a quadruple bypass surgery and is having a difficult recovery.
- Adrienne Kern's friend, Scott J., as he deals with health concerns for him and his family.
- Marlene Davis and family as they grieve the passing of Walter.
- Lyle, grandson of Ann and Tom Tibbatts, who is in Nepal with the Peace Corp and has a difficult assignment as well as health issues.
- Barbara Williams, who has pneumonia.
- Bonnie Knapp's sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- Dean's Perry's sister-in-law's sister, Claire, who passed away at he age of 58.
- Tim Poeti, who is recovering from his surgery.
- Tyler Poeti, who is recovering from surgery.
- Terri Hudak's cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.
- Terri Hudak's aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery February 2nd.
- The Vivona family as they grieve the loss of Ben.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.

- Anne Meehan's nephew, Scott, whose brain tumor was found to be malignant, but treatable.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Cindy, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Wendy (Cindy's sister), who had a double mastectomy.
- Laurel Partrick's cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Emily Nixon's cousin, who has been diagnosed with 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.

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## 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

**Today, between services,** please join our special guest, Derrick-Lewis Noble, NYAC's Director of Church Development and Revitalization, as he offers a special presentation in Fellowship Hall about revitalizing NMUMC's congregation.

### Lenten Activities

**Don Cairns Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Bring the whole family and join us on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a pancake supper! There will be 6 kinds of pancakes plus bacon and sausage. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Kullgren at 860-354-1102. All proceeds go to the Don Cairns Memorial Fund for upkeep and maintenance of the church.

**Ash Wednesday** emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The Imposition of Ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance. Join us for Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Study Book: *Renegade Gospel*** -- Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. Learn what it means to not just believe in Jesus but truly follow him. Join the "Off the Track" Sunday School class throughout Lent (starting Feb. 22) as they engage in this challenging study. Cost of the books is \$10; you can purchase yours via cash or check to NMUMC and by turning that into the Church Office. Scholarships are available.

**Lenten Book Study: *Renegade Gospel* with Pastor Paul**—During Lent, "The Mix" will be replaced with a Book Study discussing *Renegade Gospel*. The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please let the Church Office know (860-354-4596 or office@newmilfordumc.org) if you're planning to attend and if you need a book.

**Meet and Greet**—Join us for a meet and greet with the new director of The Education Center, Kristin Austin, next Sunday, February 22nd, between services and during Coffee Hour.