

## OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

**Father's Day Cards**—Father's Day cards will be sold beginning June 1st to support the Church World Services "Blanket and Tool program". This program purchases tools and blankets for people in developing countries. This program started in 1989 and, to date, our church has collected close to \$7000! Cards are \$5 each and will be sold in the Narthex. Cards will be sold on June 1, 8, and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

**Relay for Life** is this weekend—Saturday, May 31st from 2:00 p.m. to Sunday, June 1 at 6:00 a.m. Our team, the Methodist Movers, is still looking for walkers. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex.

Today is the last day to purchase Luminaria bags for \$5.00 each. Knitted hats are also available for \$8.00 and will be sold at the Relay as well. Please contact Linda Slater at [lslater0256@yahoo.com](mailto:lslater0256@yahoo.com) with names of survivors to be honored.

**Stock Sale**—The NMUMC Youth Group invites you to become a Stockholder! There are Stockholder levels for donations of any amount. Throughout June youth group members will be selling stocks between services. Proceeds will benefit the youth U.M. ARMY mission trip. Contact Brinna Koltz at [youthminister@newmilfordumc.org](mailto:youthminister@newmilfordumc.org) with any questions.

**Sunday School**—Please note, there will be NO Sunday School TODAY; Sunday, June 8, 2014 (Combined Service); or Sunday, June 15, 2014 (Promotion Sunday).

**Healing the Children Thrift Shop**—Healing the Children is opening a thrift shop at 27 East Street in New Milford. The grand opening is June 2 from 10-4. They are currently seeking volunteers and donations. Inquiries can be made by calling 860-355-1828 or visiting their website at [www.htcne.org](http://www.htcne.org).

### Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., May 26 MEMORIAL DAY

Tues., May 27 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall  
at 5:00 pm Relay for Life in Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall

Wed., May 28 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary  
at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room  
at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
Thurs., May 29 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn  
at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library  
at 5:30 pm Ed Center Potluck in Fellowship Hall  
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary

Fri., May 30 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall  
Sun., June 1 at 8:30 am "Not Just Eggs" in Fellowship Hall  
at 9:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School  
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
at 11:30 am Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary  
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary  
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH

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 41

"come and see"

song 35

"humble thyself in the sight of the Lord"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 67

"come to the river of life"

song 61

"breathe"

epistle lesson

1 peter 3:13-22

page 234 in the new testament in the pew bible

gospel lesson

john 14:15-21

page 109 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

joys & concerns

song 6

"i could sing of your love forever"

song 78

"hosanna"

message

"set apart for love"

rev. paul a fleck

ritual of anointing

sending forth

Sixth  
Sunday of  
Easter



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Set Apart for Love"

Sunday, May 25, 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 #369

"Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

Call to Worship

Leader: Live in God's love!

People: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Leader: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

People: We are called to be God's witnesses.

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice.

People: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us  
a ministry of peace. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Let the one who has ears to hear, listen.

The Word of the Lord speaks to the living of our lives today.

God's Word is our fortress and strength,  
providing shelter and foundation for daily living.

Let the one who has ears to hear, listen. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Page 234 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

1 Peter 3:13-22

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

Gospel

Page 109 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

John 14:15-21

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

## 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

### 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** “For Where Love Is, There Is God”  
*Chancel Choir*

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

### Prayer

Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. Amen.

## RESPONSES

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

**Hymn #3118** “Take This Moment, Sign, and Space” TAKE THIS MOMENT (W&S)

### Morning Prayer

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

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many**

**ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God’s great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God! **Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

Because Jesus Christ is in us, and we in him, his peace is a powerful gift that we may share with others. Pass the blessing of this peace to your brothers and sisters in Christ and to all the children of God.

*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** “Set Apart for Love” Rev. Paul A. Fleck

### Ritual of Anointing

My friends, you are set apart by God to be a holy people.  
**Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**

The oil of anointing represents an ancient ritual of cleansing and wholeness.

**Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**

Jesus was anointed before his death as a sign of his holiness.  
**Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**

Now we come to remember our own holiness and renew our commitment to keep God alive in our hearts.

**Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**

As a sign of our love of the Lord, let us keep his commands in our hearts and be set apart again this day for his holy work.

*Please come forward during the song for anointing.*

**Hymn #2068 (TFWS)** “I Love You, Lord” I LOVE YOU, LORD  
*Chancel Choir*

## I Love You Lord

Music by Laurie Klein, 1978

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "I Love You Lord". The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. A fermata is placed over the first measure, which contains a whole note G4. The lyrics "I love you Lord" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "and I lift my voice to". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics "worship you oh my soul rejoice take joy my King in what you hear may it be a sweet sweet sound in your ear".

*We will move to the Memorial Garden for the remainder of our worship service.*

## SENDING FORTH

We honor those who have passed:

Ken Birsen  
Lily Brooks  
Sue DeBoy  
Winnie Farrell  
June Hudak  
Andy Schnitzler

Wherever we are, we are in God.  
**Wherever we are, we are in Christ,**  
**and Christ is in us.**

Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.

**We go forth in peace and hope,**  
**upheld by God in every way.**

Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.  
**May all see the Divine in and through us.**

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with:

- Marlene Davis’ nephew passed away. Prayers are requested for his family.
- Marlene Davis’ son, Steve, who is scheduled for surgery.
- Chantel, a co-worker of Jen Middleton, received an encouraging cancer diagnosis.
- Sean Barley, soccer coach, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor.
- Jan and Gene Parsons’ friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Brady Tripp’s mother-in-law who has cancer.
- Eileen Clark, who recently had a stroke.
- Roberta Buddle, Roger Nagle, Sue Sterling, and Tom Tibbatts who are all recovering from surgery.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- The LaBella family whose daughter is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who has begun cancer treatment.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.