

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street

Milford, Connecticut 06460

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Air in G Major” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Spirit of God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139:1, 3, 17a, 18

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: *You search out my path and my lying down; and are acquainted with all my ways.*

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

All: *I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.*

*HYMN #519 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” Lift Every Voice

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) based on Psalm 40:7-10

Lord, we come. We delight to do your will. Your law is written in our hearts. May this worship, and our on-going spiritual journey, inspire us to open our lips to speak of your faithfulness and your salvation, especially as we have experienced it in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION based on Psalm 40:1-3, 4b

Lord, incline to us and hear our cry. Help us to wait patiently in our distress. Help us to affirm that you will draw us from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, to set our feet on solid rock and make our steps secure. Forgive us when we go astray after false gods. Put a new song on our mouths: that many will see, and be in awe, and put their trust in you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES I Samuel 3:1-20 Bible p.244

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN (*seated*) “Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth” insert

*THE GOSPEL John 1:43-51 Bible p.967

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON “The Eli Implant” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #2172, verse 1 “We Are Called” insert

(*Let the officers come forward for installation.*)

INSTALLATION OF 2018 MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL OFFICERS AND LEADERS

Today we install our 2018 church officers and leaders. Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world? **I will.**

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace? **I will.**

Prayer of the people: *Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these servants who have been given leadership ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that, through them, your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*HYMN #2172, verses 2 and 3 (*The officers return to the nave as we sing.*)

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*
(*Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.*)

MISSION MOMENT Steve Wasko

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for
Human Relations Sunday

Offertory Anthem: “We Are the Hands of Christ” Parker/Raney
(*The Adult Choir*)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” I Am Thine

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

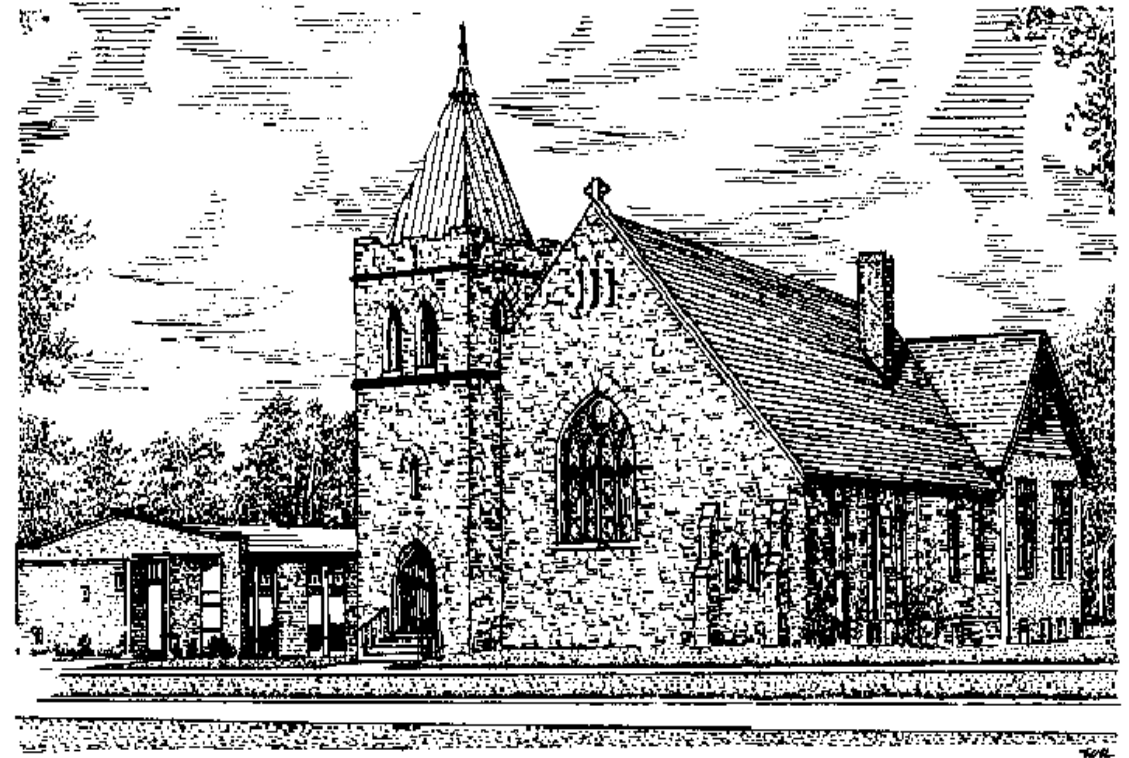
*POSTLUDE

“Dialogue”

G. Martin

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY**

January 14, 2018

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH
2018 OFFICERS AND LEADERS

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| Church Council Chair | Dennis Darak |
| Secretary | Joanne Platt |
| Co-Lay Leaders | Shelly Lapadula and Beth O'Brien |
| Lay Members of Annual Conference | Kelly O'Hara and Sandy Morgan |
| Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference | Eileen Doyle |
| *President, Board of Trustees | Christopher Paton |
| Interim Chairperson, Finance | Nancy Bennett |
| Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations | Edie Reichard |
| #Chairperson, Nominations and Leadership | Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt |
| *President, MTMUMC Foundation | Sue O'Shea (new election 1/25/18) |
| Treasurer | Eileen Doyle |
| Assistant Treasurers | Christine Volgmuth, Steve Wasko |
| Ministry Team Chairpersons | |
| Worship | Leigh Bak and Nancy Bennett |
| Missions | Maryann Petremont and Lorraine Carr |
| Stewardship | David and Eileen Doyle |
| Membership and Evangelism | Holly Firmender and <i>Sue Pitre</i> |
| Sunday School Superintendent | Cathy Cono |
| Assistant Sunday School Supt. | Holly Firmender |
| +Fair on the Green Head of Operations | Bob and Becky Virgalla |
| +Assistant FOTG Head of Operations | <i>Michelle Connor and Paul Downing</i> |
| +Camping | Bob and Becky Virgalla (NY Conference Camps) Stacy Meszaros (UM Army) |
| +Communications | Kat Bennette, Kelly O'Hara |
| +Gay-Straight Alliance Chair | TBD |
| +Parish Health and Wellness | Carol Galloway |
| +Caring Ministries Team | Don Hastings |
| +Prayer Shawl Ministry | Joan Zauner |
| *United Methodist Women | Sue O'Shea, <i>Deb Dubien</i> |
| *Men's Club | <i>Steve Wasko, John Leum</i> |
| + "G.U.T.S" (Growing Up Together Spiritually) Advisors | Dawn Bettencourt, Paul Downing, Shelly Lapadula, Dawn Fino, #Pastor Dani Levine |
| +Scholarships | Wil Wright |
| #Pastors | Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Rev. Hal Vink, Dani Levine |
| <i>Bold italicized new in 2018</i> | *Elected by respective organization |
| +Appointment/volunteer confirmed by Nominations and Leadership | # Ex officio |

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| Website: www.mtm-umc.org | | www.facebook.com/MTMUMC | |
| E-mail: mtmumc@sbcglobal.net | | | |
| Ministers | All the People of God | Bishop | The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton |
| Lay Leaders | Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien | Superintendent | The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester |
| Prayer Chain | Stacy Meszaros | Pastor | The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt |
| Administrative Assistant | Mary Lou Kampert | Pastoral Assistant | The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink |
| Sexton | Andy Thomas | Outreach Pastor | Danielle Levine |
| Child Care Coordinator | Laura A. Brennan | Music Director | Dr. Richard L. Riccardi |
| | | Theologian-in-Residence | The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett |

Grace Notes
January 14, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Leadership is a privilege but sometimes thankless. The officers and leaders listed on the rear cover of these notices have "stepped up" to pilot our ministries because of their love of Christ and love of the Church. They also, being human, appreciate a good word from those they lead. Please take a moment today and thank at least one of them.

This list is by no means comprehensive. It mostly reflects the leadership of our Church Council, but there are many others who serve – as officers in Trustees, Foundation, United Methodist Women, Men's Club – who are not listed here, along with those who support our worship and music ministries. Suffice it to say that without the commitment of many, the Church of Jesus Christ would grind to a halt in a hurry.

I still remember the first clergy pictorial directory in which my picture appeared. Bishop Roy C. Nichols wrote something like this:

A picture reminds us of a person, but a picture is no substitute for a person. One use of this directory is to pray for each person, day by day.

Please also take a moment to pray for your elected and appointed leaders, not just today but day by day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Kelly O'Hara

Liturgist: Sarah O'Brien

Cross Bearer:

Greeters: Elizabeth, Amanda and Mary Repetsky

Bible Bearer:

Acolytes: Mary Repetsky and Carolyn Hollyday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Carolyn Hollyday's 10th birthday, given by her parents, Sheryl and Tom.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The Methodist Hymnal (1964), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000)

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~ CONTINUED

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| <i>Friday, January 26</i> | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Gay/Straight Alliance –Duckpin Bowling & Pizza Party</i> |
| <i>Saturday, January 27</i> | <i>9:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i> |

MISSIONS is now collecting supplies for the **Beth El Shelter** during the month of January. Following is a list of items needed:

Kitchen and Paper Supplies: Paper towels, hot/cold cups (6oz or 8 oz), 8 oz bowls, tall kitchen garbage bags (13 gal), paper placemats, paper napkins, food storage bags (gallon, sandwich and snack size), plastic wrap, heavy duty aluminum foil, toilet paper, facial tissue and large heavy duty garbage bags (55 gallon).

Cleaning Supplies: Anti-bacterial household cleaners such as; Lysol/Pine-Sol, bleach (gallon), kitchen wipes, glass cleaner, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent (liquid), scouring pads and sponges.

Other Items: Hand soap, feminine hygiene products, band aids, gauze, medical tape, surgical masks, Vinyl (no latex) powder-free gloves (s, m, l) and hand sanitizer.

Get ready for our annual Missions Fair which will be held on April 15th. If you know of a group that does great work locally, please contact Maryann Petremont at 203-877-0612, mapetremont@yahoo.com or Lorraine Carr at 203-931-0516, carrain@yahoo.com.

SOCKS 4 SENIORS: Eileen Potkay, LPN on our Parish Health and Wellness Team will be collecting new and gently used (any color or length) ADULT size socks for seniors in need living in local Nursing Homes.

This is our 3rd Annual Sock collection and there IS a need right here in Milford. **The collection will run until March 18, 2018.** There will be a box in Dodd Hall to leave your donations. To learn more, see Eileen after worship or contact her at 203-809-0188 or Eileenmary68@aol.com. If you would like to leave a monetary donation, Stacey Riccardi will be happy to shop for you. Contact her at 203-562-6508 or stacey.riccardi@comcast.net.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

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| <i>Sunday, January 14</i> | <i>9:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i> |
| | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Worship– Sanctuary</i> |
| | <i>11:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Fellowship Time and UMW 2nd Sunday Soup Sale - Dodd Hall</i> |
| | <i>2:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Loretta Kelly Memorial Service – Sanctuary and Dodd Hall</i> |
| | <i>3:30 p.m.</i> | <i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i> |
| | <i>4:00 p.m.</i> | <i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i> |
| <i>Monday, January 15</i> | | <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Beacon Information Due Today</i> |
| | <i>6:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall – Marcia Winter contact</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, January 16</i> | <i>5:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Disciple 4- Egan Room</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, January 17</i> | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i> |
| | <i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i> |
| <i>Thursday, January 18</i> | <i>6:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove</i> |
| <i>Friday, January 19</i> | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i> |
| <i>Saturday, January 20</i> | <i>9:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i> |
| | <i>2:00 p.m.</i> | <i>“Amazing Grace” matinee-Shubert Theater, New Haven</i> |
| | <i>4:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Private party – Sheryl Hollyday – Dodd Hall</i> |
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| <i>Sunday, January 21</i> | <i>9:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i> |
| | <i>9:45 a.m.</i> | <i>Informal hymn singing</i> |
| | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Worship– Sanctuary</i> |
| | <i>11:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i> |
| | <i>11:15 a.m.</i> | <i>Blood Pressure Screening – Sanctuary – Leigh Bak, RN</i> |
| | <i>11:30 a.m.</i> | <i>FOTG Kick-Off meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i> |
| | <i>3:30 p.m.</i> | <i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i> |
| | <i>4:00 p.m.</i> | <i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i> |
| <i>Monday, January 22</i> | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, January 23</i> | <i>5:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Disciple 4- Egan Room</i> |
| | <i>7:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, January 24</i> | <i>9:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i> |
| | <i>10:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i> |
| | <i>12:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Taize Service - Sanctuary</i> |
| | <i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i> |
| <i>Thursday, January 25</i> | <i>5:30 p.m.</i> | <i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i> |
| | <i>6:45 p.m.</i> | <i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i> |
| | <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | <i>Worship Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i> |
| | <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | <i>Foundation meeting – Wesley Center</i> |

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by the Worship Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts will be the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE is held during Fellowship Time. Soup at \$5/pint and baked goods priced accordingly with proceeds supporting United Methodist Women’s missions.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS WELCOMED IN REMOVING THE OUTSIDE CRECHE STRUCTURE after worship today. Please see Marcia Winter to assist.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Loretta Kelly, mother of LaMar, will be held today, January 14th 2 p.m. in the sanctuary with reception following. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to LaMar and Eileen Kelly, 1 Mansfield Grove Road, Unit 309, East Haven, CT 06512. Memorial contributions may be made to MTMUMC, memoed “Memorial Fund.”

2018 ENVELOPES are available on the tables near the Broad Street entrance to the sanctuary. If you desire envelopes and do not find yours, please contact Lisa Sobolewski.

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) -- is the new name for the Youth Group. Today January, 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. Each week we will have a discussion topic and a different topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome (friends, too)! Today’s topic : "It's A-Parent" led by Dawn Bettencourt. *This is the first topic in our Family Relationships series*

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

“DIFFERENT BOOKS, COMMON WORD: Muslims and Christians Together Building the Good Community” continues this week through Feb. 20/21. Identical sessions are Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m., taught by the Rev. Judy Bennett. We meet in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. It’s not too late to attend. Sign up by calling the church office (203.874.1982) or just come!

FEBRUARY “BEACON” DEADLINE: tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 15. Please submit hard copy to the church office or electronically to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will reopen on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 21

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. “Open Season” will be Pastor Dani’s message based on Jonah 3:1-10 and Mark 1:14-20. The Stewardship Spotlight will be presented by Elizabeth Dillon. After worship, blood pressure screenings by Leigh Bak, R.N., will follow in the sanctuary.

(“Next Sunday” continued on next page.)

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, next Sunday, Jan. 21, after worship in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. Fair dates are Friday and Saturday, June 1-2. **All area leaders and interested parties are invited to attend.**

LATER JANUARY EVENTS

COMMUNITY SUPPER, Thursday, Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m., Dodd Hall. To assist, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

MTMUMC FOUNDATION, Thurs., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m., Gunn Library. Election of officers.

WORSHIP, Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. Lenten planning.

DUCKPIN BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY. Friday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.2018.

Join members of the MTMUMC Gay Straight Alliance and Diversity Clubs from Foran, Jonathan Law and Platt Tech High Schools for Fun and Fellowship. All G.U.T.S. Members & Friends are invited. Devon Duckpin Bowling, 551 Naugatuck Ave, Milford, CT 06460
Questions, please contact Kelly O’Hara at 203-283-4676 or yankee89@optonline.net. *Sponsored by our MTMUMC Gay Straight Alliance*

COMING SOON

ANNUAL SKI TRIP, sponsored by the G.U.T.S Youth program will be **Saturday, February 3rd.** This is a church-wide event; friends and families are also invited. We will meet at the church and leave by 6:45 a.m. for Mount Butternut, Great Barrington, MA. Expected return time is 6:40 p.m.; pack a lunch or bring money to purchase food at the lodge, some light snacks will be provided. Cost is \$40 per person; **helmets are required**. Equipment rentals are available. For more information and to RSVP, contact Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) no later than January 28th.

SAVE THE DATES FOR DISTRICT RESOURCE DAYS: Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. – Noon at Simsbury (CT) UMC and **Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 – 5 p.m.** at Stratford UMC, 2600 Main Street. Topics and presenters to follow as they are made available.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 7

Total worship attendance all services: 156; Jan.7: 136; GEUMC: 13; Jan.8 Healing and Wholeness: 7; Total Offerings for Jan.7: \$5,766.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 114; Sunday School: 27; Finance Committee: 8; Confirmation:4, Christianity and Islam: Tues: 10, Wed. 12; Bell Choir:7; Adult Choir:15; Disciple 4: 11; “G.U.T.S” (youth group): 8; Christmas Jar Talkback: 12; Office Volunteers: 0; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

CHURCH SECURITY TASK FORCE UPDATE

Our Church Security Task Force held its second meeting on Jan. 2nd. Steve Bettencourt was elected Convener and Kelly O’Hara was elected Recorder. We continue to recommend that the rear door to Dodd Hall be used for emergency exit only. The Church Council will review this recommendation at their Jan. 18th meeting. We will meet again on Feb. 1st from 6 – 7 p.m. These, and all meetings in the United Methodist Church excepting Staff-Parish, are open to all.

Other actions included a decision to review policies and procedures and bring preliminary ideas for a such policies to our next meeting; to focus initially on fire emergency protocols, and to clarify policies on the use and deployment of two-way radios for our child care worker. Please contact Steve, Kelly or any member of the committee (names from the church office) if you wish to discuss your ideas. We encourage all to help us keep our church community safe.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are **due by noon Wednesday** for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O’Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **Openings are available January 28th and all February Sundays.**

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets and for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur. **If you and your animals are in need please help yourself to the available donations.**

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink:** 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.com.

“FIX IT BOX” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.