

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.)

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

D. Hegerty

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Draw the Circle Wide”

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God 2033
(Gloria a Dios)



- 1. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
- 2. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
- 3. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! }
 To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! } Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! }



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

May be sung in call and response pattern.
WORDS: Trad. Peruvian (Luke 2:14)

MACHU-PICHU

*HYMN #344 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” Pescador de Hombres

THE COLLECT (seated, unison)

Glorious God, whose love, grace, kindness, and mercy is intended for all people: Help us to draw the circle and cast our nets wide, that we may be messengers and vessels of the covenant you have made with us in sending your son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-10 Bible p. 845 (LP, OT p.1054)

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

*THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 Bible p.910 (LP, NT p.42)

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #2137 “Would I Have Answered When You Called” rear cover

THE SERMON “Open Season” Pastor Levine

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. People: **And also with you.**

(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Elizabeth Dillon

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Father, We Have Heard You Calling” Hill/Prichard

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #261 “Lord of the Dance” Lord of the Dance

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE “Minuet” G.F. Handel

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2137 Would I Have Answered
When You Called



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



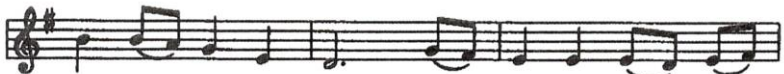
fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



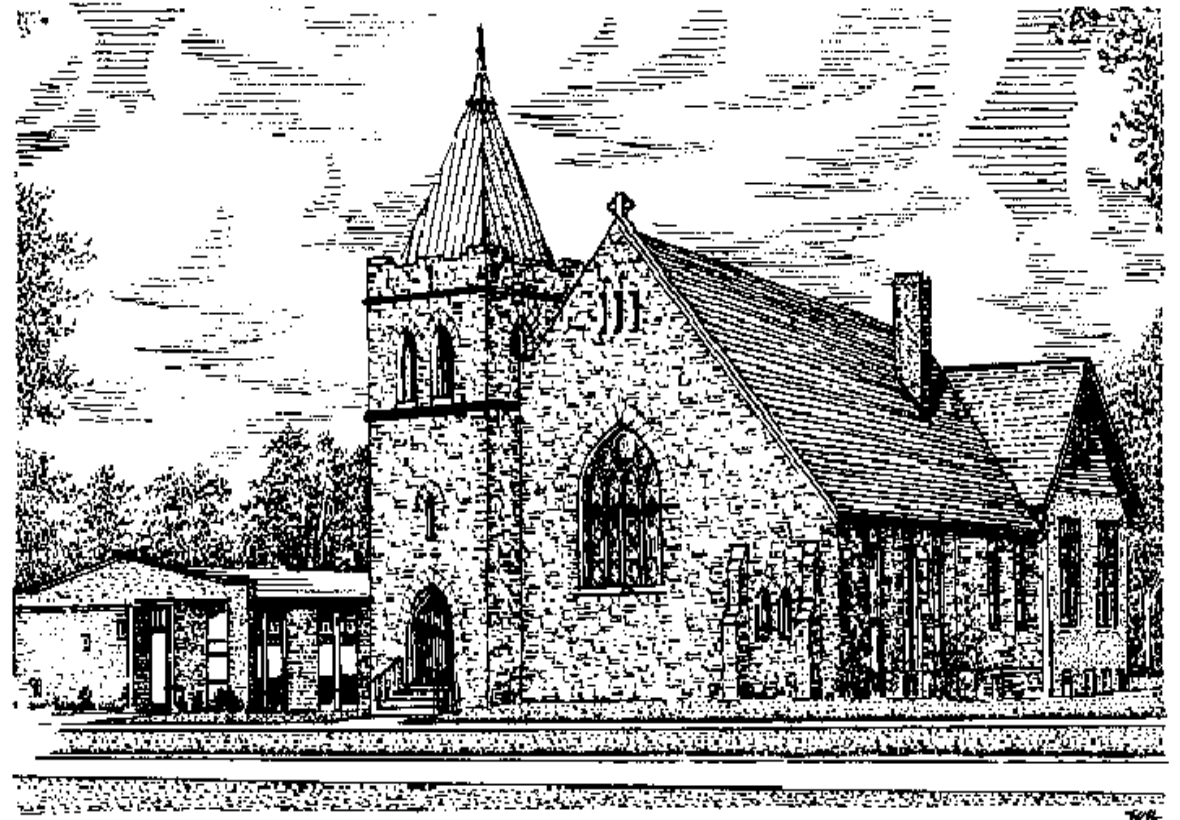
ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with
fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?
crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.



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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

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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 21, 2018**

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

I've mentioned many times before that I love music. I love how the tunes and the lyrics mesh together to create an emotion and yearning or desire to act or feel a certain way. So, it would be no surprise that as I begin to prepare for a service, the first thing that I do is select the hymns that we will sing. It is a very intentional way to prepare to write prayers, and even my sermon.

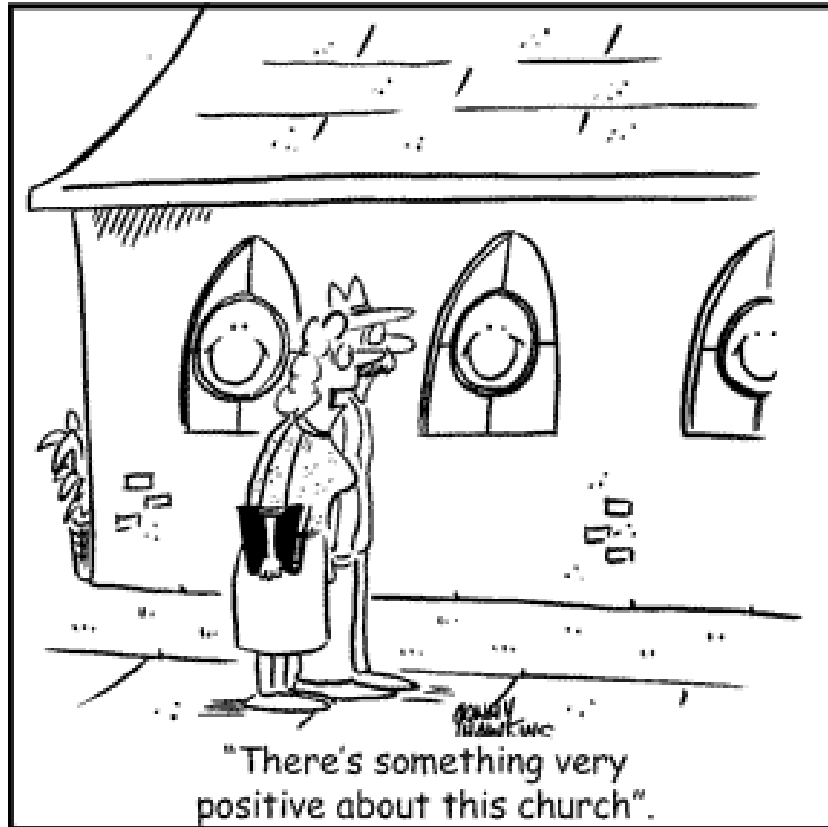
Today there is a lot of singing. Many will know or recognize the Introit, we will be singing the Call to Worship, and the hymns move us toward the sermon and out into the world where we will be challenged to live out that which God has prepared for us this week.

I implore you to listen closely to the words of all the songs, from the Introit to the final Hymn. Each has a historical significance; each has a story of its own to tell. Through these stories, may we encounter the Gospel message for us in this time – a time of conflict, disagreement, uncertainty, persecution and pain. May these songs offer us each hope for a world in turmoil; that through our response, we may be an example of hope and love for all people.

May the world, so hurt and broken in this time of hate-filled rhetoric and discord, find hope in us, as we "Draw the Circle Wide" responding to God's calling for us: as individuals, a congregation, and a community. Let our actions and our hearts show people that truly, "No one stands alone," as we stand by their side.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Dani Levine, Outreach Pastor



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Kelly O'Hara

Cross Bearer: Stefano Cono

Bible Bearer: Zoe Browne

Liturgist: Cathy Cono

Greeters: Michelle Connor and Judy Russell

Acolytes: Mary Repetsky and Carolyn Hollyday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of our 60th anniversary, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins; and in loving memory of Marie Grasso. Never below, never above, always beside us, especially when we share Ice Cream, given by Barron and Justine.

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 United Methodist Book of Worship (1992), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000). Today's Collect was written by Pastor Dani Levine.

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

Friday, February 2

10:00 a.m.

Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

Saturday, February 3

6:45 a.m.

Annual Ski Trip-return time 6:40 p.m. Shelly Lapadula contact

9:00 a.m.

Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel

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~

<i>Sunday, January 21</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time - Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:45 a.m.	<i>Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screening – Sanctuary – Leigh Bak, RN</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>FOTG Kick-Off meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, January 22</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 23</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 24</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Taize Service - Sanctuary</i>
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, January 25</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Foundation meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, January 26</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance –Duckpin Bowling & Pizza Party</i>
<i>Saturday, January 27</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	9:30 a.m.	<i>“Days for Girls” sewing by United Methodist Women –Dodd Hall- Shelly Lapadula contact</i>
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<i>Sunday, January 28</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time - Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship– Baptism of Elliott Joseph Carter - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Caring Ministry – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, January 29</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 30</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 31</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, February 1</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Security Task Force meeting – Wesley Center - Egan Room</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center-Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center- Egan Room</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts will be the United Methodist Women A-M.

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, today 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.**

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) -- is the new name for the Youth Group. **We meet today, January 21, 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 : “Built-in Buddy” led by Paul Downing. *This is the first topic in our Family Relationships series.*

OUR NEW LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE HERE! Please ask an usher for one. Please note that both Old (OT) and New (NT) Testaments begin with page 1 (the regular pew Bibles have continuous numbering). Large Print Bible page references in the liturgy will be marked as “LP” and then “OT” or “NT” and the page number.

IT’S FLU SEASON. Please help yourself to the hand-sanitizer in the Dodd Hall window wells.

PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL return this evening from his nephew’s wedding in Maryland.

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!

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.

BOWLING AND PIZZA PARTY Friday, January 26th at 7:00-8:45 p.m. 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*

THIS WEEK, continued

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: We will meet for a **Days for Girls** sewing/assembly session on Saturday – January 27, 2018 – 9:30 to 12:30. Sewers are needed, as well as ladies to put final touches on kits. If you are available please come to Dodd Hall on Saturday morning, January 27 to lend a hand. Please bring your portable sewing machines and fabric scissors if you have them.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 28

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - “With Authority!” will be the message based on Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Mark 1:21-28. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated for Elliott Joseph Carter, son of Jacquelyn and Benjamin. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered to conclude the worship. Following worship our Caring Ministries team will meet.

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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.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

As was announced last Sunday and been in print other places, your comments to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee concerning skills and aptitudes of our new pastor, as well as missional priorities for our church, are welcomed. Please contact any of these individuals on Sunday or by phone or e-mail (contacts may be obtained through the Church Office): *Edie Reichard, Chair; Tom Beyer, Chris Carveth, Stacey Cronk, Eileen Doyle, Shelly Lapadula, Kelly O’Hara, Jim Page, Alison Pitts, Becky Virgalla and Ethan Weed*

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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 14

Total worship attendance all services: 174; Jan.14: 147; GEUMC: 18; Jan.15 Healing and Wholeness: 9; Total Offerings for Jan.14: 6,350.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups:85; Sunday School: 29; ML King, Jr. event: 14; Confirmation: 4, No Christianity and Islam: Tues. or Wed.; Prayer Shawl: 6; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir:15; No Disciple 4; “G.U.T.S” (youth group) attended ML King, Jr. event: 6; Office Volunteers: 2; 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.