

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 “Come, Ye Blessed” R. Wilson

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Light of the World”

*CALL TO WORSHIP II Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 2-17-18 (alt.)

Leader: For is is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

People: *who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Leader: So he came proclaiming peace to those far off and peace to those who were near;

People: *for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

*HYMN #529 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) Alcuin of York, England, 8th cent.)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy on us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Chinese Prayer

Help each of us, gracious God, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the Church may never have cause to say to any one of us, “This my body, broken by you.” Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Bible p.493

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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 9:1-4 Bible p.624

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

HYMN #585, vss. 1 & 2 (*seated*) “This Little Light of Mine” Lattimer

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #585, vs. 3 (*seated*) “This Little Light of Mine” Lattimer

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 1:10-18 Bible p.1038

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

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23 Bible p.879

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

*HYMN #398 “Jesus Calls Us” Galilee

THE SERMON “The Victor - Light” Dr. Bodt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

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.*)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Marlene Handshy

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “This Little Light of Mine” arr. by H. Helvey
(*The Adult Choir*)

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Houston

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

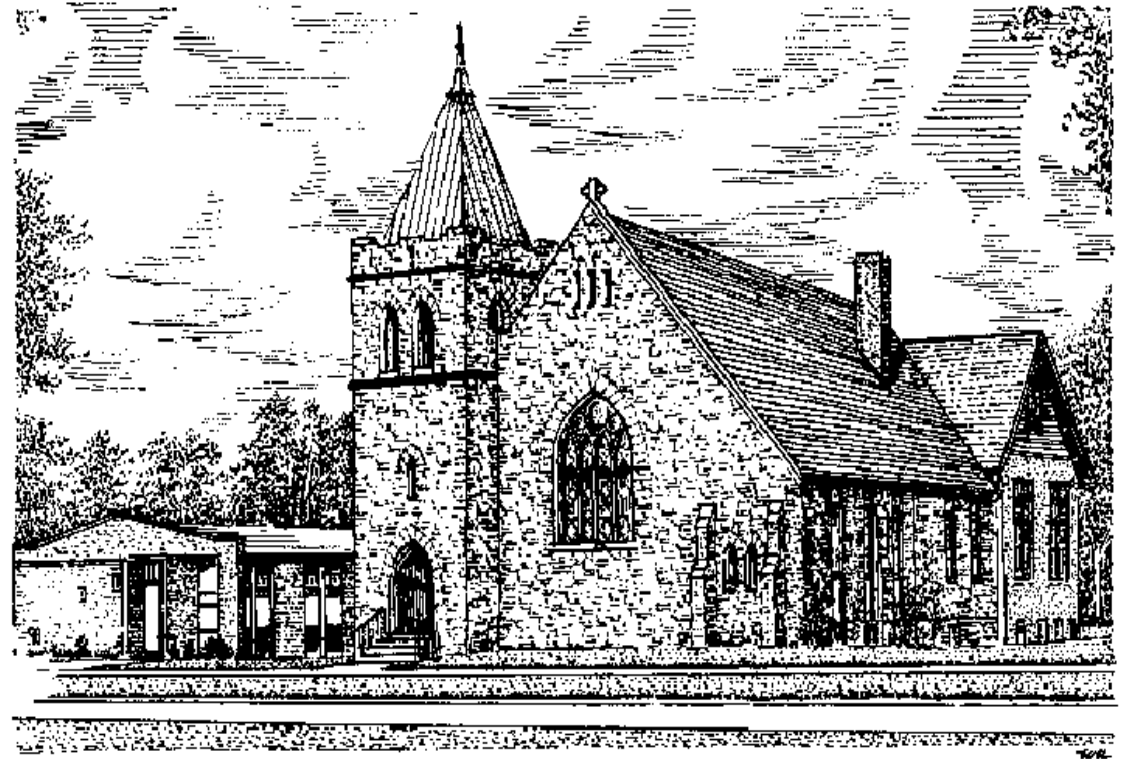
“Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.”

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

*POSTLUDE “Festiva” R. Hughes

(*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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2017

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, January 22</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF meeting – Youth Lounge – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, January 23</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 24</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Egan Room</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Men’s Club Officer elections – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 25</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	Noon	<i>Taize Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	6:30/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	7 – 8 p.m.	<i>New Member Class – Pastor’s study</i>
<i>Thursday, January 26</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Taize Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Foundation meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, January 27</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<hr/> <i>Sunday, January 29</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Visitation Ministry meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Connecticut District Resource Days-Prospect UMC, Bristol, CT (see enclosed flier)</i>
	2:45 p.m.	<i>The Covenant Ministry Team of MTMUMC and Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship/meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF meeting – Youth Lounge – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, January 30</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 31</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Egan Room</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>United Methodist Women meeting– Potluck – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 1</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, February 2</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, February 3</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, February 4</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Connecticut District Resource Days – Golden Hill UM Church, Bridgeport, CT (see enclosed flier)</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
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		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 22, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Last Sunday’s message, “On Call,” received many positive responses. Print copies are, as always, in the rear of the church and now on-line at www.mtm-umc.org, (click on “Home Page,” then the tab for “Recent Sermons,” and then the date of January 15, 2017.) It included the story of the reconciliation of my friend Rick and his adult daughter after a 15 year estrangement. Rick and his wife Christine were present for the message and your warm response, about which he sent this note:

(My wife) Chris and I cannot thank you enough for wanting to mention our great joy of last week at your service this morning. Your sermon touched our hearts more than you could ever imagine. Please extend our warmest thank you to your congregation for the exceptional reception we received. I have no doubt you know full well the warm and wonderful flock you lead and inspire.

It was incredible the number of your parishioners who came up to us to congratulate us and tell us how wonderful this whole turn of events was and that it was a true miracle of God. I even got to discuss trains with Tom Griggs afterwards.

It was so wonderful to finally meet your lovely wife Carol. She was a delight to chat with. In closing, words once again cannot express our gratitude and thanks. May God always bless you, your family and your outstanding congregation. Shalom!

Rick

Thank you, people of Mary Taylor Memorial! God be the glory!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Janice and Noel Fino

Liturgist – Shannon Thompson

Bible bearer – Tyler Walsh

Cross Bearer – Amanda Repetsky

Acolytes – Natalie Rendon and Allison Bennett

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of their 59th anniversary, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins.

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 rear of the church.

CHILD CARE for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

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.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The U.M. Book of Worship (1992).

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

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

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 ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW, according to Paul Downing's contact with the animal shelter. "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 15th:

Total worship attendance all services: 166; Jan. 15: 132; GEUMC, 21; Jan. 16: Healing and Wholeness worship: 13. Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for January 15: \$4,698.00; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$0; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$517.66; Engaged in Small Groups: 95; Sunday School: 38; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 6; Trash & Treasures: 4; Confirmation class: 6; Adult Bible Study, 7 pm: 10; Adult Bible Study, 10 am: 8; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 14; 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.

BETH-EL SHELTER COLLECTION

January is the month that we support the Beth-el Shelter with paper goods, kitchen and other supplies. It is our ongoing commitment to support the shelter in the work that they do in providing a safe and warm shelter for those less fortunate. Please help to provide the necessary and most needed items below:

Kitchen and Paper Supplies: Paper towels, hot/cold cups (*6oz or 8oz*), 8oz 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**.

There will be a collection box in Dodd Hall for the month of January.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We will be sharing together in worship today from 4-5 pm in Dodd Hall. All those in 6th-12th grade are invited to attend and join us!

MYF meets **TODAY**, *January 22nd from 4-5 pm* in the Youth Lounge. We will be working on the blanket mission project! All those in 6th-12th grade are invited to attend and join us in making blankets!

MYF SAVE THE DATES (more information to come):

MYF Lock-In: February 10th-11th

MYF Ski Trip: February 25th (please note date change)

Please contact Pastor Dani Levine (203.927.9077), President Nick Bettencourt (203.876.1123) or Vice-President Ryan Lapadula (203.874.4466) or any of the adult advisors (Dawn Bettencourt, Paul Downing, Dawn Fino, Shelly Lapadula, Rachel Merva, Alicia Meszaros, Catherine Meszaros or Stacy Meszaros) for more information.

TODAY

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

PAPER-GOOD DONATIONS FOR THE BETH-EL CENTER may be left in the box in Dodd Hall marked for that purpose. This drive concludes at the end of January so please bring your donations soon, seeing the article in this issue for what to bring.

SOCKS FOR SENIORS continues under the leadership of Eileen Potkay, LPN a member of our Parish Health and Wellness team. There is a collection box in Dodd Hall for your new and gently used Adult size (any color) socks for local seniors in need. Any questions please contact her directly at 1-203-809-0188 or email her at Eileenmary68@aol.com.



METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Regular meeting today, 4-5 pm, in the Youth Lounge. All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION OPEN DATES begin **February 19**. Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20 per vase. **Thanks to the many who responded to last Sunday's appeal, providing flowers through Feb. 12.**

TRASH AND TREASURES needs 2 or 3 hollow-core doors, no windows, unpainted preferred, for display purposes. Please call Dolly Bonisch at 203-783-9952 before bringing them down.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

MEN'S CLUB MEETING, *Tues., Jan. 24th, 6:30 – 7 p.m.* in Dodd Hall – see interior page.

TAIZE WORSHIP will be offered *this Wed., January 25th at noon and Thursday, January 26th at 6:45 p.m. following the Community Supper.* This 30 minute service is offered every 4th Wednesday at noon and 4th Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY SUPPER, *Thursday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.* in Dodd Hall. To assist, please contact Deb Dubien 203-449-4601 or Jim Repetsky 203-874-8688.

THE MTMUMC FOUNDATION meets *Thursday, Jan. 26th, 7 p.m.* in the Gunn Library.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets *Thursday, Jan. 26th, 7:30 p.m.* in the Egan Room.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, originally scheduled for this Thursday, has been *rescheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.* in the Gunn Library.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - "This Is It!" will be the message based on Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12. We will receive new members. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered to conclude worship. After worship, Visitation Ministry will meet.

CT DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY, 2 – 4:45 p.m. at Prospect U.M. Church, 99 Summer Street, Bristol, CT. See the enclosed flier for details on workshops and leaders.

THE COVENANT MINISTRY TEAM of MTMUMC and GEUMC will meet on Sunday, January 29, at 3:30 p.m. in Wesley Center.

COMING SOON

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT RESOURCE DAYS: Join us for a time of information, inspiration, and opportunities to interact with United Methodists from around our district. See the enclosed flyer for dates, times, locations and workshops offered. Questions? Contact Maggie Carr at jcarr01@snet.net or 203-284-8278.

SANCTUARY WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT, Phase 2, has been rescheduled to early February. Five windows will be removed and returned when complete. Details were in the December "Beacon," page 15.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR: Literacy volunteers are needed to assist Basic Literacy and ESOL students with dialogue, listening comprehension, oral fluency, phonics, reading comprehension and writing skills. No previous teaching experience required! See the enclosed flyer for dates, locations and times. Call 203-878-4800 to schedule your orientation meeting. For more information visit www.lvsct.org.



Men's Club Officer Elections

Attention to all men of Mary Taylor Memorial UMC: on Tues., January 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will meet in Dodd Hall to nominate and vote for new officers of the Men's Club.

The Men's Club is one of many vital missions groups at Mary Taylor Memorial. With the active leadership of our men and volunteers we can offer and support many programs in the church and our community. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 24th.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

- Nominate another person (person must be present and accept the nomination)
- Nominate self
- Nominees must be a member of the church (no length of membership required)
- Nominees state their qualifications for position to the group
- Volunteers (2 or 3) selected to receive and count ballots (non-officers)
- Ballots handed out and completed. Voters must be members of the church
- Ballots collected, counted. Results tabulated. Results announced by Jim or Bill.

The nominations will be for Chair or Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Job descriptions will be sent out prior to the meeting. Should you have questions about the nominations process please contact Paul Downing at 203-203-876-8540; email paul.downing@snet.net or Kelly O'Hara at 203-283-4676; email yankee89@optonline.net.



VALENTINES DAY DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
DODD HALL



COME ONE – COME ALL
To the MTMUMC Annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance –
Food by Chez Bob and Chez Charles, Music by Maestro Rick

Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, laughter and merriment will be served! Please join us – All adults are welcome and as usual, there is no charge for the dinner. Bring a guest!

Child care will be provided in the Wesley Center.

Please RSVP your reservation by February 6th to Paul Downing at 203-678-5582 or paul.downing@snet.net.

Sponsored and hosted by the Men's Club.