

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 “Sunrise” D. Hegarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

INTROIT “Holy Ground”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

People: *He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:*

Leader: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

People: *The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.*

*HYMN #185 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated)* “Transfiguration” Hymnal #259

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Your light, O God, has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others. Lord, have mercy on us. You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not lived as your faithful people. Christ, have mercy on us. You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have hidden our light under a bushel. Lord, have mercy on us. Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 34:29-35 Bible p.80

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN Sylvia Elliott

*THE GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 Bible p.944

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

*HYMN #2102 *(rear cover)* “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” Geneva

THE SERMON “The Tunnel at the End of the Light” Rev. Vink

RESPONSIVE HYMN #347 *(seated)* “Spirit Song” Spirit Song

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 MINUTE “Dental Supply Drive” Anna Henry

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” M. Hayes

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*THE THANKSGIVING *(unison)* from The General Board of Discipleship, U.M. Church

Holy and Omnipotent God, we need to remind ourselves that the gifts we give are not to support a church that keeps you contained, as when the disciples sought to build dwellings on the Mount of Transfiguration. We give these gifts so that we might be a part of sharing the light of your loving presence with the most remote and darkest corners of the world! Bless the use of these gifts, even as we have been blessed by the giving. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #354 “I Surrender All” Surrender

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

(Please consider refraining from hand-holding during the flu season.)

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 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” R. Haan
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory 2102

1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry,
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion,
3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion

heav - en's voice, the daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E -
they shall gain and keep its truth, not by build - ing
with the pur - est light that shines and re - cast our

li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
on the moun - tain an - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
life's in - ten - tions to the shape of your de - signs,

Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent,
but by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior
til we seek no oth - er glo - ry

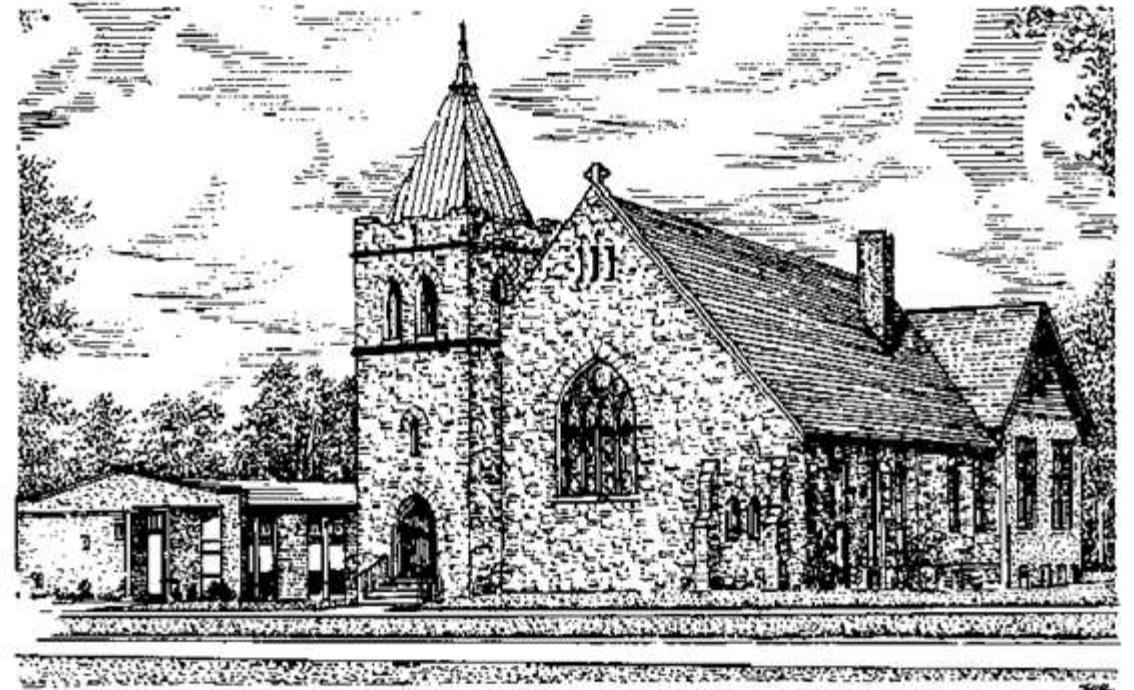
turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward toward the
through the val - ley to the cross and by test - ing
than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our liv - ing

shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger (Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36)
MUSIC: George Henry Day

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Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 10, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, February 10 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
Transfiguration Sunday 10 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Soup Sale – Dodd Hall
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
5 – 7 p.m. Bowling Party – AMF Milford Lanes

Monday, February 11 7 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Sanctuary
8 p.m. Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove

Tuesday, February 12 Noon United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall
6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wed., February 13 ASH WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
Noon Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion & choir
(no Bell or Adult choir rehearsals)

Thursday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

Friday, February 15 March "BEACON" deadline to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, February 16 6:45 a.m. MYF skis at Butternut

Sunday, February 17 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
Lent I 9:45 a.m. Informal hymn-singing – Sanctuary
10 a.m. Worship/Sacrament of Baptism – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. – Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. – Nominating Committee – Pastor's study
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, February 18 PRESIDENT'S DAY – Church office closed
7 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, February 19 6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wed., February 20 10:00 a.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 21 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center

Grace Notes
February 10, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

I wish to thank the Rev. Hal Vink, our Pastoral Assistant, for preaching today. Carol and I, along with my younger son Adam, are taking vacation time away.

Being away this particular weekend means we miss a lot. I am sure last night's Valentine's Dinner and Dance was a wonderful event and wish to thank the Men's Club for their hosting and organization. We were sorry to miss it; as well as this evening's (5-7 p.m.) bowling outing at the Milford AMF lanes. See "Today" for details, and come. Carol and I will return late tonight and I will be in the office tomorrow morning.

Sunday Confirmation will proceed as usual today at 4 p.m. in the Wesley Center. Bob Elliott will teach the history of American Methodism. Students are reminded to bring notebooks and pens.

One of the things in which Mary Taylor Memorial Church shines is its leadership. Certainly this level of activity absent any involvement from the pastor bears testimony to that. For that, and the many gifts of which it is evidence, thanks be to God!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
	Interim Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Kelly O’Hara

Greeters – The Doherty family

Cross Bearer – Sarah O’Brien

Bible Bearer – Juliana Patterson

Acolytes – Elizabeth and Anna Pierce

Liturgist – Paul Downing

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Vink at the Dodd Hall door and Mr. Downing at the Narthex door.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of Kaylyn Bettencourt’s 17th birthday, given by Grandma and Grandpa; and in loving memory of Nick and Carol Rogers, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God’s presence among us. Please introduce yourself to the pastor or greeters.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today’s hosts are the Finance Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts are the United Methodist Women.

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers will collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *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 these children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

INFORMATION: All informational sheets are available in the back of the church.

SERMON COPIES from February 3 are available in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

OUR ADMIN. ASSISTANT SEARCH continues, led by Staff-Parish Relations. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to church168@yahoo.com.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers,” an opportunity to give to missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). Flowers may be ordered at any time. **When a donation is made in lieu of altar flowers, the cross with a miniature mission scarf will be displayed on the altar in place of flowers.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or by email at bgobrien11@optonline.net or mail: Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon.-Thurs. **Pastor Hal** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

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: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 3:

Total worship attendance all services: 168 (163 + 5 Healing and Wholeness); Total Offering: \$6766.25; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$347; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 35; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*

THEATER AND DINNER OUTING: We are organizing a group to attend the play "Distracted" at Square One Theatre in Stratford on **Sunday, March 3rd at 2p.m.** with optional group dinner afterwards at restaurant in walking distance. Tickets are \$20 / \$19 for senior or student. Play is a comedy about living in our 24/7 sound bites world and how we've tuned out what really matters. Sign up with Membership & Evangelism during Fellowship Hour in February to reserve your spot!

MISSIONS FAIR on **Sunday, March 10th at 11:15 a.m.** in Dodd Hall. Additional details will be in the March "Beacon."

A RECONCILING MINISTRIES TWO-PART WORKSHOP will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, 3-6 p.m.** at Asbury-Crestwood U.M. Church, Yonkers, NY. The purpose of these sessions is to help continue our ministry of hospitality to all without regard to sexual orientation. Pastor Brian, Marcia Winter and Leigh Bak are currently committed to attend on March 16th so rides will be available. Please see one of them if interested. More details will follow in the March "Beacon."

HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, March 23 Confirmation trip to New York. Details are still being finalized, but this will be an all-day trip leaving about 8 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. and taking in John Street UM Church (oldest in America) and Anchor House, a U.M. residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. Cost will be somewhere around 30 with scholarship help available. Confirmands and mentors are eligible to attend. More details will follow.

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION AWARDS can be earned if your daughter is in Girl Scouts and would like to participate. Pastor Brian will conduct the instruction. Please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814; mwinter@optonline.net) and she will order the appropriate grade curriculum. Any Girl Scout, grades 1-12, is welcome.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **“SOUP’S ON!” WINTER SOUP SALE**, after worship in Dodd Hall. No orders: “first-come, first-served.” We are selling Pasta Fagioli, Tomato Basil, Stuffed Cabbage and a surprise flavor for \$8/qt. Monies benefit missions.
- **BOWLING PARTY: 5–7 p.m.** at the Milford AMF Lanes. Pizza, beverage and shoes included. See Marcia Winter (mwinter@optonline.net) or Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net). Hosted by the MTMUMC Gay-Straight Alliance and Membership and Evangelism Committees.
- **DENTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTION** for folks in Appalachia begins. See the enclosed flier. Both Sunday and Tuesday Confirmation classes have chosen this as a mission project. Let the competition begin!
- **THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT** is a daily devotional guide that begins on Ash Wednesday. It is available in the rear of the church this morning in both regular and large-print editions. Please help yourself. If none remain, contact the church office.
- **REGISTER NOW WITH PASTOR HAL** for the study “Give Up Something Bad for Lent.” Tues. eve and Wed. morning sessions. Details in “This Week.”
- **OUR CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION FUND CONTINUES** with \$1705.00 received as of Feb. 5, reaching over 29% of our \$5,700 goal to reinstall the stained glass in the Chapel’s north wall. Checks may be made payable to the church, memo “Stained Glass Windows.” See any member of the restoration committee for more details: Bill Petremont, Jim Repetsky, Joan Zauner or Margery Zurko.
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST?** We are looking for people interested in assisting in worship leadership by reading the scriptures and prayers as happens each Sunday. If interested, please contact Worship Chair Laura Perregaux at 203.283.5758 or misslmp2@yahoo.com.
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **LITURGY TODAY** comes from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The U.M. Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

THIS WEEK

CHURCH COUNCIL meets **tomorrow, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.** in the Dodd Hall alcove following **7 p.m. Healing and Wholeness worship in the sanctuary.** **Please note date and time change.** Given our typical 2 hour meeting length, we ask Council members to provide reports in advance to Secretary Paul Downing (paul.downing@snet.net).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MONTHLY MEETING: **Tuesday, Feb. 12, Noon,** Wesley Center. Details from President Joan Zauner (203.283.5643/ jzauner@yahoo.com).

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER is **this Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.** It is a pancake supper with all the trimmings in Dodd Hall hosted by the Membership and Evangelism Committee. Taking its name from the “shriving” (confession and absolution) of penitents on the eve of the beginning of Lent, this day is also known as *Mardi Gras* (“Fat Tuesday”) from the practice of using up all “fat” (butter, etc) prior to fasting from them during Lent. We’ll have crafts and games for the kids; the fun of “king cake,” and a relaxing evening of fellowship. Bring your beads and masks!

ADULT LENTEN STUDY begins **this week, Feb. 12/13** taught by Pastor Hal. Please register at (203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Classes are Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Feb. 12 – March 26 and Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 13 – March 27 in the Church Library, Wesley Center. The study is Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore, who challenges us to eliminate one destructive habit or attitude. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. What a better life! The study book is \$8 and scholarship help is available.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP is **this Wednesday at Noon and 7:30 p.m.** The Noon service is a simple, 30 minute service designed to accommodate the lunch hour for business people. The 7:30 service is a bit longer with music by the Adult Choir. Both have optional Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Observe a holy Lent. Come!

MARCH “BEACON” DEADLINE is **this Friday, Feb. 15.** Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or give hard-copy to the church office by 2 p.m.

MYF SKIS AT BUTTERNUT on **Saturday, Feb. 16,** leaving at 6:45 a.m. and returning by 6:30 p.m. Details are in the February “Beacon” and costs vary in relation to your need for skis, lessons and rental helmet. **HELMETS AND ADVANCE RESERVATIONS A MUST,** the latter so we have enough drivers! Please contact Shelly Lapadula at 203.874.4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com. All payments—cash, please—are due the day of the trip.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **LENT I:** Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “Trust” is based on Luke 4:1-13 and Psalm 91. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Elise Kaitlyn Pitts, daughter of Timothy and Allison. We plan a Stewardship Spotlight speaker. Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the sanctuary.
- **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s study.

COMING SOON

DRAMATISTS DESIRED! *I am looking for about 8 – 10 persons who will each be willing to memorize about 15 verses of scripture and recite them on Palm Sunday in a dramatic portrayal of the Passion story. Required is desire to enter the story as a spiritual experience; commitment to three rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, March 3, 10 and 17 from about 1-3 p.m.; an ability to memorize; and an ability to recite before the congregation. Based on the response over the next two weeks I will know if I can proceed with this portrayal this year. If you are interested, please contact me at 203.874.1982, ext. 11; or brian.bodt@yahoo.com.*

Pastor Brian

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (regularly meets every third Thursday) will meet on **Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. New knitters and crochet-ers always welcome. Contact Joan Zauner (203.283.5643/jzauner@yahoo.com).

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting help now for the next supper, **Thursday, Feb. 28, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, contact:

Shopping and set-up: Phoebe Repetsky (repetsky@optonline.net; 203.874.8688)

Prep and cooking: Jim Repetsky (see contacts above) or Steve Huchet (203.610.7739)

Serving: Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 203.283.5643) or Liz Dillon (elizabethdillon13@yahoo.com; 203.283.1626)

Clean-up: Dave and Eileen Doyle (ddoyle51@aol.com; 203.878.9049)

AMBASSADORS TRAINING will be held **Sunday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. and Monday, March 4 at 8 p.m.** The purpose of Ambassadors will be to intentionally seek and welcome new people on Sunday mornings. The commitment will be to be in church as often as possible from mid-March to mid-September; to briefly greet people new to you; and to invite them to meet the pastors or lay leaders and to come to Fellowship Hour. **You may attend the training times to learn more without making a commitment to serve.** Interested? Speak with Pastor Brian or Cathy Cono (203.878.9218 or spikkio@optonline.net).