

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*

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

PRELUDE “See What His Love Can Do” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Oh Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jann C. Weaver, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

People: *We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!*

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People: *You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.*

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

All: *Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!*

\*HYMN #549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” St. Peter

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Three Things We Pray” Hymnal #493

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION England, 20<sup>th</sup> century, alt.

*We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us.*

*Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.*

*And for those who, through long habit, find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 119:1-8 Hymnal p.841, Response 3

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Bible p.185

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37 Bible p.880

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

\*HYMN #643 “When Love Is Found” Gift of Love

THE SERMON “A Divorced Pastor Speaks” Dr. Bodt

\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal #881

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

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.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem “We Live In Harmony” J. Christensen

Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #2130 “The Summons” rear cover

\*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 “Voluntary in G Major” J. Stanley

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

# The Summons

2130



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you  
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you  
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -  
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my  
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll

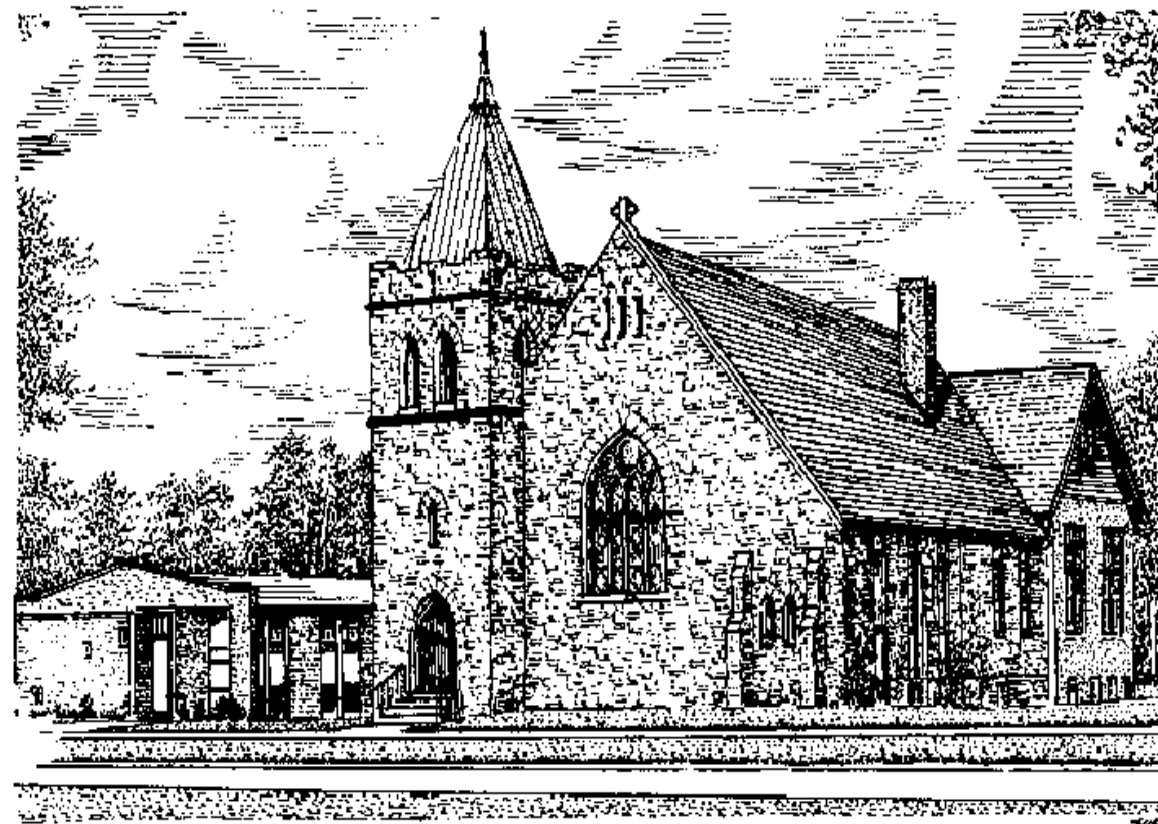


let my life be grown in you and you in me? —  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell  
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

KELVINGROVE  
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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.*

**EPIPHANY VI  
 February 16, 2014**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, February 16</i>	<b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn singing 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings-Sanctuary
<i>Monday, February 17</i>	<b>PRESIDENT’S DAY-THE OFFICE IS CLOSED</b> 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
<i>Tuesday, February 18</i>	5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room 7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library
<i>Wednesday, February 19</i>	10:00 a.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library 10:00 a.m. Milford Clergy Association – Trinity Lutheran 5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. GSA Meeting-Wesley Center 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, February 20</i>	9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
<i>Saturday, February 22</i>	6:45 a.m. MYF Ski Trip to Butternut-Dodd Hall
<i>Sunday, February 23</i>	<b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/SCOUTING SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall 11:30 a.m. Visitation Team Meeting-1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Wesley Center
<i>Monday, February 24</i>	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
<i>Tuesday, February 25</i>	5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room 7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library
<i>Wednesday, February 26</i>	10:00 a.m. Incubator Training-Egan Room, Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library 5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, February 27</i>	5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. M&E Meeting – Gunn Library

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

*The Gospel record of Jesus’ teaching about divorce is clear: it is contrary to God’s highest yearning for those who marry. In all three (Matthew 5:31-32; Mark 10:11-12 and Luke 16:18) it is tantamount to adultery, a crime punishable by death. Today we hear Matthew’s version, which allows for divorce “on the ground of unchastity,” consistent with the teaching of the Jewish school of Shammai at the time of Jesus. Mark and Luke do not allow even this caveat.*

*As a divorced United Methodist and as a divorced United Methodist pastor, I will use today’s sermon to reflect on how our church and cultural understanding of divorce has changed. Frankly—even sticking to the Lectionary—there are other texts today that would be easier to preach. However, as people of faith I believe it is critical to understand why our Lord was remembered by the three synoptic Gospel writers for this teaching; what it has to say to our current thinking on divorce (within and outside of the Church); and implications for other changes in thought with respect to marriage.*

*That is a lot for a 15 minute message! I hope it opens the door to continued conversation and to continuing growth in grace, forgiveness and love for us all.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Stacey Riccardi

**Greeters** – The Doherty family

**Liturgist** – Tom Griggs

**Cross Bearer** – Kaylyn Bettencourt

**Acolytes** – Hayley Lapadula & Jamie Georgelos

**Bible Bearer** – Anna Wessinger

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Tom Griggs at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Frank Bonisch's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today, given by his wife Dolly, and in loving memory of Tom Calabrese's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven. Love, Stacey and Rick Riccardi.

**MISSION CROSS:** a donation has been made to MIND in celebration of Mary Lou and Don Hasting's wedding anniversary; Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Jack! In celebration a donation has been made to UMARMY by the Merva family.

**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 each pew or obtain one from an usher. Ushers 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.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from last Sunday are not available. Previous messages are available in the rear of the church and on-line: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

**CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

**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 older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

**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.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** **Wet and dry cat and dog food is desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS:** **Beth is now accepting orders for 2014.** Orders are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR "In Lieu of Flowers" to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). *\*A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** **Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com): 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or [vinkhaljane@yahoo.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

**"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.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 9:**

Total worship attendance all services: 161 (Feb 9, 150; Healing and Wholeness, Feb 10, 11)  
Total Offering: \$5,332.94 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,300.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 210 (Sunday School: 31; Disciple 1, 9; Confirmation, 9; Adult Bible Study Tuesday, 13; Adult Bible Study Wednesday 12; Office volunteers, 2; Praisemakers, 2; Bell Choir, 9 Adult Choir, 20; Valentine Dinner Dance, 81; Long Range Planning 4; UMW 9; Trustees 9; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

# CPR Class

## March 1, 2014

Start 12:30pm Dodd Hall

Class is offered by Bill Katt

sponsored by The Parish Nurse Group

FREE!

Reserve your spot by calling Mary Lou in the church office by February 24, 2014 203- 874-1982

Or email [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can save a life

(Age limit: 13 years and up)

**WE THANK THOSE WHO MADE REV. DR. TOM OGLETREE DEFENSE FUND GIFTS.** At this writing, the March 10-11 trial has been postponed. The hope is that a “just resolution” can be achieved between the church and Dr. Ogletree. A retired dean of Yale Divinity School, he has been charged for conducting the wedding of his son, a gay man. Pastor Vink and I, along with our spouses and many others, made gifts to support his defense. The fund is given fiduciary oversight by Christ Church, United Methodist, in Manhattan. If you wish to contribute, tax-deductible gifts may be made payable to “MFSA” (Methodist Federation for Social Action) with the memo “Ogletree Defense Fund” and mailed to Marisa Villaroot, 2 Bayview Terrace, Newburgh, New York 12250

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

### ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God’s presence with us. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** follows worship in Dodd Hall. United Methodist Women hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the Membership and Evangelism Committee.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** follow worship in the sanctuary provided by Amy Bennett and Leigh Bak.

**THE “COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE”** is a document supporting a welcome of all people regardless of sexual orientation or identity. You may sign today in Dodd Hall at the table for this purpose. You may also go to [www.mindny.com](http://www.mindny.com) to become a lay signer. Contact Marcia Winter at [mwinter@optonline.net](mailto:mwinter@optonline.net) or 203.878.0814 if you’d like to know more. Thanks to the 70 members of MTMUMC who signed as listed on the website.

**THERE IS ONE “UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES” BOOK LEFT** to purchase for \$10. This guide to our weekly scriptures is a great aid to worship appreciation. If you would like it please see, or call, Don Hastings at 203-877-4554.

**SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

### THIS WEEK

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, February 16<sup>th</sup>** in honor of President’s Day, and reopens on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**THERE WILL BE A GSA MEETING** on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** meet Thursday, Feb.20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to mail the March “Beacon.”

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Reports are due to Paul Downing at [paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net) by end of the day tomorrow. Action items are due to Shelly Lapadula at [m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) or Pastor Brian at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) by the same deadline. Reports submitted and minutes will be emailed on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let Paul know if you are unable to attend.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**EPIPHANY VII/SCOUTING SUNDAY** - “An Eye for an Eye” is a sermon on retaliation based on Matthew 5:38-48 and Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18. We will recognize all Daisy, Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts during the worship service. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR UNIFORMS!** Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn; and the Visitation Ministries team meets after worship in Wesley Center.

## UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**MILFORD’S 375<sup>th</sup>:** Milford is celebrating their 375<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year and Mary Taylor Memorial Church wants to be a part of it. There are many different ways to be a part of Milford’s anniversary, so we would like to get a team of members help us with it. I would like to invite all members interested in helping out partnering with Milford’s Anniversary, please come to the Membership and Evangelism meeting on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (next to the sanctuary). Please contact me for further information.

Michelle Craig, Chair, Membership and Evangelism  
[michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com); 203.877.4332

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP:** Parents are welcome to participate in our Adult Discussion Group which meets every week during Sunday School hours in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC:** We are recruiting help now for the next supper, **Thursday, February 27, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at (203-877-4959).

**INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH?** We will receive new members on “Friends and Family Day,” **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Preparation for membership will be three required sessions: March 9 (getting acquainted and membership vows), March 16 (UMC and MTMUMC history) and March 23 (mission and service). Preparatory sessions will be in the pastor’s office, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at 11:30 a.m. following morning worship. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest.

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE, CROSS-BEARER OR BIBLE BEARER?** Contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ SCRIPTURE IN 2014?** Contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742 or [pcjames60@gmail.com](mailto:pcjames60@gmail.com).

Thank you for your financial support for the Ed Beardsley family who were burned out of their home on Nobel Ave. in Bridgeport on Friday, December 20th. Over \$600 was received in last week’s offering. As those present know, the family lost everything in the fire. We are now beginning a clothes collection – donations may be brought to Dodd Hall. The following sizes are needed:

6 year old daughter – size 6x 8 year old daughter – size 8-10  
12 year old son size 12-14 17 year old daughter – size 16  
Mom – size 18 Dad – size 3x shirts, 40w32L pants  
Socks and mittens would be greatly appreciated!

They also need wet and dry cat food, and kitty litter.

## **SKI TRIP TO BUTTERNUT**

**February 22: 6:45am—6:30 pm**



### **Attention all MYF skiers and snow boarders –**

Join us for a day of fun on the slopes at Ski Butternut Saturday, February 22. We will leave Mary Taylor 6:45 a.m., and return by 6:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome – lessons are available.

Costs are as follows:	Lift Ticket	\$40.00
	Rental	\$25.00
	Lessons	\$20.00
	Helmets	\$10.00 – while supply lasts

### **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.**

Chaperones and Drivers are needed. MYF Family members are welcome to join us. The MYF Team will provide snacks and water. Bring your helmets and extra cash for lunch, cocoa or a snack. Contact person is Shelly Lapadula 203-874-4466 or e-mail [m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com). Payment is due on the 22nd – Cash Please .

**Please be sure to let Shelly know you are planning to attend so we will be certain to have enough drivers! Hope to see you there!**