

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 “In This Holy Place” W. Hutson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Jesus, We Are Here” P. Matsikenyiri

*A CANDLEMAS CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 2:22-28 with the people responding:
People: “*Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.*”

*HYMN #660 “God Is Here” Abbot’s Leigh

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* Hymnal #392

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THE PSALTER Psalm 15 Hymnal p.747

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 Bible p.880

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

THE SERMON “The Sanctuaries of our Lives” Dr. Bodt

(including the script “Danielle’s Big Day” with Sarah Brockett, Lisa Gloates, John Henry and Stacey Riccardi)

HYMN #2164 *(seated)* “Sanctuary” rear cover

(Sing three times)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(by the Pastor)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

HYMN #171 *(seated)* “There’s Something About that Name” That Name

(New member candidates and sponsors come to the Communion rail).

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Hymnal p.33-35 and 38

New members *and their* [sponsors] *are* Kathleen Bacon [Lisa Gloates], Arjun Diwan [Hector Arnold], Akanksha Joshi [Elizabeth Kingsley], Wendy Hoffmann [Leigh Bak, represented by Kelly O’Hara] and Margaret Kimmer [Beverly Downing]

*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: “Open My Eyes That I May See” arr. by H. Hopson

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal p. 9-11

(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.)

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS *(unison)*

Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #159 “Lift High the Cross” Crucifer

*THE UNISON BENEDICTION with sung response Hymnal #225

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

*POSTLUDE “Carillon Toccata” D. Wagner

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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Sanctuary

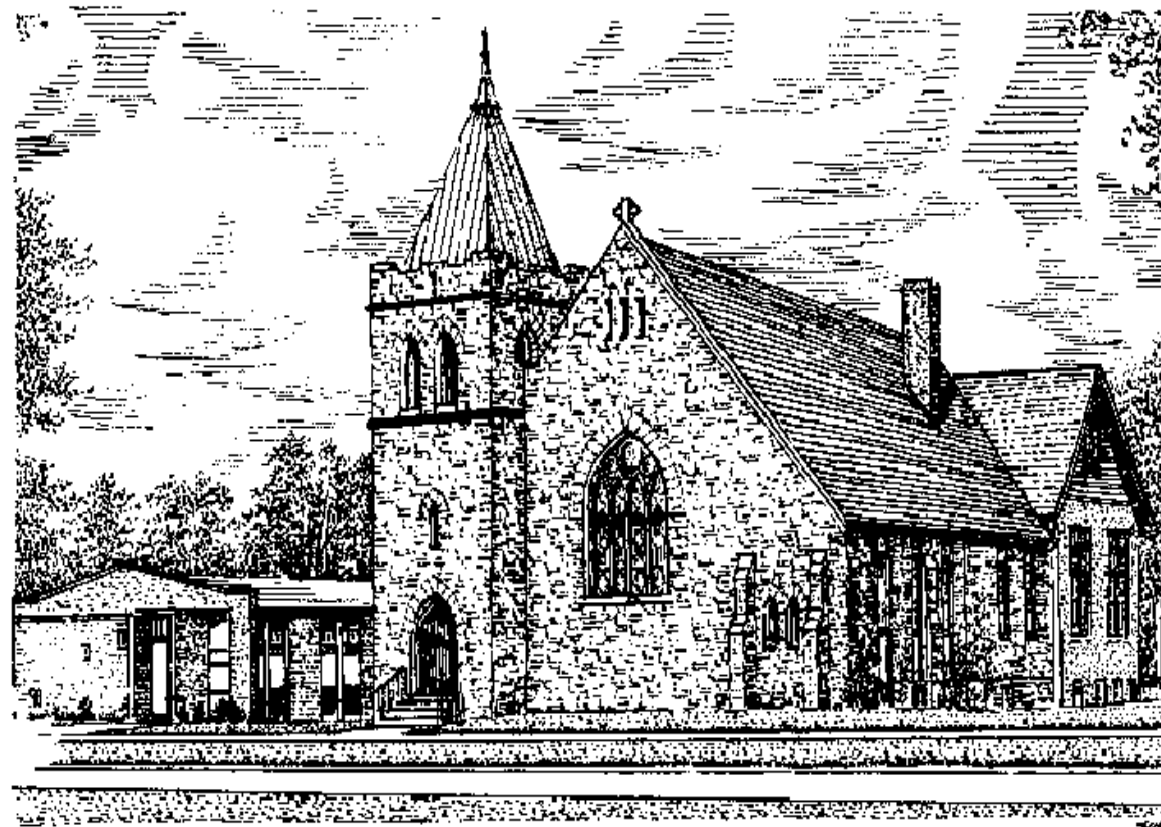


Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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SANCTUARY
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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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
CANDLEMAS: EPIPHANY IV**

February 2, 2014

Sunday, February 2

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary-New Members Received
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall
11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch – Dodd Hall
11:15a.m. Alternative Gift Order-Dodd Hall-See Deb Dubien
11:30 a.m. Fair on the Green Committee Meeting-Dodd Hall

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
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
7:15 p.m. Long Range Planning Meeting-Egan Room

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders Meeting
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Saturday, February 8

9:00 a.m. UMW “Women in Action” at Golden Hill UMC from 9-3pm
5:30 p.m. Valentine Dinner Dance-Dodd Hall

Sunday, February 9

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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
11:15a.m. Alternative Gift Order-Dodd Hall-See Deb Dubien
2:00 p.m. District Resourcing Days-Yalesville UMC

Monday, February 10

Registration deadline for ERT Training
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, February 11

Noon UMW Meeting-Wesley Center
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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting-Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting

Saturday, February 15

March Beacon Deadline
9:00 a.m. Emergency Response Training-Dodd Hall

Grace Notes

February 2, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Today is Candlemas, the feast celebrated in observance of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which took place, according to Luke 2:22-39, forty days after his birth as the Jewish Law required (Leviticus 12:1-4).

The words of Simeon, which are used in both our call to worship and benediction, are known by their Latin name, the Nunc Dimittis, the initial words of Simeon’s blessing. They have been part of the daily prayers of the Church since the 4th century and are given many musical settings.

The use of candles at the beginning of our worship is a reminder that Christ is the light of the world, that His light has never gone out; and that we are his torch-bearers.

In that regard, please support our Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) in their work to help feed hungry people through today’s “Souper Bowl of Caring” special offering. Come be fed yourself, courtesy of our Men’s Club, at the Soup and Sandwich luncheon in Dodd Hall after worship. There, please greet our newest members for which the Men’s Club has also provided a celebration cake. To God be the glory!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	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	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Bev Anderson and Judy Russell

Liturgist – Kelly O’Hara

Cross Bearer – Jillian Doherty

Acolytes – Elizabeth and Anna Pierce

Bible Bearer – Mateo Cono

Communion Stewards – Debbie Dubien and Mary Lou Hastings

Communion servers: Dr. Bodt, Rev. Vink, Kelly O’Hara and Stacey Riccardi

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Kelly O’Hara at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of the engagement of Barbara Ann Welker to Tom Griggs, Sr., with love from their families; and are given in memory of the Reverend Jack Russell, pastor of this church from 1953-1958, who died December 8, 2013; given by Allen and Florence Berrien.

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), and The Faith We Sing (2000).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday and previous messages are available in the rear of the church and on-line: 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 or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

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 Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, 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 JANUARY 26:

Total worship attendance all services: 157 (Jan. 26, 150; Healing and Wholeness, Jan. 27, 7)
Total Offering: \$5,027.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$267.64; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 120; (Sunday School: 46; New Members: 5; Disciple I 8; Confirmation 10; Adult Bible Study Tuesday 14; Adult Bible Study Wednesday 9; Office volunteers 2; Praisemakers-cancelled; Bell Choir 8; Adult Choir 18); 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) with your attendance.*

NEXT SUNDAY

EPIPHANY V – The Rev. Hal Vink, Pastoral Assistant, will preach “Building the IS – A British Soldier’s Dream” based on Romans 14:10-12 (Common English Bible translation) and Matthew 25:31-46 (“The Message,” paraphrase). Our Mission Minute speaker will be Deb Dubien speaking on alternative giving the “Gift of Honeybees” through Heifer International.

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN meets Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon in the Wesley Center. Consider joining this group of serving, mission-minded women. Speak with UMW President Joan Zauner (203.283.5643) if you’d like to know more.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. in the Wesley Center. We always welcome new crafters! Speak with Joan Zauner (203.283.5643) or Faye Zeiner, Phoebe Repetsky, Fran Merva or Debbie Dubien.

MILFORD AUTHOR JOAN WOLF to speak at Milford Library on Thursday, February 13 at 10 a.m. Wolf will be discussing her recently published book, *Daughter of Jerusalem*. It is the story of Mary Magdalene-her life before and after the death of Jesus. *Daughter of Jerusalem* is a *RT Book Reviews* 2013 nominee for best Inspiration Romance. The event is free. For more information call the Milford Library at 203-783-3292.

MARCH “BEACON” DEADLINE is Saturday, Feb. 15. Please submit articles via e-mail to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or deliver hard copy to the church office. Many thanks!

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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING: Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. See the detailed page in this issue.

INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH? We will receive new members on “Friends and Family Day,” Sunday, March 30th. 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, 2nd 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.

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. Finance Committee hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the Worship Committee.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY soup and sandwiches follows worship in Dodd Hall hosted by the Men’s Club. There is no charge for the luncheon and all are welcome!

FAIR ON THE GREEN: Our first 2014 meeting will be held in Wesley Center following worship. Get your soup and sandwich and come over to attend this important meeting.

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 to become a lay signer. Contact Marcia Winter at mwinter@optonline.net or 203.878.0814 if you’d like to know more. Thanks to the over 50 members of MTMUMC who signed as listed on the website.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM located at 1 State Street, New Haven, has a crèche exhibit that concludes today. There is free parking off George Street, and free admission.

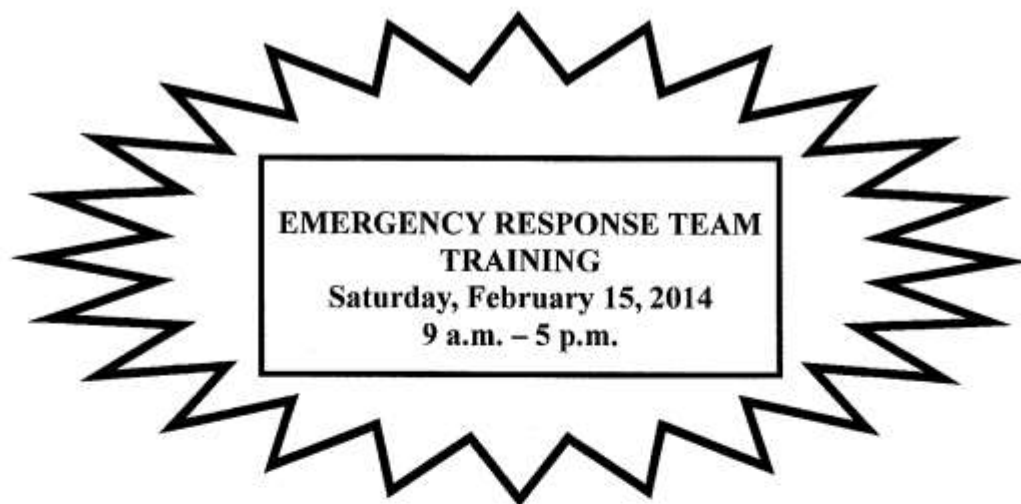
THERE IS ONE “UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES” BOOK LEFT to purchase for \$10. This guide to our weekly scriptures is a great aid to worship appreciation. If you would like it please see, or call, Don Hastings at 203-877-4554.

AN EYEGLASS LENS was found by Pastor Brian at the parking lot entrance to the Wesley Center. If you have lost an eyeglass lens, please see him.

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE is this Saturday, February 8th, 5:30—9:30p.m. in Dodd Hall. 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. It’s still not too late to make a reservation with Jim Repetsky at 203-874-8688, Steve Bettencourt at 203-876-1123 or any member of the Men’s Club on Sunday morning after worship.



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Trainer: The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Fitzsimmons
United Methodist Committee on Relief certified trainer and
pastor of the Clinton (CT) United Methodist Church

*This required 8 hour training is for anyone not previously certified in ERT training.
Certification following training is good for three years.
It can also serve as a recertification for those previously certified.*

A complimentary lunch will be provided by the host church.

**Cost: \$10 to cover required background check, payable upon registration.
Background check form provided at registration.**

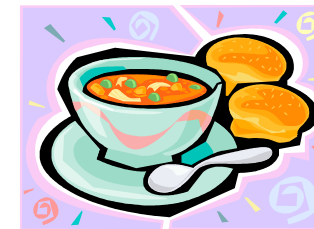
Registration deadline: Feb. 10, 2014

Contact Mary Lou Kampert at

mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY–

The Men’s Club will be serving soup and sandwiches after service in Dodd Hall.



There is no charge for the luncheon.

Everyone is welcome!

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.

