

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street  
Milford, Connecticut 06460

Phone: 203.874.1982  
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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 Sinners, Poor and Needy” R. Haan

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Spirit of the Living God”

CENTERING SONG #334 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Sweet, Sweet Spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To you who have found peace in God and have come to worship, we open the doors and say, “Welcome!”

People: *To you whose life is a roller coaster, a continuing state of struggle, we open the doors and say, “Welcome!”*

Leader: If your faith has been tested, or beliefs have been shattered, or if your will has been tempted, we open the doors and say “Welcome!”

People: *Now is the time to invite the earth to rumble in praise, to invite the sky to thunder God’s Word,*

Leader: To invite all people to praise God and to commit our lives to Jesus Christ. Now is the time to renew our discipleship!

\*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

\*THE PSALTER Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!

People: *Come into God’s presence with singing!*

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

People: *We are the Lord’s; we are the people of God, the sheep of God’s pasture.*

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise!

People: *Give thanks and bless God’s name!*

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: *God’s steadfast love endures forever; God’s faithfulness to all generations.*

\*DOXOLOGY #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(standing, unison)*

*Loving, parenting God, we Your humble children ask Your blessing for this time of celebration. May we be still and know that You are God and that we belong to You. Grant that none may go forth from this place unrefreshed or undedicated. Strengthen our faith in You; deepen our love for You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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A TIME FOR CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Leader: The signs of God’s greatness are all around us,

People: *But we are impressed by human creations and forget the greatness of God’s universe.*

Leader: The signs of God’s goodness are all around us,

People: *But we are easily satisfied with material things and forget God’s goodness to us.*

Leader: The signs of God’s love are all around us,

People: *But we seek worldly pleasures and forget the deeper joy and peace of God’s presence within us.*

Leader: Still, God is willing to forgive us our forgetfulness and help us grow in gratitude, if we sincerely ask. Let’s do it.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of earth and sky, of rest and waking, we give thanks for Your goodness. With our eyes, we see Your love of beauty. With our ears we hear Your love of music. With our hearts we know Your love for people. With painful awareness, we know how often we have participated in the scarring of Your beautiful world, how often we have turned aside from the hurt of another heart, how often we have avoided the beckoning of Your Son. Gracious and forgiving God, give us eyes to behold Your creation and hands to revere each part; give us ears tuned to tears and laughter; and give us a clean heart to act kindly and speak justly. Through Jesus Christ, renew us and our world. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION *(remember your sins and ask God’s forgiveness)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND HELP

Pastor Hal Vink

CHILDREN’S TIME

“A Valentine from God”

Sylvia Elliott

THE EPISTLE

II Corinthians 5:6-10

Bible p.1053

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Bible p.904

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #413

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

Boylston

THE SERMON “Building the ‘Is’ with the Bricks of the ‘*Might Have Been*’” Rev. Vink

Text: “*All of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.*” (II Cor. 5:10)

HYMN #393 (*seated*) “Spirit of the Living God” Living God

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 The Gift of Honeybees Deb Dubien

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Let There Be Music” G. Young

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

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

*O Lord, with these our gifts we offer ourselves as well. By Your blessing may our gifts and our lives be used to lift humankind, extend Your Kingdom, and bring glory to Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

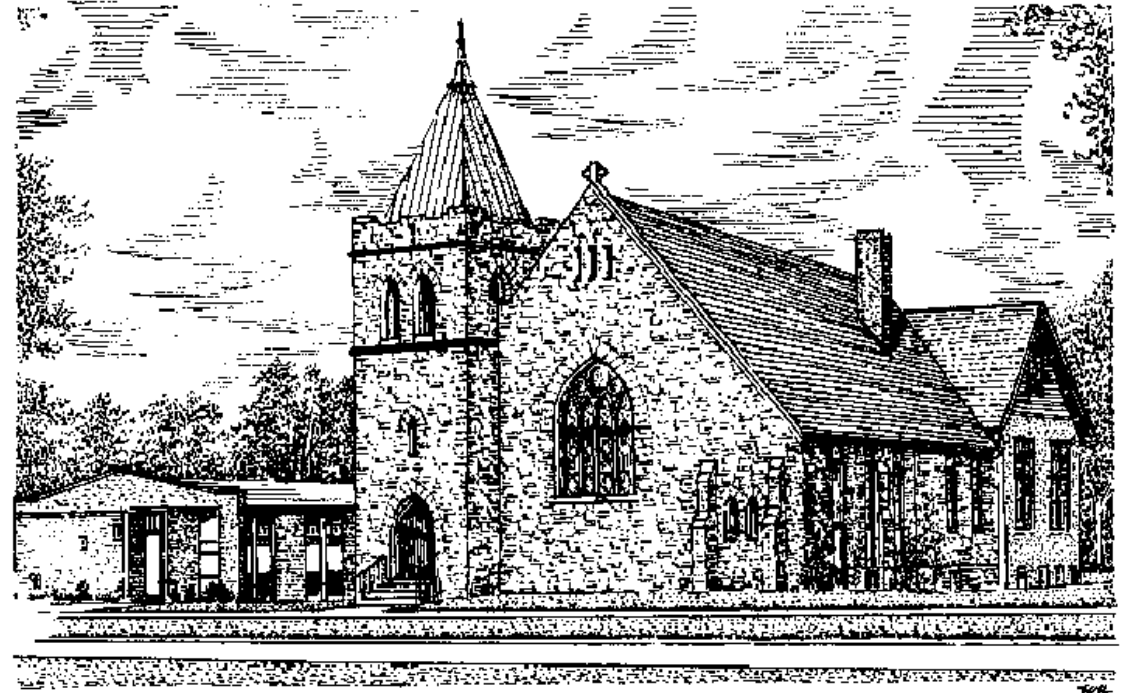
*“Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.”*

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

\*POSTLUDE “Grand Epilogue” E. Broughton

(*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: 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 V**

February 9, 2014

Sunday, February 9

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

**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

Noon Greater Bridgeport UM Cluster – Monroe UMC

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

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 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

Sunday, February 16

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

Monday, February 17

**PRESIDENT’S DAY-THE OFFICE IS CLOSED**

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, February 18

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 19

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. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 20

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Saturday, February 22

6:45 a.m. MYF Ski Trip to Butternut-Dodd Hall

*Grace Notes*

February 9, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

*It has been national news for some time, both within and outside of United Methodism, that the Rev. Dr. Thomas Ogletree will be brought to a church trial. Dr. Ogletree is the retired Dean of Yale Divinity School and is being charged for conducting the wedding of his son, a gay man. This action broke a rule prohibiting our clergy from conducting such ceremonies, a rule many of us (including both of your pastors) have also pledged to break so that we may obey God’s higher law of love.*

*Pastor Vink and I, as New York Conference colleagues of Dr. Ogletree, invite you to consider a gift to support his defense. The fund is given fiduciary oversight by Christ Church, United Methodist, in Manhattan. 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*

*Feel free to speak with Pastor Hal or me anytime concerning our advocacy on this matter. Although I am not present today, I will return to the office tomorrow and lead in worship next Sunday. For the gift of a weekend away with Carol and my sons, and for his exemplary leadership in worship and teaching, I thank Pastor Hal (and his faithful spouse, Jane).*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Website: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org) [www.facebook.com/MTMUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MTMUMC)

E-mail: [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

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		

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

### AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Stacey Riccardi

**Greeters** – The Bettencourt family

**Liturgist** – Sarah O'Brien

**Cross Bearer** – Lia Bonfietti-Csvihinka

**Acolytes** – Olivia D'Andrea and Jaden Bonfietti-Csvihinka

**Bible Bearer** – Anna Wessinger

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Pastor Hal Vink at the Dodd Hall door and Sarah O'Brien at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Carol Hubbell's 78<sup>th</sup> birthday with love from her children.

**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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

**SERMON COPIES** from last Sunday and 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.*

**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 2:**

Total worship attendance all services: 172 (Feb 2, 172; Healing and Wholeness, Feb 3, cancelled, snow) Total Offering: \$9,001.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$4,465.59; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 199 (Sunday School: 23; Disciple 1, 6; Confirmation, 9; Adult Bible Study Tuesday, 14; Adult Bible Study Wednesday cancelled, snow; Office volunteers, 2; Praisemakers, 2; Bell Choir, 9; Adult Choir, 20; MYF breakfast, 18; Men's Club Soup & Sandwich, 98); Total number persons received on profession of faith: 5; 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.*

## NEXT SUNDAY

**EPIPHANY VI** - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “A Divorced Pastor Speaks” is based on Matthew 5:21-37 with Psalm 119:1-8 and Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the sanctuary.

## UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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).

**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.

## 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. Worship Committee hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the UMW.

**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 over 50 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

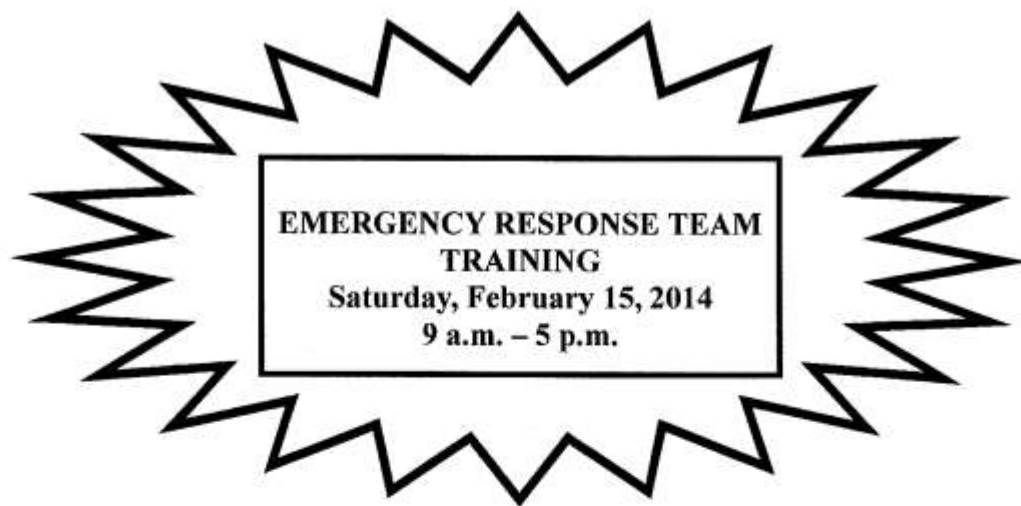
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** meets Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon in the Wesley Center. Consider joining this group of serving, mission-minded women. Speak with UMW President Joan Zauner (203.283.5643) if you’d like to know more.

**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.

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

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



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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**

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!**