

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South 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 “Prelude and Fugue and F Major” G. Martin

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “He Is Exalted”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP From Hope to Joy, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

People: *God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.*

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

People: *Proclaim God’s greatness and worship Yahweh on the holy mountain!*

\*HYMN #731 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Austria

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

*Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Michael J. O’Donnell, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.

*Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations.*

*Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace and reconciliation. Forgive our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 50:1-6 Hymnal p.783

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES II Kings 2:1-12 Bible p.328 (LP, OT, p.412)  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:3-6 Bible p.1052 (LP, NT, p.220)  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 Bible p.919 (LP, NT, p.54)  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN #258 “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair” Wareham

THE SERMON “Your Spiritual GPS” Dr. Bodt

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 MOMENT “Fair Trade Coffee” Christine McGregor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Anthem: “Let Your Light Shine!” C. Courtney  
(*The Adult and Bell Choirs*)

\*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee” Hymnal #588

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” rear cover

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE “Do, Lord” arr. Ingram  
(*Please remain seated during the Bell Choir postlude.*)

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

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire;  
 flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,  
*Fine*  
 send forth your word, — Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing  
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence  
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

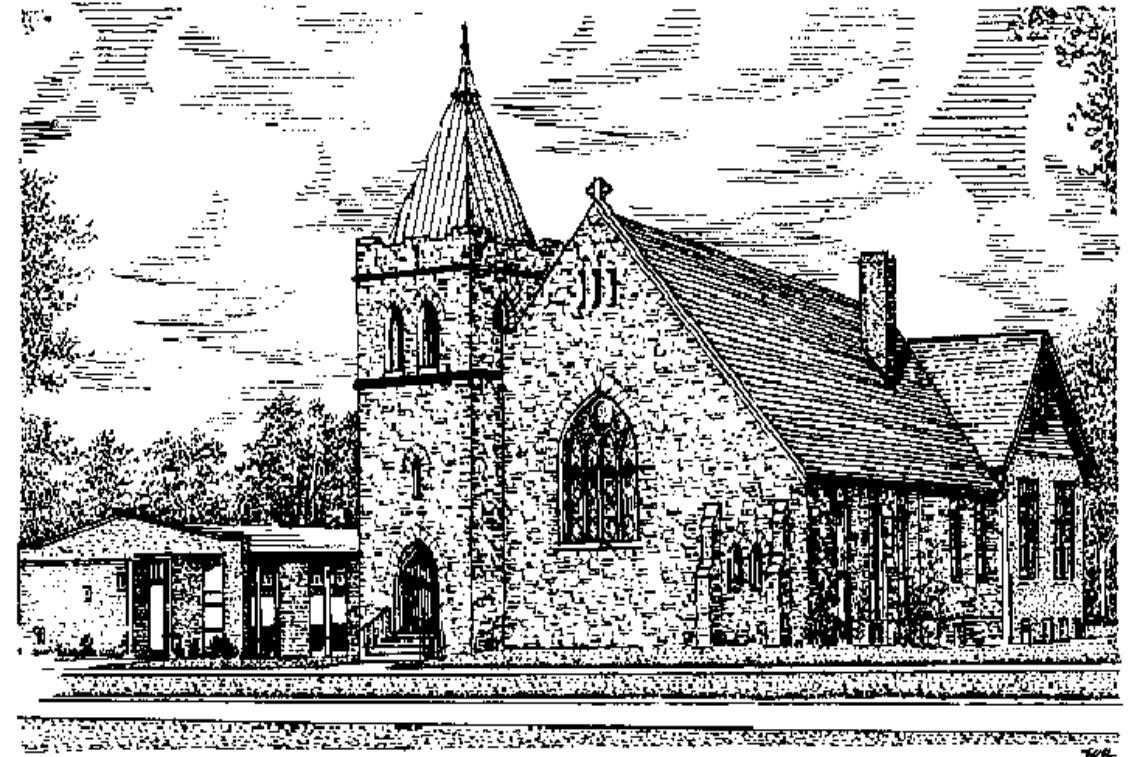
in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*D.C.*

Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.



## 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.*

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

February 11, 2018

## VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR February 4

Total worship attendance all services: 193; Feb.4: 165; GEUMC: 16; Feb.5: Healing and Wholeness: 12; Total Offerings for Feb.4: \$7,080.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$108.16; Engaged in Small Groups: 118; Sunday School: 27; “G.U.T.S” (youth group) :6; Ski Trip: 23; Confirmation: 5, Disciple 4: 11; Church Security Task Force: 13; Christianity and Islam: Tues: 9; Cancelled Wed.; Bell Choir: 8; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

### PASTORAL TRANSITION

Your comments to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee concerning skills and aptitudes of our new pastor, as well as missional priorities for our church are welcomed. Please contact any of these individuals on Sunday or by phone or e-mail (contacts may be obtained through the Church Office): *Edie Reichard, Chair; Tom Beyer, Chris Carveth, Stacey Cronk, Eileen Doyle, Shelly Lapadula, Kelly O’Hara, Jim Page, Alison Pitts, Becky Virgalla and Ethan Weed.*

### USHER TRAINING

Usher training will be held on *Sunday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.* in the sanctuary following morning worship. We invite you to learn about what ushers do toward possibly becoming one. Ushers play a key role in leading a dignified worship service with such actions as welcoming people, distributing the Order of Worship, collecting the offering, directing people to the Holy Communion, and other seasonal tasks related to specific services. **You may attend this session without a commitment to be an usher.** The training will provide more detail on the commitment, scheduling, and other questions you may have. For further information, speak to Dennis Darak (203.988.3554) or Kelly O’Hara, David Doyle or Stacey Riccardi.

### PRAYER ANOINTERS SOUGHT

We are looking for additional anointers to serve the last Sunday of each month in worship. The anointer prays with those worshippers who come forward and, if they desire, anoints the forehead or hand with a small amount of oil. Qualities needed are abilities to (a) listen clearly to the prayer request, (b) offer an extemporaneous prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit, for the particular intention requested, and (c) maintain absolute confidentiality (with the exception of risk of injury to a minor) of any request shared. If you would like to know more or offer yourself for this ministry, please contact the Rev. Hal Vink at 203.878.8977.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ministers                | All the People of God          | Bishop                  | The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton |
| Lay Leaders              | Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien | Superintendent          | The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester    |
| 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                   | Andy Thomas                    | 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*

*February 11, 2018*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*How dependent we’ve become. Well, perhaps not you, but surely me.*

*I’m speaking of our dependence on Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and the degree to which we’ve come to rely on them and their derivatives, like the smart phone app Waze, to get from “Point A” to “Point B.” The latter gives real time travel time based on current traffic conditions. I can’t recall the last time I gave, or was asked to give, directions to a place. The change is amazing.*

*I mention this because I surprised myself recently traveling to the main post office in New Haven to pick up a package that my route carrier could not leave at my home. I knew “about” where it was so had the GPS on. It opted to take me a different way than I thought it would. Soon I was in downtown New Haven. As most folks know, tall buildings can block the satellite signals that make a GPS work. Suddenly, the signal disappeared! It was alarming to realize that, for a brief moment, I wasn’t sure how to get where I wanted to go.*

*One reason folks come to church is to find a way to spiritually get where we want to go. More to the point, faith in God means that we come to worship, belong to a faith community and seek God’s counsel because we want to go where God wants us to go. Today’s story of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9) is, among other things, a reminder that God shows us the way to go through Jesus, and the unique place he has in the story of salvation. For a poetic rendering of that assertion, pay close attention today to the lyrics of Hymn #258 today.*

*This revelation of God’s glory is “Your Spiritual GPS:” not just for the 1<sup>st</sup> century disciples, but for anyone in danger of losing their way.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Brian*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Stacey Riccardi

**Cross Bearer:** Stefano Cono

**Bible Bearer:** Tyler Walsh

**Liturgist:** Joan Zauner

**Greeters:** Dolly and Frank Bonisch

**Acolyte:** Matteo Cono

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are in celebration of Don and Mary Lou Hastings' 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 16<sup>th</sup>; and in loving memory of Pat Natlo, given by his wife, Marilyn.

**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 Narthex.

**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.

**CHILD CARE** for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

**IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP**, please exit by the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Prayer of Confession was written by Pastor Brian Bodt.

**SERMON COPIES** from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## MISSION NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MISSIONS FAIR: Sunday, April 15th.** If you know of a group that does great work locally, please contact Maryann Petremont at 203-877-0612, [mapetremont@yahoo.com](mailto:mapetremont@yahoo.com) or Lorraine Carr at 203-931-0516, [carrain@yahoo.com](mailto:carrain@yahoo.com).

**SOCKS 4 SENIORS:** Eileen Potkay, LPN on our Parish Health and Wellness Team will be collecting new and gently used (any color or length) ADULT size socks for seniors in need living in local Nursing Homes.



This is our 3rd Annual Sock collection and there IS a need right here in Milford.

**The collection will run until March 18, 2018.** There will be a box in Dodd Hall to leave your donations. To learn more, see Eileen after worship or contact her at 203-809-0188 or [Eileenmary68@aol.com](mailto:Eileenmary68@aol.com). If you would like to leave a monetary donation, Stacey Riccardi will be happy to shop for you. Contact her at 203-562-6508 or [stacey.riccardi@comcast.net](mailto:stacey.riccardi@comcast.net).

**U.M. ARMY MISSION WEEKS:** *(A home repair and improvement mission of the UM Church)*

**Young Adult Program:** June 3-9 Long Island – Participants must be 1 year beyond high school  
**Mixed Age Program:** July 8-14 Forestville, CT – Participants must have completed 7th grade or older. As always, do not hesitate to email or text me with questions. Friends of MTMUMC are welcome to join us. Cost is \$300 per youth and there are some scholarship funds available for members. Please contact me for information. This is the first year that there will be no High School week, I am not certain if space will be limited because of that so please, reply to get your name on our group roster. Here is the link for more information about U.M. ARMY <http://ne.umarmy.org/> Blessings, Stacy Meszaros (203.414.9235).

**UPDATED LIST OF NEEDS FOR THE BETH-EL CENTER/CT FOOD BANK:**

The Beth-El center receives a lot of their food from CT Food Bank. Please see the enclosed list of items requested. **Donations will be accepted through next Sunday (Feb 12)** and can be left either in Dodd Hall (back table closest to the parking lot) or the Church Office.

**FINANCIAL HELP WITH WINTER HEATING BILLS AVAILABLE.** Families and individuals seeking financial help to off-set their winter heating bills may apply to TEAM for assistance. Homeowners and renters in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Orange, Oxford, Milford, Seymour, Shelton and Woodbridge can apply. Income limits are \$34,366: one person household; \$44,940: two person household; \$55,514: three person household; \$66,089: four person household. To schedule an appointment with TEAM Energy Assistance, call 203-736-5420 and follow prompts for Energy Assistance.

**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICE.** TEAM, Inc. offers preparation of federal and state income tax returns free of charge to those with household incomes of \$54,000 or less. Volunteers are IRS-certified. Schedule in Derby or Milford Senior Center by appointment. Schedule on-line at [www.bookeo.com/211tax](http://www.bookeo.com/211tax) or call 211 (available 24/7 follow prompts choose option 3 & 6) or call 203-736-5420 ext. 0.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

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| <i>Sunday, February 11</i>    | 8:45 a.m.                     | <i>Sunday School Jamboree Time - Chapel</i>   |
|                               | 9:00 a.m.                     | <i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>  |
|                               | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>   |
|                               | 11:00 a.m.                    | <i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>  |
|                               | 11:00 a.m.                    | <i>UMW 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Soup Sale – Dodd Hall</i>  |
|                               | 3:30 p.m.                     | <i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>   |
|                               | 4:00 p.m.                     | <i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>  |
| <i>Monday, February 12</i>    | 7:00 p.m.                     | <i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>  |
| <i>Tuesday, February 13</i>   | Noon                          | <i>UMW meeting – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>   |
|                               | 5:30 p.m.                     | <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall – co-sponsored by Membership and Evangelism and the Men’s Club</i> |
|                               | 7:00 p.m.                     | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>   |
| <i>Wednesday, February 14</i> |                               | <i>ASH WEDNESDAY- Services at:</i>  |
|                               | 7:00 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. | <i>in the Sanctuary</i>   |
|                               | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>   |
| <i>Thursday, February 15</i>  |                               | <i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>   |
| <i>Friday, February 16</i>    | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Office Volunteers</i>  |
| <i>Saturday, February 17</i>  | 9:00 a.m.                     | <i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>   |
| <i>Sunday, February 18</i>    | 8:45 a.m.                     | <i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>   |
|                               | 9:00 a.m.                     | <i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>  |
|                               | 9:45 a.m.                     | <i>Informal Hymn Singing-Sanctuary</i>  |
|                               | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>   |
|                               | 11:00 a.m.                    | <i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>  |
|                               | 11:15 a.m.                    | <i>Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary- Leigh Bak APRN</i>   |
|                               | 3:30 p.m.                     | <i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>   |
|                               | 4:00 p.m.                     | <i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>  |
| <i>Monday, February 19</i>    | 7:00 p.m.                     | <i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>  |
| <i>Tuesday, February 20</i>   | 5:45 p.m.                     | <i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library</i>  |
|                               | 7:00 p.m.                     | <i>Disciple 4- Egan Room</i>  |
|                               | 7:00 p.m.                     | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>   |
| <i>Wednesday, Feb. 21</i>     | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library</i>   |
|                               | Noon                          | <i>Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>   |
|                               | 6:30 p.m.                     | <i>Stewardship meeting – Wesley Center, Egan Room</i>   |
|                               | 6:40/7:45 p.m.                | <i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>  |
| <i>Thursday, February 22</i>  | 5:30 p.m.                     | <i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>  |
|                               | 6:45 p.m.                     | <i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>  |
| <i>Friday, February 23</i>    | 10:00 a.m.                    | <i>Office Volunteers</i>  |
| <i>Saturday, February 24</i>  | 9:00 a.m.                     | <i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>   |

TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY** is hosted by the G.U.T.S. Youth Group. Next Sunday’s hosts will be the Finance Committee. During Fellowship Time **today**, the **SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE** will be held by the United Methodist Women to support their mission projects.

**GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S)** is our Youth Group. They will meet **today, February 11th, 4 – 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. Each week we will have a discussion topic and a different topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome (friends, too)! Topic for today: "It's A-parent" led by Dawn Bettencourt. *This is the Third topic in our Family Relationships series.*

**DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY: today, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 – 5 p.m.** at Stratford UMC, 2600 Main Street. Workshop details in the flier on the rear sanctuary table.

**IT’S FLU SEASON.** Please help yourself to the hand-sanitizer in the Dodd Hall window wells.

THIS WEEK

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.**

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** – The Men’s Club will once again offer their delicious pancake supper **Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall (gluten free options are available). Co-sponsoring this event will be the Membership and Evangelism team providing fun and games and the “king cake.” All are welcome. Confirmation class attends supper.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, with worship in our sanctuary at 7 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be offered at all services. Thereafter, **a brief Noon service of Holy Communion will be offered each Wednesday of Lent:** Feb. 21, 28 and March 7, 14 and 21. The service will last approximately 30 minutes and include scripture, prayer and a brief reflection by Pastor Brian.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 18

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message will be “Changing Himself,” reflections of Jesus based on Matthew 4:1-11. Other readings are Psalm 25:1-10 and I Peter 3:18-22. Our Stewardship Spotlight speaker will be Nancy Bennett. After worship, blood pressure screenings will be offered by Leigh Bak, A.P.R.N.

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IN MARCH

We will receive new members on **Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10 a.m. worship**. Three required preparatory sessions will be offered on both Sundays and Wednesdays in my study (Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Folks may choose one or the other or alternate; and one may attend these sessions to learn, without a commitment to join. Those sessions will be:

**Sundays, March 4, 11 and 18, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** with professional child care  
(*reservation for child care requested to me, please*)

**Wednesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Session 1 is a “get-acquainted” session. Session 2 is United Methodist history and belief. Session 3 introduces sponsors and hears from church leaders about what excites them in ministry. Participants may alternate between Sunday and Wednesday sessions as needed.

I am currently aware of eight people committed to joining our congregation. If you would like to join them; or come to learn; or have questions not covered here, please let me know.

**Pastor Brian Bodt**, 203.895.3753 or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)

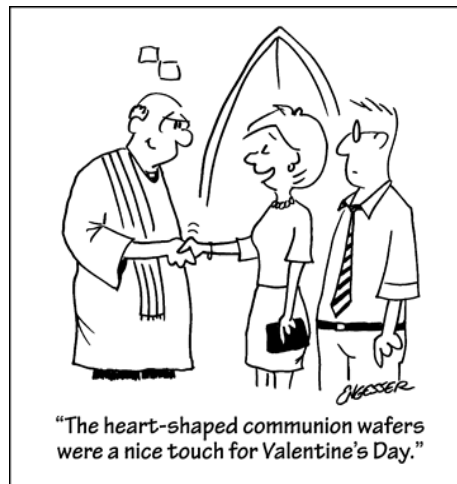
## ADULT STUDY IN MARCH AND APRIL

Made for a Miracle is the adult study scheduled to begin in March and continue, with a break for Holy Week, into April. Michael Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg U.M. Church in Tipp City, Ohio is the author of the book, video and leader’s guide. Of it the publisher writes:

*“Did you know that when we hope for the impossible it involves more than praying for God’s transcendent power? There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. Each of us have been given specific talents and abilities. For a real miracle to take place, God expects us to apply these talents and abilities – acting with God to perform divine work. By examining Biblical examples....author and pastor Michael Slaughter helps you discover that you, too, were Made for a Miracle.”*

Pastor Brian will be the study leader. We will follow our usual Tuesday, 7 p.m./ Wednesday, 10 a.m. format for study, with participants choosing one day or the other.

**Sessions run March 6/7 through March 20/21; break for Holy Week (March 25-April 1) and resume April 3/4 through 17/18.** Cost is \$10 and scholarship help is available. Please register through the church office at 203.874.1982, ext. 110; or [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).



## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

**DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS.** **Beth O’Brien (203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net)) is now taking orders for 2018.** Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **The next available date is March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or [Danielle.levine@mail.com](mailto: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, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) 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.

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