

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 “There Is A Fountain” R. Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

People: *though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;*

ALL: *though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

*HYMN #269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Land of Rest

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* (Ruth Duck, USA, 20th century)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 25:1-10 Hymnal p.756

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 9:8-17 Bible p.7
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE I Peter 3:18-22 Bible p.1105
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 Bible p.910

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

*HYMN #2137 “Would I Have Answered When You Called” rear cover

THE SERMON “A Rainbow Covenant” 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.)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT “Gifts and Talents” Eileen Doyle, Co-Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Wade in the Water”

Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

AN INVITATION TO HEALING ANOINTING

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing.

Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.

This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.”

Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

HYMNS *(seated, as needed)* #480, 508, 289 and 473

*HYMN #298 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hamburg

*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 “Aria Solemnis” D. Hegarty

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Would I Have Answered When You Called



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



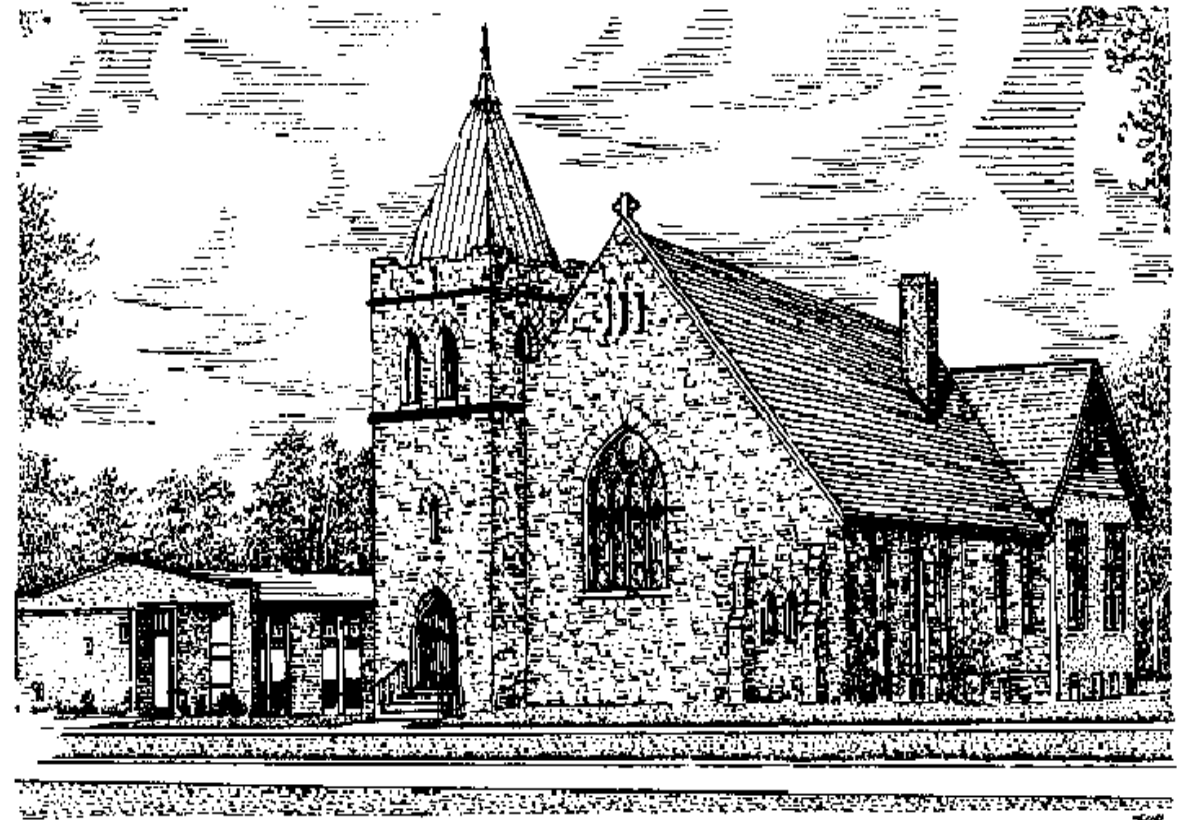
ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with
fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?
crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

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.*

LENT I
February 22, 2015



missions March 2015

Stop Hunger Now - Our Meals Have Shipped!!!!

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your respective meal packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our New England warehouse. This may be your second notice; if so, that means your meals have gone to impact multiple programs.

The meals will be received by our in-country partner Salesian Missions in Sri Lanka.

Salesian Missions is a network of 34,000 Priests, Brothers and Sisters around the world who work to enable poor and suffering children to live better lives and build brighter futures. The Salesians of Don Bosco operate 5,000 schools and technical training centers, 23 colleges, 216 clinics and hospitals, 225 orphanages and shelters, and run a wide variety of social and economic development activities throughout the world. In each country, the Salesians combine the aspects of an orphanage, a school, a church, and a children's recreation center, in addition to varied social programs.

Sri Lanka is currently in monsoon season, and heavy flooding and landslides in December have left families in several provinces without food, clean water and other supplies. In addition, much farmland has been affected, leading to longer-term food shortages. The Salesians of Don Bosco are reaching out to affected families in villages surrounding their schools with food, medicine, hygiene and household supplies as part of the recovery process.

Mission Fair – March 8

Remember the Mission Fair last year? Well, we will be doing it again....and expand it to include our Church ministries. During Fellowship Hour, please stop by the tables that represent the programs supported through the Missions Committee budget and visit our own Mary Taylor committee tables. You may see a new opportunity for you to use your time and talents.

*Grace Notes
February 22, 2015*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

I was nearly 50 years old before I'd heard of "Roy G. Biv," a bit ironic since I had raised two sons who probably already knew who "he" was! As many know, including early childhood educators, it is a mnemonic device for remembering the order of the colors of the rainbow.

The rainbow, according to today's Hebrew scripture, is a visual reminder of God's promise to never again destroy the earth. One wonders if humankind seeks to usurp the place of God in our unwillingness to abandon weapons of mass destruction.

Most of us have access to other weapons that are used in the interpersonal rather than the geopolitical sphere. During this Lent, let us choose to destroy them that we might live in the promise of the covenant-making and covenant-keeping God.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers All the People of God
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Sexton Bruce Rumford
Child Care Coordinator Nicole Ellerbeck

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Superintendent The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Pat Jaser and Ruth Starcher

Acolytes – Ethan and Devon Weed

Cross Bearer – Lillia Downing

Liturgist – Patrick Downey

Bible Bearers – Addyson and Paige Perregaux

Healing Anointers - Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, Rev. Hal Vink, and Faye Zeiner.

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Patrick Downey.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of John Henry's birthday on February 23rd, given by Anna; and in memory of Tom Calabrese-roses for his 9th birthday in heaven, from Stacey and Rick Riccardi, Jason, Jen Calabrese and Aiden Pelletier.

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

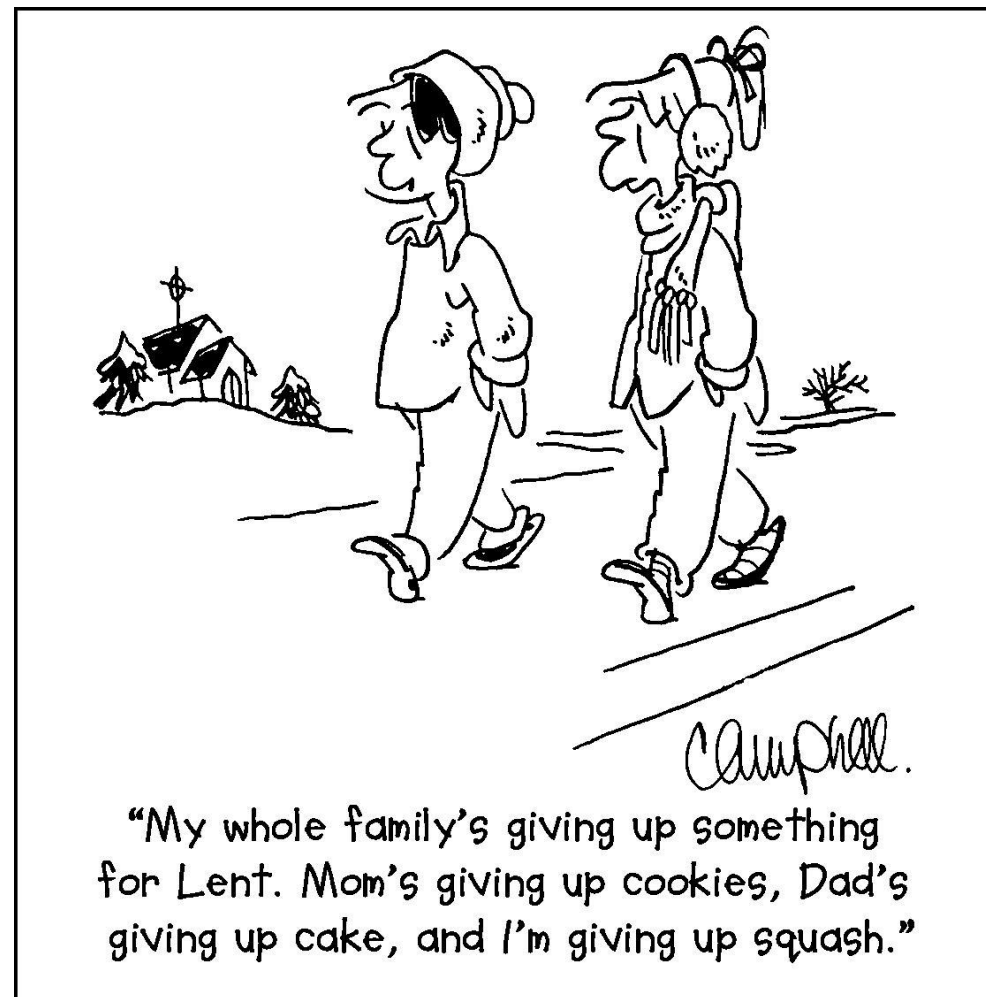
PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers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

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

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or 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, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. 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 an adult or guardian.



~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, February 22</i>	8:30 a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 1st Session – Pastor’s study</i>
	9:00a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 2nd Session – Pastor’s study</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i>
	9:15 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Program/Classroom Tour-Sunday School Office</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>LENT I Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time and Soup Sale – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Caring Ministries Meeting- Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
<i>Monday, February 23</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 24</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Host Community Forum – Dodd Hall</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 25</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>BEACON Volunteers</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Cradle Roll Meeting – Pastor’s Study</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, February 26</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism Meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, February 27</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
<hr/> <i>Sunday, March 1</i>	8:30 a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 1st Session – Pastor’s study</i>
	9:00a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 2nd Session – Pastor’s study</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>LENT II Worship – Holy Communion -Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, March 2</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Bishop Middleton meets with clergy at First UMC, Shelton</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 3</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 4</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, March 6</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pastor-Lay Leaders meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting –Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, March 7</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, March 8</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Teacher’s meeting – Sunday School office</i>

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 TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the Membership and Evangelism Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is the Missions Committee.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ADULT LENTEN STUDY: “RENEGADE GOSPEL” by **Mike Slaughter** study will be on *Tues./Wed., Feb. 24/25 through March 31/April 1.* **Who was Jesus, really?** Wasn’t the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all pre-conceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn’t joining his movement have meant throwing in with a rebel? Doesn’t it still? **This is a study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus.** Pastors Brian and Hal will co-lead the sessions. **See one of them to register.** Each session includes a DVD presentation by the author. Cost of book, \$10.00. Please order your copy through Pastor Hal or church office.

LENTEN FASTING COVENANT GROUP: I began a Lenten fasting covenant group this morning that will continue the Sundays of Lent (*March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.*) **One, particularly but not exclusively for Sunday School teachers, is from 8:30 – 9 a.m. The second is from 9 – 9:30 a.m.** Both meet in the Gunn Library. If you are interested in experiencing this particular Lenten discipline by participating in this covenant group, please let me know.

Pastor Brian (203.895.3753; brian.bodt@yahoo.com)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH? If so, please speak with me today about whether a March or April classes best suit your schedule. Thanks! **Pastor Brian**

SAVE THE DATE: “Friends and Family Sunday”, March 15, 10 a.m. Who would you like to invite to worship with you from among your friends and family?

BRUCE LONG’S NEW ADDRESS is in care of his daughter, Kim Baransky at 3406 North Pointe Boulevard, Little River, SC, 29566 or call him through Kim at 843-492-1717. A house tele phone number will be provided when available.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

United Methodist Women SOUP SALE 11:00 A.M. TODAY

DODD HALL – proceeds benefit UMW mission work

Chili, Split Pea with Ham,
Technicolor, Cabbage/Kielbasa
Pint \$4.00 Quart \$8.00



THIS WEEK

THURS., FEBRUARY 26TH SUPPER AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL: We seek volunteers for our fourth Thursday supper at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959. Needed tasks include *Shopping and set-up, prep and cooking; serving; and clean-up.*

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT we offer Taizé (pronounced TAY-zay) worship in the sanctuary at noon. This contemplative worship has distinctive music (Hymnal #72, 207, 484, 488, 628) and significant time for silent and spoken prayer. **Services are typically 45-60 minutes and will continue until the Wednesday of Holy Week (April 1).** Try one!

NEXT SUNDAY

LENT II - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Setting IV. We will observe an older United Methodist practice of serving the Communion in individual cups while kneeling or standing (as able) at the Communion rail. The message "Self Denial" will be based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Mark 8:31-38.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

2015 ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS are now being received by Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED! Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

LITURGISTS WANTED: Serving as a liturgist is a different way to worship on Sunday – needed are former liturgists and first time liturgists, confirmands, young adults, and long-time members. All that is required is love of God. Contact Priscilla James at 203-874-2742.

LAURELTON HALL invites you to attend Take-a-Look **Tuesday on March 3, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. Join us for coffee and a tour of Lauralton Hall. RSVP to 203-878-3333, but if you don't know until the last minute – just drop in. Lauralton Hall, 200 High Street, Milford.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOME VISITATION by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are **Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

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

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 food is still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

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@gmail.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.

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

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 15th:

Total worship attendance all services: 218 (Feb. 15th: 92; Healing and Wholeness, Feb. 16th: 5; Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18: 13 [7 am], 34 [Noon], 74 [7:30 pm]), Total Offering (minus "Lift Us Up) for Feb. 15th: \$3,235.62; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts: \$3,015.00. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 119 (Office Volunteers 3; Sunday School: 17; Disciple 3: 12, Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper: 87 [includes 12 Confirmation]; No choir rehearsals). Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *Important! Small Groups – please contact the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net / 203.874.1982) with your attendance.