

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street  
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 “Amazing Grace” arr. by W. Held

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11, “The Message” paraphrase

Leader: Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate’s wiped clean.

People: *Count yourself lucky—God holds nothing against you and you’re holding nothing back from him.*

Leader: God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.

People: *Celebrate God. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts raise the roof!*

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*unison*)

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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A RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUTING Pastor Dani Levine

Introduction of our Scouts

\*The Girl Scout Promise and Law (*all Girl Scouts standing as able and reciting*)

*On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.*

*I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do; and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

Unison Prayer: *O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.*

*We lift to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks—  
for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;*

*for study and work, to build character;*

*for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;*

*for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.*

*Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.*

HYMN #378 (*verses 1 & 2, seated*) “Amazing Grace”  
(*Let the Girl Scouts return to the congregation.*)

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Bible p.2

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

HYMN #378 (*verses 3 & 4, seated*) “Amazing Grace”

THE EPISTLE Romans 5:12-19 Bible p.1027

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

HYMN #378 (*verses 5 & 6, seated*) “Amazing Grace”

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11 Bible p.879

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

\*HYMN #2105 “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” insert

THE SERMON “One for All” Dr. Bodt

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

UNISON CONFESSION (*prayed by all*) (W.E. Orchard, England, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.)

*Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleans us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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.*

WOMEN’S HISTORY MOMENT “Alice Finch Lee” Edie Reichard

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: "Amazing Grace/Kum Ba Ya" arr. by Beery/Musser

(The Adult Choir)

\*Presentation: "The Doxology" Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (Setting IV) Hymnal p.27

\*THE COMMUNION

*The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, and kneel or stand at the rail. During the distribution we will sing hymns #618, 620, 623, and 624.*

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.*

\*HYMN #299 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Rockingham

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Shalom to You" Hymnal #666

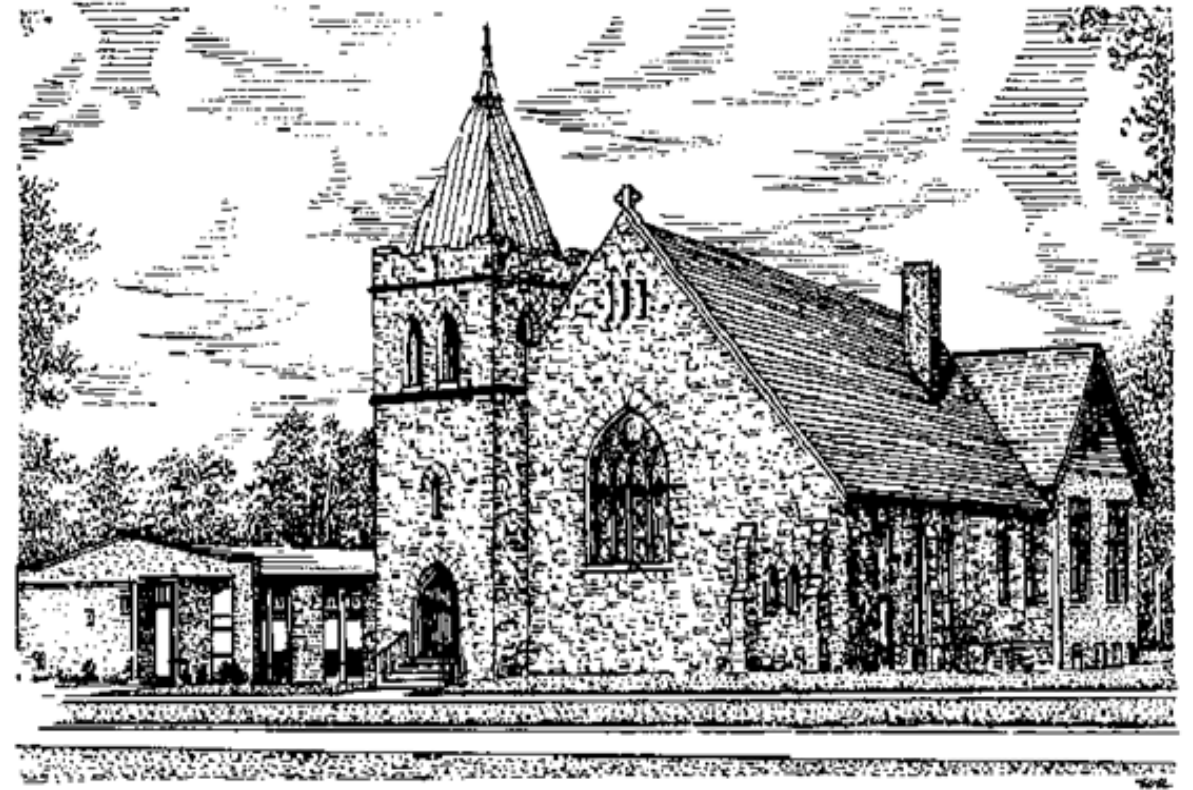
*"Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom."*

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

POSTLUDE "Benedictus es Domine" G. Calkin

*(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: 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.*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

**March 5, 2017**

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, March 5</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
<i>Girl Scout/Camping Sunday</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship- Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Last day for collection of Socks for Seniors</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>12:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Ice Skating at Milford Ice Pavilion-291 Sub Way, Milford Cathy Cono contact 203-645-2362</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MYF meeting – Movie Night – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, March 6</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 7</i>	<i>10 am – 2 pm</i>	<i>Candidacy mentor training in Poughkeepsie, NY (Pastor Brian)</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Half-Truths” study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 8</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Half-Truths” study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:30/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, March 9</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees – Wesley Center, Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee – Wesley Ctr, Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, March 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
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<i>Sunday, March 12</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship- Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Last Sunday for UMW</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Soup Sales</i>	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MYF meeting – Movie Night – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday March 13</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 14</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Greater Bridgeport United Methodist Cluster – off site</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Half-Truths” study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 15</i>		<i>BEACON Information Due Today</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Half-Truths” study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:30/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, March 16</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, March 17</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien	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	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*  
*March 5, 2017*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*Temptations are the theme today. The Garden and the mountaintop are metaphors for the universality of the human experience of temptation and what we do with it.*

*“Giving up” something for Lent is not just the exercise of free will as we abandon practices that we should probably give up anyway, Lent or not. It is a reminder that we cannot overcome temptation on our own, and we give up our will to the One who overcame temptation, Jesus Christ.*

*The battle is far from over. For Jesus, temptation returns in another garden on another hillside in days to come (Matthew 26:36-46). For some of us, temptation is a daily battle. For others, it is a periodic skirmish. For still others, it seems far away. And then one day.....*

*The Good News is that, in the same way temptation and sin came by one man, so does salvation: a salvation experienced in Christ, who is “One for All.”*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt*  
*Pastor*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Stacey Riccardi

**Liturgist** – Ty Gage

**Cross Bearer** – Lillia Downing

**Communion Stewards:** Dawn Bettencourt and Deb Dubien

**Communion Celebrants:** Pastors Bodt and Vink; Ty Gage, and Shelly Lapadula.

**Greeters** – Maureen Groves and Donna Venditti

**Acolytes** – Allison Bennett and Amanda Repetsky

**Bible Bearer** – Tyler Walsh

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Loved Ones.

**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 rear 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.

**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.

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

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

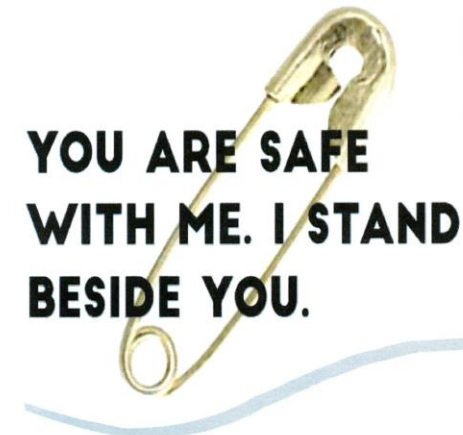


Join us on **March 6**

(snow date March 13)

# Anti-Harassment Presentation & Panel Discussion

Messiah Baptist Church  
210 Congress Street, Bridgeport  
6:30 p.m.



Panel will include:

Members of the Islamic, Jewish & Christian communities  
and the Bridgeport Police Department

Brief Remarks

City & State Elected Officials



For more information, contact CCGB @  
203-334-1121.

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

**TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS**, contact **Beth O'Brien** at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net). Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

**Altar flower donations are need for March 12 and 19<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 ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW**, according to Paul Downing's contact with the animal shelter. "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 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 26th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 275; Feb. 26th: 158; GEUMC, 17; Feb. 27th: Healing and Wholeness worship: 9; Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>: 7am: 5; Noon: 27; 7:30 pm: 59; Total Offerings for February 26<sup>th</sup>: \$5,121.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$855.55; Engaged in Small Groups: 248; Sunday School: 38; Shrove Tues. Pancake supper: 100; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 15; Confirmation class: 6; Adult Bible Study, 7 pm: 13; Adult Bible Study, 10 am: 16; MTMUMC Community Dinner: 49; Trash & Treasures: 9; No Bell or Adult Choir rehearsals; Office Volunteers: 2. Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 3. \*Small Groups – please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY** is hosted by Bob and Becky Virgalla, Christine McGregor and Liz Dillon. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Trustees.

**AFTER WORSHIP TODAY** we will observe Camping Sunday with a DVD and camp literature distributed by Becky and Bob Virgalla. This information emphasizes United Methodist camping opportunities through the New York (regional) Conference."

**ICE SKATING!** Right after worship plan to join us for an afternoon of ice skating at Milford Ice Pavilion, 291 Sub Way in Milford **today at , 12:45 - 2:30 pm.** Cost of \$5 per skater includes skate rental. Friends and family are welcome, the more the merrier!

**LAST CALL FOR HALF-TRUTHS**, our Lenten study: see the separate article with class schedules, topics, etc.

**SOCKS FOR SENIORS concludes TODAY.** Eileen Potkay, LPN, of our Parish Health and Wellness team, will take your donation of new and gently used Adult size (any color) socks for local seniors in need. Please leave them in the marked box in Dodd Hall. If you forgot and want to donate, please see her this morning or call her today at 203-809-0188. Money gifts are great, too, and will be used to buy socks.



**HAND-SANITIZERS** are in the Dodd Hall window wells on the east (Wesley Center) and west (People's Bank) sides; and in the sanctuary along the north (Broad Street) wall.

**GOOD NEWS! TRASH AND TREASURES IS NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!** We expect a great year and are starting now to prepare for the big Fair on the Green, 2017! Clothing donations should only be spring and summer items. Please save the winter items for the Oyster Festival sale or give it to those in need now or to your favorite charity. Please call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952, before you bring in large items. Try to pack your donations in small, manageable boxes which we will be happy to loan to you.

**3 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE BOOKS** are still available at \$10 each. See Mary Lou in the church office if you'd like one.

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



## THIS WEEK

**TAIZE (“TAY-ZAY”) WORSHIP** will be held each Wednesday at Noon during Lent. Taize worship is comprised of about 30 minutes of contemplative prayer, music unique to Taize, the reading of scripture and a brief reflection. Born in 1940 in the dark days of the Nazi occupation of Europe, the Taize community has spread around the world. Today, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians comprise the Taize community. Please do join us.

## LENTEN STUDY

HALF TRUTHS: “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say” is our Lenten study by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. The study will focus on five popular sayings, simple phrases that “sound” Christian but miss the point in important ways: “Everything Happens for a Reason” “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves” “God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle” “God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It” “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

*Classes will be taught by Pastor Brian Bodt and meet in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center on:*

***Tuesdays, Feb. 28 and March 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. or**  
**Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10-11:30 a.m.***

**TO REGISTER:** Please contact Mary Lou Kampert in the church office at 203.874.1982, ext. 110 or [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net), or speak with Pastor Brian **TODAY.**

## NEXT SUNDAY, March 12th

**LENT II – Daylight Savings Time begins: “spring forward” by moving your clocks one hour forward the night before.** The message “Direction in the Dark” will be based on Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1- 5, 13-17 and John 3:1-17. Our Mission Moment will be by Leigh Bak on our Haiti mission. Our Women’s History Moment will be presented by Bev Downing. After worship our United Methodist Women will offer their last “Second Sunday Soup Sale” for 2017.

## OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN:** we’ve got 4, we need 8 more, to present a recitation called "The Twelve" on **Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.** The skill needed is a willingness to memorize a brief monologue to portray one of the 12 disciples. The tableau is Rembrandt's famous "Last Supper" painting. No acting is required but you'll need to imagine being one of "the Twelve." If interested, speak with Paul Downing (203-676-5582 or [paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)) or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) ).

**MTMUMC COMMUNITY DINNERS** could use your help. We would greatly appreciate any donations of cans of Dinty Moore Beef Stew. The stew is not the meal but would be used in case food runs out. It doesn’t happen often, but it’s best to be prepared. You can leave your donations in the kitchen in Dodd Hall. Thank you!  
*Lorraine Carr, Missions Co-Chair*

**MILFORD HOSPITAL** is seeking prospective volunteers with morning, afternoon or evening availability. The greatest need for volunteers is in the Enchanted Window Gift Shop, Emergency Department, and the Walk In Center on Post Road. An orientation session detailing volunteer policies, procedures and an overview of current vacancies will be held on **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the hospital in Auditorium A. All prospective volunteers are required to participate in this session prior to service. Most positions require the ability to commit to one 2-3 hour shift per week. For more information or to register for the session, please call 203-876-4062.

