

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 “A Lenten Supplication” R. Dittrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Joel 2:12-13 from The Message

Leader: There’s also this, it’s not too late—God’s personal message!—“Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!”

People: ***Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to God, YOUR God.***

Leader: And here’s why: God is kind and merciful. He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot, this most patient God, extravagant in love,

People: ***Always ready to cancel catastrophe.***

All: ***Let us prepare ourselves to worship a demanding yet loving God!***

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

THE COLLECT *(seated, unison)*

***O Lord, who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey the commands of godly righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. 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 32 Hymnal p.766

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

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

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

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

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

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 “Obedience” Dr. Bodt

\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal #881

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

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.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” arr. by L. Lawson

Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

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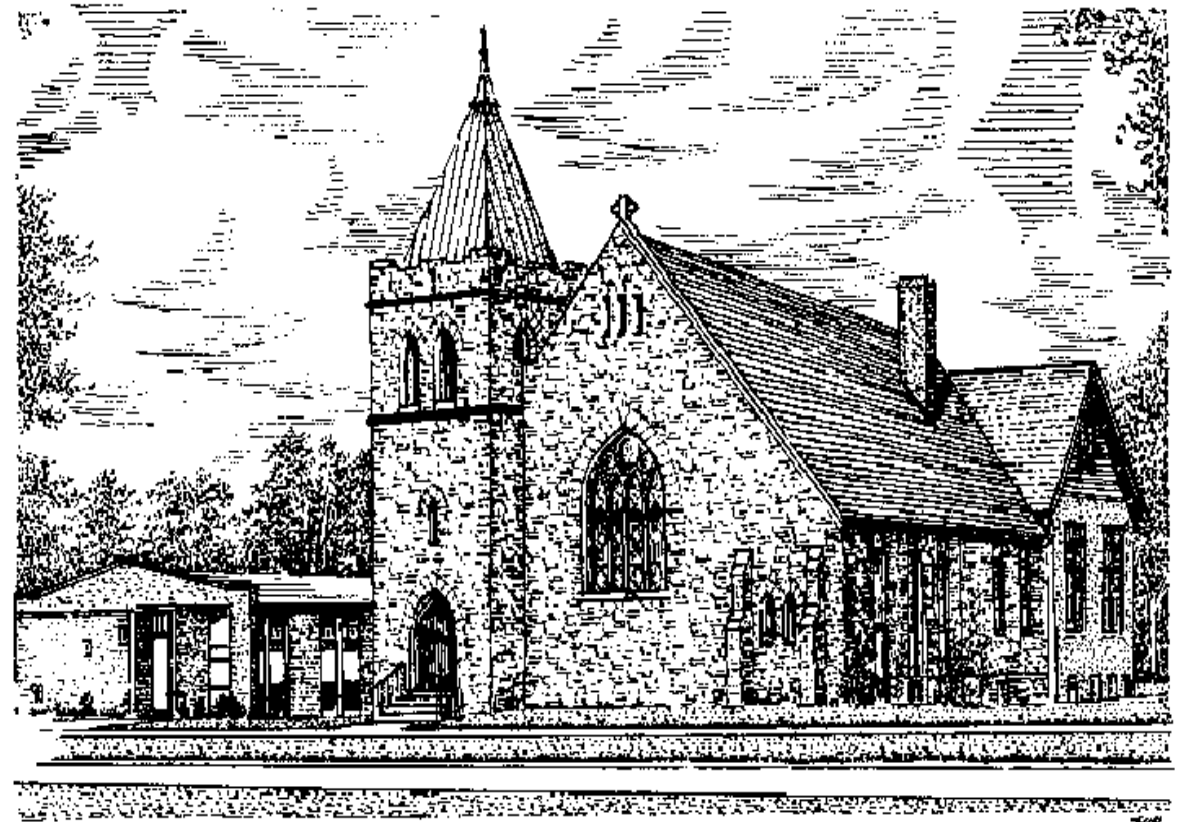
ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have  
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where  
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and  
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



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: 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.*

**LENT I  
March 9, 2014**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, March 9*      **LENT I**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
9:00 a.m. Fasting Covenant Group-Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall

*Monday, March 10*      7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel  
7:00 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library

*Tuesday, March 11*      Noon UMW Meeting – Wesley Center  
5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (2<sup>nd</sup> trimester quiz) – Egan Room  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. UMW Evening Meeting/Pot Luck - Dawn Bettencourt’s home

*Wednesday, March 12*      10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library  
No Choir rehearsals (Praisemakers, Bell or Adult)

*Thursday, March 13*      7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Egan Room  
7:00 p.m. LRP Cottage Meeting at Dave and Lorraine Carr’s home

*Saturday, March 15*      7:00 a.m. Confirmation Trip to New York  
2:00 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library  
5:30 p.m. Men’s Club-Corned Beef Dinner-Dodd Hall-All welcome

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*Sunday, March 16*      **LENT II**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
9:00 a.m. Fasting Covenant Group-Wesley Center  
9:45a.m. Informal Hymn singing - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall  
11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure screenings-Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Covenant of Conscience Cottage meeting – Doyle’s

*Monday, March 17*      7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel  
7:00 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. Milford Historical Society Meeting – Dodd Hall

*Tuesday, March 18*      10:00 a.m. Covenant of Conscience Cottage meeting –  
Library or Sanctuary  
5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library

*Wednesday, March 19*      10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library  
5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

*Thursday, March 20*      7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

*Saturday, March 22*      2:00 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library

*Grace Notes*  
*March 9, 2014*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*The “original sin” attributed to Adam and Eve in today’s passage from Genesis is not a so-called “sin of the flesh,” but “disobedience.”*

*“Obedience” has gotten poor press in recent years. Yet Jesus’ encounter with Satan in today’s Gospel, and its support from the other readings, pours out the importance of obedience. That is the subject of my message today.*

*Toward what and Whom are we obedient? Toward what and Whom are we disobedient? The answers shape our Lenten journey, our spiritual walk and our earthly lives.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

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

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Nick Bettencourt      **Greeters** – Ann Loesch and Mary Lou Kampert  
**Liturgist** – Mary Lou Hastings      **Acolytes** – Amanda Repetsky and Lillia Downing  
**Cross Bearer** – Kayleigh Patterson      **Bible Bearer** – Mateo Cono

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Mary Lou Hastings at the Dodd Hall door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in celebration of yesterday's marriage of Michael Meraviglia and Melissa Crisafi, given by the bride and groom, and in loving memory of Nick and Carol Rogers, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins.

**TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP**, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

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

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture, The Book of Common Prayer (1892), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from last Sunday are available in the rear of the church. Previous messages are available there 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.*



## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are *due by noon each 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 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:** 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 MARCH 2:**

Total worship attendance all services: 280 (Mar. 2, 178; Healing and Wholeness, Mar. 3, 10; Ash Wednesday noon, 30; Ash Wednesday evening, 62) Total Offering: \$7,664.25 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,595.16; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 251 (Sunday School: 39; Community Dinner: 52; Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner: 74; Covenant of Conscience discussion: 19; Disciple 1: 7; Confirmation: 6; Adult Bible Study Tuesday: 8; Adult Bible Study Wednesday: 16; Office volunteers: 2; Praisemakers: 5; Bell Choir: 10, Adult Choir: 15) Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!!

March 30th, 2014

*open hearts  
open minds  
open doors*



**Invite your friends and family to Church on March 30th to celebrate our Faith. Service is at 10:00 and there will be special surprises at fellowship hour.**

The people of The United Methodist Church

***SOUP SALE COMING MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>!***  
*Details coming soon! Proceeds benefit missions!*

**Interested in making soup? Contact Sue O'Shea: 203.874.5136**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**LENT II** – Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “Things I Love about Lent” is based on Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17. Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the sanctuary, given by Karyn Doherty; and the second new member class will be held.

**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. Methodist Youth Fellowship hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the Education Committee (Sunday School leaders).

**“FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY” INVITATION CARDS** are available today. See Michelle Craig or the table in Dodd Hall; and the detailed notice in “Coming Soon.”

A **FASTING COVENANT GROUP** began this morning led by Pastor Brian. If you are interested but missed today’s session, see him after worship or contact him in the next day or so at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.895.3753. Fasting need not be from food (especially if medical needs dictate otherwise) since abstinence from other earthly hungers may also help engage a deeper Lenten reflection.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY** and continues March 16 and 23, **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Pastor’s study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Wesley Center, our educational building adjacent to the church. **Today** will be an opportunity to become acquainted with one another as we share a bit about our faith journey and more especially how we ended up at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. **March 16** will be an overview of United Methodist history and doctrine and Mary Taylor Memorial Church history. **March 23** you will meet with other leaders, based in part on areas of interest you share today, who can share with you about our current ministries. **New members will be received on Sun., March 30<sup>th</sup>.** Please do consider attending these sessions even if you are unsure about membership. Please let Pastor Brian know at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11 if you know you will attend.

**“COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE” DISCUSSIONS**, unanimously endorsed by the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting, began last Sunday. Copies of the Covenant and “Frequently Asked Questions” are available at the Table in Dodd Hall, where you may sign up to attend one of the conversations in the homes of MTMUMC members (below). Groups are generally limited to 15-20 attendees. Individuals who desire to sign the Covenant may do so at the table as well or at [www.mindny.com](http://www.mindny.com). For more information contact Marcia Winter at [mwinter@optonline.net](mailto:mwinter@optonline.net) or 203.878.0814. The current schedule is:  
**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m.** at the Doyle’s home, 14 Andover Drive, Milford  
**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.** at the church (Library or sanctuary)  
**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.** at the Darak’s home, 21 Kay Avenue, Milford

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

## THIS WEEK

**ADULT LENTEN STUDY** – “The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus,” a six session study Adam Hamilton, explores the life and ministry of Jesus: from Jesus’ baptism, the temptations, the people he loved, and the healing he brought, to the parables he taught and the enemies that he made. Co-Lay Leader Kelly O’Hara will lead two sessions: **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on TOMORROW, March 10th and Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm starting on March 15th in the Gunn Library, Wesley Education Center.** Please let Kelly know of your interest by calling 203.283.4676 or by email at [yankee89@optonline.net](mailto:yankee89@optonline.net).

**ADULT LENTEN STUDY** – “Parables and Passion,” a six session Lenten study by the Rev. John Indermark, will examine the parables of Jesus in light of his betrayal and death on the cross, applying the truths and significance of the parables to our daily life. Pastor Hal Vink will teach this in two weekly sessions: **Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., from March 11/12 – April 15/16** in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Please let Pastor Hal know of your interest: [vinkhaljane@yahoo.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com) or 203.878.8977.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are doing it again! **This Tuesday** will be a double-header. First we’ll meet in Wesley Center at noon for a service of Prayer and Self Denial. We will be discussing allocation of funds we have above and beyond our budget. Bring your lunch and join us. Then, for those who cannot attend during the day, we will meet at Dawn Bettencourt’s home at 7:00 pm for a pot-luck supper followed by a meeting. Hope to see you at one of these meetings! Questions? Contact Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643.

**THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** offers its first **cottage meeting** to discuss future ministry and goals for God’s work at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. It will be held on **this Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.** at the home of Dave and Lorraine Carr, 29 Lake Street, West Haven. Reserve your place at [davlorz@yahoo.com](mailto:davlorz@yahoo.com) or by calling 203-931-0516.

**CONFIRMATION TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY** leaves MTMUMC **this Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.** We leave MTMUMC no later than **7:10 a.m.** and aim to return in time for the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at **5:30 p.m.** Deadline for paid reservations are due **NO LATER THAN THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Contact Pastor Brian

**THE MEN’S CLUB** will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. All are welcome, and as usual, there is no charge for the dinner. Please RSVP using the enclosed flyer and drop it in the collection plate, or call Jim Repetsky at 203-874-8688.

**APRIL “BEACON” DEADLINE** is **this Saturday, March 15.** Please submit articles electronically to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office.

## COMING SOON

**OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH** will be **Wed., March 26th, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** Please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan to assist: [maryannej@charter.net](mailto:maryannej@charter.net) or 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). We prepare the meal for 100+ people. Golden Hill is about 20 minutes away, right off I-95.

**MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER:** will be **Thursday, March 27th, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Debbie Dubien at 203.877.4959.

**“FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY”** is **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.** Its purpose is to invite friends, neighbors and family who may not have a church home to worship with us. We are not responsible to “get them here” but simply to extend an invitation. Special elements during and after worship will especially make visitors feel welcome. Business card-sized invitation cards with a simple message and basic church information are available from the Dodd Hall table to give to those you invite. Please plan to be in worship on March 30<sup>th</sup> and to extend an invitation to others to experience God’s love, warmth and good news in Jesus Christ.

**LAURALTON HALL** invites all 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student **March 19 - April 30.** For further information, call the Admissions Office at 203-877-2786 ext. 144.

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**NEW ACOLYTE ROBES** have been purchased to replace the current robes, worn with time and difficult to repair. We have one donor and need five more at \$100 each to underwrite this expense. If you are interested in so doing, please contact Pastor Brian.

**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).

**CHAIRS FOR SALE:** we have 26 chairs for sale at \$10 each that are being stored in Jesse Lee Hall. Please see me today or email me if you are interested in purchasing: [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net) Thanks. **Rachel Merva, Trustee Vice-President**

**NEW CRIB, CHANGING TABLE AND MATTRESS:** Bill Katt has this available for a young family who might be able to use it. [billkatt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billkatt@sbcglobal.net) or 203.376.9176