

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 “An Easter Prayer” H. Macklin

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “I Love the Lord”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, CEB, ed.

Leader: I love the Lord!

People: *God hears my requests for mercy. I'll call out to him as long as I live because he listens closely to me.*

Leader: What can I give back to the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

People: *I'll lift up the cup of salvation. I'll call on the Lord's name. I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.*

ALL: **LET US WORSHIP GOD IN THIS HOUR.**

*HYMN #610 “We Know That Christ Is Raised” Engelberg

THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*) based on Luke 24:13-35

O God, who raised Christ from the dead and revealed him on the Emmaus road in the breaking of the bread: reveal yourself to us in this time of worship, that our eyes open to see your presence and our hearts burn with love's passion, so that our lives testify to your living presence, in the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we attempt to build our lives on shaky foundations. We confess that we are tempted by advertisements and attracted to false promises. Like our forebears, we are tempted to invest our lives in the “now” at the expense of the eternal. O God, let your Spirit of discernment fill and guide us. Help us to know and live lives of righteousness. God of resurrection, grant us the wisdom that reminds us that we have been saved from the perishable and given the imperishable salvation of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE I Peter 1:17-23 Bible p.1104

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35 Bible p.964

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

*HYMN #368 “My Hope is Built” The Solid Rock

THE SERMON “The Date on the Label” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE (*twice*) “O the Lamb” The Lamb

*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: Alleluia! He Lives! A. Pote
(*The Adult Choir*)

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #307 “Christ Is Risen” W zlobie lezy
(*Let the anointers come forward during the hymn.*)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

On the last Sunday of each month all are invited to come forward to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing hymns #562, 311, 328, 334 and 348. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice 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.

*CLOSING HYMN #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Diademata

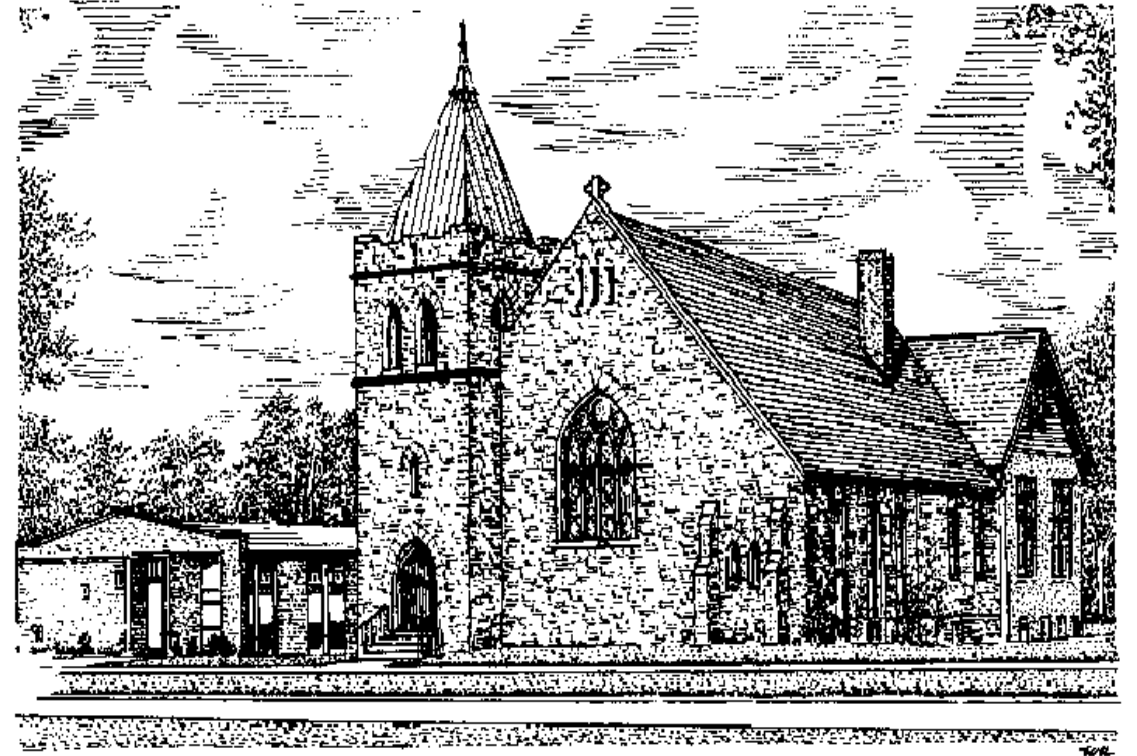
*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Hymnal #349
“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”

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

*POSTLUDE “Toccata on ‘Diademata’” L. Smith
(*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.*

EASTER III
April 30, 2017

<i>Sunday, April 30</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Play rehearsal</i>
	10:00a.m.	<i>Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Healthcare Decision Day Conversation/Luncheon-Dodd Hall</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>District Conference – 1st UMC, 15 Pleasant St., Meriden</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>NO MYF meeting</i>
<i>Monday, May 1</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 2</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 3</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	2:30 p.m.	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper – Bridgeport</i>
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Pastor-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, May 4</i>	1:00 p.m.	<i>Bereavement Group-St. Mary’s Church Hall – Gulf St.</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, May 5</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, May 6</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Tres Dias Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Abundant Health Expo, New Rochelle UMC, 1200 North Ave., New Rochelle, NY – see enclosed article</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Summerfield UMW Tea-Bridgeport</i>
<i>Sunday, May 7</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Play rehearsal</i>
	10:00a.m.	<i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>MIND Spring meeting-205 Academy Rd. Cheshire</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF meeting –Earth Day Celebration at Rivercrest Farm-Maria and Andy Macri’s home, 534 Oronoque Rd. Milford</i>
<i>Monday, May 8</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 9</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>UMW Mother/Daughter Banquet – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 10</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 11</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, May 12</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, May 13</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>

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Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
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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
 April 30, 2017*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*“Potpourri” – “a mixture of flowers....used for scent”...“a miscellaneous collection.” (1)
 Hopefully this week’s column qualifies as a fragrant offering of our diverse ministries.*

It was a privilege for the Doyles and me to attend, on your behalf, a part of the opening arguments at the Judicial Council (the United Methodist “Supreme Court”) in Newark, N.J. this past Tuesday. The current issue is the relation of human sexuality to ordination and the consecration of bishops. The larger issue is whether the hearts, mind and doors of The United Methodist Church are truly open to all. Thank you for your interest and prayers. More can be found at www.mindny.org.

It’s “Fair on the Green” time: June 2 and 3 and our only all-church fundraiser. We’ve got new people for whom the Fair is a new thing. Invite them to participate, please! See the details under “Today” and see the Virgallas after worship or call them at 203.788.2889.

There may be a few extra places at today’s luncheon on “Decision Day for Health Care.” See Sheryl Hollyday if you’d like to attend but haven’t registered.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet is ten days away: Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. You need not have a biological daughter to attend. See the details under “Save the Date” and talk with Susan O’Shea or any member of the United Methodist Women to learn more or register.

We’re offering a fun evening on Sat., May 20th. Details on the inside rear cover. Come!

This is only a portion of what’s in this issue. Please find a ministry that needs you or feeds you and connect to it, for the sake of the Christ’s whose resurrection gives us full life!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

(1) Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, Springfield, MA, G. & C. Merriam Co, 1977.

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Dennis Darak

Greeters: Lodemia Lopes and Joan Zauner

Acolytes – Carolyn Hollyday and Natalie Rendon

Healing Anointers – Pastors Brian and Hal, Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, and Mark Platt.

Liturgist: Josh Carr

Cross Bearer – Shannon Thompson

Bible Bearer- Mary Repetsky

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of our children and grandchildren, given by Diana and Dick Cable.

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 either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Collect and Prayer of Confession were written by Pastor Brian.

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

AN INVITATION TO A FUN EVENING!

ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH AT 5 P.M. WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL EVENING PLANNED!

This event is a partnership between the **SUNDAY SCHOOL, MEN'S CLUB, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.** It's a whole evening: theatre, dinner and dessert, all for good causes!

THE PLAY – "Heroes of Lollipop Park" will be presented by our **Sunday School.** Here's the play's synopsis – "*When the church decides to tear down its playground to create a memorial rose garden, the children decide to attend the 'Committee on High and Important Church Matters' meeting to plead their case!*" A "David and Goliath" script if ever there was one!

THE DINNER – following the play, the **Men's Club** will host a dinner. Your admission is to bring donations of diapers (especially larger sizes) and gift cards to our collection bin in Dodd Hall to support the **United Methodist Women's** diaper drive for the New Haven Diaper Bank.

THE DESSERT – Come prepared to bid on our yummy desserts, prepared by the **Methodist Youth Fellowship** and friends. Proceeds will benefit Heifer International. Bakers are needed as well. See Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net) or Holly Firmender (holly.firmender@gmail.com) for further information.

HEALTH KIT MATERIALS

This year we have decided to **collect personal care items for the first two Sundays in May. (May 7 & May 14.** We will then be **collecting cash donations for the last two Sundays in May (May 21 & May 28).** Stacey will then be able to complete all of the Health Care kits but still be able to shop for good pricing. She is also collecting Bed Bath & Beyond Coupons to help her get the best possible prices on some of the items. Please help us make this important Mission a success! **Donations should be placed in the marked box in Dodd Hall or given to Stacey Riccardi. See directions on page 8 of the May Beacon if you would like to assemble your own kits.**

All items must be new.

- 1 hand towel 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush (adult)
- 1 comb. Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- 6 adhesive bandages ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
- 1 bath-size soap 3 oz. and larger sizes only (No Ivory or Jergens - moisture)
- 1 plastic bag (1 Gallon size sealable)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (UMCOR purchasing in bulk)



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. 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 needed for May 28th and beyond.**

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) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** 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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or 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 April 23rd:

Total worship attendance all services: 198; Apr. 23: 161; GEUMC, 20; Apr. 24: Healing and Wholeness worship: 12; Taize, Apr. 26: 5; Total Offerings for April 23rd minus Lift Us Up: \$4,842.00; Lift Us Up: \$1,500.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$170.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 107; Sunday School: 29; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 13; Trash and Treasures: 11; Bell Choir 8; Adult Choir: 13; Bible Study, April 25th: 6; Bible Study, April 26th: 17; Office Volunteers: 10. 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 or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted in Dodd Hall by the United Methodist Women A-M. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Firmender family.

"DECISION DAY FOR HEALTH CARE" is today Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m. in Dodd Hall following morning worship. This 60 minute presentation and discussion will focus on "Having the Conversation" and why it is important to discuss your values and wishes about your life and death with those who will handle these matters when you cannot. Sheryl Hollyday, FNP-BC, APRN, is a palliative care professional. **A light luncheon will be served. Please see Sheryl Hollyday if you would like to attend, but have not registered.**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Sunday, April 30, 2- 4 p.m., First U.M. Church, 15 Pleasant Street, Meriden, CT. Pastor Brian will attend (3-4 car seats available!) as will the Doyles with an equal number of available seats. A choir from Ghana Emmanuel UMC, the congregation we "nest" in the Wesley Center each Sunday, will sing. This is our final Conference for our outgoing Superintendent, the Rev. Kenneth Kieffer. Rev. Kieffer will be the pastor of the Cheshire (CT) U.M. Church effective July 1, 2017.

"FAIR ON THE GREEN" SIGN-UPS are now underway! See Bob and Becky Virgalla after worship in Dodd Hall. They're the ones with the clipboards! "The Fair," June 2 and 3 (always the first Friday and Saturday) is our only all-church fundraiser of the year. Can you post a sign in your yard? Set up? Clean up? Bake? Sell tickets? Make a theme basket? Chop veggies? Slice strawberries? Grill? We need YOU!

THE MAY "BEACON" (our monthly newsletter) was mailed this past Wednesday. Extra copies are in the Broad Street entrance to the church on the literature racks.

THE PALMS ON THE ALTAR are available for purchase at \$14.00 each. See Beth O'Brien if you would like one.

DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE CONCLUDES TODAY. Dental supplies are sent to Kids First Dental Services of Kentucky, part of our partnership with *Friends of Appalachia* (www.friendsofappalachia.org). Leave donations in the box in Dodd Hall. *Missions Committee*

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.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY SUPPER: It's Mary Taylor Memorial's turn to prepare, this Wednesday, May 3, 2:30 – 5 p.m. at Golden Hill U.M. Church, 210 Elm Street, Bridgeport, just 20 minutes south on I-95. We usually have a healthy crew but could use a few more. Contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan at maryannej@charter.net or 203.268.8850 to let her know you'll help.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 7th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Setting B. The message "Cinderella, the Barking Pig and Us" will be based on Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10.

OUR ANNUAL "HEALTH KIT DRIVE" begins *next Sunday*. On **May 7 and 14**, we will collect personal care items. The list of needed supplies appears elsewhere in this issue. On **May 21 and 28**, we will collect cash and Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons to purchase supplies needed to complete the kits. This allows us bulk purchasing and avoids waste. Stacey Riccardi, chairing this year's campaign, will tell us more on Mother's Day, May 14. See page 8 of the May "Beacon" for full details.

METHODISTS IN NEW DIRECTIONS ("MIND") SPRING MEETING, May 7

Methodists In New Directions, our regional affiliate of the Reconciling Ministries Network, will hold its Spring Meeting in multiple locations around the Conference.

Our local Connecticut gathering will be *Sunday, May 7, 3 – 5 p.m.* at the Cheshire United Methodist Church, 205 Academy Road, Cheshire. At this writing, at least two cars are going that can hold an additional 8 passengers total. Contact Eileen Doyle (ddoyle@aol.com/203.878.9049) or Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com/203.895.3753) to reserve one of the open seats. If others can drive we can take more. Please let Eileen, P.B., or Kelly O'Hara, GSA chair, know (yankee89@optonline.net). Pastor Brian will lead the opening worship.

If you have not been to a MIND meeting, you will find it a time of inspiration and encouragement as we work toward a United Methodist Church that truly lives its motto of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

SAVE THE DATES

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET, Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Dodd Hall. Our United Methodist Women invites all women, either with your female offspring or a woman you "adopt" as a "daughter for the day" to attend this fellowship meal. The entertainment will be "The Pitchpipers," a women's singing group. For more information, please contact Sue O'Shea at 203.494.5339 or sueoshea@optonline.net.

BISHOP'S DAY ON OUR DISTRICT: MAY 16, 2017. Bishop Bickerton will meet with **laity** at Waterbury United Methodist Church, 250 Country Club Road, with an invitation to dinner from 6 – 7:15 p.m. and "Questions and Answers" with the Bishop from 7:30 – 9 p.m. The dinner is open to laity and clergy but the evening session is **laity only**. Clergy have times earlier that day to meet with the Bishop.

MAY 20TH SPECIAL EVENT: see the separate article on the inside rear cover!

SAVE THE DATES, continued

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be holding an ***ALUMNI DAY and Progressive Dinner on Sunday, May 21st from 4-7pm.*** If you or someone you know is an alumnus of our MYF program, all former MYF members are invited! We look forward to an afternoon of fun and fellowship together! More information to come! **Pastor Dani.**

CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS HOST HOMES NEEDED, June 22

Charles Wesley Singers ON TOUR: New England 2017. The Charles Wesley Singers (Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, Maryland) will be at MTMUMC on Thursday, June 22 for a concert at 7 or 7:30 p.m. Overnight hosts for the choristers and chaperones are needed. If you are interested in hosting a member of the choir, please call Pastor Brian at 203-895-3753 for details. The singers will present a concert *Of Prayer and Prophecy* featuring Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*, sacred anthems, selections for chamber ensemble, and organ improvisation and soloists.

OTHER MINISTRY MATTERS

ABUNDANT HEALTH EXPO: Join the Metropolitan District of the New York Conference on *Saturday, May 6th 2-4:30 p.m.* at the New Rochelle UMC, 1200 North Ave., New Rochelle, NY. The UMC denomination's global health initiative, "Abundant Health: Our Promise to Children, kicks off its first district event with a variety of activities for body, mind, and spirit including how to create healthy snacks, fitness exercise, singing, children's activities, yoga, and community gardening and a greeting from the US Global Health Program Manager, Sabrina Rodgers. Let's imagine abundant health for everyone! **Free Activities for all.** Questions? Contact abundanthealth@nyac-umc.com or see Pastor Dani for more information.

TRASH AND TREASURES currently needs any kind of jewelry, board games and other household items. **We are no long accepting books and clothing.** While you are donating, treat yourself to a new experience and amble through our rooms filled with treasures. You'll be surprised at what you might find, even things that you didn't think you needed!!

Your donations are always welcome; bring them after worship on Sundays or almost every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or later. Please save the winter clothing for the August Oyster Festival sale as we have no storage space. We no longer need paper or plastic bags. Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before you bring in large items. Thank you for all the many items already received. **The last day of donations is May 24 so the earlier, the better!**