

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

April 1, 2018

Order of Worship
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C Minor” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Because He Lives”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 3:1-2, adapted

L: The Lord is Risen!

P: The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: You have been raised with Christ so seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

P: On this resurrection day, let us set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

ALL: CHRIST IS VICTORIOUS OVER THE GRAVE! ALLELUIA!

*HYMN #302 (vss. 1-4) “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

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THE EASTER COLLECT (seated, unison) Hymnal #320

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PSALTER (10 a.m.) Psalm 118:14-24 Hymnal p.839, R.2

ANTHEM (10 a.m.) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja” Praisemaker’s Choir

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 4:8-13 Bible p.1040 (LP, NT, p.204)

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

ANTHEM “Jesus Shall Reign” The Bell Choir with Mark Dennis, Trumpet

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34-43 (10:00 a.m.) Bible p.1002 (LP, NT, p.157)

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

*THE GOSPEL John 20:1-18 Bible p.988 (LP, NT, p.140)

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

*HYMN #314 “In the Garden” Garden

THE SERMON “Fools for Christ” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #370 (10 a.m.) “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*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: “On that Great, Great Morning” M. McDonald

(The Adult Choir with Barbara Repetsky, Soloist)

*Presentation: “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” Hymnal #317, vs. 5

On this most holy day of days our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise to thee, in jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Here the pastor gives thanks to the Lord, concluding)

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise God’s name:

*HYMN #155 (vss. 1,2,5,6) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Diadem

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (all seated, spoken by the pastor)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal # 895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come.

After the celebrants, ushers and choir commune, the ushers will direct you to one of four stations.

Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION Numbers 318, 306, 308, 311, 307, 322, 315, 304

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #310 “He Lives” Ackley
(Those desiring to sing the “Hallelujah” chorus with the choir, please come forward during the hymn.)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*CHORAL POSTLUDE “Hallelujah” from “Messiah” G.F. Handel
(Please stand if able and depart following the postlude).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GRATITUDE TO THESE WORSHIP LEADERS DURING LENT AND EASTER:

The Adult, Bell and Praisemakers choirs and the parents and spouses that support them; soloists Barbara Repetsky (voice), Mary Lou Kampert (harp), Pastor Dani Levine (saxophone), Mark Dennis (trumpet), Lydia Smith (drums) and our Director of Music Dr. Rick Riccardi;

Our Worship Committee chaired by Leigh Bak and Nancy Bennett; Liturgist coordinator Leigh Bak; Barbara Repetsky and Sheryl Hollyday, altar servers; Beth O’Brien, flowers; Rich Perregaux, banners; Flo Berrien, greeters; Dennis Darak, ushers; Phoebe Repetsky, Communion Stewards; our Maundy Thursday disciple portrayers; and the “Ambassadors” of our Membership and Evangelism Committee;

The “Growing Up Together Spiritually (G.U.T.S.) youth group, Dawn Bettencourt and all its adult leaders for today’s Sunrise worship at Gulf Beach;

Our Christian educators, notably Superintendent Cathy Cono, Holly Firmender and all the teachers, especially for last week’s Easter egg hunt organized by the Fino family and the triumphal procession of the Sunday School children.

Our publicity team of Kelly O’Hara (Facebook and Shutterfly), Kat Bennette (web page and newspapers) and Ken Hawkins (sign and hymn boards). To anyone we inadvertently overlooked, our heartfelt thanks.

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Grace Notes

Easter Day, April 1, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

For over two thousand years, followers of the crucified Redeemer have offered this greeting to one another on Easter morning. At beachside sunrise services and in majestic cathedrals; on the tops of hills and buttes and mountains; in farm fields and ball fields; and, yes, even – and perhaps most appropriately – in cemeteries, the sound of that great cloud of witnesses rises to declare our faith that death is vanquished and that Christ is Risen.*

While there's not a direct theological connection to April Fool's Day (the origins of which are obscure), there is a tradition called the "Riscus paschalis" (the "Easter laugh") because God played a trick on the Devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Good enough!

In troubled times perhaps more than others, we need the Easter promise: that the worst word is not the last word; that death is NOT the end; that if you don't like the life you have, you can have another; that love is still God's yearning for us; and that Christ's resurrection promises not only life beyond death but that, while living, we can be fully alive. Isn't that what we say we want?

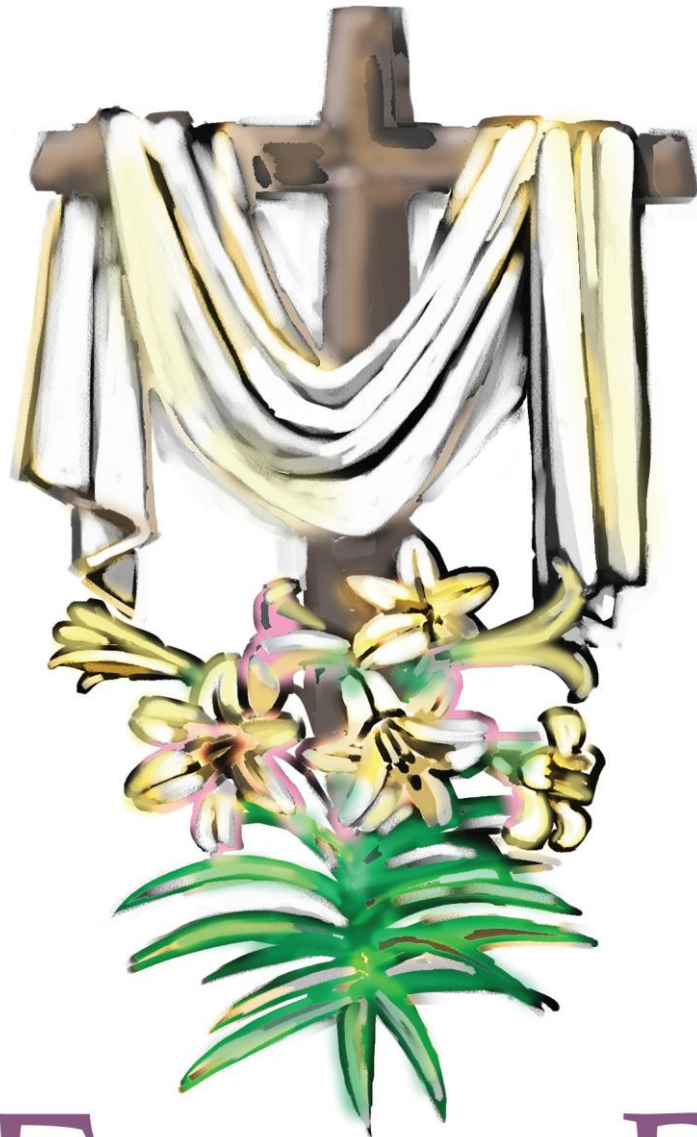
The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

*This will be the 246th Easter Sunrise Service for the Salem Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (circa 1772) and the conclusion of the service in a cemetery known as "God's Acre." This year the service was streamed live for the first time. www.salemcongregation.org



EASTER

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m. Pastor Dani Levine 10:00 a.m. Carol Galloway

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Becky and Bob Virgalla

Greeters: 10:00 a.m. Flo Berrien and Mary Lou Kampert

Bible Bearers: 8:30 a.m. Eric Pitts 10:00 a.m. Tyler Walsh

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. Elise Pitts 10:00 a.m. Cassandra and Allison Bennett

Cross Bearers: 8:30 a.m. Alison Pitts 10:00 a.m. Samantha Bennett

Communion Stewards: Dawn Bettencourt and Joan Zauner

Communion Celebrants:

(8:30 a.m.) Pastor Brian Bodt and Co-Lay Leader Beth O'Brien; Pastor Dani and Deb Dubien;

Rev. Dr. Judy Bennett and Nancy Bennett; Dick and Diana Cable

(10 a.m.) Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway; Pastor Hal and Jane Vink; Pastor Dani

Levine and Rev. Dr. Judy Bennett; Co-Lay Leader Shelly Lapadula and Ryan Lapadula

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

ST MARY'S CHURCH/PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH is offering The New Day 10 week bereavement support group program, starting April 12th on Thursdays from 1-3p.m. in Father Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St., Milford. Anyone coping with the loss of a loved one whether recent or years ago is welcome. For more information or to register call Margaret at 203-874-2376.

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT BASIC LAY SERVANT MINISTRY COURSE 2018 will be presented on two Saturdays: April 14 and April 28th, at Plainville UMC, 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, CT. The cost is \$10. Fellowship 9-9:30 a.m.; classes at 9:30 a.m. ending by 3:30 p.m. Registration due by April 10th. Registration forms are available in the church office.

OUR ANNUAL MISSIONS FAIR will be Sunday, April 15th, after 10 a.m. worship in Dodd Hall. 21 missions groups will present information during Fellowship Time to inspire and educate our congregation about the vital work we do through our missions partners. Please join us.

LITURGIST BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOPS for persons who have been, or desire to be, Sunday morning liturgists. Dates are Mon., April 23, 5:30 – 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 28, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Details on page 6 of the March "Beacon." Paul Downing, Certified Lay Servant, is our workshop leader. Please contact him (paul.downing@snet.net; 203.676.5582) or Worship Co-Chairs Leigh Bak (leighb619@gmail.com) or Nancy Bennett (nancy516@aol.com) to learn more.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be Sunday, May 6 in the afternoon at a location to be determined. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PASTOR KRISTINA AND LESLIE in advance of Pastor Kristina's appointment will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Pastors Brian and Kristina are developing the event design based on positive pastoral transition events of which they have both been a part. We hope you will make every effort to join this special time. Please let Mary Lou Kampert (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net; 203.874.1982, ext. 110) know if you plan to attend. After July 1st, a series of smaller "cottage meetings" will be offered, coordinated by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, to provide more personal opportunities to meet Pastor Kristina and Leslie. We hope you will attend one of these, too! Those MTMUMC members here in the summer of 2012 will remember similar meetings for Pastor Brian and Carol.

A FAREWELL / RETIREMENT EVENT FOR PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Stacey Cronk (fri1013@aol.com; 203.772.5997) will chair the committee on behalf of Staff-Parish Relations. More details will be provided as they become available. Please hold the date and attend if able.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, April 1</i>	<i>7:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Dawn service of Resurrection at Gulf Beach, Milford</i>
<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	<i>7:30 – 9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Breakfast by the Men’s Club, serving ending at 9:45 – Dodd Hall</i>
		<i>No Sunday School or GUTS youth group</i>
	<i>8:30 and 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, April 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 3</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Tres Dias meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Greater Bridgeport UMC Cluster - Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, April 5</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Security Task Force meeting – Egan Room</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, April 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, April 7</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>CPR Training – Dodd Hall 9:00 a.m. Men’s Tres Dias – Chapel</i>
	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Lay Servants course on preaching -Grace UMC, Southington, CT</i>
<i>Sunday, April 8</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, April 9</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship Committee meeting - Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 10</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Tres Dias meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, April 12</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, April 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, April 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>

TODAY

EASTER BUFFET BREAKFAST is hosted by the Men’s Club, serving from **7:30 a.m. to ending at 9:45 a.m.** Very simple **Fellowship Time** fare of water and snacks is offered after the 10 a.m. service today. Next week’s hosts will be the United Methodist Women, N-Z.

THE APRIL “BEACON” (newsletter) was mailed last Wednesday. Extra copies in the Narthex.

SOCKS FOR SENIORS: “I just want to thank all who donated socks. It was our most successful year collecting **390 pairs!** They will be donated to 3 different local Nursing Homes in Milford. Thank you Mary Taylor Memorial Church!” **Eileen Potkay**

TRASH & TREASURES requests donations of clean, working electrical appliances, along with bubble wrap and packing paper (*no newspaper or brown paper bags, please*). Please call Dolly Bonisch for more information, or for donations of large items, at 203-783-9952.

THIS WEEK

PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

ADULT CPR TRAINING is this Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m. – Noon, Dodd Hall. The trainer is Bill Katt, well-known former MTMUMC. **ONLY TWO OPENINGS ARE LEFT.** Training is open to people 14 years old and older, cost provided by our Parish Health and Wellness budget. **Registration deadline TOMORROW, Mon., April 2.** To register please contact the Church Office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

LAY SERVANTS COURSE ON PREACHING on Saturday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., will be presented by Rev. Ken Kieffer at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant Ave., Southington, CT. No registration will be accepted after Wednesday April 4th. Registration forms are available in the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 8th

EASTER II – The message “My Zeal Inspire” will be based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 20:19-31. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Michael Joseph Davis, son of Spencer and Jennifer. We will also recognize the service of Allen Berrien, founding member; and Tom Griggs and Ken Hawkins, long-serving members of the MTMUMC Foundation.

FAIR ON THE GREEN SPRING MEETING will be Sunday, April 8, 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, first floor. This is an all-church event annually raising in excess of \$15,000 for our church budget. Even more, it’s great fun! Many hands make light work. Especially if you are newer to MTMUMC, come to this meeting or say “Yes!” when asked to be part of a team!

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) will resume regular meetings next Sunday, **April 8th, 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 04/08: "Mission Possible" led by Pastor Dani Levine.

SOUND SYSTEM FUNDING

At their March 15 meeting, the Church Council approved a plan for funding a new sound system for the sanctuary. The development of the system will happen later in 2018 and be overseen by the Board of Trustees with a committee of three Trustees (Tina Gage, chair, Chris Paton and Kelly O'Hara), two at-large members (Ty Gage and Tom Hollyday) and two staff members (Dr. Rick Riccardi and Pastor Dani Levine).

The estimated cost of the system is \$60,000, with \$57,500 currently committed from individual donors and available church funds. If you would like to make a gift to help us close the gap, please make your check payable to "MTMUMC" with the memo "sound system." If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Brian Bodt (203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com).

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR

— *Literacy Volunteers Offers Tutor Training to Help Local Adults* —

Make a difference in someone else's life! Did you know there are more than 15,000 people in Milford and Stratford without a high school diploma? Did you know there are more than 1,600 adults who are not fluent in English? Did you know there are 46 non-English languages spoken in these cities? (Data taken from the Milford and Stratford School District Strategic School Profile, 2012-2013)

Literacy Volunteers is offering volunteer TUTOR TRAINING classes in ESL (English as a Second Language) and Basic Literacy.

TUTOR TRAINING classes in Milford will be held at Fannie Beach Community Center, 16 Dixon Street, Milford in Fall 2018.

TUTOR TRAINING classes in Stratford will be held at the Sterling House, 2283 Main St. Stratford from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2018.

Volunteer tutors will learn techniques to assist Basic Literacy and ESL students with dialogue, listening comprehension, oral fluency, phonics, reading comprehension and writing skills. No previous teaching experience required! All prospective tutors will be interviewed in advance. **For further information, call The Literacy office between the hours of 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 203-878-4800** or stop by the Stratford Library Satellite Office on Mondays or Wednesdays, 10:00 - 12:00 or Milford Library, Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:00.

Additionally, if you are interested in working with students preparing for their GED (General Equivalency Diploma) examination, or prefer to help adult students with basic literacy skills, call the Center's office to schedule your orientation meeting.

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) 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. **Our next open Sundays are April 8, 29 and May 6, 13 and 27th.**

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, 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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR March 25th

Total worship attendance all services: 297; Mar. 25th: 251; GEUMC: 15 ; Mar. 26: Healing and Wholeness: 12; Lent, Mar. 28: 19 (Noon); Total Offerings for Mar. 25: \$9,107.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$4,659.40; Engaged in Small Groups: 121; Sunday School: 45; "G.U.T.S" (youth group) : 6; UMW Prayer Breakfast: 25; No Confirmation; No Disciple 4; No Adult Bible Study: Tues or Wed. ; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 20; Trash & Treasures: 6; Office Volunteers: 10; Total persons received on profession of faith: 10; 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.