

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 “An Easter Prayer” H. Macklin

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Without Seeing You”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP John 20:19, 22-23, 27

Leader: Jesus said to his disciples on the evening of the Resurrection,

People: **“Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”**

Leader: To Thomas, struggling with faith, Jesus declared,

People: **“Do not doubt but believe.”**

ALL: **EASTER HAS ONLY BEGUN! LET US CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE!**

\*HYMN #317 (verses 1, 6-9) “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” O filii et fillae

THE COLLECT (unison) The Book of Common Prayer, 1928, ed.

**Almighty God, who has given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Son who has saved us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Resurrection God: your promise is eternal yet too often the joy of Easter feels fleeting. We confess that we forget that Easter is a season and not just a day; and that sometimes, like Ezekiel, we feel like dry bones and our hope cut off. Like Thomas, we sometimes don’t believe the witnesses you send us. Open our eyes and hearts so that, following the exhortation of the Lord, we may believe in the new life of Resurrection and, in believing, have life in His name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p. 39

**Michael Joseph Davis, son of Albert (Spencer) and Jennifer**  
*(The setting for the Apostles’ Creed is Hymnal #881.)*

**Godparents:** Philip Dawson and Janae Davis

**Sponsors:** Charles and Christina Browne

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Ezekiel 37:1-14 Bible p. 791 (LP, OT p.987)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31 Bible p. 989 (LP, NT p.141)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\*HYMN #452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Olivet

THE SERMON “My Zeal Inspire” Dr. Bodt

A MINISTRY RECOGNITION The Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Foundation

Words of Introduction and Presentation of Mementos

*Pastor: Dear friends, today we recognize the leadership of Allen G. Berrien, Thomas S. Griggs, Sr. and Kenneth B. Hawkins in the MTMUMC Foundation. We thank God for your dedicated service. Having completed these works, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen you in the service of Jesus Christ.*

*Unison Prayer: Almighty God, look with favor upon your servants Allen, Tom and Ken. Although this chapter in their service to Jesus Christ has ended, reaffirm their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #584 (verses 1 and 5) “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” Abbot’s Leigh

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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Face to Face With Christ” arr. by D. Phillips  
*(The Adult Choir)*

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #318 “Christ Is Alive” Truro

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE “O Sons and Daughters” L. Smith

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

## THE MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH FOUNDATION

The Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church Foundation was established in 1981 by visionary leaders who saw the value of purchasing property adjacent to the church as an investment in the future. The bank building immediately to the west of the church came on the market. With no knowledge of exactly how they would use it or pay for it, but knowing that adjacent property sometimes comes on the market only once in a lifetime, the church stepped out in faith to acquire the property. Notes were sold to members of the congregation to pay for the purchase with an attractive return rate of 13%. All the notes were ultimately paid off by the church.

The property was idle for only five days without a tenant between our taking title to the property and People's United Bank opening for business. They have been our neighbor ever since with long-term leases negotiated and managed by the Foundation.

The Foundation is incorporated as a separate entity wholly owned by Mary Taylor Memorial Church. Foundation by-laws provide for nine directors, five nominated by the church's Board of Trustees and four nominated by the church Committee on Nominations and Personnel. All directors must be members of MTMUMC and are elected annually at a Charge (Church) Conference (usually in the fall) by the members of the Church. All revenue from the operation of the property must go to the church. That revenue is \$190,000 of our projected \$528,000 revenue for 2018. One can easily see that MTMUMC would be a *very* different church without the vision of our forebears along with the current financial commitments of our members.

Today we recognize:

**Allen G. Berrien**, remaining Founding Member, 1981 and President, 1985-1989

**Thomas S. Griggs, Sr.**, Director and Treasurer, 1981 – 2018

**Kenneth B. Hawkins**, Director, 1985-2013 and President, 1996-2013

Our current directors are:

Susan O'Shea, President

Tom Beyer, Vice President

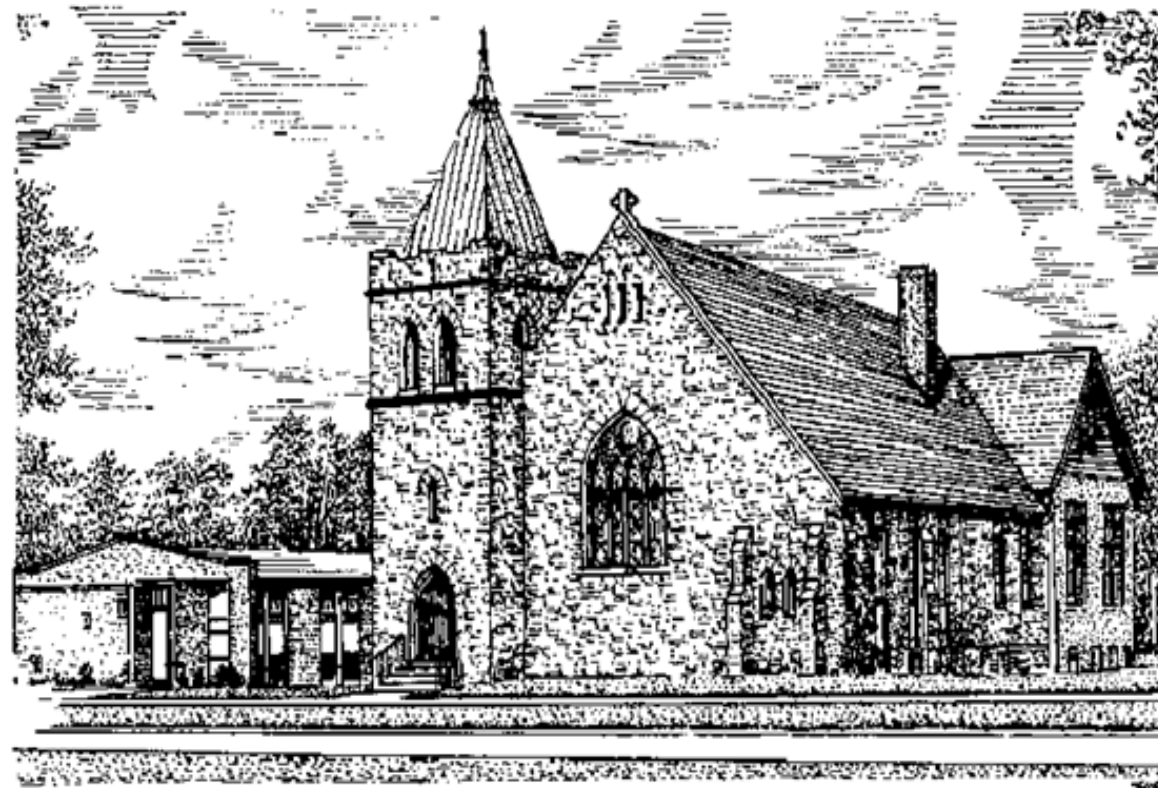
Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Missy Hackett, Treasurer

David Doyle, Tom Griggs, Kelly O'Hara, Chris Paton and Christine Volgmuth

We give thanks to God for visionary leadership and bold faith, and for the continuing stewardship of the resources God has provided us. May we never, ever take them for granted, always giving praise to "*God, from Whom all blessings flow.*"

**Written by the Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt with assistance  
from Messers. Berrien, Griggs and Hawkins.**



## 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 II  
April 8, 2018**

## **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.

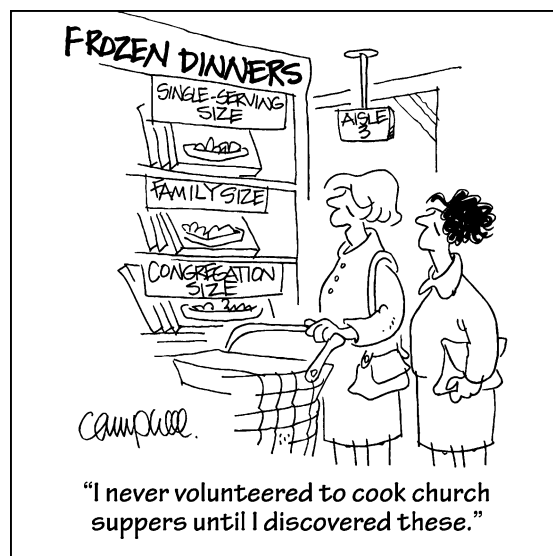
**TUTOR TRAINING classes in Milford** will be held at Fannie Beach Community Center, 16 Dixon Street, Milford in Fall 2018.

**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.



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Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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*

*April 8, 2018*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*Spring may be grudging but Easter is not! The joy of Easter, the promise of Resurrection, the hope of new beginnings, is always with us. As we pray this morning, "Easter is a season" and as one of our hymns declares, "Every Sunday is Easter Sunday from now on."*

*Our joys today include the baptism of Michael Joseph Davis, son of Albert (whom everyone calls by his middle name, Spencer) and Jennifer; and the recognition of three giants in the history of our Mary Taylor Memorial Church Foundation. We rejoice for Spence and Jennifer, older brother Anthony, Godparents Philip Dawson and Janae Davis, and sponsors Charles and Christian Browne.*

*A brief history of the Foundation is on the rear cover of the liturgy. Those giants we recognize include Al Berrien, the remaining Founding Member from the 1981 founding and President from 1985-1989; Tom Griggs, Sr., Secretary and Director for 37 years; and Ken Hawkins, President for 18 years and Director for 28 years. Please greet and thank them for their service.*

*Easter is a miracle. As we have studied miracles in the Rev. Michael Slaughter's book, Made for a Miracle, we have learned that miracles include two parts: divine intervention and human initiative. For Easter to be experienced as a miracle, we have to do something: love more fully, even boldly; take risks; say "no" to letting fear lead us; and say "yes" to letting the mustard seed of faith grow into confident believing in, speaking of and acting for God. We sometimes call this "zeal" and these thoughts are the basis for my message "My Zeal Inspire."*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt  
Pastor*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Dennis Darak

**Greeters:** Karyn and Jillian Doherty

**Acolyte:** Joshua Carr

**Liturgist:** Dennis Brown

**Cross Bearer:** Nathaniel Carr

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today in loving memory of Joan Zeek from her daughter, Suzanne Buchter.

**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.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The Book of Common Prayer (1928), and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Ministry Recognition of the MTMUMC Foundation was written by Pastor Brian Bodt, adapted from "An Order for Commitment to Christian Service" in The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). Pastor Bodt also wrote the Unison Prayer of Confession.

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**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 April "Beacon." Paul Downing, Certified Lay Servant, is our workshop leader. Please contact him ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net); 203.676.5582) or Worship Co-Chairs Leigh Bak ([leighb619@gmail.com](mailto:leighb619@gmail.com)) or Nancy Bennett ([nancy516@aol.com](mailto:nancy516@aol.com)) to learn more.

**A CAMPING AND RETREAT MINISTRY** information table will be available after service on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> in Dodd Hall. Becky and Bob Virgalla will be there to answer your questions regarding this ministry.

**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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net); 203.874.1982, ext. 110) know if you plan to attend. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 8</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Fair on the Green meeting – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, April 9</i>	4:00 p.m.	<i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting - Gunn Library</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 10</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
	Noon	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
		<i>NO Confirmation Class – school recess week</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Tres Dias meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room – Wesley Center (note time change)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 11</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, April 12</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, April 13</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, April 14</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup></i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:45 a.m.	<i>Informal Hymn singing-Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Missions Fair – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings-Sanctuary</i>
	Noon	<i>Sound System Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>“GUTS” Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, April 16</i>		
<i>Tuesday, April 17</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Tres Dias meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4- Egan Room – Wesley Center (note time change)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 18</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Study: “Made for a Miracle” – Gunn Library</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, April 19</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Retirement meeting – Gunn Library – Stacey Cronk contact</i>
<i>Friday, April 20</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, April 21</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>

**TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY** is hosted by the United Methodist Women N-Z. Next Sunday’s hosts will be the Visitation and Transportation committees.

**FAIR ON THE GREEN SPRING MEETING** will be **TODAY at 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 today, **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.

**TRASH & TREASURES** requests donations of clean, working electrical appliances. Bubble wrap, wrapping paper and strong bags with corded handles are badly needed. (*No newspaper or brown paper bags, please*). Please try to bring donations to Trash & Treasures in April when a full T&T team is available to work May vacations limit our working days. The final day for donations is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call Dolly Bonisch for more information, or for donations of large items, at 203-783-9952.

**PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.**

**THIS WEEK**

**ST MARY’S CHURCH/PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH** is offering The New Day 10 week bereavement support group program, starting **April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available in the church office.

## NEXT SUNDAY, April 15th

**EASTER III** – The message “Got Any Grapes?” will be based on Luke 24:36b-48 with Psalm 4 and I John 3:1-7. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Oscar Albus Campbell, son of Kristen and Andromeda. We will recognize our “Trash and Treasures” team and the long service of Beverly Pierpont. Our Mission Moment will be on UMCOR Health Kits by Stacey Riccardi. After worship our Mission Fair will be held in Dodd Hall, and blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary by Eileen Potkay, LPN.

**OUR ANNUAL MISSIONS FAIR** will be next Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, after 10 a.m. worship in Dodd Hall. 21 missions groups will present information during Fellowship Time to inspire and educate our church about the vital work we do through our mission partners. Do join us!

**THE MAY “BEACON”** (monthly newsletter) **DEADLINE** is next Sunday. Please submit articles hard copy to the church office or to Mary Lou Kampert at [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

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## COMING SOON

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center Egan room. This will be a regular meeting with a program by Becky Virgalla titled “*The Sacred Space of Legacy/Inheritance*” - specifically, the legacy of UMW. All women are invited. Please join us if you are able.

## VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1st

Total worship attendance all services: 648; Maundy Thursday: 108; Good Friday: 84; Easter Apr. 1st: Sunrise Service: 54; 8:30 am: 104; 10 am: 234; GEUMC Good Friday: 24; GEUMC Easter: 27 Apr. 2nd Healing and Wholeness: 13; Total Offerings for Mar. 28:\$ 93.00; Maundy Thursday: \$385.00; Good Friday: \$171.00; Counters Envelope: \$626.00, Easter Sunrise: \$114.00; Easter 8:30am: \$3,164.00; Easter 10am: \$4,959.50; Total all services: \$10,548.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$106.94; Engaged in Small Groups: 80; No Sunday School, “G.U.T.S” (youth group), Confirmation: 5; Disciple 4:10 ;Adult Bible Study: Tues:9 ; Wed: 17; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 11; Trash & Treasures: 9; Office Volunteers: 11; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## 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](mailto: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 29, May 6, 13 and 27<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 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, 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.

## SOUND SYSTEM FUNDING

We are near our \$60,000 goal to fund a new sound system. Many thanks to those who have responded to this important project. 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](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)).