

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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” D. Wood

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

“FAIR ON THE GREEN 2017” June 2 & 3, 2017 Bob and Becky Virgalla

INTROIT “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:42-47 Bible p.993

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Acts 2:42-47, CEB

Leader: What if? People: “*What if? what?*”

Leader: What if we devoted ourselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to shared meals and prayers? Would we have a sense of awe?

People: *Like in Acts 2? Sharing our stuff? Helping those in need?*

Leader: Yes, like that.

People: *We do some of it now. Missions. Community Suppers. Meeting together.*

Leader: And praising God and demonstrating God’s goodness to everyone?

People: *Uh.....sometimes.*

Leader: Right! So let this worship include prayer to strengthen our resolve to do just that.

ALL: *Then the Lord WILL add daily to the community those who are being saved.*

*HYMN #136 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Crimond

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*unison*)

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION (*prayed by all*) Hymnal #535

Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin hunts me. Graciously look upon me. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 23 Hymnal #137, *unison*

*THE GOSPEL John 10:1-10 Bible p.977
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON “Cinderella, the Barking Pig and Us” Dr. Bodt

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: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. by M.Wilberg

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (Setting B) Hymnal p.18

*THE COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. and kneel or stand at the rail. During the distribution we will sing hymns #334, 314, 618, 381 and 322.

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (*unison*)

Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN #672 “God Be with You till We Meet Again” God Be With You

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” Hymnal #666
“Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.”

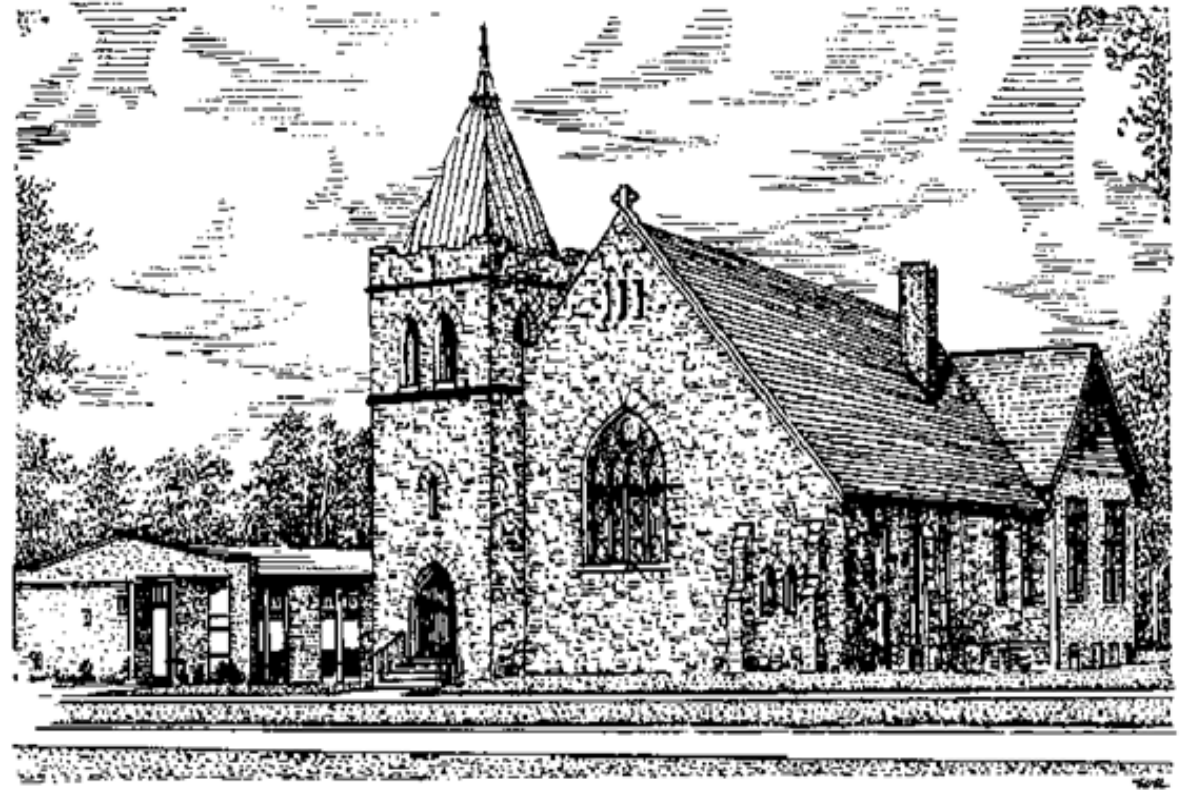
*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

POSTLUDE “March” R. Koury
(*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 IV
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

May 7, 2017

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, May 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Play rehearsal</i>
<i>UMCOR Health Care Drive</i>	<i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Starts today-see</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Stacey Riccardi</i>	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Ministry – Egan Room</i>
	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MIND Spring meeting-205 Academy Rd. Cheshire</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<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>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 9</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library – NOTE TIME CHANGE!</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>UMW Mother/Daughter Banquet – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>NYAC Board of Trustees – Harrison, NY (Pastor Brian)</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 11</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
<i>Friday, May 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
		<i>CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT DEADLINE TO jocbs@aol.com</i>
<i>Saturday, May 13</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>
	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Robert E. Jessel Memorial service - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School play rehearsal - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, May 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>NO Sunday School or 4 p.m. MYF today</i>
<i>Mother’s Day</i>	<i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, May 15</i>		<i>BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 16</i>		<i>BISHOP’S DAY ON OUR DISTRICT – see notice inside</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>St. Mary’s Job Search support group-Gulf St.</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 17</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 18</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove</i>
<i>Friday, May 19</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, May 20</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>
	<i>3 – 4 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Presentation – Sanctuary</i>
		<i>Dinner and Dessert follows in Dodd Hall</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
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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
May 7, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

What are your dreams? For you? For your family? For this church?

Dreaming is easy if we are just content to dream and wait. Dreaming with a heart for listening for, and responding to, the voice of the Shepherd is disciplined work. That’s why the first followers of Jesus and his followers today are called “disciples.”

We’re nearly 2/3 of the way through our Long Range Plan covering 2015-2018. Our Church Council meets on May 20th. While committees are not scheduled to report on Long Range Plan progress at this meeting, they regularly revisit the plan at meetings. It will surprise us how fast the end of 2018 will be here and, with it, the need for a new vision and plan.

So now is not too early, individually and informally, to be thinking, talking and sharing your vision for the church with and among its leadership. We have accomplished much in my nearly five years of ministry here. Wonderful new challenges lie ahead. Let’s, together, be “barking pigs” and not “Cinderellas.” For the meaning of that, stay tuned for today’s sermon.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Tanner Georgelos

Liturgist: Beth O'Brien

Greeters: Pat Jaser and Ruth Starcher

Communion stewards: Barbara Berglund and Carol Galloway

Communion celebrants: Pastors Brian and Hal

Co-Lay Leaders Beth O'Brien and Shelly Lapadula

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of my husband George, given by Joan Zauner; and for a Happy 5th birthday in heaven Bunny Calabrese, given by Rick, Stacey, Jason, Jen, Aiden and Madison.

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 Call to Worship was 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. To help, please contact Steve Wasko at steve.j.wasko@gmail.com or 203.997.2213 or John Leum at jleum197@gmail.com or 203.988.0148. 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

We are collecting **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 28, June 4, 18 and 25th.**

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 30th:

Total worship attendance all services: 181; Apr.30: 152; GEUMC, 18 (at District Conf.); May 2: Healing and Wholeness worship: 11; Taize, Apr. 27: 0; Total Offerings for April 30th: \$5,145.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$3,265.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 121; Sunday School: 36; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 21; Trash and Treasures: 8; Golden Hill Community Supper: 10; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 15; Bible Study, May 3: 6; Bible Study, May 4: 13; Office Volunteers: 2. 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 Firmender family. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: We would like to have a very **brief meeting** for anyone interested in to sewing/cutting etc., for Day's for Girls **immediately after worship today.** We can meet in a corner of Dodd Hall.

MYF EARTH DAY CELEBRATION at Rivercrest Farm: departs after Fellowship Time **today!** See Paul Downing for carpool arrangements. This is an intergenerational event for anyone to join our Youth Group for "Earth Day", hosted by Maria and Andy Macri at their farm, Rivercrest, located at 534 Oronoque Rd., Milford. We will plant saplings for an hour; have a pizza lunch; and finishing plantings as needed. We will return to the church no later than 2:30. MYF Youth will need permission slips which were e-mail last week.

OUR ANNUAL "HEALTH KIT DRIVE" begins **TODAY.** 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 next Sunday. **See the inside rear cover for the list of things to donate and page 8 of the May "Beacon" for full details.**

METHODISTS IN NEW DIRECTIONS ("MIND") SPRING MEETING today, 3 – 5 p.m. at the Cheshire United Methodist Church, 205 Academy Road, Cheshire. See Eileen Doyle or Pastor Brian this morning if you'd like to ride with either one. 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.*" Pastor Brian will lead the brief opening worship at today's meeting.

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

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

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS are due this Friday, May 12th, to Council Secretary Joanne Platt at jocbs@aol.com. **AGENDA ITEMS** may be submitted to Dennis Darak at wingridrs@optimum.net or Pastor Brian at brian.bodt@yahoo.com by the same date. **OUR NEXT MEETING** is Thursday, May 18th, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. The main item of business will be review and adoption of the 2017-18 MTMUMC Program Calendar, which will be submitted for review prior to our meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 14th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER’S DAY

The sermon “A Chip Off the Old Block” will be based on Psalm 31, Acts 7:55-60, I Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14. We will have a Mission Minute by Stacey Riccardi on the disaster response kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our Men’s Club continues their tradition of flowers for the women present.

SAVE THE DATES

JUNE “BEACON” DEADLINE is Monday, May 15. Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

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!

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.**

MEN’S CLUB: On Tuesday, May 23, 2017 we will hold our First Annual Chili Night. Do you have a great chili recipe that you would like to share? Signup sheets will be available these next two Sundays after worship; or contact Steve Wasko at steve.j.wasko@gmail.com or 203-997-2213.

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

TRASH AND TREASURES currently needs any kind of jewelry, board games and other household items. **We are no long accepting books, clothing and sets of dishes.** 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!**

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE: The restoration of the sanctuary stained glass windows is still proceeding; however, the company restoring the windows has run into a significant amount of cracked glass which was caused by previous attempts to repair the windows. Those pieces that can be glued will be repaired to museum specifications and standards. However, there is a significant amount of glass which is beyond repair and they are unable to match the current glass colors available to the class color in our windows as the manufacturing process has changed in the last 100 years. They have found a very close match and the Trustees approved the use of this glass on Sunday, April 30th. The color glass approved is not readily available and the lead time is between 4 to 8 weeks to manufacture this glass. This issue will delay the return of our windows to 2 to 3 months shifting the return of the windows to early September.

If you have any questions about the windows restoration project, please contact Chris Paton, Trustee President, and project manager at 203-874-9390.