

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 “Adoration” R. Koury

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: ***God is our refuge and strength.***

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord.

People: ***The resurrected Christ has prepared for us a feast of love.***

*HYMN #307 “Christ Is Risen” W zlobie lezy

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Sundays of Easter” Hymnal #321

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THE PSALTER Psalm 116 Hymnal p.837-8, R.1

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

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

*HYMN #309 “On the Day of Resurrection” Tune: Hymn #614

THE SERMON “Taste the Good Life” The Rev. Dr. John Sandel
(Dr. Sandel is the Executive Director of the Milford Pastoral Counseling Center.)

HYMN #613 (*seated*) “O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread” Land of Rest

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Dr. Sandel*) Hymnal p. 7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: ***Hear our 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: “Easter Doxology” L. Harris

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11

(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

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. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We will sing hymns #614, 617, 618 and 620, as needed, during the distribution.)

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.

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 #322 “Up from the Grave He Arose” Christ Arose

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #614

***In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

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

*POSTLUDE “Christ 1st Erstanden” arr. by L. Smith
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



SENIOR VOLUNTEER EXPO

Are you interested in making a difference in your community but not sure where to go? If you are age 50+, join us to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 6TH
2:00 -5:00 PM

WHERE: WILSON LIBRARY
303 Washington Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

FREE Blood Pressure Screening
FREE Fall Prevention Assessments
FREE Financial Benefits Screening—
are you getting all the financial help you are eligible for?

LOTS OF FREE PARKING!

In the parking lot behind the library

Public Transit

M, J BUS LINES

The Wilson Library is located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Howard Avenue – along the M and J bus lines.

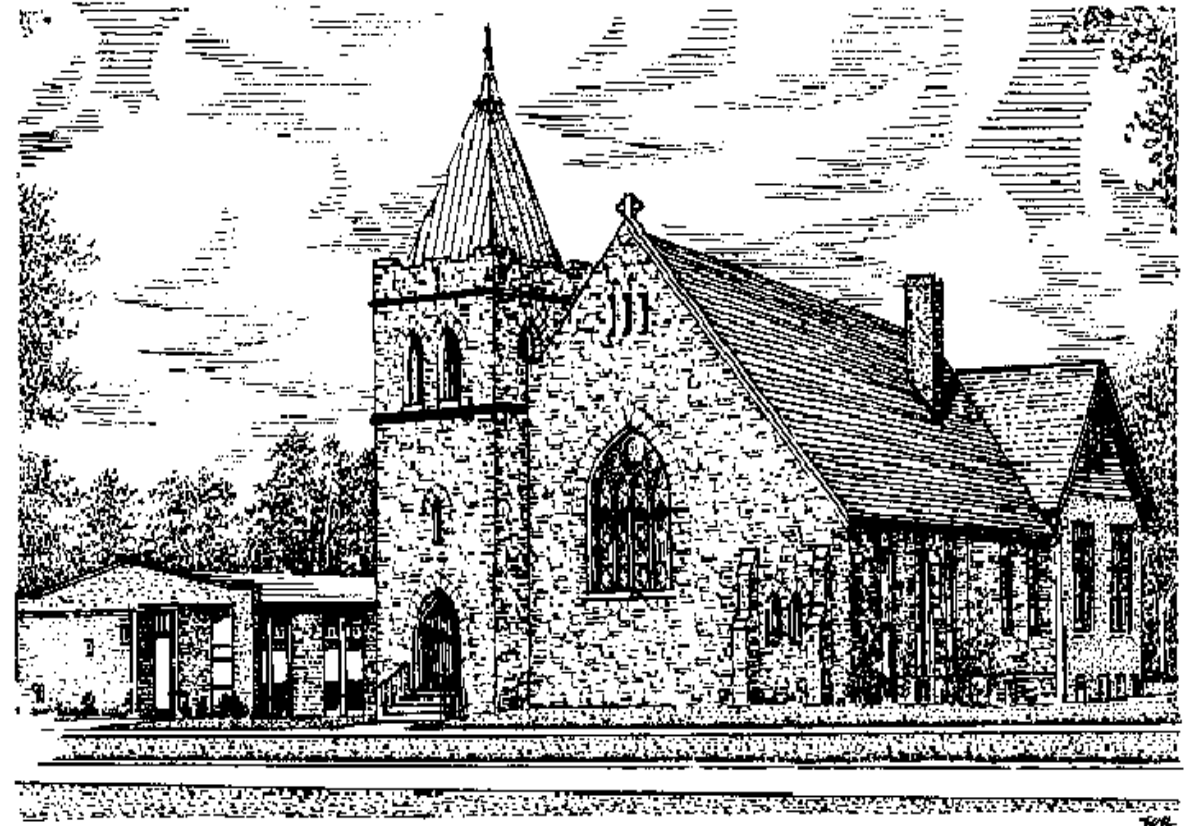
Please call CT Transit at 203-624-0151 for more information.

QUESTIONS?

For information contact:

volunteer@aoascc.org

203-752-3059 ask for Sheila



Foster Grandparents
Senior Companions
RSVP

For more information, please contact volunteer@aoascc.org, or email me with your questions. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will be at the Senior Volunteer Expo, tabling along with many other community groups.

Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven
slamar-sterling@carenewhaven.org
203-230-8994 (office)
646-533-2192 (cell)

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

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

EASTER III
May 4, 2014

Sunday, May 4

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

EASTER III

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Fair on the Green meeting – Wesley Center

3:00 p.m. MIND Organizing meeting – White Plains, NY

5:00 p.m. Cinco de Mayo Party-All welcome – Dodd Hall

Monday, May 5

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – Wesley Center

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Lauralton Hall – Take-a-Look Tuesday Tour

11:00 a.m. Advance Care Planning Seminar – Sheryl Hollyday

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Review for final exam

6:30 p.m. UMW Mother-Daughter Banquet – Dodd Hall

Wednesday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Aging Seminar - Wesley Vil. 580 Long Hill, Shelton

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center

Thursday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Friday, May 9

3:00 p.m. Tentative – Pinewood Derby – Dodd Hall – Cathy Cono

Saturday, May 10

1:00 p.m. Seminar at Smith & Sefcik Funeral Home- no charge

Sunday, May 11

EASTER IV – MOTHER’S DAY

NO Sunday School today

10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:00 a.m. UMCOR Alternate Gift Giving opportunity-Dodd Hall

Monday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Gunn Library – Wesley Center

Tuesday, May 13

12:00 p.m. UMW Meeting – Wesley Center

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class –Final Exam

7:30 p.m. Mt. Union Concert Choir –Nichols UMC, Trumbull

Wednesday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, May 15

BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Open Meeting-Covenant Church vote-Dodd Hall

Grace Notes

May 4, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

We are pleased and honored to have the Rev. Dr. John Sandel as our guest preacher and presider at the Holy Communion today. Dr. Sandel is the Executive Minister of the Milford Pastoral Counseling Center, founded by him in 1981, and of which our church is one of seven members.

The Center, on whose board both Joan Zauner and I serve, offers psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and families of the greater Milford – Orange – New Haven area. It offers a place for people to talk with an ordained Christian minister who is trained and credentialed in current methods of counseling. The Rev. Dr. Alice deV. Perry also serves on the staff since 1991.

Dr. Sandel, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, holds graduate degrees from the Pacific School of Religion and Andover-Newton Theological School. He is licensed by the State of Connecticut as a professional counselor and holds the advanced rating of Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He is a friend to Milford, to Mary Taylor Memorial Church, and to the thousands of people whose lives he has touched for over 30 years. Please welcome him warmly.

I am on vacation today and will return to the office Tuesday. Until we meet again, may God hold us all gently, day by day.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
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Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Brenda and Ed Pineau

Liturgist – Dawn Bettencourt

Acolytes – Amanda Repetsky & Lillia Downing

Cross Bearer – Jillian Doherty

Bible Bearer –

Communion Stewards – Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Dawn Bettencourt

Communion servers: Rev. Sandel, Rev. Vink, Dawn Bettencourt and Kelly O’Hara

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Sandel at the Dodd Hall door and Dawn Bettencourt at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Maren Sanchez and in honor of all our youth who knew and loved her, given by Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway.

A **MISSION CROSS** has been placed and a donation made to MIND by his family in celebration of Matteo Cono’s 8th birthday on May 7.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

TODAY’S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: **Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers” to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). **A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com: 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“FIX IT BOX” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR APRIL 27:

Total worship attendance all services: 200 (Apr. 27, 192; Healing and Wholeness, Apr.28: 8)
Total Offering April 18: \$313.00 April 27: \$4,634.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$3,421.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups:115 (Sunday School 31; Confirmation: 13; Disciple: 9; Incubators: 9; Office volunteers: 10; Praisemakers: 5; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 13; M&E 8, Worship, 9) Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting help now for the next supper, **Thursday, May 22, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at (203-877-4959).

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT: Our next commitment is Wednesday, **May 28th, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Bob Jordan. We need 6 – 8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7th grade or older may serve. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: mjlbwmj@att.net, 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector.

MILFORD'S 375TH ANNIVERSARY: Please hold **Sunday, June 15th, 1 p.m.** to be part of the 375th Anniversary Parade for the City of Milford. We will have a horse and rider representing our early “circuit riding” preachers; a banner and special T-shirts. We are working on the possibility of trailering the Myrtle Beach Methodist Church bell. Want to help? Please contact Michelle Craig (michellemtmumc@gmail.com or 203.877.4332).

AND OUR OWN HISTORY: preparing for Milford's 375th Anniversary, we discovered the founding date of our church is 1836, not 1843. This is supported by research of the Rev. Ralph Lord Roy (MTMUMC pastor from 1974-79) and the photograph in the Gunn Library (Wesley Center, 2nd Floor), indicating that the church was officially organized on August 12, 1836 in the home of Stephen Gunn on Cherry Street, about where the Connecticut Turnpike now crosses the Boston Post Road. The new date is on today's bulletin cover.

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence with us. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today's hosts are the Gay-Straight Alliance. Next Sunday's hosts are the Board of Trustees.

“**FAIR ON THE GREEN**” will have an **IMPORTANT MEETING** immediately after worship in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. We have some decisions to make as we finalize plans for our **Fair**. Thanks to all who remembered to wear an **orange Fair on the Green STAFF T-shirt** (or any MTMUMC T-shirt) today. Help inspire others to **CATCH THE SPIRIT** and volunteer. **Please hold Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2014 for the Fair.**

METHODISTS IN NEW DIRECTIONS organizing meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, New York. Chat with Kelly O'Hara for more details or see page 10 in the May “Beacon.”

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION: 5 p.m. in Dodd Hall hosted as a mission fund-raiser by MYF. Featuring a variety of Mexican fare: “hot” to “not,” there's something for everyone. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children not to exceed \$30 per family. Reservations are helpful but not required: Shelly Lapadula (203.874.4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) or Stacy Meszaros (203.876.2875 or stacymez@gmail.com)

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2014 DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE: to provide dental supplies to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia where regular dental care is inaccessible. FOA is collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and cash donations for additional dental supplies and/or shipping. Please leave your donations in the FOA box in Dodd Hall.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to our Adult Discussion Group which meets **each Sunday, 9 – 9:45 a.m., in Wesley Center**, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR BRIAN will return to the office this Tuesday, May 6. Pastor Hal covers pastoral duties and can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING: a “lunch and learn” discussion, will be held Tuesday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., led by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN on behalf of the Parish Nurses. Discussion includes (a) preparing for the inevitable, (b) advance directives to alleviate family distress, (c) who will make decisions if you can't, (d) will they do what you want and (e) write it down! Bring your lunch; we will supply the beverages and dessert. The presentation will include video clips as well as in depth discussion Please RSVP to Mary Lou in the church office. Questions? Contact Sheryl at Doulee@aol.com.

CONFIRMATION meets Tuesday, May 6, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. **Note that we will end 15 minutes early to accommodate the Mother-Daughter banquet.** A review for the final exam will be held. The final is next Tuesday. All memory work must be completed to take the final.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET: Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall, sponsored by the United Methodist Women (UMW). **All** women are invited to this annual dinner celebrating the women of our church. Women without daughters or moms may “adopt” another woman to be your “mother-daughter” combination. Contact Joan Zauner, UMW President, at 203.283.5643 for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN MAY: this series will be offered Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m., May 7, 14 and 21, with reception of new members either **May 25 or June 8**. Gatherings are in the Pastor's study, 2nd floor of the Wesley Center. We will get to know one another and the membership commitment (May 7), the history of Methodism (May 14) and the opportunities for mission and service at MTMUMC (May 21). You may attend these sessions to learn and inquire without making a commitment to join. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak with Pastor Brian.

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER IV/MOTHER'S DAY

The sermon “Church Growth” will be based on Acts 2:42-47 and I Peter 2:19-25. The “Praisemakers” children's choir will sing. Our Mission Minute will focus on the Confirmation mission project of supporting GEMS, helping victims of human trafficking begin a new life. Our Men's Club continues their tradition of flowers for all women.

COMING SOON

CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE MONDAY, May 12. Agenda items may be sent to m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or brian.bodt@yahoo.com. Committee reports may be sent to paul.downing@snet.net.

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION CONCERT: Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Nichols United Methodist Church, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull. Come hear sacred and secular music from this Methodist-affiliated university that has performed world-wide. The concert is **free!**

A RECOMMENDATION FOR OUR CHURCH to become a congregational signer of the “Covenant of Conscience” will be the opening agenda item at our Church Council meeting of Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. A decision to endorse the “Covenant” will mean that all are welcome to be married in our church regardless of sexual orientation. All are welcome to attend. Vote is reserved to full (“professing”) members of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. If you would like to know more, please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814) or any member of the Gay-Straight Alliance: Maryann Petremont, Kaylyn Bettencourt, Kelly O'Hara, Beth O'Brien, Karen Keane, Leigh Bak, Olivia D'Andrea, Callie Merva, Tom Griggs, Don Hastings, Jane Vink, Hal Vink, Dennis Darak, Judy Darak, Marcia Winter and Eileen Doyle. Copies of the April 8 letter to the congregation providing more background are in the rear of the church.

MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS needed for Sunday May 18th. Are you willing to host a group of *the most fabulous youth* for a course in our Progressive Dinner??? We need four (or 5) host homes: (a) one for appetizers, (b) two (or 3) for the main course and (c) one for dessert. Please see Leigh Bak (or contact at 203.215.0470 or davidbak@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to host one of the courses.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS MISSION PROJECT is a focus on human trafficking and will be the Mission Minute for next Sunday. The Confirmands will have a table in Dodd Hall each of the next two Sundays and **receive a special offering on Sunday, May 18**. The offering will support GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services). Their work is being done, in part, by volunteers at St. Paul and St. Andrew UMC in New York that we visited in March. Please support our confirmands.

A LOCAL COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION MISSION PROJECT by Anna and Elizabeth Pierce is to collect food donations for the Milford Animal Shelter. They will be doing this over the next several weeks. Watch for notices in the weekly bulletin.