

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.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

PRELUDE Prelude on “Morning Hymn” F. Binckes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Be Still My Soul”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31:23-24

Leader: Love the Lord, all you his saints.

People: *The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.*

ALL: *Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.*

*HYMN #62 (*Verses 1,4,5,7*) “All Creatures of Our God and King” Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) James F. White, 20th cent. USA, alt.

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ruth Duck, 20th cent., USA, alt.

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Forgive us when imperfection impedes love of you, self and neighbor. Help us as a congregation to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 31:1-16 Hymnal p.764, R.2

THE EPISTLE I Peter 2:2-10 Bible p.1104

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #529 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 7:55-60 Bible p.999

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

*THE GOSPEL John 14:1-14 Bible p.982

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

*HYMN #164 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” The Call

THE SERMON “Halfway Through the Fifty Days” 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.*
(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)

MISSION MINUTE “Milford Animal Shelter” Beth and Anna Pierce

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for *GEMS*
(Girls Education and Mentoring Services is the 2014 Confirmation Class mission project.
Please make checks payable to MTMUMC and we will forward a single check to them.)

Offertory Anthem: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” D. Wood

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE 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, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE

“Praising!”

G. Martin

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

FAIR ON THE GREEN

JUNE 6 & 7, 2014



CATCH THE SPIRIT!!! The *Fair on the Green* is less than a month away! Whether you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, new to our *Fair*, or a tried-and-true volunteer, you're sure to enjoy much fun and fellowship when you give your time to this important fund raiser for our General Fund. Please be on the lookout for **volunteer sign-up sheets** in Dodd Hall this month and sign up for the area where you would like to help out.

Have you begun your Spring cleaning? Our **Trash & Treasures** crew is accepting donations that may be brought directly downstairs below Dodd Hall. It's amazing how these hard-working, dedicated folks are able to turn your "Trash" into valuable "Treasurers." (Gentle reminder: please do not bring computers or TVs.)

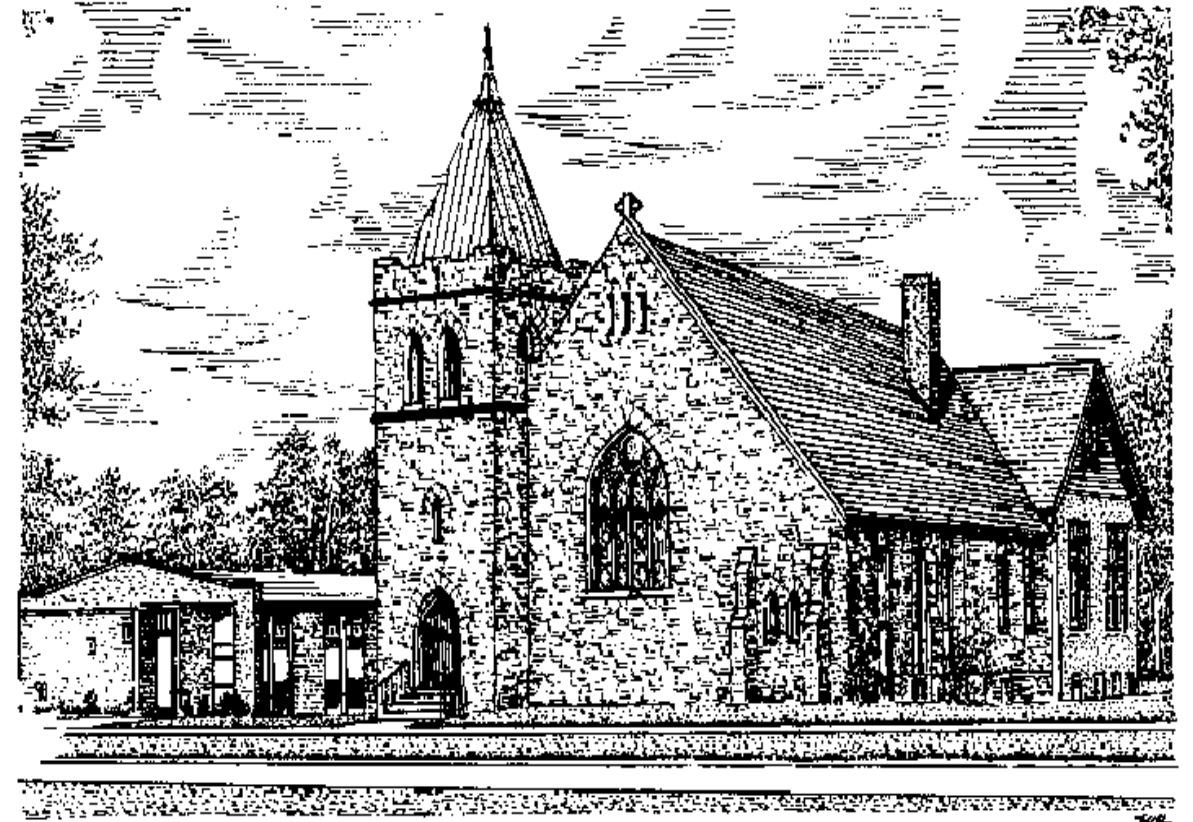
If you have a 🍀 (green thumb), **PLANT** donations are also appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, **June 5th**- Please mark your calendar with a big as a reminder to "come on down" to help with set-up for the *Fair*. We especially need folks with strong backs and people willing to clean the tables and coolers with Bleach - wear work clothes!

Many thanks and blessings,

Eileen Doyle, Chair of *Fair on the Green* Operations

Edie Reichard and Christine Volgmuth, Assistant Co-Chairs of *Fair on the Green* Operations



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 V
May 18, 2014

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, May 18</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i> <i>9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing-Sanctuary</i> <i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i> <i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall</i> <i>11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i> <i>11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i> <i>2:00 p.m. District Conference, New Fairfield, CT</i> <i>3:00 p.m. Peter Smith memorial service - sanctuary</i> <i>5:00 p.m. MYF Progressive Dinner – meeting at Dodd hall</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, May 19</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple I – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 20</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 21</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall</i> <i>7:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Ctr.</i> <i>7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 22</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, May 23</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Griggs/Welker Rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Saturday, May 24</i>	<i>4:00 p.m. Griggs/Welker Wedding – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, May 25</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i> <i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall</i> <i>11:15 a.m. Health Kits due today – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, May 26</i>	<i>Memorial Day – Church Office is Closed</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 27</i>	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class Rehearsal - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 28</i>	<i>2:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper - Bridgeport</i> <i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir</i> <i>7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>

Grace Notes
May 18, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

“Are we there yet?” is the cry of beleaguered children everywhere. They long for the journey to be ended, sometimes as it has hardly begun.

“Getting there is half the fun” is the rejoinder of adults who have come to believe that life is a journey and not a destination.

The journey can be a great blessing. Many of us have, in fact, had the life experience of having “arrived” and found the arrival anticlimactic.

What if, instead, we fully embraced our Wesleyan heritage: that “going on to perfection” in the grace of God meant that every moment is an opportunity for encountering God and serving God? What if every moment is an opportunity for seeing in our neighbor’s face the face of Jesus? What if the journey we long to complete is too soon over and we, like the Pennsylvania Germans, find ourselves realizing we grow “too soon old and too late smart?”

We are “halfway through the fifty days.” More about that in today’s message. More importantly, we as a congregation remain on a journey to grow in discipleship and service. My prayer is that, in the words of the hymnist, “my days of praise shall ne’er be past, while life and thought and being last; or immortality endures.”

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
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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 – Lorraine & Bob Volgmuth

Liturgist – Dennis Darak

Acolytes – Christopher Leum & Amanda Repetsky

Cross Bearer – John Leum

Bible Bearer – None

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Dennis Darak at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Oakley Weyant, given by his family.

A MISSION CROSS has been placed and a donation made to the Mary Taylor UMC Memorial Fund in honor of Dot Law, given by Gladys Hulse.

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.* Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. Please contact her at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net to arrange a suitable date.

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 MAY 11:

Total worship attendance all services: 196 (May 11, 189; Healing and Wholeness, May 12: 7)
Total Offering May 11: \$5880.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$721.78;
Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 67 (No Sunday School; SPRC: 10; Prayer Shawl Ministry: 8; Finance Committee: 8; Confirmation: 9; Disciple 7; Office volunteers: 2; No Praisemakers; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 14;) 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.

MISSIONS UPDATE



HEALTH KITS - Due May 25, 2014

Missions will again be collecting Health Kit items to be delivered during the Annual Conference.

Please have items in Dodd Hall by May 18th.

UMCOR Health Kits may be assembled or items may be left in the collection bin in Dodd Hall and will be assembled by the Missions Committee.

1 - hand towel - 15" x 25" to 17" x 27" kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels not acceptable

1 - washcloth

1 - comb - comb needs to be large and sturdy (8" long), **no pocket combs or picks please.** Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable.

1 - metal nail file or clipper - no emery boards or toenail clippers please

1 - bath size soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only - do not remove from original packaging, **NO IVORY SOAP** due to moisture content.

1 - toothbrush - adult size only - do not remove from original packaging

6 - adhesive bandages - ¾" to 1" size common household band aids

1 - plastic bag - one gallon size, sealable bags only

Assembly Directions

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Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the wash cloth. Fold the washcloth over the items. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes

- ❖ All items must be new.
- ❖ Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- ❖ All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- ❖ **DO NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

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 Staff/Parish Relations Committee. Next Sunday's hosts are the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS ARE NEEDED for the next four weeks. Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. If you would like to place an order please contact Beth at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net to arrange a suitable date.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS MISSION PROJECT focuses on human trafficking. Today's special offering supports 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 are speaking of this today and we will receive a special offering next Sunday.

"FAIR ON THE GREEN" SIGN-UPS are in Dodd Hall. The Fair is June 6-7. This is our single all-church fundraiser of the year. Many hands make light work. Plus, it's fun! Please sign up. Take a sign for your car, too!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held from 2 – 4 p.m. at New Life Community UMC, 1 Beaver Bog Road, New Fairfield, CT. Bishop Martin D. McLee will be our speaker. Corporate prayer begins at 1:30. All welcome.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETER W. SMITH, father of Lydia Smith, will be held today at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

THE MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER is today from 5 – 8 p.m. Permission slips required. See Leigh Bak if you have questions.

WE WOULD LOVE TO RECOGNIZE GRADUATES IN JUNE! Please submit the name of yours, the degree (if any) and the school by Sunday, June 1st to the church office.

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.

THIS WEEK

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS this week. Pastor Brian is scheduling individual interviews with the confirmands. **Confirmation rehearsal will be Tuesday, May 27th, 5:45 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Students and mentors are expected and parents are welcome.

GOT STUFF FOR “TRASH AND TREASURES?” Bring it!: rear of the sanctuary, entrance below Dodd Hall; or call Bev Pierpoint (203.874.7330) or Dolly Bonisch (203.877.3294)

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting now for the next supper, **Thurs., May 22, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** Contact Deb Dubien to help: 203-877-4959.

INVITATION: Barbara Ann Welker and Tom Griggs, Sr. invite all members and friends at MTMUMC to their wedding ceremony on **Sat., May 24, 2014, 4 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER VI/PEACE WITH JUSTICE and MEMORIAL SUNDAY. John 14:15-21 will be the basis of the “For the Love of God” message. We will receive a special offering for the Milford Animal Shelter. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. Health kits are due this day: see full page article in this issue.

COMING SOON

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: mjbmj@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.

“PRAISEMAKER’S” CHOIR will not rehearse again until **Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.** in preparation for the Pentecost Sunday, June 8 worship. Thanks to our choristers and the parents and other adults who support them.

THE NEXT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DINNER will be held **Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.** at Missy Hackett’s home, 467 Turkey Hill Road, Orange (203.799.0487). This event is open to all the women of our church. Please bring a dish to share.

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).

MTMUMC HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for students enrolled in a full time program of post high school studies: 1. Kelsey-Worley Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a college/university program and 2. Men’s Club “Jimmy” Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a trade/vocational program. For information and applications, refer to the church website at www.mtm-umc.org and select the “Scholarships” button. Committee Members are: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D’Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner. Questions? Please contact Wil Wright at wwright7@fordham.edu or 203-877-5021.

FAIR ON THE GREEN BAKE SALE TABLE: Bakers, unite! Cookies, quick breads, pies; all baked goods are welcome. Please bring them on Thursday, June 5th up to 7:30 pm or all day Friday and Saturday, June 6-7. **NEW THIS YEAR: Please include a list of ingredients for those with food intolerances. PLEASE DO NOT USE PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER.** Questions? See or contact Maryann Petremont: 203-877-0612.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

