

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**168 South Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460**

**Phone: 203.874.1982
FAX: 203.877.8973**

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 “He Leadeth Me” D. Wood

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH Beth O’Brien, Co-Lay Leader

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” WRAP-UP The Virgallas

INTROIT “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, you never fail!

People: ***It’s a bold saying you have spoken, yet we affirm it: Jesus never fails!***

Leader: Let us then worship God, revealed in Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, who keeps us under the protection of good providence.

People: ***Yes! Let us worship God so that we may always trust in God’s faithfulness!***

ALL: ***GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME! ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD!***

*HYMN #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Faithfulness

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) Juliana of Norwich, England, 15th cent.

God, of your goodness give me yourself; for you are sufficient for me. I cannot property ask anything less, to be worthy of you. If I were to ask less, I should always be in want. In you alone do I have all. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Inspired by Acts 17:28

O God, in whom we live and move and have our very being: we confess that we sometimes look everywhere except to you to figure out who we are. We compare ourselves to the imagined happiness of people on social media. We look at our heroes and compare ourselves unfavorably. We measure ourselves by achievement, only to taste bitterness when our performances fail. Good God, forgive us we pray. Draw us again to the truth of knowing who we are because we know with certainty Whose we are: beloved sons and daughters of the Most High God and followers of the Living Christ. These things we pray, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 Bible p.1053 (LP, NT p.220)

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

*THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35 Bible p.912 (LP, NT p.45)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*HYMN #536 “Precious Name” Precious Name

THE SERMON “Your True Identity” The Rev. Hal Vink

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 MOMENT “Friends of Appalachia” Paul and Lillia Downing

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory Anthem: “Sanctuary” arr. by L. Larson
(*The Adult Choir*)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #462 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Trust in Jesus
(*Let the anointers come forward during the hymn.*)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

All are invited to come forward to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

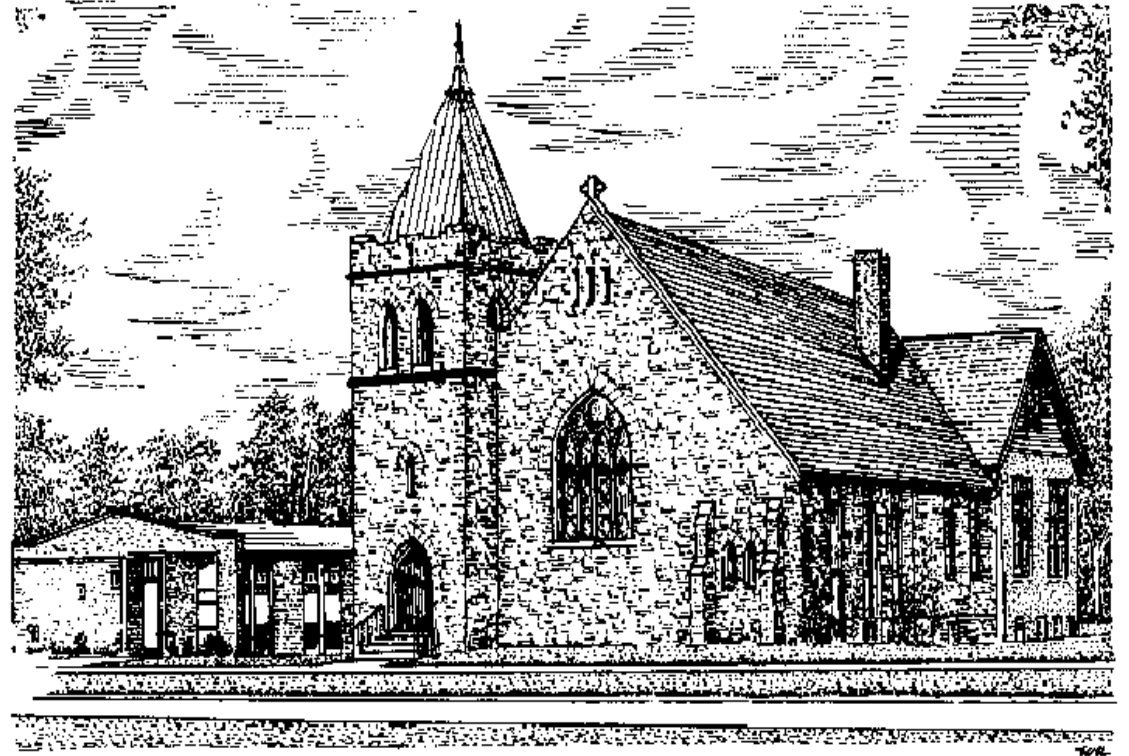
*HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE “Fanfare” G. Martin
(*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

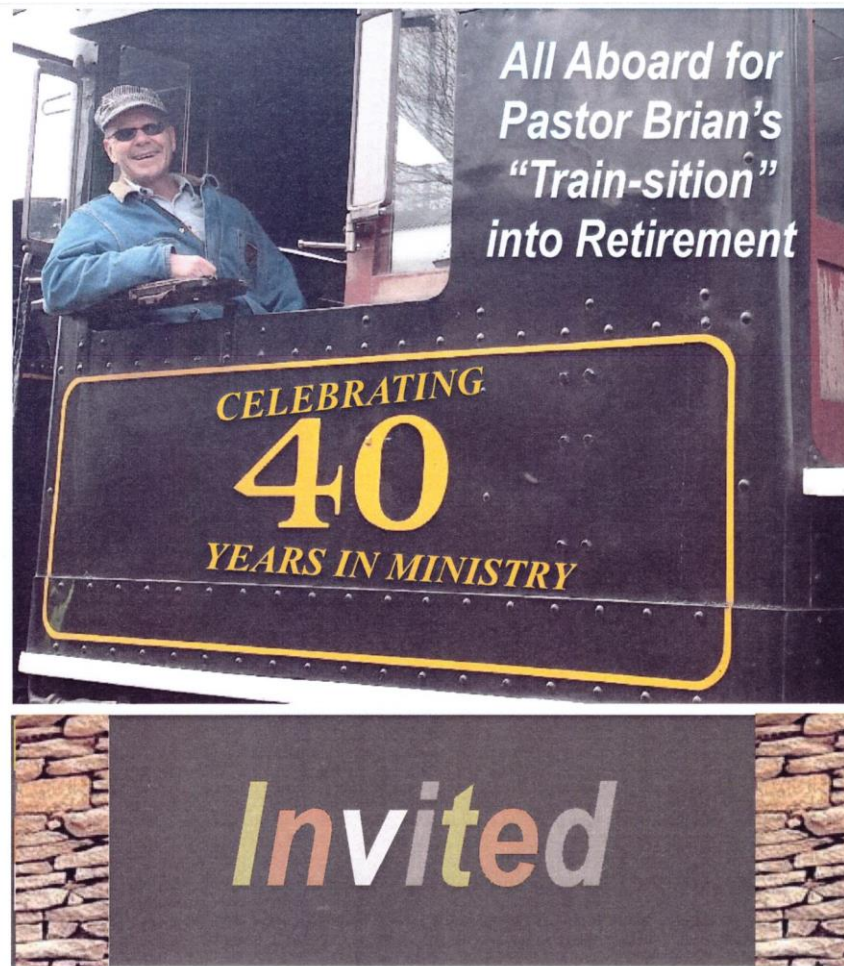
Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016

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

PENTECOST IV

June 10, 2018



Open House

Sunday, June 24th from 2 pm – 4:30 pm

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

168 S. Broad St., Milford, CT 06460

Please contact the church office for questions 203-874-1982

FAREWELL / RETIREMENT EVENT FOR PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL: Sunday, June 24, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Stacey Cronk (fri1013@aol.com; 203.772.5997) chairs the committee on behalf of Staff-Parish Relations. **Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you will be attending** at 203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
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

June 10, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Since 1784 the clergy – and later, also laity – of American Methodism have been meeting at Annual Conference. The work of the Conference is what makes us “connectional.” That is, no United Methodist Church stands alone, but all are united in common mission as well as a shared theology and system of governance. Your generous support of UMCOR health kits is but one expression of many mission initiatives in our connectional church.*

The 219th session of the New York Annual Conference (“our” Annual Conference) concludes today in Hempstead, New York. You are well represented by your Lay Members of Conference, Kelly O’Hara and Sandy Morgan. These two positions are elected each fall at the annual (local) Church Conference. One characteristic of leadership in the United Methodist Church is open election by church members, advertised in advance. In the case of a Church or Charge Conference, specific notice – ten days and two Sundays – must be given.

I am also at Annual Conference, accompanied by my wife Carol Galloway, participating in leadership and retirement events. Church membership of the clergy resides in the Annual Conference. Pastor Dani Levine is also present. Still technically a lay person, she represents her home congregation of Faith UMC, North Haven. All of us return later today.

The Rev. Hal Vink, Pastoral Assistant, is our preacher today, assisted by liturgist Paul Downing and Co-Lay Leader Beth O’Brien. I am very grateful for their leadership in my absence; and for Pastor Hal being “on call” these last several days. May your worship be blessed by them and the Lord. You will be in my prayers and I trust we, representing you at Annual Conference, will be in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*The United Methodist Committee on Relief, our global outreach in situations of urgent medical and other humanitarian need.

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Nick Bettencourt

Greeters: Sandra Marren and Diana Titus

Liturgists: Paul Downing and Beth O'Brien

Acolyte: Mary Repetsky

Cross Bearer: Marshall Firmender

Bible Bearer: Becky Virgalla

Intercessor: Pastor Hal Vink

Healing Anointers: Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Beth O'Brien, Mark Platt, and Steve Wasko.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Jim and Thelma McLean, given by Ken Hawkins.

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 United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Call to Worship and Unison Prayer of Confession were written by Pastor Brian Bodt.

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



TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, June 10</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship- Sanctuary –Prayer and Healing Anointing today</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Pirate Day – Church front walk</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>GUTS Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, June 11</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 12</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 13</i>	<i>6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Leader’s meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal –Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, June 14</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Joan Zauner’s home: 14 Lucius Ct. Milford</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, June 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 16</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beverly Pierpont Memorial Service – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, June 17</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal hymn singing – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Father’s Day – Sanctuary (last 10 a.m. worship until Sept. 9)</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN, FNP-BC and Kristen Campbell, RN</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Visitation Ministries – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 18</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Friday, June 22</i>		<i>Dodd Hall Reserved</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 23</i>		<i>Dodd Hall Reserved</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course – Long Hill UMC, 6358 Main St. Trumbull</i>

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR June 3rd

Total worship attendance all services: 195; June 3:163; GEUMC:22; June 4: Healing and Wholeness: 10; Total Offerings for June 3: \$7,590.61: Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 9: No GUTS meeting or Adult Choir rehearsal; Trash & Treasures: 7; 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 by the Worship Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts will be the United Methodist Women N through Z.



OUR FAIR TRADE COFFEE (and chocolate!) **is on sale TODAY**. The next order after June will be taken on September 9th, so if you want to plan for the summer, better order TODAY. See Christine McGregor in Dodd Hall after worship.

FAIR ON THE GREEN - There will be a post-fair meeting following worship today. Come share “a glow and a grow” with your outgoing and incoming fair co-chairs. Please meet us in Wesley Center, 1st floor, at 11:30.

Our 47th annual Fair on the Green is but a memory now. Thank you, one and all, for helping to make it the success that it was! It takes a dedicated congregation to make it great, despite the iffy weather. Nothing can dampen our Mary Taylor spirit!
Bob and Becky Virgalla

FREE BOOKS! Pastor Brian is pruning his library before retirement. Today is the first of three Sundays in which books will be available, free for the taking, in Dodd Hall. Help yourself!

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) will meet today, Sunday, June 10th, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st Floor. **This is our last regular meeting for the year!** All youth grades 6-12 welcome (friends, too!) Today we will select Heifer donations.

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE concludes this morning with the Service of Ordination for new clergy at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. Pastors Brian Bodt and Dani Levine, guest Carol Galloway, and Lay Members of Conference Kelly O’Hara and Sandy Morgan, are in attendance. Pastor Brian and Carol, and Kelly, delivered the 500 UMCOR health kits **you** funded on Thursday. Thank you! Please keep the Conference in prayer this morning.

PIRATE DAY IS TODAY - This community event hosted by the Downtown Milford Business Association (DMBA) runs 11:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. This “family-friendly” event fills the Green with children and their parents: a perfect opportunity to welcome folks who may not have a church home. It includes a “treasure map” with a clue to each location where participants can get “pirate booty.” The clues are intended to provide easy identification of participating organizations. Please come experience this fun by volunteering an hour or two of your time to “tattoo” the little Buckaroos, as well as hand out pirate booty. Lunch will be provided by Membership and Evangelism. Please see Susan Pitre this morning or call/text her at 203.435.7031.



SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

JULY “BEACON” DEADLINE is this Friday, June 15. Articles may be sent to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy submitted to the church office by 2 p.m. closing.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Beverly Pierpont will be held this Saturday, June 16th, 11 a.m. in our sanctuary with a reception following at 4 Reed Street, Milford.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 17th

PENTECOST V/FATHER’S DAY - Informal hymn singing begins at 9:45 a.m. The message “We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight” will be based on I Samuel 15:34 -16:13; II Corinthians 5:6—17 and Mark 4:26-34. We will have a Stewardship Spotlight by Eileen Doyle. After worship blood pressure screenings will be offered by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN, FNP-BC, assisted by Kristen Campbell, R.N. in the Sanctuary; and the Visitation Ministry Team will meet on the 1st Floor of the Wesley Center. **This is our last 10 a.m. worship until Sept. 9th.**

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

WORSHIP TIME MOVES TO 9:30 A.M. beginning Sunday, June 24th. We worship at 9:30 a.m. from the last Sunday of June until the first Sunday of September, and “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and the location in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. **If you’d like to host Summer Punch Bowl, it’s easy.** Please contact one of our Membership and Evangelism Co-Chairs: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or holly.firmender@gmail.com) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or soupytrus@yahoo.com).

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: If you have a musical talent you’d like to share at 9:30 a.m. summer Sunday worship, please e-mail Rick Riccardi at rick.riccardi@comcast.net or call him at 203.562.6508. **Open dates** are July 15 and 29; August 5, 12 and 26; and September 2nd.

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS will provide informal conversation to get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman. **If you would consider hosting a group of 12-15 people in July or August,** please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733.

TRANSFORMATIVE COACHING, “a client-centered approach to facilitate ...a client’s own inner strength and potential,” is being offered by Paul Downing as part of becoming a certified coach. His completion of a Transformative Coaching curriculum requires offering 100 hours of coaching. He is offering sessions *gratis* or for a free-will offering. Sessions are 20 or 50 minutes each, at the discretion of the recipient. If you are interested in learning more, receiving coaching or helping Paul reach his goal, please contact him at 203.676.5582 or paul.downing@snet.net.

NAME TAGS: we are revitalizing our use of name tags, anticipating the arrival of our new pastor. Please look at the name tags on the table in Dodd Hall to see if yours is there. If not, please let the office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) know you need one.

OTHER ITEMS, continued

MILFORD HOSPITAL is seeking morning, afternoon and evening volunteers. The greatest need for volunteers is in the Enchanted Window Gift Shop, the Information Desk, the Surgi Center and the Dietary Department. Most positions require the ability to commit to one 3 ½ hour shift per week. Orientation sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12 pm at the hospital in Conference Room 1. For more information or to register for the orientation session, call 203-876-4062.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O’Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **Available dates are June 17 and 24, and July 8 and 15.**

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 takes 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 dani.m.levine@gmail.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.