

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Life’s Railway to Heaven” (aka “*Life is Like a Mountain Railroad*”)
(*The congregation is invited to sing with the choir using the insert.*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Inspired by Hymn #117

L: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

P: *Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.*

L: We worship you today, the Eternal God, beyond all Time and Space.

P: *We worship you today, in Whom eternity is promised.*

ALL: *We worship YOU today, our guide, our hope, and our eternal home.*

*HYMN #117 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*) Adapted from a prayer by Ruth Duck

O God, in mystery and silence and in fanfare and celebration you are present in our lives. You bring new life out of endings and growth in all seasons of change. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives and attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give to us all. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

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. We ask that you forgive our failings, not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39

Christopher Michael Krom, son of Michael and Heather

Godparents: *Shawn and Emily Krom* Sponsor: *Stacey Cronk*

*HYMN #159 “Lift High the Cross” Crucifer

THE PSALTER Psalm 9:11-20 Hymnal p.744

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 6:1-13 Bible p.1054 (LP, NT p.221)

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

HYMN #57, verses 1-3 (*seated*) “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon
(*During the hymn the 2017-2018 Altar Servers come forward.*)

AN ORDER FOR THE RECOGNITION OF ALTAR SERVERS

Pastor: The Psalmist declared, “*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.*” (Psalm 122:1) For millennium, people of every age, and especially children and youth, have been called to serve in the house of the Lord. Young Samuel had his first prophetic encounter with God while serving for the priest Eli in the temple. (I Samuel 3)

Coordinators: Today, with thanks for those adults who have also served, we extend special recognition to these young people who have offered themselves for God’s service.

Unison Prayer: *O Lord our God: bless these who offer themselves for service in our worship of you. Give to them love for all your people, fullness of heart as they praise you, and diligence in their serving, that they may know it for the privilege and honor it is, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN #57, verses 4 and 7 (*seated*) “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon
(*During the hymn the altar servers return to the congregation.*)

*THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41 Bible p.914 (LP, NT p.47)

*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
(*Submitted intercessions will be included in the 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.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “When the Train Comes Along Medley” arr. Greg Gilpin
(*The Adult Choir*)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #98 “To God Be the Glory” To God Be the Glory

THE SERMON “Trainsition” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #370 "Victory in Jesus" Hartford

*THE BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis, ed. T. Dunn

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

*POSTLUDE "Improvisation on B-R-I-A-N" R. Riccardi
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

ALTAR SERVERS
2017-2018

Altar Servers are comprised of the acolytes who light the candles, the cross bearer who carries the processional cross, and the Bible bearer, who carries and presents the Bible.

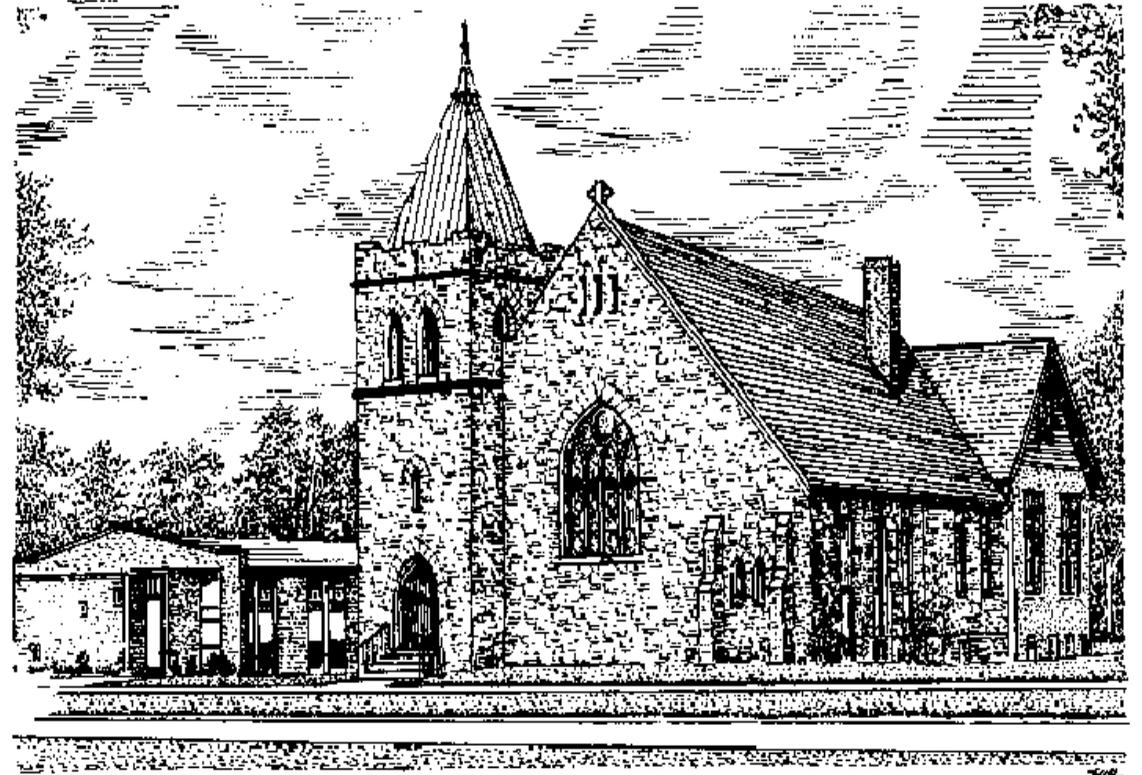
We thank the young people below who have served in these roles. We also thank those adults, not listed but no less appreciated, who have served from time to time. Finally, we thank Sheryl Hollyday and Barbara Repetsky who recruited, trained and scheduled all who have served in God's house.

Allison Bennett
Nicholas Bettencourt
Nathaniel Carr
Olivia D'Andrea
Carolyn Hollyday
Sean Kingston
Damien Monigle
Joshua Paton
Elise Pitts
Amanda Repetsky
Tyler Walsh

Cassandra Bennett
Zoe Brown
Matteo Cono
Marshall Firmender
Olivia Kingston
Ryan Lapadula
Sarah O'Brien
Addyson Perregaux
Eric Pitts
Mary Repetsky

Samantha Bennett
Joshua Carr
Stefano Cono
Michael Firmender
Ryan Kingston
Callie Merva
Jackie Paton
Paige Perregaux
Natalie Rendon
Zachary Scott

Coordinators: Sheryl Hollyday and Barbara Repetsky



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 VI
June 24, 2018

PASTOR BRIAN'S RETIREMENT NOTES

(reprinted from the June "Beacon")

"What will you do in retirement?" It's a question some people have asked out of care and curiosity, a reasonable inquiry for our having spent six years together. The short answer is "Many things I can't now do working 50-60 hours a week." The details are these:

Professionally, I will place my credentials in a local church, as is required of all U.M. clergy. Mine will be at Jesse Lee United Methodist Church in Easton, CT. I will fulfill my term (ending June, 2019) on the New York Conference Board of Trustees and will serve a 2nd four year term if nominated and elected. I suspect I will be asked to preach periodically in area churches. I may write or serve as a mentor to newer clergy.

Avocationally, I want to lose 20 pounds (**edited note: someone noticed this week I was making progress!**) and resume road racing. I expect to volunteer more, especially working on railroad track maintenance and restoration, as a member of the "Friends of the Valley Railroad" in Essex, Connecticut. I have a model railroad crying to be built and a garage crying to be cleaned. Someone quipped "That'll only take six months." Clearly they have not seen my garage or built a model railroad! I will also spend more time in our backyard. Two years ago it was a model of horticultural discipline. Last summer, not so much. I might do more hiking and biking. We may travel. I might even have time to read!

In our family, Aaron (21) and Ryan (19) remain college students so their financial and academic well-being is our near-term first priority. We will be free to travel more frequently to Cambridge, MA to see Daniel and Melisa (**edited note: Dan and Melisa are under contract for a house in Fairfield, CT!**) and Adam and Katie, my sons and their partners; to Maryland to see my brothers and their families; and to Montreal to see Carol's parents, sister and nephew. Carol will remain gainfully employed so that I may live in the style to which I have become accustomed! LOL!!

Spiritually, I will continue daily devotions with Carol, pray regularly, and be open to God's direction in my life. Our worship plans in the near term include visiting the many area churches where I have colleagues who are also friends. In the longer term it will be to be most consistently in a single congregation, most likely Jesse Lee, Easton.

I anticipate a vigorous and active retirement, the Lord willing. Thanks for asking.

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

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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 24, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Sometimes I reflect on what is going on around me as I write. Today, June 20th, the last day of spring, it is watching the library of my friend and colleague, Rev. Hansen, being brought into the office of the Pastor of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church.

It has been a great privilege to be your pastor. It is appropriately humbling to be reminded that it is not "my" office, but the pastoral office. It is appropriately humbling for all of us to remember that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before. 125 years tomorrow – June 25, 1893 – this sanctuary building was consecrated to the Glory of God as a gift from the Taylor family to the Methodist people of Milford. May we continue to "pay forward" the generosity of that gift by living the love of Christ.

I am particularly grateful today to Stacey Cronk and her "Trainsition" retirement party committee: Tom Beyer, Dennis and Judy Darak, Carol Galloway, Rachel Merva, Edie Reichard and Becky Virgalla. Many others have pitched in: too many to mention, although Stacey will thank them. I join my thanks to her for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon. If you can join us for any portion of 2 – 4:30 p.m. back here at church, please do!

In all, may we ascribe credit and praise to Almighty God: "To God be the glory!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastor*

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Nick Bettencourt

Greeters: Sarah and Beth O'Brien

Liturgists: Carol Galloway, Nancy Bennett, Dan Bodt and Adam Schofield-Bodt

Cross Bearer: Callie Merva

Bible Bearer: Ryan Lapadula

Acolytes: Olivia D'Andrea and Sarah O'Brien

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are for Pastor Brian from his staff and the congregation of Mary Taylor Memorial Church - to wish him a joyous retirement and to thank him for his leadership and friendship these past six years. He will be missed!

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.

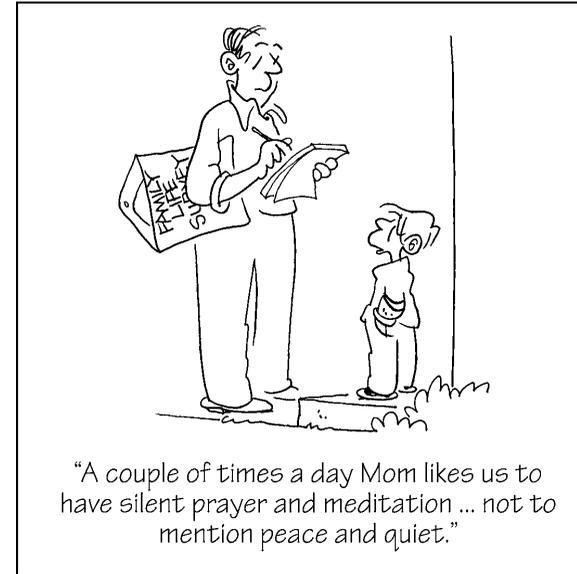
PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession 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 "Order for the Recognition of Altar Servers" was written by Pastor Brian.

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



LEADERS DURING PASTORAL TRANSITION

This quick review of our current officers provides "who to reach" with questions or suggestions, especially during our pastoral transition between now and July 1st. You may reach them at any time, of course. You may also contact any member of the committees they represent. All the names and contacts are available through the Church Office.

LAY LEADERS: *address them on any aspect of church life and ministry*

Shelly Lapadula: 203.258.2777; m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com

Beth O'Brien: 203.877.8668; bgobrien11@optonline.net

CHURCH COUNCIL: *address him about governance or strategy*

Dennis Darak: 203.988.3554; wingridrs@optimum.net

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: *address her about staff or volunteer personnel*

Edie Reichard: 203.650.5733; ereichard@juno.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: *address him about property and asset management*

Chris Paton: 203.675.9093; christopherpaton@msn.com

FINANCE: *address her about fund-raising and the church budget*

Nancy Bennett: 203.530.0176; nancy516@aol.com

LAY MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE: *address them about Annual Conference matters*

Sandy Morgan: 203.203.874.4374; sgmorgan@aol.com

Kelly O'Hara: 203.913.2969; yankee89@optonline.net

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, June 24</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Retirement Party for Pastor Brian and Carol– Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 25</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 27</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Wesley Center – Egan Room</i>
<i>Thursday, June 28</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, June 29</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 30</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>
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<i>Sunday, July 1</i>		<i>Summer Office Hours:</i>
		<i>Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Closed Friday</i>
	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 4</i>		<i>Independence Day: Church Office closed</i>
		<i>NO MTMUMC serving at Golden Hill UMC Community this month:</i>
		<i>Another group has allowed us to enjoy the holiday! Next prep: Sept. 5th, 2:30 pm</i>
<i>Thursday, July 5</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Saturday, July 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon” to be mailed June 27th.)

Tuesday, July 17th: Men’s Club dinner meeting to plan Oyster Festival, 6:30 p.m. Dodd Hall

Sunday, July 22nd: Summer Fellowship Picnic in the Church Courtyard

Saturday, July 28th: Beardsley Zoo Party, 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 5th: Walnut Beach Day, after worship, Devon Rotary Pavilion

Saturday, August 18th: Milford Oyster Festival, downtown Milford

Sunday, August 19th: Youth Trip to Brownstone, leaving right after worship

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR June 17th

Total worship attendance all services: 224; June 17: 189; GEUMC: 28; June 18: Healing and Wholeness:7; Total Offerings for June 17: \$5,214.66; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$4,355.05; Engaged in Small Groups: 12; Visitation Ministry: 5; Trash & Treasures: 5; 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

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL begins TODAY, hosted by Pastor Dani, Olivia D’Andrea, Callie Merva and Sarah O’Brien. “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. Corrected open dates** are July 29 and Aug. 5, 19, 26 and Sept. 2nd. Please contact a Membership and Evangelism Co-Chair: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or holly.firmender@gmail.com) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or soupytrus@yahoo.com). Next Sunday’s host is Edie Reichard.

ALTAR SERVERS AND “FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS:” Please join us TODAY after church to celebrate your service to our church. We will be enjoying an ice cream cone or Sundae bar with all the fixings to thank you for your help in serving our church as bible bearers, acolytes or cross bearers since last year. For those that are new to our church, and would like to be involved in Sunday service as an acolyte, bible bearer or cross bearer in September, please join us as well! See Sheryl Hollyday or Barbara Repetsky to find the ice cream!

RETIREMENT AND FAREWELL EVENT for Pastor Brian and Carol is **TODAY**, from 2 – 4:30 p.m., in Dodd Hall and, weather permitting, the courtyard. Come for any or all of this “meet and greet” event. Thanks to Stacey Cronk and her committee for planning this event.

FREE BOOKS! Pastor Brian is pruning his library before retirement. Today is the last day books will be available, free for the taking, in Dodd Hall. Help yourself!



OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

THE OFFICE WILL BE PARTLY CLOSED TOMORROW. It will be open between 9 and 11:30 a.m. and again 1 – 2 p.m., but **closed 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** You may leave messages during that time and they will be returned after 1 p.m.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday, 9 a.m., Egan Room to mail the July “Beacon.” Lots of great things happening in the summer! Mark your calendars!

PASTORAL COVERAGE IN TRANSITION: Pastor Brian is on call through Wednesday, June 27. For emergencies or urgent pastoral matters June 28-30, please contact Edie Reichard, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, at 203.650.5733 and she will reach one of the pastors on call.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 1st

PENTECOST VII – Our new pastor, the Rev. Kristina Hansen, will preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Dani Levine will preach the sermon "Out of the Depths" based on Psalm 130 and Mark 5:21-43. Special music will be provided by the Adult Choir. Summer Punch Bowl and welcome for Pastor Kristina and Leslie will follow.

PICNIC AT BODIE'S PLACE will also follow that afternoon. Join us for a picnic lunch and some outdoor family fun at Bodie's Place playground (Eisenhower Park) after church. An Evite will be sent to confirm participation. All are welcome! Contact Cathy Cono with questions at 203-645-2362 or spikkio@optonline.net. In case of inclement weather, updates will be sent via Evite.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.

TRASH AND TREASURES will be accepting your best treasures *only during the month of July for the Oyster Festival*. Please do not donate any large items, things in need of repair or summer clothing. Any questions? Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952.

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 July 1, 8, 15 and 29.**

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.