

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.)

**Theme:** *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”* (Ps. 119:105, NRSV)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Meditation on ‘Jesus Loves Me’” arr. by G. Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.

People: ***It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.***

Leader: God’s Word shows us where we are going

People: ***And shines a white-hot spotlight on our path.***

Leader: So let us follow the Light of the World, the Word made flesh:

People: ***Jesus Christ, the first and last, now and forever.***

\*HYMN “Light of the World, We Hail Thee” rear cover

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

***O God, light of the World and bright and morning star: fill us with the light of your love. Let the light in Jesus Christ, a light that can never be extinguished, illumine the innermost places of our soul. Then, when we can no longer contain it, let that loving light burst forth in glorious praise: in loving deeds springing unfettered from glad and generous hearts. All this we ask in the name of the One who has shown us the light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39 and #881

***Emilie Faith Gregory, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer***

\*HYMN #601 “Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet” Thy Word

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:105-112 Bible p.557

*(Read from “The Message” paraphrase written by the Rev. Eugene Peterson)*

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

REFLECTIONS ON THE THEME

Hymn verse tune #2150

**Hymn verse:** *“In our lives Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives Lord, be glorified today.*

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

Pre-K through Grade 4

**Hymn verse:** *“In our homes Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.*

*“Living the Light Every Day”*

Grades 5 and 6

**Hymn verse:** *“In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. ... (as above).*

*“Sunday Light Live”*

Grades 7 and 8 with the High School Class

**Hymn verse:** *“In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified... (as above)*

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: ***Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

HYMN #273 *(seated)* “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” Au clair de la lune

*Let these being commissioned come to the Communion rail: Rachel Borden, Paul Downing, Alicia Meszaros, Catherine Meszaros, Stacy Meszaros, Erin O’Shea and Christine Volgmuth*

AN ORDER FOR COMMISSIONING OF “UM ARMY” VOLUNTEERS

**Pastor:** All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community prepare to go to their work on behalf of United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY), we pray God’s blessings on them and those they serve.

**People:** ***We recognize you as ambassadors of this church in ministry with the people of Springfield, Massachusetts. We dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through prayer we are united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.***

**Pastor:** Prayer of blessing

\*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: “So Shall I Live” with Sarah Brockett, flute

\*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

\*HYMN #657 “This is the Day” This is the Day

THE MESSAGE Sylvia Elliott, Sunday School Superintendent

\*HYMN #191 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” Jesus Loves Me

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #666

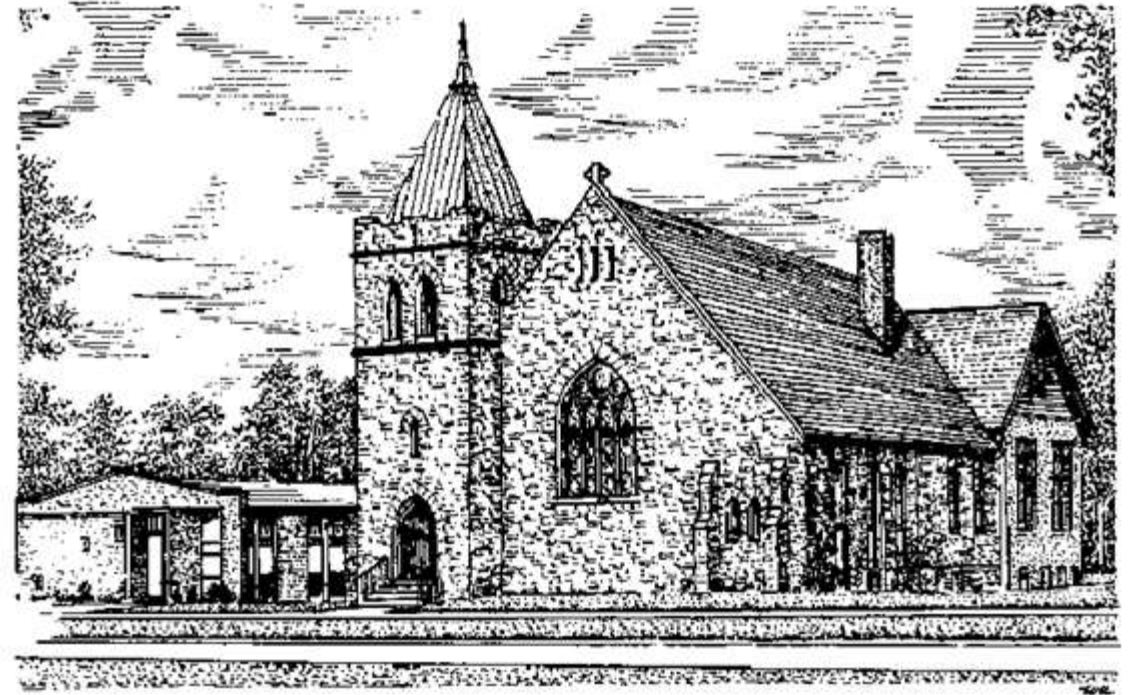
*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “This is My Father’s World” arr. by E. Lorenz

*(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: 1843*

*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.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST III**

June 9, 2013

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Light of the World, We Hail Thee

COMPLAINER 7676.D.  
WILLIAM WALKER, 1809-1873  
Harm. by C. R. Y.

JOHN S. B. MONSELL, 1811-1875  
*Unison*

1. Light of the world, we hail thee, Flood-ing the east-ern skies;  
2. Light of the world, thy beau-ty Steals in - to ev - ery heart,  
3. Light of the world, il - lu - mine This dark-ened earth of thine,

Nev - er shall dark-ness veil thee A - gain from hu - man eyes;  
And glo - ri - fies with du - ty Life's poor-est, hum-blest part;  
Till ev - ery-thing that's hu - man Be filled with the di - vine;

Too long, a - las, with-hold - en, Now spread from shore to shore;  
Thou rob - est in thy splen - dor The sim - plest ways of men,  
Till ev - ery tongue and na - tion, From sin's do - min - ion free,

Thy light, so glad and gold - en, Shall set on earth no more.  
And help - est them to ren - der Light back to thee a - gain.  
Rise in the new cre - a - tion Which springs from love and thee. A-men.

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Grace Notes  
June 9, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

**Sunday, June 9**      **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY/PENTECOST III**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School rehearsal – Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
11:30 a.m. Confirmation organizational meeting – Wesley Ctr.

**Monday, June 10**      6:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary task force meeting – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

**Saturday, June 15**      **Beacon Information Due Today**

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**Sunday, June 16**      **FATHER'S DAY/ PENTECOST IV**  
9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

**Monday, June 17**      7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

**Tuesday, June 18**      6:30 p.m. Health Professional meeting at Hollyday's home,  
17 Robert Street, Milford

**Wednesday, June 19**      10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

**Thursday, June 20**      7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove  
NO Staff-Parish Relations Committee – see notice in  
"Coming Soon"

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

*Our children: is there anything of greater value?*

Nearly every week from September until June, we entrust our children to these saints for instruction and example in living Christian faith. Today, as they conclude their work for the 2012-2013 teaching year, please thank:

Holly Firmender and Cathy Cono  
Kindergarten through Grade 2  
Floater, K – Grade 4  
Grades 3-4  
Grades 5-6  
Grades 7-8  
High School  
Adult Class

Infant, Toddler and Pre-K  
Susan Pitre and Carol White  
Kaylyn Bettencourt  
Beth O'Brien and Shelly Lapadula  
Debbie Leum and Lisa Gloates  
Stacy Meszaros and Michelle Newman  
Paul Downing and David Bak  
Lorraine and David Carr

Please also thank Pastor Hal Vink for teaching multiple short-term adult studies throughout the year; and Don Hastings with whom I co-taught "Disciple 2," a 32 week in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts.

A summer study for adults begins June 19 with details herein. We may also offer "Disciple 1" next fall. Stay tuned!

I close with the words of the Rev. John Wesley, founder of Methodism: "Let us unite the two so long divided: knowledge and vital piety."

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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E-mail: [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

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
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Bill Katt

**Greeters** – Vi Burke and Joan Zauner

**Cross Bearer** – Callie Merva

**Acolytes** – Sarah O'Brien and Kayleigh Patterson

**Liturgist** – Elizabeth Repetsky

**Bible Bearer** – Joe Wessinger

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Elizabeth Repetsky at the Dodd Hall door and Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given in honor of all those who have given their time, effort and support to our Fair on the Green.

**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. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture; The Methodist Hymnal (1964), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989); The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day were written by the pastor.

**SERMON COPIES** will resume on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with the June 16<sup>th</sup> message, available in the Narthex or on-line: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are Mon. – Fri., 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 Wed.**, hard copy or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

**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:** Please leave food items in the back of the church. We need a volunteer to take the donations to the shelter as needed. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

**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](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** **Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

**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 JUNE 2:**

Total worship attendance all services: 170 (June 2: 158; Healing and Wholeness June 3: 12); Total Offering: \$5,283; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$454; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 10; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 3). *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

**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.





**Boys and Girls Village Backpack/Supply Collection**

Mission will be helping children at Boys and Girls Village by donating backpacks and school supplies. Please consider making a donation of a backpack and school supplies, from the list below. **All items must be new.**

Backpacks and supplies will be distributed to the students in August....so that is why this notice may seem early but you can get in on the sales!

**Missions will be collecting in June and July.**

**Please look for the collection box in Dodd Hall.**

**ELEMENTARY**

- Book – Age Appropriate
- Small Packet of Tissues
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Drawing Pad
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Journal
- Markers - Washable
- Notebook, Loose-leaf paper
- #2 Pencils & Sharpener
- Ruler
- Blunt Scissors
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Tape

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

- Book – Age Appropriate
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- Pens
- Drawing Pad
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Journal
- Markers (NON-PERMANENT)
- Notebook, Loose-leaf paper
- #2 Pencils & Sharpener
- Ruler
- Small Stapler & Staples
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Tape
- Geometric Stencils & Compass

**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

- **THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE “FAIR ON THE GREEN” A ROUSING SUCCESS!** We are indebted to all who gave time, talent and treasure to this major church event.
- **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. Enjoy beverages and something to nosh, hosted today by the Finance Committee. Next week’s hosts are the Sunday School/Christian Education. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING** is **TODAY, 11:30 a.m.** in the Chapel (Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). All unconfirmed youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are asked to attend with at least one parent. Letters of invitation were sent on May 28<sup>th</sup> to youth believed to be eligible. If we missed you, please accept our apology. We will set a fall Confirmation meeting day and time and have a review of requirements.
- **SUMMER ADULT BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is **TODAY**. **If you have already registered please pick up your book from Pastor Brian this morning.** The study begins **Wednesday, June 19** from 10:30 a.m. – Noon.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

**THIS WEEK**

**THE JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL** has been **moved to Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the Dodd Hall alcove. This will be our last meeting prior to September. The first meeting of September will be on the new **third Thursday** schedule, so **Thurs., Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.**

**PASTOR BRIAN** will be out of the office tomorrow visiting our UMARMY team in Springfield, and on Wednesday and Thursday as make-up days off. He will return to the office Friday. He can be reached at 203.895.3753 during these times.

**JULY “BEACON” DEADLINE** is **this Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office. Many thanks!

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST IV – FATHER’S DAY:** Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “Spring House Cleaning” is based on Galatians 2:15-21. A special gift will be presented to the men of the church in honor of Father’s Day. Our Mission Minute will be presented by Kaylyn Bettencourt on “Simply Smiles” and we will present certificates to our recent “Disciple 2” graduates. After worship blood pressure screenings will follow.

**BACKPACK COLLECTION:** We are collecting throughout the summer for the Boys and Girls Village. See the flier in this issue.

**CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS** are due to Shelly Lapadula or Pastor Brian.  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS** are due to Paul Downing ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)) by close of business Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## COMING SOON

**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS MEETING** on **Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** at Sheryl and Tom Hollyday’s house at 17 Robert Street, Milford. This will be a chance to plan for upcoming health promotion within our church under the Parish Nurse Team. Please call 203-874-7325 or email Sheryl at [doulee@aol.com](mailto:doulee@aol.com) for more information. If you cannot make it that evening, but are still interested in being a part of the group, please let Sheryl know.

**A SUMMER ADULT STUDY** is being offered on the book of James and additional of the pastoral epistles. We will meet **Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Noon from June 19 – July 31, excepting July 3.** Pastor Brian will teach. If interested, please contact him (ext. 11) or Mary Lou Kampert (ext. 10) at 203.874.1982; or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com).

**NO JUNE STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING** is currently planned. If you have agenda items for this, the church’s personnel committee, please contact Dennis Darak at 203.874.5881 or [wingridrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wingridrs@sbcglobal.net). We next meet **Sept. 12, 7 p.m.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. This will be our last meeting until September. **Beginning in September we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**, so our September meeting is **September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**ST. ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** in Devon is holding a **Strawberry Festival and Art Show** on **Saturday, June 22, 1 – 3 p.m.** Admission is free.

**GOSPEL DAYS AT QUASSY AMUSEMENT PARK - Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Join us for our End-of-the-Year celebration with a day at Quassy. All the rides you love and terrific music performed by choirs and bands from churches and groups across the region. Watch your e-mail and the bulletin for details regarding departure and return, but get the date on the calendar and bring a friend!

**OUR JUNE COMMUNITY SUPPER** is **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.** We need volunteers for any part of 2 – 6:30 p.m. Can you help? Call Joan Zauner, UMW President, at 203.283.5643 or [jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com). The United Methodist Women are hosting the June supper.

**THE “GOD AND CHURCH” AWARD AND A SPECIAL OFFERING** will be observed on **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. worship** (first early worship of the summer) as noted in the June “Beacon.” Six of our own Girl Scouts will be honored as they complete their “God and Church” Award. They have chosen their mission project to be “Safe Water” – through UMCOR—providing access to safe water sources and training of vulnerable communities on health, hygiene and the importance of sanitation. A special offering will be received on June 30<sup>th</sup> as well as on World Water Day in March, 2014.

## OTHER MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM SEEKS YOU** for the following:

- **DIGITAL PHOTOS by June 30** of our programs for our Pictorial Directory. Identified leaders received e-mail correspondence on this on May 30<sup>th</sup> but all submissions are welcome to Cathy Cono at [spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net).
- **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PICNIC HOSTS** to have us to your home some summer evening in July or August. Please contact Cathy at her e-mail above or at 203.878.9218
- **TELEPHONERS** to obtain e-mail addresses for our directory. Contact Cathy.

**BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH BENEFIT** will be Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:05 p.m. at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport. **Ticket deadline is Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Stacy Kweder at [slttoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slttoy@sbcglobal.net) (preferred) or 203.881.1588 (H) or 860.681.5793 (O).

**PASTOR BRIAN** has begun **house-to-house visitation** in addition to visiting homebound and hospitalized folks that are more routinely recipients of pastoral care. The goal is to build relationships on the foundation established last summer through the cottage meetings. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. Please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10 if you would like to schedule a visit.