

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Milford, Connecticut 06460

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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

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Led By Love, mod.*

Leader: Blessed be the God and parent of our Savior Jesus Christ!

People: ***Thank God for every spiritual blessing.***

Leader: May the glory of God be known in this place!

People: ***May God's peace dwell in this and every land!***

Leader: God speaks peace to those who are faithful.

People: ***We lift up our heads and hearts to God, eager to hear the word of truth.***

\*HYMN #213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Truro

THE COLLECT (*unison*)

*Led By Love, mod.*

***Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer. Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Chalice Worship, mod.*

***Source of goodness, who remembers not our sins, open our lips this day to speak your praise! We give thanks that you are the hope of all the earth, the one for whom we yearn and yet from whom we so often turn away. We confess that we, at times, live possessive lives – as if all we have were not a gift from you; prideful lives – as if we were the center of creation; diminished lives, jealous and resentful – as if we were not enriched by another's joy. Forgive us, Lord. Ground our lives in your perfect love that never ends, we pray, in the name of the one by whom we know love, Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER

Psalm 24

Hymnal #755, R. 2

HYMN #123 (*seated*)

"El Shaddai"

El Shaddai

\*THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Bible p. 916 (LP, NT p.49)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HYMN #454 (*seated*)

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open My Eyes

THE SERMON

"You're Invited!"

Rev. Hansen

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: ***And also with you.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

"Who is Like Our God?"

L. Story

*Lisa Gloates, soloist*

\*Presentation:

"Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #398

"Jesus Calls Us"

Galilee

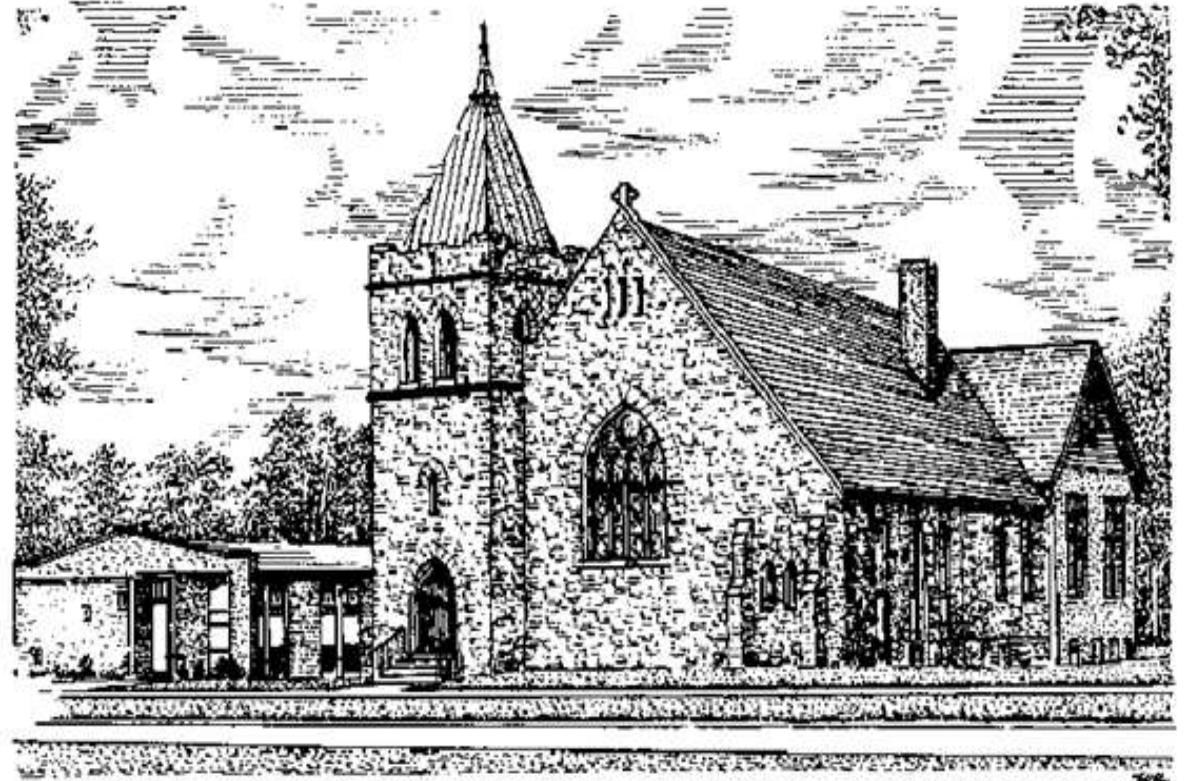
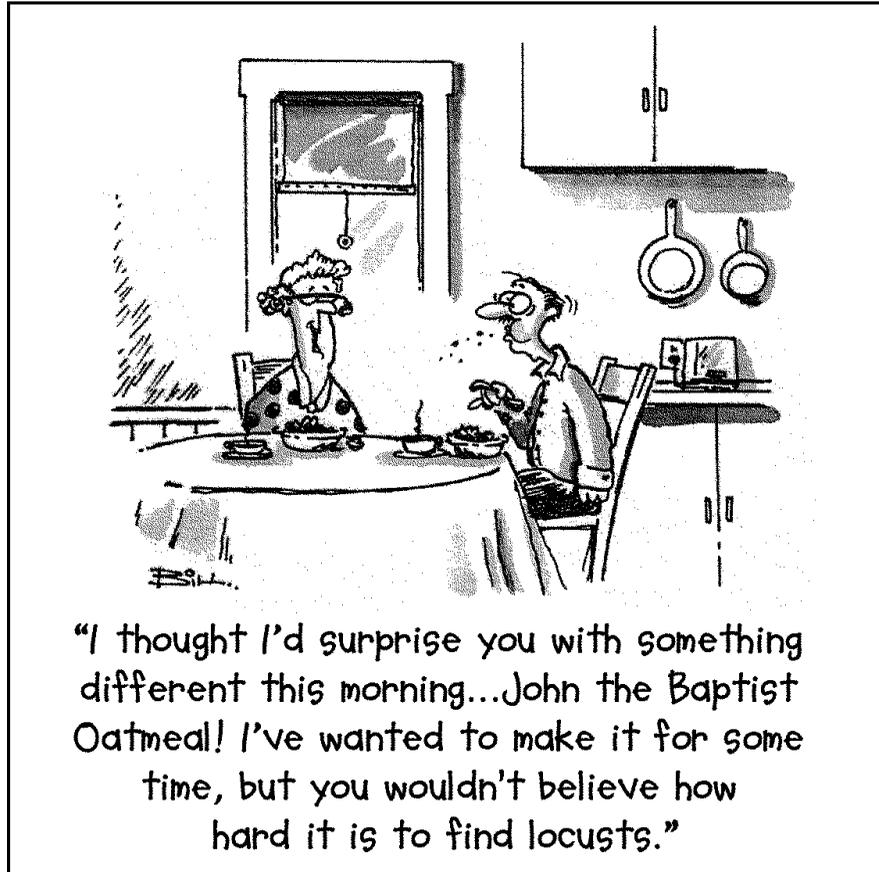
\*THE BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

*(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.***

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 15, 2018**

**GHANA EMANUEL UMC IS OFFICIALLY IN TRANSITION –**

A message from Pastor Ebenezer Aduku-

Grace, Mercy and Peace!

Based on a meeting we had with the District Superintendent of Connecticut District this week, I can officially say that Ghana Emmanuel UMC congregation will formally move out of the premises of Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, to Derby UMC at Derby, Connecticut.

Our official formal first worship moving date is 2nd September 2018. The building has some fixes to be done and so the two months waiting period is to help us put that house and our house also, in order before the final move take place on the 2nd September 2018.

There are a lot of huge challenges along the way, but we believe that it will help Ghana Emmanuel congregation to grow faster.

We will keep you posted with all new developments that take place. When the right time comes, we will thank Mary Taylor Memorial UMC congregation appropriately.

To Rev. Bodt, Carol Galloway and the congregation of Mary Taylor, you have truly made a mark on the ministry of Ghana Emmanuel and left deep impression on the congregation. I know we cannot thank you enough but still, allow us to say THANK YOU. You will forever be remembered for the great support we received from you. In Akan language of Ghana, we simply say "Yeda Ase", meaning we all thank you.

Blessings!  
Pastor Ebenezer Aduku

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		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

*Grace Notes*  
*July 15, 2018*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*“Hot town, summer in the City, back of my neck getting dirt and gritty” – as the song goes. It’s going to be hot on Sunday in the sanctuary, so please dress accordingly, but don’t let the heat keep you away. There is no better way to begin your week than in worship (trust me on this; I’m an expert! ☺) Many thanks to Parish Health & Wellness for providing cold water at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday this summer!*

*“It’s summertime, summertime, sum...sum...summertime, summertiiiiime!” – as the song goes. I truly hope that you are taking Sabbath time to rest, relax, and restore so that you can bring the best of yourself to all that you do and be truly present to all the blessings that God has for you as well as all the ways God chooses you to bless others!*

*“Summertime and the living is easy” – as the song goes. Well, maybe not easy, but it certainly encourages us to have barbeques and cookouts, parties and get-togethers in our backyards and around pools – perhaps, on our boats!*

*This song came to mind when I read our Gospel passage this week on the beheading of John the Baptist. I recognize that this may surprise you a little bit, but if you are reading this before service – I promise to make that connection for you in our message today.*

*If you are reading this at home after service, I hope it will remind you that we may all be invited to parties, but it’s the ones we decide to attend that make the difference. Here’s a hint: If Jesus is the host, click “Attending” on the Evite! You won’t be disappointed.*

*Blessings on the journey,*

*Rev. Kristina Hansen*  
*Pastor*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Dennis Darak  
**Liturgist:** Leigh Bak

**Greeters:** Holly Firmender and Susan Pitre

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are for the Glory of God and in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, today, given by Bob and Carole Sattler.

**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), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## ANNUAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PICNIC! SUNDAY JULY 22 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE COURTYARD

PLEASE JOIN US!

We will offer main dish and drinks, if you would like to offer a favorite potluck side or dessert. Come join your brothers and sisters in Christ for fun, games, music, great food and lots of laughs!

If you have any questions please reach out to Holly Firmender at 203-530-2621, and Susan Pitre at 203-435-7031. See you there!



## LOOKING AHEAD

### JULY 28 - BEARDSLEY ZOO PARTY

Meet us at the Beardsley Zoo on Saturday at 11am for summer fun with your church family. We'll enjoy carousel rides, animals, pizza, and snacks! This complimentary event is sponsored by the Sunday School. Friends and family members of all ages are welcome.

We will solicit online RSVP's through Evite. Space is limited to first come, first served based on Evite responses. Event will be held rain or shine (carousel and party room are indoors), but let's hope for good weather!



## TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** is hosted by Cathy Cono. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and is located 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact a Membership and Evangelism Co-Chair: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.com)) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or [soupytrus@yahoo.com](mailto:soupytrus@yahoo.com)). Next Sunday will be the church picnic in the courtyard.

**AUGUST “BEACON” DEADLINE** is today, July 15. Articles may be sent to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy submitted to the church office.

**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

**CHURCH OFFICE NOTES:** The office is on summer hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9 am – 2 pm, and closed Fridays.

**THE MEN’S CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall to plan the Oyster Festival. Dinner is included in the meeting.

**THE GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE** will meet on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Gunn Library.

## NEXT SUNDAY, July 22nd

**PENTECOST X** - Lectionary readings are II Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22 and Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. Special music by Stacey Cronk and Lee Littrell. There will be an all-church picnic on the church campus (see related article).

## VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR July 8<sup>th</sup>

Total worship attendance all services: 161; July 8: 130; GEUMC: 20; July 9: Healing and Wholeness:11; Total Offerings for July 8: \$6,951.75; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 7; Trash & Treasures: 6; Office Volunteers: 1; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, July 15</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Information Due</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Leigh Bak, RN – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 16</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 17</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Club meeting – Dodd Hall – Oyster Festival planning meeting-dinner included</i>
<i>Thursday, July 19</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Egan room</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Sound Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Sunday, July 22</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>All Church picnic-Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 23</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan room – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, July 26</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Saturday, July 28</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beardsley Zoo Party – Free admission – Cathy Cono contact</i>

## LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

*(Details in the July “Beacon”)*

Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Summer Fellowship Picnic in the Church Courtyard

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>: Beardsley Zoo Party, 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>: Walnut Beach Day, after worship, Devon Rotary Pavilion

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>: Milford Oyster Festival, downtown Milford

Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>: Youth Trip to Brownstone, leaving right after worship

## 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](mailto:rick.riccardi@comcast.net) or call him at 203.562.6508. **Open dates** are August 5 and 12; and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**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.

**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.

**YOU'VE GOT MAIL** – If you have a mailbox in the church office, please pick your mail up. If you've changed committee leaders you may not remember to check for incoming mail. An e-mail was sent last Tuesday notifying people who have newly been assigned mailboxes, along with a confirmation of those who already have them. If you are unsure, check with Mary Lou in the church office.



**THE RED CROSS** has issued a call for blood donors. They are asking for types A, B and O to fill the gap and prevent a summer shortage. Sign on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for the local blood mobile listings in our area.

**In two weeks, Boy Scout Troop 802 and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive.** Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today. Troop 802 members include the Cono, Carr, and Leum families and we would love to see you at the drive!

**Drive Details:** Site: First Congregational Church

**Address:** 1 Church St., West Haven, CT, 06516

**Date:** Sat Jul 21, 2018

**Coordinator Name:** Mark Homburg **Coordinator Phone Number:** 203-934-3437

**Room Name:** Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 9:00: AM - 2:00: PM

## **THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION...**

... hosts a Prayer Time weekly *Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 8 pm*, via Conference Call. Contact person is Pastor Ximena Varas, [Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com](mailto:Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com). Join us for a time of prayer for our country and immigrant brothers and sisters. Call-in number: 641-715-3580; 780-843#

**CONNECTICUT DISTRICT ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS** – *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Resolution* is being offered in July, taught by Mary Brevigleiri, Certified Lay Minister. Course will take place on two Saturdays, July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Wethersfield UMC. Lay Servants will earn 10 credits for successful completion; it will cover the three-year requirement as a Certified Lay Servant. For more information, contact Pastor Dani Levine, [dani.m.levine@gmail.com](mailto:dani.m.levine@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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 August 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

**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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Kristina Hansen:** **NEW!** [revkristina@yahoo.com](mailto:revkristina@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 cell, or [dani.m.levine@gmail.com](mailto: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.