

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Slow Movement from Concerto in D Minor “ Vivaldi/Bach
“Pastorale” Handel
“Berceuse” Vierne

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP **The Book of Worship, 1965, alt.**

L: May those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

P: *Yes, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God’s holy name.*

L: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

P: *We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.*

*HYMN #127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*) **The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 1979, alt.**

Almighty God, you created us in your own image. Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression. And, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) **Michael J. O’Donnell, USA, 20th cent.**

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 16:2-15 Bible p.62
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 Bible p.897
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #433 “All Who Love and Serve Your City” Charlestown

THE SERMON “Going God’s Way?” Dr. Bodt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A Statement of Faith of Hymnal #883
The United Church of Canada”

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

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.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Sketch” Biggs

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio
(*Let the ushers retire and the anointers come forward.*)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*Each last Sunday of the month, all are invited to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing hymns 408, 407, 405 and 397. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice of God’s love is 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 #553 “And Are We Yet Alive” Dennis

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” 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

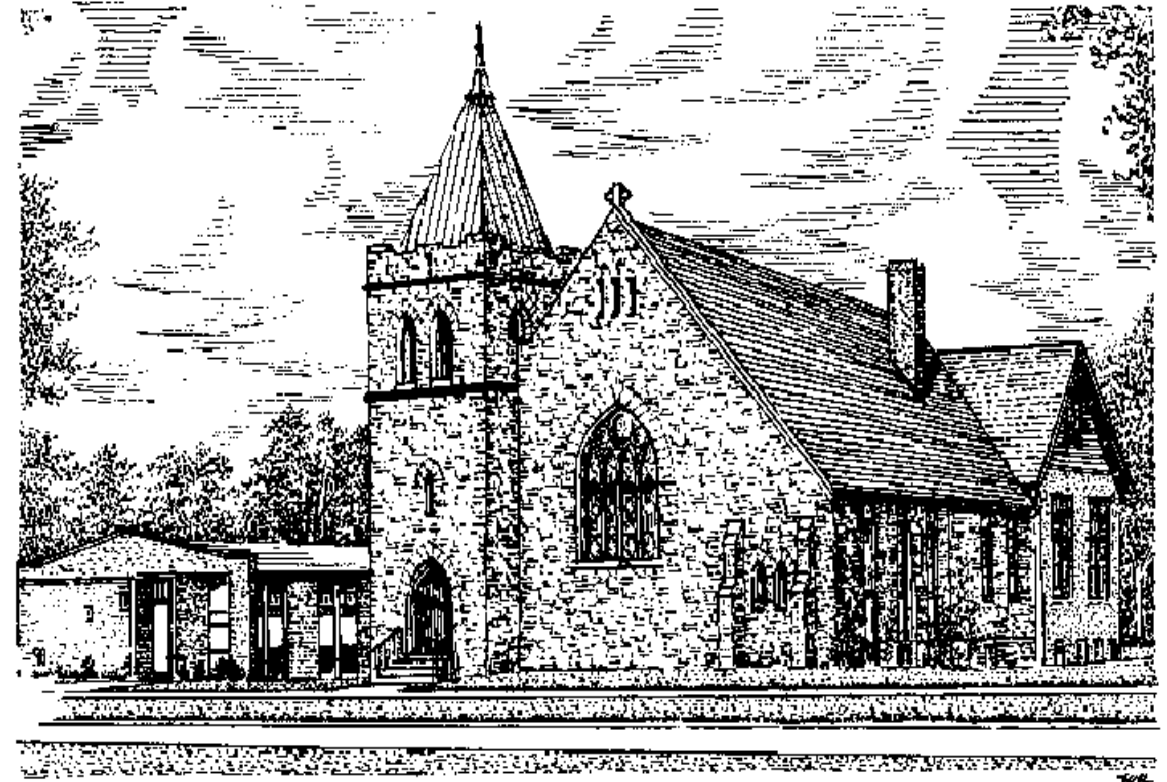
“Finale from Firework Music”

Handel

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is **Mark Kasmin**, a native of Milford living in Colebrook, CT since 2005. He holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford in Liturgical Music and Music Education. Mark taught in the Simsbury and Milford public schools and then became Minister of Music at St. Pius X R.C. church in Fairfield. He has served many churches in CT and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, (a national honorary musical fraternity) and a member of the Greater Hartford chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Mark is a past Dean of the Bridgeport chapter AGO. He is now retired while substituting at various churches throughout CT.



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 XVI

September 24, 2017

STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7 and 14, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 24 and Nov. 1, 8 and 15, 10 – 11:15 a.m.

Our seasonal fall Bible study will be on the Gospel of Mark. This study is especially designed for students who are newer to, or inexperienced in, Bible study. We will use the Immersion Bible study series guide for Mark. I will be the teacher. We will meet Tuesdays from 7 – 8:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 – 11:15 a.m. on the dates noted above. Participants will choose Tuesdays or Wednesdays but may alternate if needed.

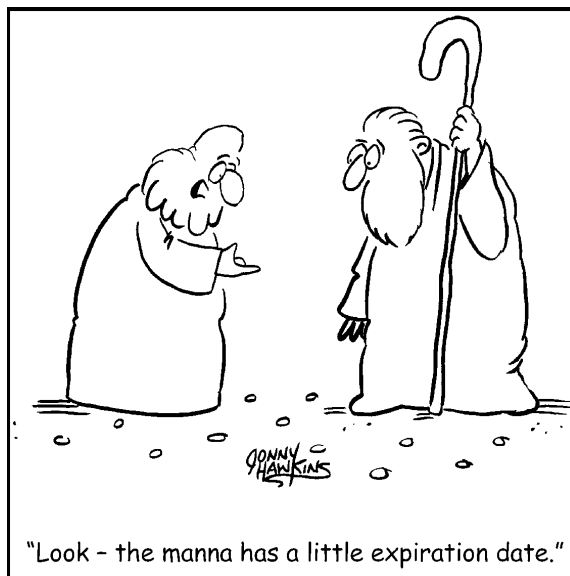
Why this study? Offering this study for those less familiar or comfortable with Bible study is a fine compliment to our “Disciple 4” study, led by Don Hastings, for those with more Bible study experience. It makes the Bible accessible to newer learners.

Why Mark? For three reasons: it is the **oldest** Gospel, it is the **shortest** Gospel, and it is **the Gospel we will read in worship** in the new liturgical year that begins on Dec. 3. Students will leave with an understanding of the Gospel that can be applied to daily life, as well as prepare them to experience Mark in worship by being familiar with it in study.

If you desire to register, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at the church office at 203.874.1982 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net Please give her your name, preferred telephone number and e-mail address (if available) when you register. Books are “in.” The readings for the first sessions, Oct. 3 and 4, are Mark, chapters 1, 2 and 3.

If you have questions that you desire answered before you register, please reach me at my contacts below. I look forward to this time of study and spiritual growth.

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Grace Notes

September 24, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

As is often said of vacations, “It was good to be away and it is good to be back.” Part of being “back” is “catch up,” hence this potpourri of topics for my lead article today.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for youth is today immediately following worship in the sanctuary. Light lunch follows in the Dodd Hall alcove for pre-registered attendees. If you didn't pre-register but wish to attend today, please do. We will also offer this training next Sunday after worship, again with light lunch after. See the enclosed flier.

OUR YAHOO GROUP is now being moderated in the interest of providing an appropriate and secure “virtual” environment. This may mean a slight delay in posting prayer requests and church program information, the two approved uses for this e-mail group. We encourage your membership, open to MTMUMC members and friends. To join, or if you have questions, please contact any of the moderators: Stacy Meszaros (Lead Moderator), Kat Bennette, Pastor Brian Bodt, Mary Lou Kampert, Pastor Dani Levine or Kelly O'Hara.

“THE GOSPEL OF MARK” STUDY begins a week from Tuesday. Books are available from me today, as well as answers to any questions. Registration details are on the rear cover.

YOUR GENEROUS U.M.C.O.R. RESPONSE totaled \$2,858 for U.S. Disaster Response (direct Hurricanes Harvey and Irma relief) and \$695 for Material Resources Advance (flood buckets used to clean up the aftermath). UMCOR, the “United Methodist Committee on Relief” enjoys a well-deserved reputation as “first in, last out” of disaster scenes. Thank you for your strong support so typical of this congregation's generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Ethan Weed

Liturgist: Priscilla James

Greeters: Pat Jaser and Maureen Groves

Bible Bearer – Tyler Walsh

Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula

Acolyte – Carolyn Hollyday

Intercessor – Sandy Morgan

Anointers – Pastors Hal and Dani, Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Mark Platt, and Steve Wasco.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Hazel Carveth, given by her children; and to the Glory of God, given by Sandra Short.

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 either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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

Wednesday, October 4 10:00 a.m. "Mark" Study – Pastor Brian – Gunn Library

6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, October 5 1:00 p.m. Bereavement support Group-St. Mary's Church-Father Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St.

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – 47 Commodore Place, Milford

Friday, October 6 10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

12:30 p.m. Piano tuned in Dodd Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth Group "Lock-In" Oct.6, 6pm through Oct.7, 10 am

Saturday, October 7 9:00 a.m. Men's Tres Dias Reunion Group - Chapel

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – Sunday, November 5th

We will again remember the names of those dear to us at Mary Taylor Memorial Church who have died since the last All Saints (November 1, 2016). We will do our best to cull an accurate list of these names from our bulletins and funeral records.

We welcome your help. Please send to Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111) the name of your loved one you wish to be remembered at your earliest convenience **but not later than Wednesday, November 1st**.

Thank you for creating a complete and meaningful remembrance of those who have "died in the Lord."

Our current list includes:

Milfred Bodt	Father of Pastor Brian Bodt
Rachel Brownstein	Friend of Patrick Downey
Maureen Campo	Cousin of Patrick Downey
Judy Cannon	Mother of Stacey Cronk
Linwood (Sandy) Costello	Member
William Everett	Member, husband of Sally
Marie Grasso	Mother of Barronlee Grasso
Robert Jessel	Brother-in-law of Pat Jaser
Ben Jordan	Friend of Patrick Downey
Lillie Katrick	Member, wife of Jack
Jim McLean	Member
George Merva	Member, husband of Fran
John Misiti	Grandfather of Patrick Downey
Frank Morabito	Husband of Pat Burke

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, September 24</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Altar Server Training – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry – Dodd Hall, 1st Floor</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick-off Picnic - Bettencourt's home, 144 Timber Trail, Milford</i>
<i>Monday, September 25</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6 – 7:30 pm Safe Sanctuary training – K2 Classroom, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 26</i>	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Wesley Center, Egan room</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Men's Club Food & Fellowship meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 class - Wesley Center, Egan room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance – Wesley Center, Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 27</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Wesley Center, Egan Room</i>
	<i>12:00 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, September 28</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:45 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. MTMUMC Foundation meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, September 29</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, September 30</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Men's Tres Dias Reunion Group - Chapel</i>
	<i>9:30 a.m. Safe Sanctuary training – K2 Classroom, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Sunday, October 1</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday/Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Altar Server Training – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m. Youth Group meeting – Youth Group Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, October 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 3</i>	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class-Egan room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. "Mark" Study – Pastor Brian – Egan Room</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted by the Men's Club.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING is held after worship today, beginning in the sanctuary. A light lunch will follow in the Dodd Hall alcove **for those who registered in advance**. Training will also be offered next Sunday, October 1. ALL new and returning servers are invited. Please help us lead worship in these important roles. Each meeting will include important information for youth and their parents regarding online scheduling and training sessions.

It is helpful to know how many are coming to we can plan for food and materials. Please let us know your plan to attend by contacting Sheryl Hollyday (doulee@aol.com or 203-874-7325) or Barbara Repetsky (babsbayr@aol.com or 203-931-4363). See the enclosed flier to register.

ANNUAL YOUTH KICK-OFF TODAY – from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Bettencourt Home, 144 Timber Trail, Milford. Bring yourself, a friend, a side dish, and pool gear! There will be food and fun to be had by all. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to attend. For information please contact Pastor Dani, 203-927-9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.com.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING – tomorrow, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. or Sat., Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. - K2 Classroom, Wesley Center. This **required** training is for all workers with children and youth: Sunday School (2.0), UMARMY, youth group, Confirmation, Altar Servers, "Praisemakers" children's choir.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE of MTMUMC will meet Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center, Gunn Library. The struggle for equality for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex Sisters and Brothers is far from over. **How do you want our GSA to make a difference over the next five years?** Let's have that conversation next Tuesday, if you are unable to attend the meeting please email me your thoughts to Kelly O'Hara at yankee89@optonline.net.

TAIZE WORSHIP RESUMES: Wed, Sept. 27, noon or Thurs., Sept. 28, 6:45 p.m., sanctuary.

MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER: Thurs., Sept. 28, 2-6:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203-877-4959.

CONFERENCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE: Sat., Sept. 30, 10 a.m., 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY. Our church helped fund the renovation of the Conference Center. You are invited to the special recognition. The open house continues until 4 p.m. **To carpool or for more information,** contact Pastor Dani Levine (203.927.9077; danielle.levine@mail.com) or Member of Conference Kelly O'Hara (203.913.2969; yankee89@optonline.net).

NEXT SUNDAY, October 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting B). The sermon, "Water from the Rock" will be based on Exodus 17:1-7 and Philippians 2:1-13. We will have a brief introduction to this year's stewardship campaign "*Worth-ship: Giving to God what God is worth*" from Co-Chair Lisa Sobolewski. After worship, we will have altar server training in the sanctuary.

THE YOUTH GROUP will resume regular meetings on Sunday, October 1st, 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge on the first floor of the Wesley Center. Each week, we will have a discussion topic. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome! Topic for October 1st: "Who's in, Who's out?"

PASTOR BRIAN BODT will be the preacher at the worship of Ghana Emmanuel UMC next Sunday, 5:00 p.m. in our Chapel. GEUMC is the mission congregation worshipping on Sunday afternoons in our Chapel for the last year. MTMUMC members are cordially invited to this Spirit-filled and culturally different experience of worship

NEXT WEEK

"I CHERISH YOU:" a retreat for couples, will be held from Friday, Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m. to Sat. Oct. 14, 5 p.m. Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway are the retreat facilitators on this cooperative retreat with Golden Hill U.M. Church. The retreat will be held at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT (just north of Hartford). Registration is \$110 (payable to Golden Hill UMC) and limited to 8 couples on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 2. To register, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call 203.874.1982, ext. 110.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN will be Friday, October 6th! This event will count toward October's AM!GO trip! More details will be available next week. Topic for the Lock-in is "Circuit Board." If there are any questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Dani at danielle.levine@mail.com.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact **Beth O'Brien** at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

Flower donations now needed for October 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 brings 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 Danielle.levine@mail.com.

"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.

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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR September 17th:

Total worship attendance all services: 158; Sept. 17: 129; GEUMC: 21; Sept. 18: Healing and Wholeness worship: 8; Total Offerings for Sept. 17: \$4,448.25; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 122. Sunday School: 28; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 15; Office Volunteers: 2; Club 80 Luncheon: 30; Confirmation: 6; Disciple 4: 13; Golden Hill Community Supper: 14; Prayer Shawl: 7; 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.