

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street

Milford, Connecticut 06460

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

“Gentle Shepherd”

W. Gaither

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Duck, USA, alt.

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: *so God seeks and saves the lost.*

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: *so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.*

Leader: As a father receives a returning and wayward son,

People: *so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.*

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: *Let us receive, welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Christ.*

\*HYMN #126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Mit Freuden Zart

THE COLLECT *(seated, unison)*

*O God, the Hound of Heaven: may you find us today wherever we are and, not leaving us where we are but drawing us close to you, find that in the intimacy of love we may become better reflections of the Lord of Love, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael J. O'Donnell, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Century

*We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER

Psalm 14

Hymnal p.746

THE EPISTLE

I Timothy 1:12-17

Bible p.1080

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Bible p.952

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #2146

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

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THE SERMON

“The Lost Wallet”

Dr. Bodt

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.)*

MINISTRY MOMENTS

“The Long-Range Planning Committee”

Sue O'Shea, Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“God is True”

J. Althouse

\*Presentation:

“Bless Thou the Gifts”

Hymnal #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #140

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen, Amen”

Hymnal #897

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

\*POSTLUDE

“Sur Les Grands Jeux”

W. Gaither

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

## 2146 His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows  
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I  
 3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-

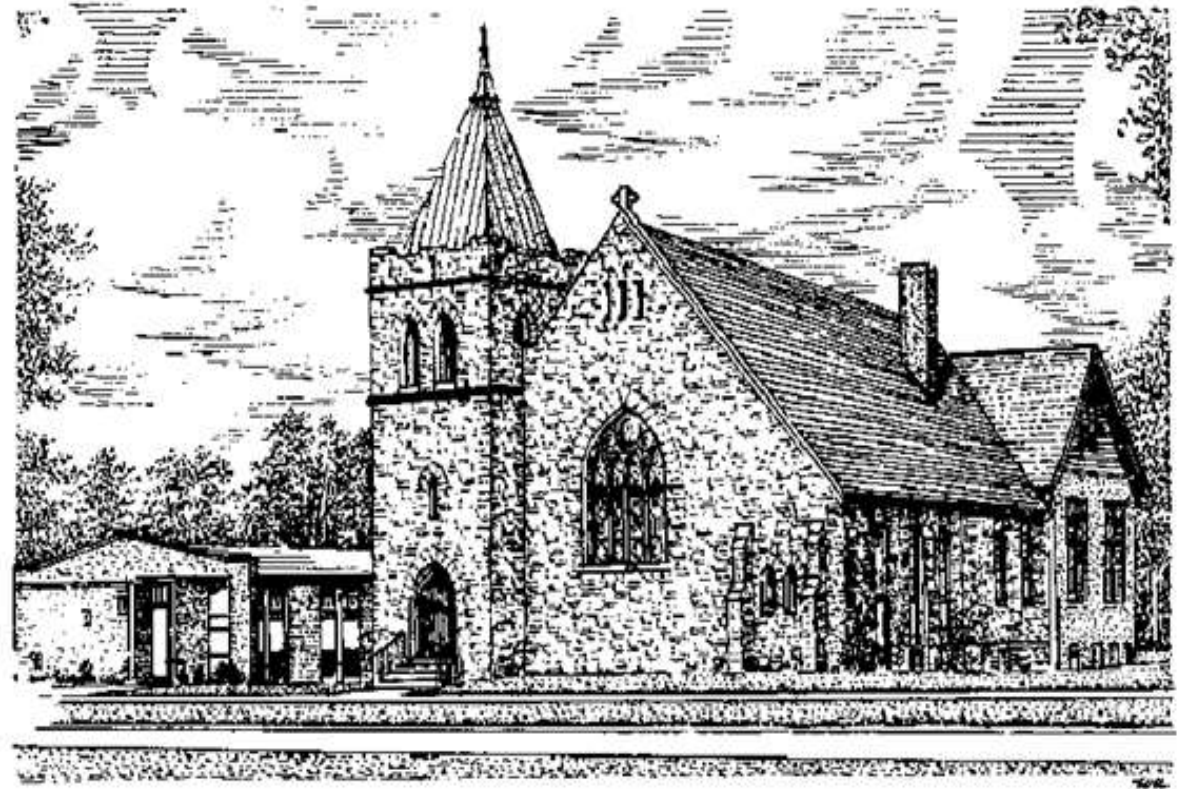
come? Why should my heart be lone-ly  
 hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness,  
 rise, when song gives place to sigh-ing,

and long for heaven and home, When Je-sus is my  
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he  
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clo-ser

por-tion? My con-stant friend is he: } His eye is on the  
 lead-eth but one step I may see: }  
 to him, from care he sets me free: }

spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the  
 spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his  
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



## 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.*

**PENTECOST XVII**

**September 15, 2013**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, September 15* **PENTECOST XVII - Beacon Information Due**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall  
11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. MYF Fall Kick-Off Picnic-Georgelos' home

*Monday, September 16* 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee-Pastor's study  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

*Tuesday, September 17* 12:00 noon UMW Club 80 Luncheon  
5:30 p.m. Milford Pastoral Counseling Center Board  
5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class-Egan Room  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study-Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Library, Wesley Center

*Wednesday, September 18* 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study-Library, Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Milford Clergy Assn. – Trinity Lutheran  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Sanc.; 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

*Thursday, September 19* 9:30 a.m. District U.M. clergy – Great Hill UMC, Seymour  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Dodd Hall alcove

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*Sunday, September 22* **PENTECOST XVIII**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall  
11:30 a.m. Ambassador's Meeting-Wesley Center

*Monday, September 23* All Day Bishop's retreat, Stony Point, NY (Pastor)  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

*Tuesday, September 24* 5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class Meeting-Egan Room  
6:30 p.m. Parish Nurse Meeting-Hollyday's house  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

*Wednesday, September 25* 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library  
10:00 a.m. Office volunteers mail Oct. "Beacon"  
5:00 p.m. Community Supper – Golden Hill – Bridgeport  
6:30 p.m. Communion Stewards – Dodd Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Sanc.; 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

*Thursday, September 26* 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall  
7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism – Gunn Library

Grace Notes  
September 15, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

*I'm glad fall is here!*

*True, the calendar gives us seven more days of summer, and temperatures this past mid-week were surely "summery." Yet in every other way—school in session and church programming in full flower—fall is here.*

*Why am I glad? As this faith community re-gathers, there is renewed energy for our calling to Christian witness. We will hear a portion of that this morning with the first public message of our Long-Range Planning Committee. Meeting throughout the summer, the committee has done vital behind-the-scenes work that will soon engage our whole church.*

*The opportunity to shape our future as we follow God's leading is exciting, an excitement I hope you will "catch." Indeed, the Christian faith is more "caught" than "taught." God's recreating and saving energy (Luke 15:1-10) is "caught" by the faithful and reflected in our witness.*

*I'm glad fall is here! Aren't you?*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinators	Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck		



## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** –Nick Bettencourt

**Liturgist** – Edie Reichert

**Acolytes** –Kayleigh Patterson & Olivia D’Andrea

**Greeters** – Phoebe & Jim Repetsky

**Cross Bearer** – Tanner Georgelos

**Bible Bearer** – Joe Wessinger

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

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Dot Law, from her friends.

A **MISSION CROSS** has been placed by Jane Vink as a gift to the Project Chacocente mission, with love and thanks to God for Hal’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

**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 United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from September 8 are available in the rear of the church and 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:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. –2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

**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: CAT FOOD is desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**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 them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“**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.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 8:**

Total worship attendance all services: 175 (Sept. 8: 163 Healing and Wholeness Sept. 9: 12)  
Total Offering: \$5188.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 70; (Missions, 8; Board of Trustees, 8; Bell Choir 8; Adult Choir 15; United Methodist Women 11; Extravagant Generosity, 8; Adult Bible Study, 12; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *\*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.



**Connecticut District  
Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course Fall 2013**

Three Saturdays: September 21, October 5 and October 12 Cost \$15.00

Fellowship 8:30 am; classes begin promptly at 9 am, ending by 4 pm

**CLASS LOCATION**

West Hartford UMC 1358 New Britain Avenue West Hartford, CT 06110  
Easy access from I-84 (exit 40)

**What is a Lay Servant?** A Lay Servant is an active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation who is eager to be in ministry through the church. He/she is well-informed on scripture, doctrine, heritage, organization and life of the United Methodist Church and is committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care giving ministries and spoken communication. A Lay Servant is willing to initiate ministry in partnership with clergy and other Lay Servants and willing to improve his/her skills for service.

Lay Servant Ministries offers training opportunities for laity who would like to use their witness, leadership, and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and a more effective discipleship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

*Under the guidance of my pastor, I desire to explore my faith journey, in the United Methodist Church by attending the Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course.*

- IMPORTANT:** 1. **Bring your own lunch.** Beverages and snacks will be provided.  
2. **Purchase your book:** Cokesbury 800-672-1789 # 9780881776263 \$7.48+tax+S&H, or Amazon.com.  
3. **READ** chapters 1 & 2 of Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participants book, prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> class.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
Pastor _____ Signature of Pastor	_____ Date
Admin. Council _____ Signature of Chairperson or Charge Conference Chairperson	_____ Date

1. Please print legibly. 2. Obtain the required signatures. 3. Make \$15 check payable to CT District.  
4. Mail check and registration form to **Dorothy Chamberlain CT District Office**  
**20 Broadfield Road Hamden, CT 06517**  
5. For questions, please contact Mary Brevigleiri, CT Director Lay Servant Ministries  
860-307-4611 [mbrevigleiri@perrytechnology.com](mailto:mbrevigleiri@perrytechnology.com)

**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

- **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. Today’s hosts are the Men’s Club.
- **METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF: Today, Sept. 15, 5-7 p.m.** at the Georgelos’, 80 Pine Knob Terrace, Milford. All youth grades 6-12 welcomed! Be prepared to play games and share food, fun & fellowship, as well as your ideas for upcoming MYF events. Please bring a side dish to share and a folding/camp chair if you have one. As always, friends are welcome to join us. Contact Kate at 203-878-5388 to let us know if you’ll be there. (Get your weekend homework done early so you can relax and enjoy.)
- **OCTOBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is today.** Please submit materials on or before this date to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office.
- **LITURGISTS FOR THE FALL** are now being scheduled by Laura Perregaux, Worship Chair. Speak with Laura today or at 203.520.8183.
- **UPCOMING OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES** include October 6 and 27; December 1, 15 and 29. See Beth O’Brien today or contact her as listed under “Our Life in Prayer, Ministry and Mission.”
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **CHURCH SECURITY** should be foremost in our minds. If you are using the church or Wesley Center, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK UP WHEN YOU LEAVE.** Someone gained access to Dodd Hall through an unlocked door, and misused one of the restrooms. Let’s keep our facilities clean and safe by remembering to lock up!

## THIS WEEK

**CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS** are due tomorrow, Sept. 16 to the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)), copy to Council Chair Shelly Lapadula ([m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com)). Reports are also due tomorrow to Secretary Paul Downing ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)). Council meets Thurs., Sept. 19, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove.

**CLUB 80 LUNCHEON:** Tuesday, Sept. 17, Noon, Dodd Hall. If you're 80(+), come!

**DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY** starts September 17, 7 – 9:15 p.m. in the Wesley Center. This 34 week course meets most Tuesdays, concluding before Memorial Day, 2014. If you'd still like to register contact Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11).

**CONFIRMATION** begins September 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the Wesley Center. Letters to known eligible youth (unconfirmed youth entering grade 8 or older) were sent in late August. We meet most Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. If your child is eligible and you did not receive a letter, come to this Tuesday's session or see Pastor Brian today for more details.

**BULLETIN NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 22nd** are due by Noon on Wed., September 18<sup>th</sup>. hard copy to the church office or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST XVIII**—The message “*No Lie*” will be based on Luke 16:1-13. Other lectionary readings are Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9 and I Timothy 2:1-7. Sunday School teachers will be dedicated during the morning worship

## NEXT WEEK

**NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:** Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Our crew helps prepare to feed 100+ people the fourth Wednesday (every other month). Maryanne Meehan Jordan is our coordinator. We need 6-8 people age 13 (grade 7) or older to help. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: [maryannej@charter.net](mailto:maryannej@charter.net), 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away, right off I-95 and the Route 8/25 connector.

**NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC:** Thursday, Sept. 26, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner, UMW President, at [jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com) or 203.283.5643. The supper will be hosted by the Missions Committee.

## SAVE THE DATE

**MYF EVENT** on Sunday, October 13. MYF will be planning a fun event based on the ideas gathered at the MYF kick off picnic. Time and event will be announced. Eric Georgelos will be the contact person for this event. Contact him at 203-878-5388. **The next following event will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DOUBLEHEADER, Tuesday, October 8:** regular meeting at noon; meeting for women who work during the day, 7 p.m. Details from Joan Zauner at 203.283.5643 or [jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com).

**MILFORD 5K TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK EVENT** on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. We will meet at 8:30a.m. at Lisman Landing in Milford. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. Costumes are encouraged! For more information, visit [www.milfordtrickortrot.com](http://www.milfordtrickortrot.com). Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak, 203-877-4807. As always, friends are welcome for these events.

## OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH?** Interested in doing something for God? The Committee on Nominations and Leadership is currently meeting to prepare to staff our committees for 2013. Those nominated will stand for election at Church Conference on November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to know what some of the venues are in which to serve, please contact Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.895.3753) or any member of the committee: Chris Carveth (203-795-9015), Deb Dubien (203-877-4959), Susan O'Shea (203-874-5136), Laura Perregaux (203-283-5758), Brenda Pineau (203-783-9039), Edie Reichard (203-882-0683), Jim Repetsky (203-874-8688) and Bob Volgmuth (203-878-8190).

## **INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH?**

Preparation and reception of new members will be held the Sundays of October. New member orientation sessions will be held Sundays after worship, 11:30 – 1 p.m. on October 6, 13 and 20 in the Pastor Brian's study. **New members will be received on Sunday, October 27.** Letters will be sent in early September to people we know, or believe we know, have interest in joining. If you do not receive such a letter by September 15, please call the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest in participating.