

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Hymnal #897

“*Amen, Amen.*”

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

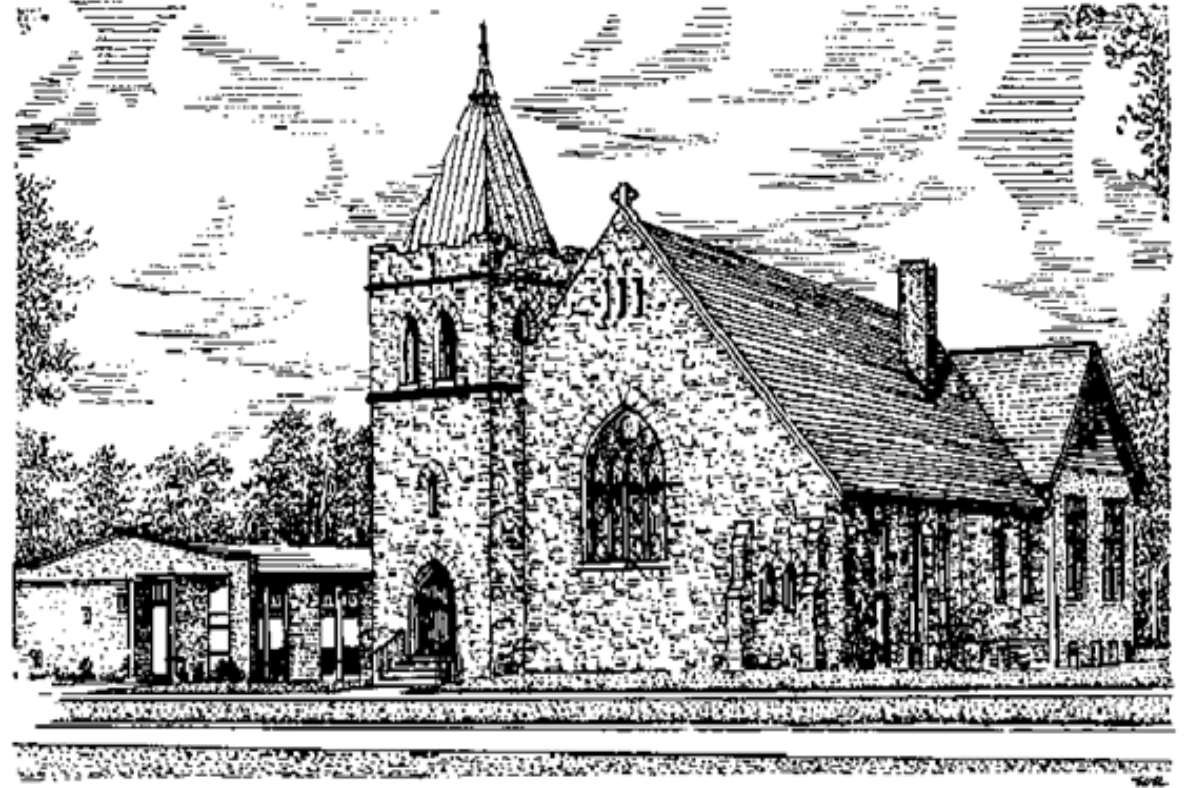
POSTLUDE

“Toccatina for a Feast Day”

L. Smith

*(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.***

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST XVII**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**October 1, 2017**

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
168 South Broad Street Phone: 203.874.1982  
Milford, Connecticut 06460 FAX: 203.877.8973

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 “Meditation on ‘Hyfrydol’” R. Lackey

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Make Us One”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. P: *And also with you.*

L: The risen Christ is with you. P: *Praise the Lord!*

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

THE PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (*unison*) Greek, 5<sup>th</sup> cent., Matthew 18:19-20

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Ruth Duck, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> century

*God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 17:1-7 Bible p.63

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

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:1-13 Bible p.1069

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

\*HYMN #166 “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” Sine Nomine

THE SERMON “Water from the Rock” 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.)*

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Lisa Sobolewski

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for

*World Communion Sunday*

Offertory Anthem: “One World, One Communion” P. Choplin

*(The Adult Choir)*

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #624 “Bread of the World” Eucharistic Hymn

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (Setting B) Hymnal p.18

\*THE COMMUNION

*The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*During the distribution we will sing hymns #452, 620, 632 and 634.*

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (*unison*)

*Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s Table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #648 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”\* Hyfrydol

*(\*Please substitute “ministers” for “pastors” in verse 2.)*

\*THE BENEDICTION

## SAVE THE DATE

### Living Well though Illness: Charting a Patient-Centered Voyage.

9:00AM-2:00pm November 11, 2017

Sacred Heart University, Martire Business & Communications Center  
5401 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT

This **FREE** conference is open to the community and health-care providers sponsored by Sacred Heart University and St. Vincent's Medical Center.

It will feature topics including Mastering the Demands of Caregiving, Palliative care: rethinking the name and the need and 18 Months and Beyond which will be the keynote presentation given by Dr. Lisa Caramico on her family's experience when her husband was diagnosed with a terminal cancer.

Sessions on honoring Mind, Body, Spirit and Emotions as well as Aligning your Values and Spirituality with your Health care choices are a few of the conference session titles.

It will include a free continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is required and limited, so get your reservation for this conference in now.

Come for the half day, or just a few sessions but come! All are welcome.

If you are interested, please call Sheryl Hollyday 203-874-7325, email her at [doulee@aol.com](mailto:doulee@aol.com) or register yourself at this link <http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/collegeofnursing/palliativecareconference/>

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Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
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		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

### Grace Notes

October 1, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*Complaints are a part of life. They are as old as humankind.*

*Today's story (Exodus 17:1-7) from the journey of Moses and the Israelites into freedom is the chronicle of people complaining against and about their leader. We do not need to be a leader to have the experience of being complained against and about. Still, leadership entails special responsibilities, including learning how to listen to and process complaints and transform them into opportunities.*

*Not all complaints are valid. I've had people here tell me what I should wear, how I should title my sermons, how I should hold hands with another person, how I should run the office and what my work priorities should be. It's probably happened to you, too.*

*Some complaints arise from a lack of information. When information and transparency is provided, complaints are addressed or improved methods are devised.*

*Some complaints are valid. The Hebrews were frightened that they might die of thirst!*

*Complaints are most productive when addressed to a person or group with responsibility for change, and when accompanied by a possible solution to the problem.*

*Moses boldly ascribes lack of faith in God as the cause of the people's complaining. Arguing with the text and considering the current plight of the people of Puerto Rico and large parts of the Caribbean and the U.S. Gulf Coast, I'd say that's far too simple an explanation.*

*What do you think?*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

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

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Nick Bettencourt

**Liturgist:** Ethan Weed

**Cross Bearer** – Nate Carr

**Bible Bearer** – Elise Pitts

**Greeters:** Beth O'Brien and Meg Dennis

**Acolyte** – Matteo Cono

**Communion stewards:** Karen Keane and Phoebe Repetsky

**Communion celebrants:** Pastor Brian, Pastor Hal, Ethan Weed and Beth O'Brien

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in honor of Gladys Hulse's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from her friends at Mary Taylor.

**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](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

*Wed., Oct. 11, cont'd*

6:30 p.m.

*United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center*

6:40/7:45 p.m.

*Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*

*Thursday, October 12*

1:00 p.m.

*Bereavement support Group-St. Mary's Church-Father Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St.*

7:00 p.m.

*Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

7:00 p.m.

*Staff-Parish Relations committee meeting –Gunn Library*

7:00 p.m.

*Comic Relief Interfaith fundraiser-congregation Mishkan Israel 785 Ridge Rd., Hamden*

*Friday, October 13*

10:00 a.m.

*Office Volunteers – Gunn Library*

2:00 p.m.

*Dulcimer Festival – Wesley Center & Dodd Hall*

5:30 p.m.

*Couples Retreat – through Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Bloomfield*

7:30 p.m.

*Dulcimer Festival concert – Sanctuary*

*Saturday, October 14*

9:00 a.m.

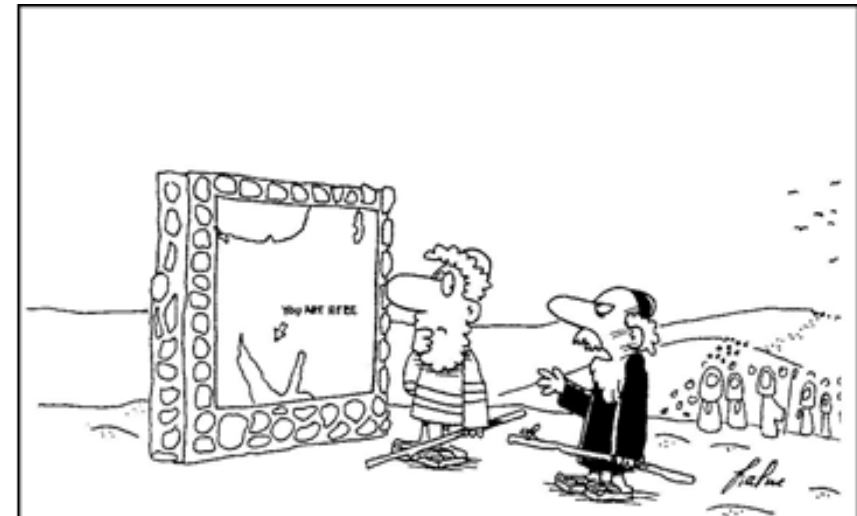
*Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel*

10:00 a.m.

*Dulcimer Festival – Wesley Center & Dodd Hall*

7:00 p.m.

*Dulcimer Festival concert – Sanctuary*



"For crying out loud, Moses! Why can't we just stop and ask directions?"

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, October 1</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>World Communion Sunday/Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Altar Server Training – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i> <i>(worship begins at 5 p.m.)</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group meeting – Youth Group Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, October 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 3</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class-Egan room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Pastor Brian – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Pastor Brian – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 5</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-Father Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – 47 Commodore Place, Milford</i>
<i>Friday, October 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Piano tuned in Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group “Lock-In” Oct.6, 6pm through Oct.7, 10 am – Dodd Hall/sanctuary</i>
<i>Saturday, October 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias Reunion Group – Chapel</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Anthony/Jesse wedding – location TBA</i>
<i>Sunday, October 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>UMW Soup Sale – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i> <i>(worship begins at 5 p.m.)</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group meeting – Youth Group Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, October 9</i>		<i>Columbus Day – the office is closed</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership &amp; Evangelism committee mtg. –Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 10</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class-Egan room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Pastor Brian – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Pastor Brian – Gunn Library</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted by Marcia Winter and family. Next week’s hosts will be the United Methodist Women (A-M).

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING, 2<sup>nd</sup> section, is held after worship today, beginning in the sanctuary. A light lunch will follow in the Dodd Hall alcove. ALL new and returning servers are invited. See Sheryl Hollyday or Barbara Repetsky to attend or for more information.

THE YOUTH GROUP resumes regular meetings today October 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Each week we will have a discussion topic. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome! Today’s topic: "Who's in, Who's out?"

PASTOR BRIAN BODT will be the preacher at the worship of Ghana Emmanuel today at 5:00 p.m. in our Chapel. GEUMC has worshipped on Sunday afternoons in our Chapel for the last year. MTMUMC folks are cordially invited to this Spirit-filled and culturally different worship.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for “I Cherish You: a retreat for couples” is tomorrow. See details under “Next Week.”

PASTOR BRIAN will be out of the office all day tomorrow for the Bishop’s Retreat in Stony Point, New York; and leading 10 a.m. worship on Tuesday at the U.M. Homes (Wesley Heights), Shelton. You may reach him by cell, 203.895.2753, and he will respond as able. He expects to return to the office by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN will be this Friday, October 6th! This event will be held in the Dodd Hall/sanctuary and count toward October's AM!GO trip! Details given at tonight’s meeting or by speaking with Pastor Dani. 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](mailto:danielle.levine@mail.com).

NEXT SUNDAY, October 8

PENTECOST XVIII The message “The Ten Words” will be based on Exodus 20:1-20 and Matthew 21:33-46. Our second “Worth-ship” message will be presented by Eileen Doyle. Our Mission Moment speaker will be Paul Downing on the Beth-El Center’s October 28 “Trick or Trot” event. After worship, the “Second Sunday Soup Sale” of our United Methodist Women brings homemade soup and goodies to support their mission projects.

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). **The registration deadline is tomorrow, Oct. 2.** Contact Mary Lou Kampert at [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call 203.874.1982, ext. 110.



## 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](mailto: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 November 12 and 19, and December 3, 24 and 31.**

**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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or [Danielle.levine@mail.com](mailto: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 24th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 193; Sept. 24: 148; GEUMC: 25; Sept. 25: Healing and Wholeness worship: 10; Sept. 27: Taize worship: 10. Total Offerings for Sept. 24: \$6,164.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$6,938.07; Engaged in Small Groups: 90. Sunday School: 31; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 16; Office Volunteers: 10; Confirmation: 4; Disciple 4: 8; Gay-Straight Alliance: 9; 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.

## **ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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
Edward Degnan	Son of Carole Degnan
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
Dennis Russell, III	Grandson of Judy Russell
Brittany Schuld	Niece of Missy Hackett
Mary Jo Winter	Mother of Marcia Winter