

### OUR MUSIC MINISTRY TODAY

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES, Dr. Rick Riccardi**, is away on vacation, returning in time for choir rehearsal this Wednesday. Rick has provided for our music ministry today.

**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. Mark was also with us last Sunday.

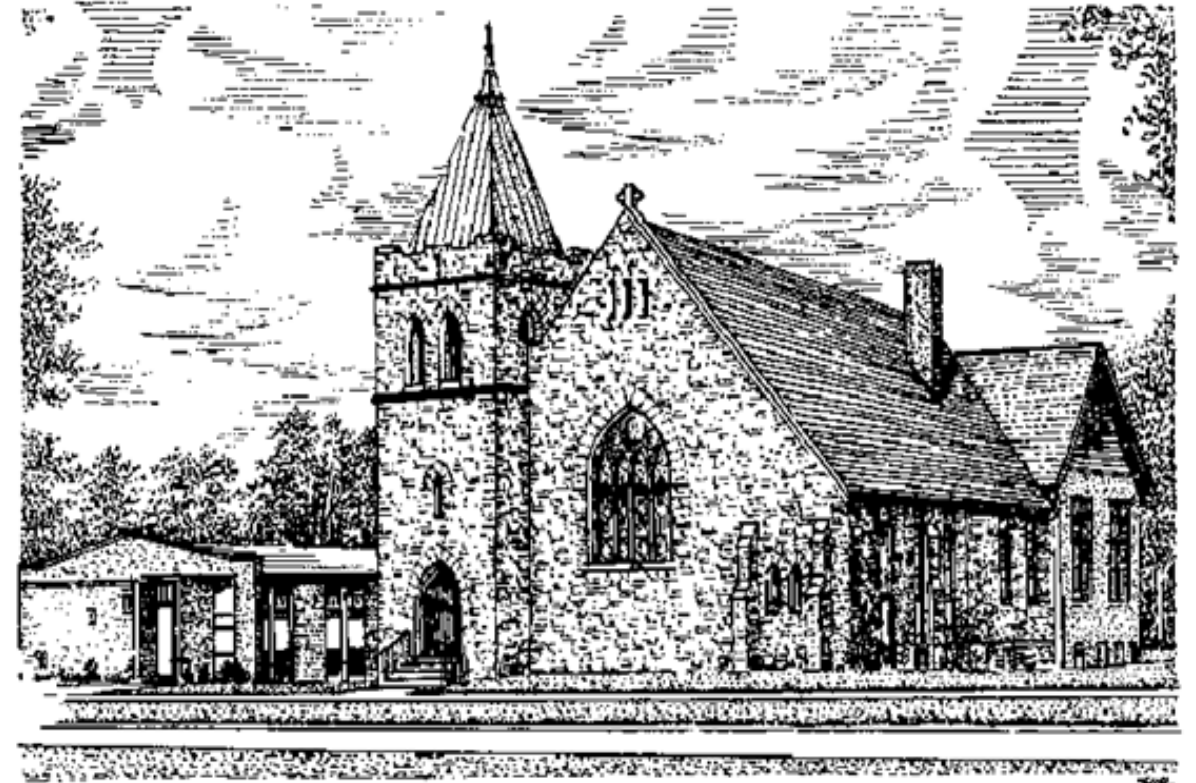
**OUR ANTHEM LEADERS TODAY** are Barbara Repetsky, directing and Lisa Gloates, accompanying. Members of our Adult Choir, both have professional music training and Lisa is currently teaching music.

### OUR NATIVE AMERICAN PRESENTATION TODAY

Walter and Myrna Clinton are members “for as long as I can remember,” according to Walt, of the First and Wesley United Methodist Church, West Haven, CT. They also reside in West Haven.

They are members of the Council on Native American Missions (CONAM) for the New York Conference. Walt is also known by his Mohawk tribe name “Shadow Walker” and Myrna is known by her Mic-Mac tribe name of “Firefly.”

Walt and Myrna also spoke this morning to our Sunday School. They have a display in Dodd Hall following worship. Please welcome them and enjoy their presentation.



## **Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church**

*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836*

*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.***

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST XX**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**October 2, 2016**

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**168 South Broad Street**

**Milford, Connecticut 06460**

**Phone: 203.874.1982**

**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

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

\*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP “Be Present at Our Table, Lord” Hymnal #621

\*HYMN #620 “One Bread, One Body” One Bread, One Body

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 PRESENTATION ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES Walt and Myrna Clinton

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10 Bible p.954

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON “Call to Duty” 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: “Here is Bread, Here is Wine” G. Kendrick

*Directed by Barbara Repetsky Accompanied by Lisa Gloates*

\*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, 630, 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 #638 “This Is the Feast of Victory” Festival Cantic

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” Hymnal #897

*“Amen, amen.”*

\*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 BEG**

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, October 2</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time and Bruce Rumford recognition - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 – 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, October 3</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 4</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Communion Stewards – Gunn Library</i>
		<i>No Adult Bible study this evening or Wed. morning</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 5</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 6</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, October 7</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 8</i>	<i>9 am – 2:15 p.m.</i>	<i>CT District United Methodist Women meeting – Dodd Hall, Sanctuary and Wesley Center</i>
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<i>Sunday, October 9</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time and Bruce Rumford recognition - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 – 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Governing Board Leadership Dinner – Gusto’s, Milford</i>
<i>Monday, October 10</i>		<b>COLUMBUS DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEADLINE FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS</b>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 11</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Club meeting – Deli Night, Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
		<i>No Choir rehearsals</i>
<i>Thursday, October 13</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
<i>Friday, October 14</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
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	Nelson V. Brown	Outreach Pastor	Danielle Levine
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

*Grace Notes  
October 2, 2016*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*World Communion Sunday has long been a special emphasis of the United Methodist Church. It accomplishes at least two things:*

- It reminds us that we are part of the Church, the Body of Christ, and not just our United Methodist denomination or our local church. For many Christians who celebrate the Lord’s Supper weekly, every Sunday is World Communion Sunday.*
- The special United Methodist “World Communion Sunday” offering provides scholarship assistance for both graduate and undergraduate students, notably but not exclusively ethnic minority students.*

*The Rev. John Wesley, Methodism’s founder, reminded us that Holy Communion is a “means of grace.” It is neither simply a memorial meal nor a transubstantiation by which bread becomes literal “body” or grape juice literal “blood.” The real presence of Jesus is present. Ah, but how! This is why faith, and the Sacrament, remains a mystery. In the words of John’s brother, the Rev. Charles Wesley:*

**Let the wisest mortals show how we the grace receive;  
 Feeble elements bestow a power not theirs to give.  
 Who explains the wondrous way, how through these the virtue came?  
 These the virtue did convey, yet still remain the same.**

**Sure and real is the grace, the manner be unknown;  
 Only meet us in thy ways and perfect us in one.  
 Let us taste the heavenly powers, Lord, we ask for nothing more.  
 Thine to bless, ‘tis only ours to wonder and adore.**

*Sincerely yours in Christ, Pastor Brian Bodt*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Liturgist** – Dani Levine

**Cross Bearer** – Sarah O’Brien

**Greeters** – Maureen Groves and Pat Jaser

**Bible bearer** - Paige Perregaux

**Acolytes** – Mateo Cono and Antonio Oliveras

**Communion stewards:** Sandra Marren and Phoebe Repetsky

**Communion celebrants:** Pastors Brian and Hal, Dani Levine and Kelly O’Hara

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Reverend Bodt and Dani Levine.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Gladys Hulse’s 98<sup>th</sup> birthday today, given by Flo Berrien; in honor of Cathy Cono’s birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>; in memory of Margaret Gomes, given by Margaret Burke; and for Michael, given by Maureen Groves.

**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

**CHILD CARE** for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. 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 an adult or guardian.

**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.

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God’s presence today. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

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

## 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.

**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. Also wet and dry dog food 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).

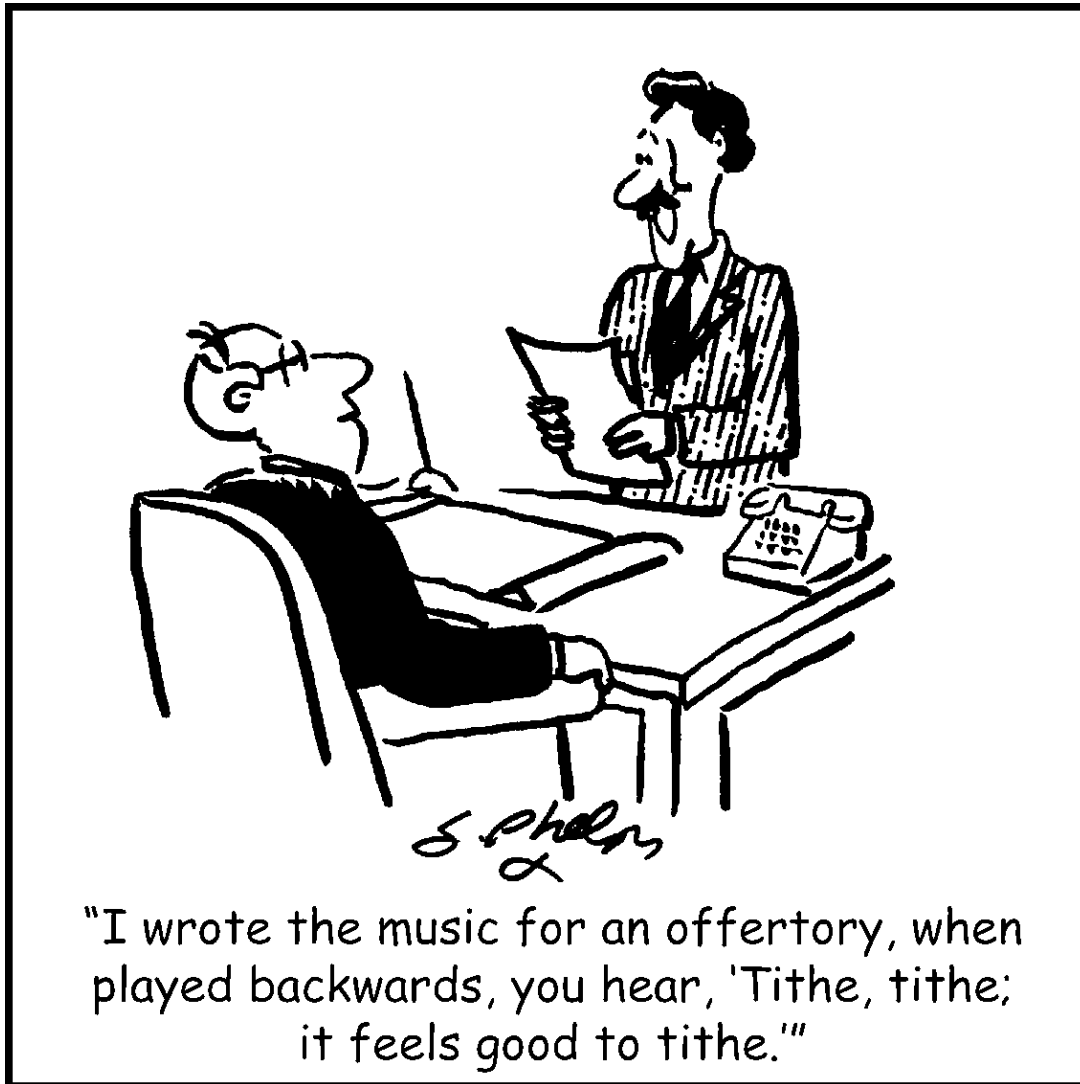
“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

**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 25th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 183; September 25th: 136, Ghana Emmanuel UMC: 12; Sept. 26th, Healing & Wholeness: 9; Taize, Sept. 22: 10; Sept. 28: 16; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for September 25th: \$5,013.50; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$926.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$3,227.09; Engaged in Small Groups: 83; Confirmation: 6; Adult Bible Study, Tues.: 11; Adult Bible Study Wed.: 11; Sunday School: 38; Bell Choir 8; No Adult Choir; Office volunteers Wed, Sept. 28: 7 and Friday, Sept. 30: 2; 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.



**IT'S BUDGET TIME!**

It's time to start working on our budget for 2017. All committee chairs please submit your budget requests for 2017 to Nancy Bennett, Finance Chair. You can hand them to her in church, put them in her church office mailbox or email them to her at [nancy516@aol.com](mailto:nancy516@aol.com).

If you have any questions you can call her at home at (203) 874-6434 or her cell at (203) 530-0176. Thanks very much, Nancy.

**TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted by the Downing Family and friend(s), with a cake provided by Staff-Parish in honor of Bruce Rumford's August 27<sup>th</sup> retirement as Sexton. **Next Sunday** will be hosted by the Finance Committee.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are hosting the UMW CT District meeting this Saturday, Oct. 8. See the separate page in this issue. Please see Sue O'Shea today if you are a member of UMW and/or would be willing to bake something for the luncheon; or contact her at 203.494.5339 or [sueoshea@optonline.net](mailto:sueoshea@optonline.net).

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** meets tonight, 4-5 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Tonight we will be nominating youth officers. We will meet most Sundays from 4-5 p.m.

**REGISTRATION FORMS TO RUN/WALK "TRICK OR TROT"** are found on the tables in the front and rear of the sanctuary, or go to [www.milfordtrickortrot.com](http://www.milfordtrickortrot.com). The course is 3.1 miles. The date is Sat., Oct. 29. The event begins at 9 a.m. with same-day registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The event benefits the Beth-El Center's sheltering and food ministry.

**THE OCTOBER "BEACON,"** our monthly newsletter, was mailed this past Wednesday. Extra copies are in the main entrance to the church.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

**THIS WEEK**

**COMMUNION STEWARDS** meet this Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (handicapped accessible). Would you like to assist in the monthly preparation of Holy Communion. Most stewards serve only one or two times a year. See or contact Phoebe Repetsky (203.874.8688) to be part of this important ministry.

**NEXT SUNDAY, October 9th**

**PENTECOST XXI** The message "*Gratitude*" will be based on Psalm 66:1-12 and Luke 17:11-19. Our final "*New Consecration Sunday*" speaker will be Eileen Doyle. Our Mission Moment speaker will be Paul Downing on the Beth-El Center's "Trick or Trot" run/walk on October 29. After worship, the "**Second Sunday Soup Sale**" of our United Methodist Women returns homemade soup to support their mission projects.

**COMING SOON**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS** from officers, staff, committees and Lay Servants



(certified and local) are due by **Monday, October 10** to the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)). Please adhere to this deadline so we have adequate production time.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet **Tuesday, October 11, Noon** in the Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Please contact UMW President Sue O'Shea (203.494.5339 or [sueoshea@optonline.net](mailto:sueoshea@optonline.net)) for more information.

**THE MEN'S CLUB** meets **Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. All men of the church are welcome to participate. The food theme is "Deli Night." Plans for future activities will be made.

**ORDER FOR THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE, 2017** An order for the 2017 edition of The Upper Room Discipline will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Hastings



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(203.877.4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com)). The cost of \$10 is the same for regular or large print.

The Upper Room Discipline is a book of daily devotionals, following the calendar year and based on the lectionary, the scripture readings that are the basis of most Sunday sermons. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all parts of the Bible. During the past few years many members of Mary Taylor have begun reading the Discipline as a way to increase their knowledge of the Bible. ("The Upper Room" daily devotional booklets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary are not the same as The Upper Room Discipline.)

**PEER-TO-PEER JOB SEARCH GROUP** meets each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the convent meeting room at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford. Experts in hiring, resume-building and interviewing lead the group. For more info, contact Andy Ancel at [adancel@yahoo.com](mailto:adancel@yahoo.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** (Page number for October "Beacon" article)

**NOVEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE: Saturday, October 15 (p. 22)**

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND LUNCHEON: Sunday, October 16 (p. 5)**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT: Sunday, October 23, 3-5 p.m. (p. 17)**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE: Sunday, October 30, following worship (p. 6)**

**"STOP HUNGER NOW": Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. – Noon (p. 19)**

**COAT AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Sunday, November 6 (p. 21)**

**SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR REGISTRATION.**