

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 “Angelicus” C. Potter

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT “Beth-El Center’s “Trick or Trot Run/Walk” Paul Downing

INTROIT “Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 15:2, 18 (ed.)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation;

People: *this is my God to whom belongs glory and praise!*

ALL: *The Lord will reign forever and ever.*

*HYMN #398 “Jesus Calls Us” Galilee

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

O God, who has bestowed on us more than we could think or ask: we pray today for the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. We pray for peace in a world of war, for health in a world of hunger, for harmony in a world of discord. Bring us home to the world as you would have it be, subject to the reign of your love and grounded in the mutual care of all your people. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, all-knowing God, our limitless ability to make excuses for our bad behavior; our unhealthy thoughts, our disregard of holy laws. We tell ourselves “everyone is doing it” when we know they’re not; and “we’re not as bad as him” when we fail to “resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.”

Your standard is holiness, and we fall short.

We confess these things because we want to be the people you desire us to be and the people that can, by your grace, turn the world upside down. Help us to continue to strive for the greater gifts of love, mercy, compassion and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 20:1-20 Revised Standard Version with response

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

“You shall not kill.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, and said to Moses, *“You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.”* And Moses said to the people, *“Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin.”*

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

Bible p. 1070

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Bible p.899

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN #425

“O Crucified Redeemer”

Llangloffan

THE SERMON

”The Ten Words”

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

Eileen Doyle

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“Ancient Words”

DeShazo/Courtney

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation:

“Bless Thou the Gifts”

Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

World Peace

*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*

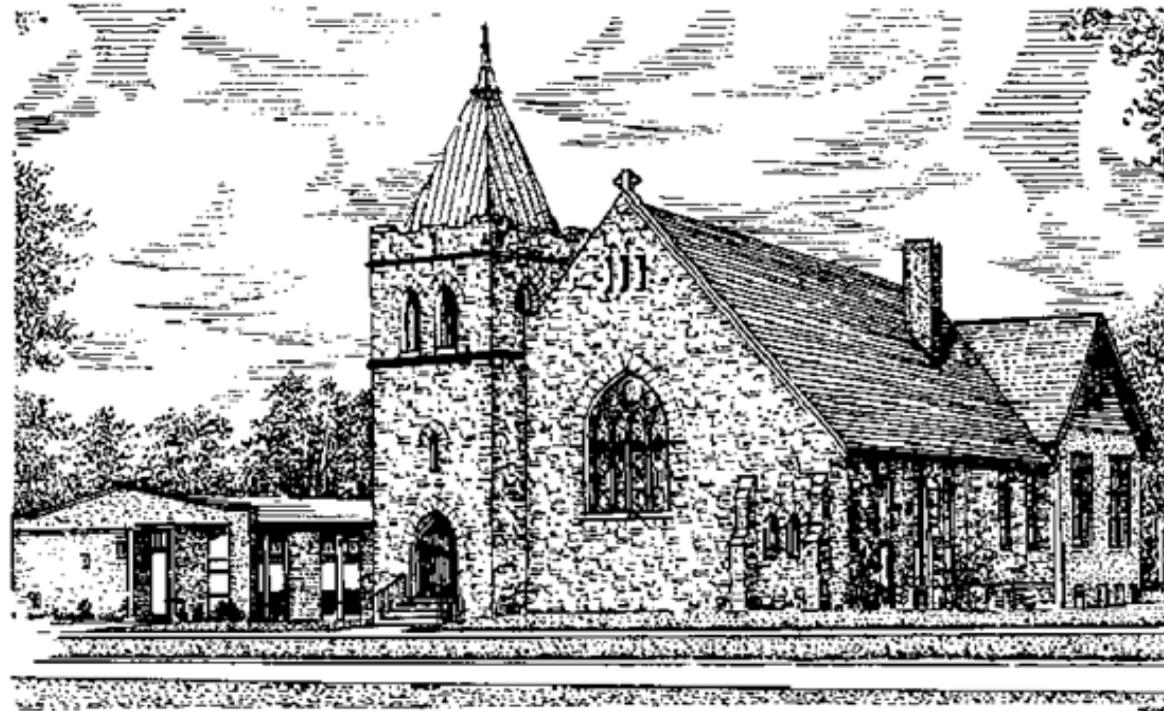
*POSTLUDE

“Dialogue”

G. Martin

(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.*

PENTECOST XVIII

October 8, 2017

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
Edward Degnan	Son of Carole Degnan
William Everett	Member, husband of Sally
Marie Grasso	Mother of Barronlee Grasso
Kathy Vink Green	Niece of Pastor Hal and Jane Vink
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
Mike Nelson	Friend of Holly Firmender
Dennis Russell, III	Grandson of Judy Russell
Brittany Schuld	Niece of Missy Hackett
Caitlin Julia Shaffer	Friend of the Hastings Family
Ann Smith	Step Grandmother of Holly Firmender
Mary Jo Winter	Mother of Marcia Winter

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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	Andy Thomas	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 8, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

“Why?”

There’s a cute television commercial running for the “Friendly’s” chain of food and ice cream stores in which two desserts, one “older” and one “younger,” speak to each other on a tray which is on its way to a diner’s table. The “older” makes a series of statements about each of the desserts’ quality and value to which the younger consistently asks “why?”

This commercial came to mind on the Bishop’s Retreat this past Monday. in which the Rev. Dr. Junius B. Dotson of the Board of Discipleship asked the clergy attending to answer the question “Why?” Why do our churches exist? Why do we undertake the ministries we do? Why are we here? Cast another way: “If Mary Taylor Memorial Church ceased to exist, who would notice? And why?”

When we broke into small groups and were asked these questions, I realized I have not asked them of myself, or you, in a long time. It would be easy to tell you how I answered, but more revealing is to ask “What would you say? Why is Mary Taylor Memorial Church, for want of a better phrase, ‘in business?’”

We often focus on the “what” (programs, fellowship, Bible study, mission service) and the “how” (e-mail, bulletin, Yahoo groups, one-to-one invites, word-of-mouth, Facebook, website, to name but a few). But if we don’t know our “why,” then “why bother?”

I’d love to hear your “why” in exchange for mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak
Cross Bearer – Olivia Kingston
Acolytes – Sean and Ryan Kingston

Liturgist: Joan Zauner
Greeters: Priscilla James and Mary Lou Hastings
Bible Bearer – Damien Monigle

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Esther and Sharon Miller, given by the Leum family.

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 Book of Worship (1964), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Prayer of Confession was written by Pastor Brian.

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

Sunday, October 15 continued

4:00 p.m. Youth Group meeting – Youth Group Lounge
6: 00 p.m. Church Leaders Dinner for Annual Stewardship Drive
SBC Restaurant - Milford
Monday, October 16 7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel
Tuesday, October 17 5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. “Mark” Study – Gunn Library
Wednesday, October 18 10:00 a.m. “Mark” Study – Gunn Library
6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
6:45 p.m. Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office
Thursday, October 19 1:00 p.m. Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-Father
Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St.
7:30 p.m. Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library
Friday, October 20 10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
Saturday, October 21 9:00 a.m. Disaster Response Ministry – Seymour UMC, 225 Great Hill
Rd., Seymour
9:00 a.m. Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel

CORRECTION to the Beacon: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention “Out of the Darkness Walk” is at Sherwood Island State Park is on **SUNDAY October 22 beginning at 11 a.m.** NOT SATURDAY. Contact (text) Beth Hanson at 203-361-8215 if you have questions.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 1:

Total worship attendance all services: 236; Oct. 1: 169; GEUMC: 40; Oct. 2: Healing and Wholeness worship: 21; Sept. 28: Taize worship: 6. Total Offerings for Oct. 1: \$6,111.46; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 108. Sunday School: 31; Bell Choir: 6; Adult Choir: 15; Office Volunteers: 3; Confirmation: 4; Disciple 4: 9; “Mark” study Tues.: 11; “Mark” study Wed.: 15; Youth Group: 14; 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.

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<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 & Evangelism committee mtg. –Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 10</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 12</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-Father Cronin Hall, 70 Gulf St.</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff-Parish Relations committee meeting – at Parsonage, 47 Commodore Place, Milford</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Comic Relief Interfaith fundraiser-Congregation Mishkan Israel 785 Ridge Rd., Hamden</i>
<i>Friday, October 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Dulcimer Festival – Wesley Center & Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Couples Retreat – through Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Bloomfield</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Dulcimer Festival concert – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Saturday, October 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Dulcimer Festival – Wesley Center & Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Dulcimer Festival concert – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, October 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal Hymn Singing – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Choir Recognition Sunday – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary, Michelle Connor RN</i>
	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sacred Heart Academy open house, Hamden</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>

TODAY

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

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE is also held today in Dodd Hall. Proceeds benefit the mission work of the United Methodist Women. Soup at \$5/pint; baked good priced to sell!

“BOOKS ARE FREE AT TRASH AND TREASURES. Fill a bag as soon as possible” says Dolly Bonisch. The T&T team is cleaning out this Thursday and Friday. If you’re new to our church, see Dolly to find your way to Trash and Treasures. Great fun, great bargains!

THE YOUTH GROUP meets **today October 8th, 4 – 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. Each week we will have a discussion topic and a different topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome! Today’s topic: "Seeds or Fruit?" led by Dawn Bettencourt.

“RISE AGAINST HUNGER” (formerly “Stop Hunger Now”) **SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN.** Register at <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM111117>. If you are unable to register on-line, Maryann Petremont or Lorraine Carr will assist you. The event is **Saturday, November 11th starting promptly at 9 a.m.** See page. 8 in the October “Beacon.”

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY in observance of Columbus Day.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will have our first "Evening Meeting Only" **this Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. This means it will be a meeting without food. It will include a program of The World Thank Offering. **All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend.** In November will have our regular noon “brown bag lunch” meeting on Tuesday 11/14 in Wesley Center. We will end November with a Pot Luck Dinner meeting on Thursday 11/30 at 6:30 p.m. **If you are not part of the UMW email list and would like to be, please send a request to sueoshea@optonline.net** Sue O’Shea 203-494-5339.

THE NUTMEG DULCIMER FESTIVAL returns to our church this weekend using Wesley Center, Dodd Hall and the Sanctuary **this Friday, Oct. 13th through Saturday, October 14th.** Friday night’s concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Saturday night’s concert is at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 15

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY/PENTECOST XIX Informal hymn singing in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. The sermon “What Are Our Idols?” will be based on Exodus 32:1-14 and Philippians 4:1-9. We will recognize the gifts of our choirs and music ministry; and have a 10th anniversary Prayer Shawl Ministry recognition by Joan Zauner. Our third “Worth-ship” message will be by Lisa Sobolewski. Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the sanctuary by Michelle Connor, R.N.

NOVEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is **next Sunday, October 15.** Please submit articles to

Mary Lou Kampert at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or “hard” copy to the church office.

NEXT WEEK

DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY Saturday, October 21st 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Seymour UMC, 225 Great Hill Rd., Seymour, CT. All churches are encouraged to attend one of the Saturday training events offered through the UMCOR/NYAC program. For more information see page 10 of the October Beacon or to register please visit the [missions/disaster response page](#) on the NYAC web site www.nyac.com.

“OUT OF THE DARKNESS” WALK – Suicide Prevention Foundation. Sun., Oct. 22nd 11:00 a.m. at Sherwood Island State Park, Westport. **NOTE THIS CORRECTED DATE.** Details: Oct. “Beacon” (p. 12) or from Beth Hanson, 203-772-6571/ mbhanson@optonline.net.

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 Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3rd.**

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.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017, is our congregation’s ***Worship (Worth ship) and Thanks-Giving Sunday.*** This year we will ask ourselves, “*Am I responding to all of God’s blessings as much as I should?*” After prayerfully considering this question, we urge you to plan to attend two important events: Sunday morning *Worship* and the complimentary *Thanks-Giving Luncheon* immediately following worship at the Milford Yacht Club. We believe that you will be excited to attend church on *Worship (Worth ship) and Thanks-Giving Sunday* to make your commitment in our church sanctuary as an act of “giving to God what God is worth.” **Please fill out your reservation card that you received in the mail and return it by mail, or you may put it in the offering plate on Sunday, so that we may secure your commitment to attend.** With blessings and thanks, Eileen Doyle and Lisa Sobolewski, *Worship and Thanks-giving Sunday* Co-chairs.

GEUMC HARVEST FESTIVAL will be Sunday, October 29, 4 – 6 p.m. in our sanctuary. Ghana Emmanuel United Methodist Church (GEUMC) has “nested” with us since September, 2016. Members and friends of Mary Taylor Memorial Church are cordially invited to attend this special service, “*to experience some of [their] Ghanaian religious traditions, hospitality and food,*” and including the launch of their Development Fund, by which they plan to “*obtain a permanent place of worship, evangelism and our work to improve the social welfare of...communities along the shoreline.*” **Copies of their letter to the church are on the rear sanctuary table. For more information, contact Brother Franklin Appiah at 203.589.1242.**

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will run three successive Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8 and 15, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s study, with new members joining us on Sunday, November 19th. If you are interested in joining our church, please speak with Pastor Brian today or contact him at 203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com.

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

9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 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,” 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 or register at <http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/collegeofnursing/palliativecareconference/>.