

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 “Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving” J. Brahms

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

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

INTROIT “Give Thanks”

*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 #60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” Old 113th

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 England, 20th cent., alt.

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 66:1-12 Bible p.517

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 Bible p.955

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

*HYMN #2104 “An Outcast Among Outcasts” rear cover

THE SERMON “Gratitude” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #265 “O Christ, the Healer” Germany
(Tune: Hymn #415)

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 “The Rich Family in Church” Eileen Doyle
(Written by Eddie Ogan)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Blessed Be Your Name” M. and B. Redman
(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #67 “We, Thy People, Praise Thee” St. Anthony’s Chorale

*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 “A Psalm of Thanksgiving” F. Ritter
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

An Outcast among Outcasts 2104



1. An out-cast a-mong out - casts, dis-missed with dou-ble scorn,
2. An out-cast a-mong out - casts, where three were cru - ci - fied,
3. For out-casts a-mong out - casts the bound-aries are re-drawn,



be - lit - tled by the la - bels: "un-clean" and "for-foreign born" —
de - rid - ed by the oth - ers as they hung side by side —
by words, "Your faith has saved you," by cross and Eas-ter dawn.



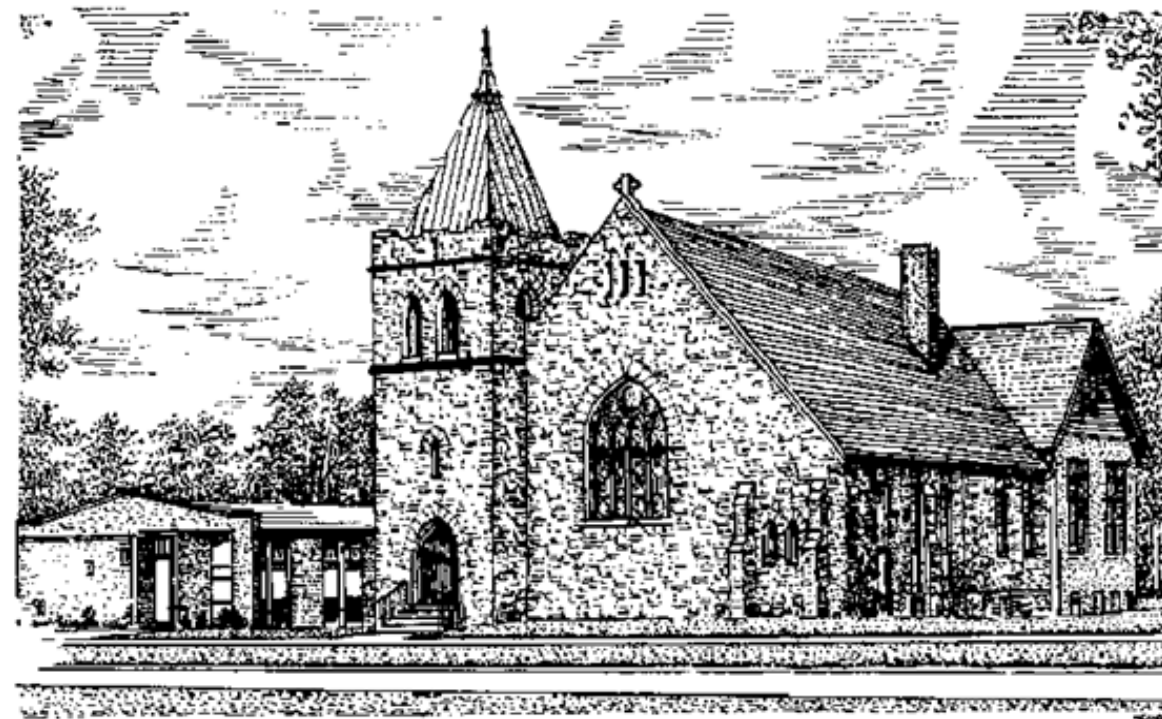
came back with thanks for Je - sus, and then went on his way:
came back from death with pow - er, God had the fi - nal say:
The dis - tant longed-for cen - ters of pow - er, peace, and care,



An out-cast a-mong out - casts showed grate - ful faith that day.
An out-cast a-mong out - casts shows God to us to - day.
where life is free to flour - ish, are found now ev - ery-where.

WORDS: Richard D. Leach (Matt. 27:38, 44; Mark 15:27, 32; Luke 17:11-19)
MUSIC: Welsh melody

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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.*

PENTECOST XXI

October 9, 2016

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, October 9</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Governing Board Leadership Dinner – Gusto’s, Milford</i>
<i>Monday, October 10</i>		COLUMBUS DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
		DEADLINE FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 11</i>	Noon	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Men’s Club meeting – Deli Night, Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 12</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
		<i>No Choir rehearsals</i>
<i>Thursday, October 13</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
<i>Friday, October 14</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 15</i>		BEACON INFORMATION DEADLINE: mtmumc@sbcglobal.net
	8:00 a.m.	<i>Harp Guitar Workshop-Dodd Hall -Nancy Bennett contact</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Harp Guitar Festival – Sanctuary-</i>
	8:00 p.m.	<i>MYF Treat sale at Harp Guitar festival-Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, October 16</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
CONSECRATION SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	<i>Informal hymn singing – Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Celebration Luncheon – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings by Eileen Potkay, LPN – Sanctuary</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Harp Guitar Concert – Sanctuary</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>MYF Treat Sale at Harp Guitar Concert</i>
	3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC and MTMUMC design team meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, October 17</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 18</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 19</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir rehearsal/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal</i>
<i>Friday, October 21</i>	10:00 a.m.	<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 9, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

It is so easy to be grateful. It seems that way to me.

Yes, there is much sorrow in our personal lives and in our world. I see as much as anyone, and likely more than many. Still, the sun rises each day and, as one of our saints often intones, “it is better to be seen than viewed.”

*I was writing this column last Tuesday at the time when the Communion stewards met. These faithful saints make sure that our Communion table is prepared, month in and month out, without a hitch. I joked with them that their ministry is like a dirty carpet: only noticed when it isn’t as it should be. It was a pleasure to express gratitude to them for their faithfulness, on my own behalf and on behalf of the congregation.**

Might we be more joyful if we found someone, today, to whom to express gratitude? For life? For help in time of need? For their cheery countenance? For their listening ear? For their kindly way? I think so.

As I was getting ready to leave, I heard the Communion stewards laughing and joking with one another. What a gift to serve the Lord with joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

***Would you like to serve once or twice a year as a Communion steward? It isn’t hard to do. Contact Phoebe Repetsky at 203.874.8688.**

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Kelly O’Hara
Liturgist – Ryan Lapadula
Cross Bearer – John Leum
Leum

Greeters – Marilyn Long and Barbara Macisco
Bible bearer - Mary Repetsky
Acolytes – Carolyn Hollyday and Christopher
Leum

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Reverend Bodt and Ryan Lapadula.

ALTAR FLOWERS today: Happy 17th Birthday to our beautiful daughter Callie from the Mervas.

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.

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.

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 ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW, according to Paul Downing’s contact with the animal shelter. “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) 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 October 2nd:

Total worship attendance all services: 166; October 2nd: 141, Ghana Emmanuel UMC: 16; Oct. 3rd. Healing & Wholeness: 9; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 2nd: \$5,561.75; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$544.34; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 107; Confirmation: 5; Communion Stewards: 8; Nomination Committee: 9; No Adult Bible Study; Sunday School: 48; Bell Choir 8; Adult Choir: 12; MYF: 15; Office volunteers 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 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.

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 Finance Committee. **Next Sunday's hosts** will be the Membership and Evangelism Committee.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE returns **TODAY!** Your purchase of homemade soup supports the mission work of the United Methodist Women. See the table in Dodd Hall.

RESERVATIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION LUNCHEON are due **TODAY**. Please complete the card and place it in the offering plate, **even if you are not attending**. Those families not replying we will need to telephone this week. Please save our leaders, and you, that inconvenience.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets tonight, 4-5 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st 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. 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.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS from officers, staff, committees and Lay Servants (certified and local) are due by tomorrow to the church office (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, 1st Floor. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Please contact UMW President Sue O'Shea (203.494.5339 or 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. The food theme is "Deli Night." Plans for future activities will be made.

NOVEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE: Saturday, October 15th to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 16th

CONSECRATION SUNDAY/Pentecost XXII Informal hymn singing



STOP HUNGER NOW

begins at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Our preacher will be Joe Andreana, a member of the Great Hill UM Church and our *New Consecration Sunday* leader. His message “Stewardship – A Two Way Conversation” will be based on II Corinthians 9:6-15 and Hebrews 13:16. Joe’s children’s message is titled “Sharing.” Following worship, the Celebration Luncheon will be held in Dodd Hall. **Please complete your reservation card today and place it in the offering plate.** Blood pressure screenings will also follow worship in the sanctuary by Eileen Potkay, LPN.

COMING SOON

“THANKS FOR GIVING” food-collect-a-thon is being sponsored by local Boy and Girls Scouts *the weekend of November 11-13* at Wasson Field. Scouts will be present around the clock collecting non-perishable foods as well as frozen turkeys to help distribute to 250 local families. Thanks for any donations you can provide.

AN ORDER FOR THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE, 2017 will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book, please contact Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or 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 read 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.)

SAVE THE DATE!!!

(Page number for October “Beacon” article. Extra copies in sanctuary literature rack.)

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) AND see article on facing page.

COAT AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Sunday, November 6 (p. 21) AND see article on facing page.

COLLEGE CONNECTION: Monday, November 7 (p. 12)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR
MEAL PACKAGING EVENT.**

The Missions Committee is again taking on the challenge of packaging 10,000 meals through the organization Stop Hunger Now.

What can you do to help –**VOLUNTEER.**

We have booked **November 5 from 9:00 am to noon** to participate in this dry meal packaging program. We need a minimum of 90 volunteers BUT many hands make light work. It is estimated that 90 people can package 10,000 meals in 3 hour but we know that the gong rings for the last meals much sooner. Some of our volunteers will be asked to help unload the delivery truck and lift 50 lb. bags of ingredient. This event will be a fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for anyone in our church. No experience necessary!

In order to get in on this fun event, please go to the link below and follow the instructions for registration. If you do not have a computer or are unable to register, please see Debbie Dubien and Maryann Petremont. They will register you for the event. Remember this event is fully funded, so on the last page of the registration form, you DO NOT need to make a donation to support this meal packaging event.

Here is the link to register for STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT ON NOVEMBER 5 2016
<http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM%20UMC%2011/5/16>

Hope to see you there as we help to STOP HUNGER NOW.



COAT & WARM WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE – FOR THE BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

We will be collecting clean washable coats and warm clothing for only one Sunday this year. The date will be Sunday, November 6. **Please do not donate any leather coats or wool clothing.** The clothing donations will be delivered to Bridgeport Rescue Mission on Wednesday, November 9th. Coats can still be donated on Monday November 7th and Tuesday November 8th.

If you have any questions or need to schedule a late delivery on Monday or Tuesday, please call MaryAnn Petremont at 203-877-0612.