

and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Footnotes:

- a. Mark 10:21 Gk lacks *the money*, b. Mark 10:24 Other ancient authorities add *for those who trust in riches*
- c. Mark 10:26 Other ancient authorities read *to him*, d. Mark 10:29 Or *gospel*

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN #393

“Spirit of the Living God”

THE SERMON

What Else, Lord?

Rev. Hansen

Musical Selection by Harp Guitarist Muriel Anderson

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

LEGO Church Litany (led by Youth)

(see insert)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“View From Space”

Harp Guitarist Muriel Anderson

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 2130

“The Summons”

(See Insert)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

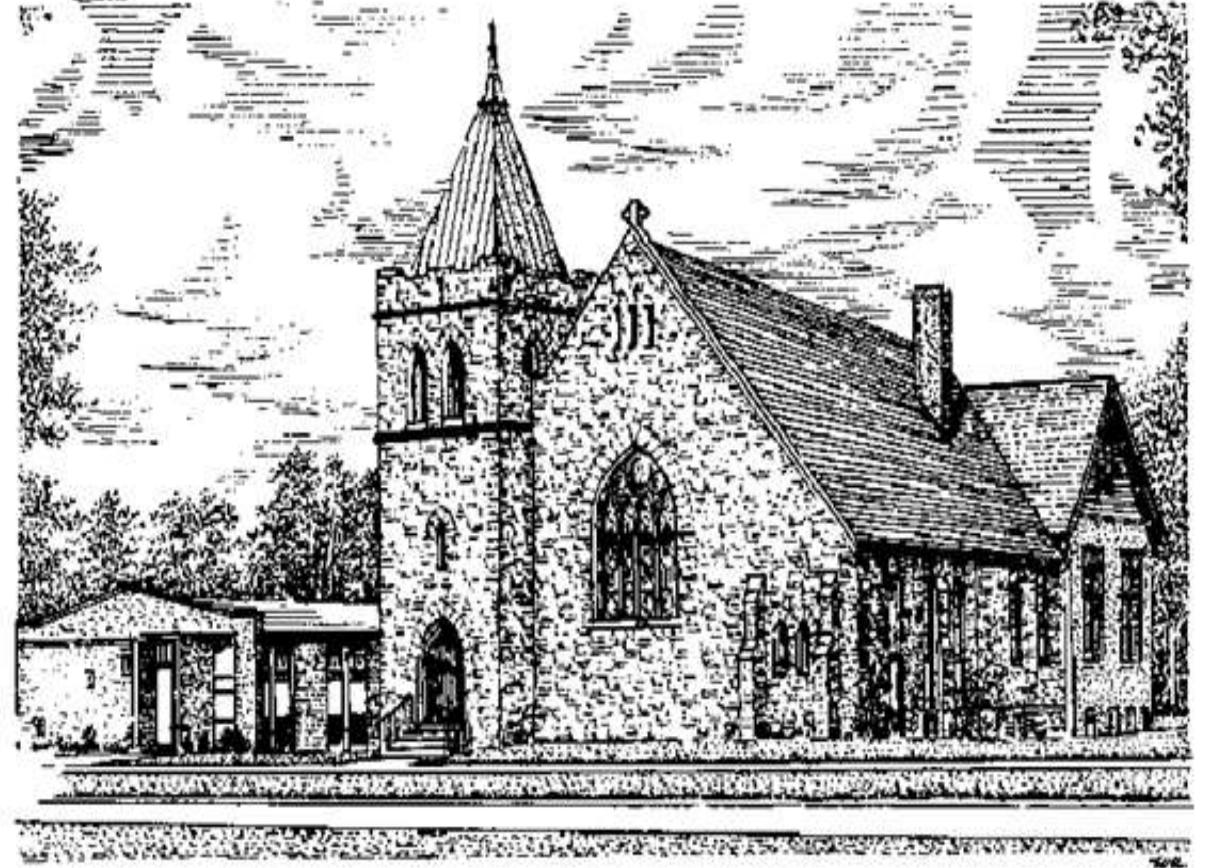
POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Beethoven

(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

Nested Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016-2018

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 14, 2018

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 “Let All Things Now Living” Hill

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (worshipmatters.com, mod.)

Leader: The kingdom of God is at hand.

People: *We want to enter this kingdom!*

Leader: The mercy of God is made known.

People: *We want to receive this mercy!*

Leader: The grace of God is abundant for all.

People: *We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love!*

Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship!

*HYMN #463 “Lord, Speak to Me”

OPENING PRAYER (unison) KDH
Compassionate and challenging God, we come to worship today for the challenges of our lives, eager to receive our sustenance from you. No one can prepare us for our journey the way you can. We also come to be challenged, to acknowledge where we fall short and where you call us to be more faithful. As we need comfort, comfort us. As we need challenge, challenge us. To you be all glory and honor. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Gathered By Love, C, mod.)

We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting the One who builds joy from our despair.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION (www.worshipmatters.com, mod & Moira B Laidlaw)

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. For all the times we have gone astray and failed to do your will, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Help us to discern what hinders our full commitment to your will and your ways that we may become more faithful disciples. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

((www.worshipmatters.com, mod)

Leader: There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God’s love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. People: *And also with you.*

(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Kristina

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-17 (See Insert)

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

⁹For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^{to} to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is^{to} to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another,^{to} “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,^{to} ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—

The Summons 2130



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
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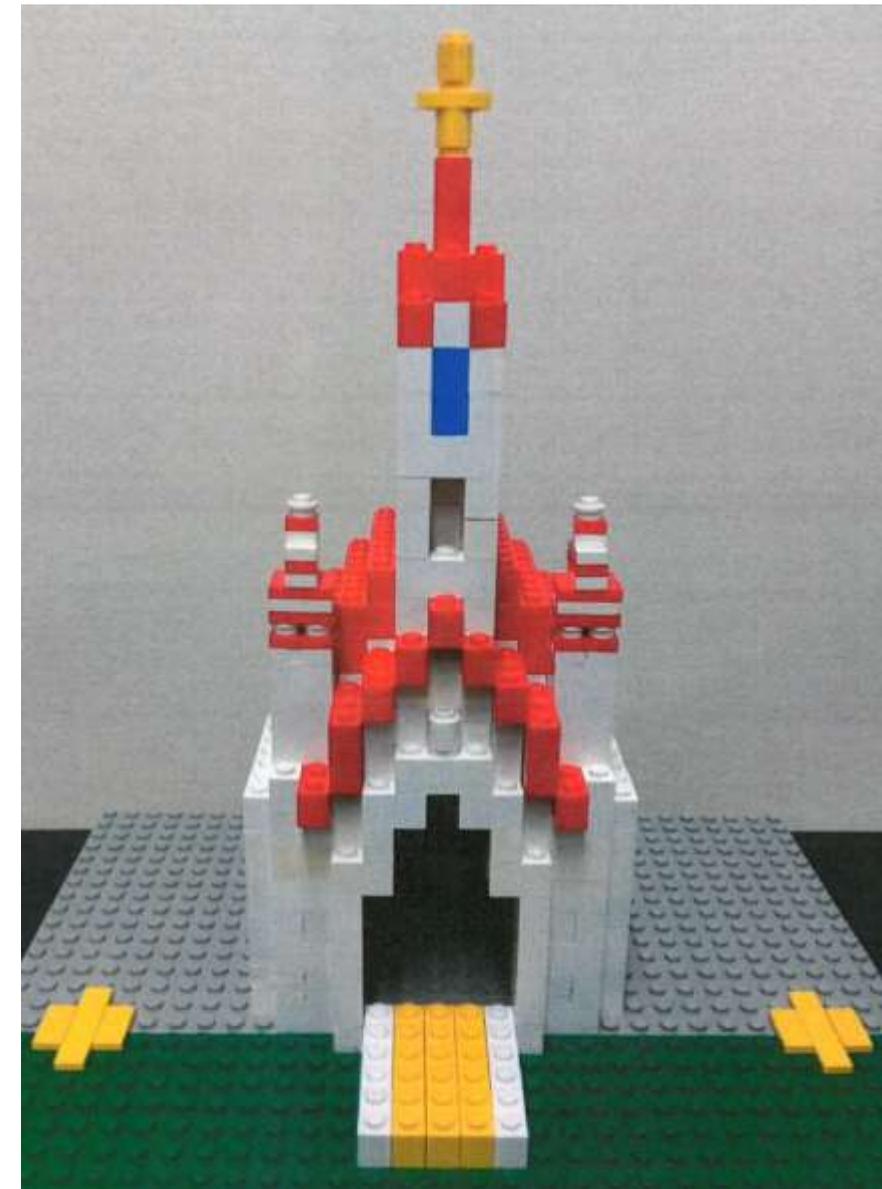


let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

KELVINGROVE
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THE SUMMONS



LEGO CHURCH LITANY

Youth 1: First we had to follow the directions – If you want your finished project to look the way it is supposed to, you had better follow the directions.

All: Lesson Learned! In our lives we need to follow God's direction.

Youth 2: Next we put the pieces together – When we started building, the pieces just fell into place.

All: Lesson Learned! When we give to God, God makes all things work together perfectly.

Youth 3: Then we had to finish the building – Once we started, we wanted to keep building until it was done.

All: Lesson Learned! We need to keep walking with God until the end.

Youth 4: When we were done, we wanted to make something new – Once we finished working on one level of the church, we immediately wanted to get started on making a new level.

All: Lesson Learned! God is always working in our lives, making us new.

Youth 5: As we learn in 1 Corinthians 3:9:

All: “For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

Youth 6: Today is a Celebration of Connection. The connection of over 400 pieces that it took to construct this church is symbolic of how we at Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church have connected through the years to make our church what it is today. We have worked together and given freely of our gifts, time, and talents to help each other, those in our community, and those in our world.”

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)

20 Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.^[c]

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

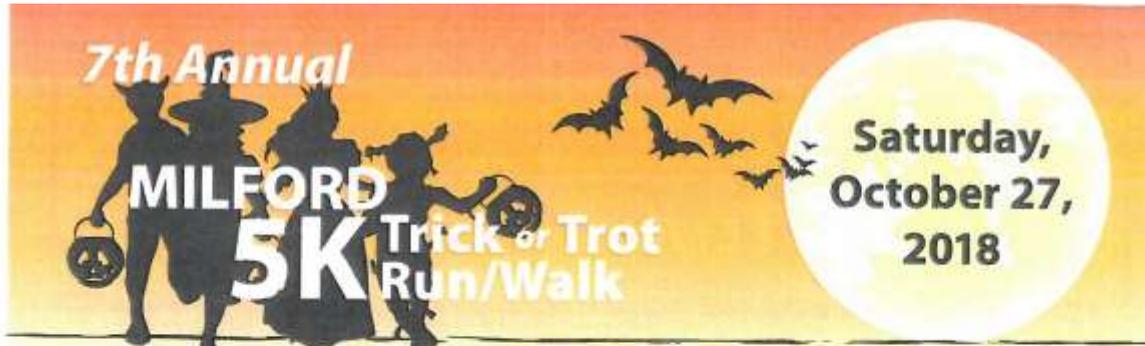
¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Footnotes:

- a. [Exodus 20:3](#) Or *besides*
- b. [Exodus 20:6](#) Or *to thousands*
- c. [Exodus 20:13](#) Or *kill*



To Benefit the Beth-El Center of Milford

The Beth-El Center is a recognized leader in caring for and meeting the needs of the hungry and homeless and strives to prevent and end homelessness. It serves individuals and families by providing temporary shelter and feeds up to 75 persons daily in the soup kitchen. To learn more, visit www.bethelmilford.org.

Join us for a Worthy Cause

- Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Lisman Landing, Milford, CT
- Kids FUN RUN Begins at 8:45 a.m.
- Race Begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Wear your favorite Halloween costume, form a team
- Best costume prizes
- Breakfast after the race
- Music by the Elwoods
- Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female winners by age group
- Questions? Send an e-mail to info@milfordtrickortrot.com

Registration

\$27.00 pre-registration fee receives a race number and t-shirt.
\$30.00 fee for same day registration.
Please make checks payable to "Milford Trick or Trot".

To register, please fill in the form below and mail to:
Milford Trick or Trot
P.O. Box 427
Milford, CT 06460.
Or Register online at www.milfordtrickortrot.com.

All participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation to the Beth-El Center.

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7th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk - Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Age on race day Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Release: I know that participating in this fitness event is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not enter and compete unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants effects of the weather including high heat, humidity, traffic, and the conditions of the course. I legally waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Beth-El and their representatives, successors, assigns and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered by me at this event. I also grant permission of photographs, video footage and other record of this event for legitimate purposes. I know that dogs, bicycles, and inline skates are not allowed on the course. Participants under the age of 18 require signature of parent or guardian. It is illegal to give your bib to anyone else. Only the registered person can use this bib. Transferring a bib will result in disqualification for both parties and will void all waiver language and insurance claims.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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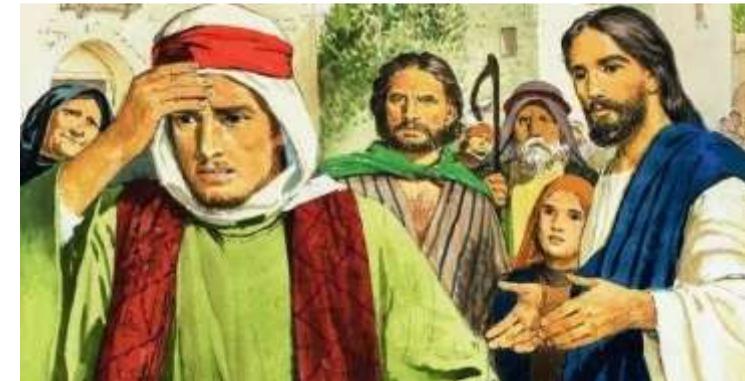
October 14, 2018

WHAT MUST WE DO TO PLEASE GOD?

Moses gave us the 10 Commandments to live by (Exodus 20:1-17), and when a rich young man engages Jesus in conversation about Eternal Life, Jesus pointed him to the 10 Commandments as well (Mark 10:17-31).

But when Jesus looked into the young man's heart, he saw what it was that hindered the young man from the fullness of relationship with God.

When Jesus challenged him, the young man was uncertain whether he could change, and the story ends there, never telling us his answer.



I wonder...is there anything in *your* life that is *hindering your relationship with God*? If so, are *you* willing to make a change?

Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Liturgist: Dennis Brown

Cross Bearer: Stefano Cono

Greeters: Carole Degnan and Mary Lou Hastings

Bible Bearer:

Acolytes: Mateo Cono and Carolyn Hollyday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and for Thanksgiving for 58 years of marriage, given by Jim and Phoebe Repetsky; and in appreciation for all our pastors.

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 the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000), and as noted in the bulletin.

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST



On October 13th and 14th, the 16th annual Harp Guitar Gathering will be meeting at MTMUMC. People from all over the US (as well as from Canada, Europe and sometimes Japan) gather once a year to play and learn more about this amazing instrument and to generally have a lot of fun! Last year's Gathering was in California and next year's will be in North Carolina – so see them while they are here! **There will be two public performances here in our sanctuary.**

The Concert is on Saturday night at 8 pm and will feature 6-8 players, each playing several tunes. **The Recital is on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm** and will feature more players, each playing 1 or 2 tunes.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance by seeing Nancy Bennett or call her at 203- 530-0176, or they can be purchased at the door. Hope to see you there!

What is the Harp Guitar Gathering's connection to Mary Taylor Memorial? Stephen Bennett, the founder of the Gathering, is son of Judy Bennett and husband of Nancy Bennett. He will be one of the performers. On Sunday morning, another harp guitarist, Muriel Anderson, will be with us during worship to offer some special music during the Offertory.



October 19-20, 2018 at Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

The Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival is held every October in southern Connecticut. We are a Friday-Saturday festival, with a full program of workshops for hammered and mountain dulcimer players of all levels. In addition, concerts both evenings are open to the general public; tickets are available at the door. **Friday night's concert is at 7:30 pm – Saturday's concert is at 7:00 pm.**

We believe that hammered dulcimers and mountain dulcimers are among the world's most wonderful musical instruments. They're fun to play, and fun to listen to. They belong in both folk music and popular music. Our mission is to bring dulcimers and dulcimer music into public awareness.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE is Sunday, November 4th. 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 5, 2017). We will do our best to cull an accurate list of these names from our bulletins and funeral records, but welcome your help. Please email Mary Lou in the office at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203-874-1982, ext. 110, the name of your loved one you wish to be remembered **not later than Wednesday, October 30th.**

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, October 14</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Java for the Journey (Adult Class with Coffee!) – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Second Sunday Soup Sale – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Flag Meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Harp Guitar Concert – Sanctuary- Nancy Bennett contact</i>
<i>Monday, October 15</i>		BEACON INFORMATION IS DUE TODAY
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 16</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 17</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell & Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 18</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, October 19</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Nutmeg Dulcimer Concert – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Saturday, October 20</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nutmeg Dulcimer Concert – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, October 21</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
<i>Laity Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Java for the Journey (Adult Class with Coffee!) – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings –Sanctuary –Michelle Connor, RN</i>
	1:30 p.m.	<i>Youth meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival-MT Parking lot</i>
<i>Monday, October 22</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 23</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>UMW meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 24</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Bible Study with Pastor Kristina – Gunn Library</i>
<i>United Nations Day</i>	Noon	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Thursday, October 25</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, October 26</i>	10:00 am.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 27</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Trick or Trot Walk/Run for Beth-El-Lisman Landing</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME IS HOSTED by the United Methodist Women A-M. Next week's hosts are the United Methodist Women N-Z.

Sunday, October 14, at 11:30. We hope you will attend a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** and be a part of the conversation to be held in Dodd Hall immediately after our time of fellowship. We will be exploring *how to best express our identity as a Reconciling Church* and *what is best for our church regarding the placement of the Pride flag (or any flags) in our sanctuary*. Be sure to read the articles in the October Beacon, "On Reconciling Church & Flags in the Sanctuary: A New Season at Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church," and "Called to Make History." If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Darak, Shelly Lapadula, or Beth O'Brien. Hope to see you there!

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

USHERS NEEDED - Would you like to be a welcoming part of worship? Consider joining the ushers. (It is a way to make new friends too!) See or contact Stacey Riccardi at 203-415-5558 or stacey.riccardi@comcast.net.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE - An order for the 2019 Upper Room Discipline will be made in mid-November. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 or nctmwash@aol.com. The cost is \$10.00 for the regular or large print.

The Upper Room Discipline is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, which is the basis of most sermons on Sunday mornings. 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 lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all the parts of the Bible, **The Upper Room devotional booklets** that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary **are not the same as the Upper Room Discipline.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

NEXT SUNDAY

QUEST Youth Group will meet next **Sunday, October 21, starting at 1:30 p.m.**, then joining the **Trunk or Treat** event in the **Courtyard**. We will have S'mores, games, and the Youth may be decorating Pastor Dani's trunk for Trunk or Treat!!! Come join us for Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome (friends, too)! See Evite for details.

NEXT SUNDAY CONTINUED

October 21 PENTECOST 22: Laity Sunday! Worship led by laity.

- This week's scriptures: Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22), Romans 12:1-8
- **Stewardship Campaign: "Connecting with God and Each Other".**
Week 3: Connecting Ourselves with God Through Giving and Serving.
- After worship blood pressure screenings by Michelle Connor RN, will follow in the Sanctuary. Trunk or Treat 3-5pm.

TRES DIAS-This fall there are two weekends of Tres Dias of Fairfield County!

October 11-14 is the Men's Weekend. November 8-11 is the Women's Weekend.

Tres Dias is a full three-day (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon) experience which includes worship, fellowship, music, and activities to help strengthen your relationship with your fellow Christians, the Church and Jesus Christ.

Over thirty members of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church have attended these weekends in the past and many have served as leaders. If you are interested in more details, please contact Beth O'Brien, 203-877-8668 or bgobrien11@opronline.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY is October 28th. Please join us for Worship and Fellowship as we honor Pastors Kristina Hansen, Dani Levine, Hal Vink, Judy Bennett and Cynthia Dodd.



"RISE AGAINST HUNGER" (formerly "Stop Hunger Now") **SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN** by registering at <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTMUMC>.

The event is Sat., Nov. 3rd, 9 a.m. If you cannot register on-line, Lorraine Carr (carrain@yahoo.com; 203.931.0516) or Maryann Petremont (mapetremont@yahoo.com; 203.415.0544) will assist. There is no need to donate. Missions has provided the donation.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING –Sunday, December 9th –4:00 p.m. at Monroe UMC. This is a must attend meeting for everyone who calls MTMUMC their church. This will be a cluster wide Charge Conference. The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, our district superintendent will be there to lead us. Details and directions to follow at a later date.

Charge Conference is our annual meeting which tells us where we've been this year and where we're going next year. It also gives everyone an understanding of how people have served, how people have been involved and reminds us of the fun that we've had and the ministry that we have offered to our congregation, community and the world. See you there!

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net)*. Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **December 2, 9, and 23 are open for altar flower orders.**

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. 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 Kristina Hansen:** revkristina@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** dani.m.levine@gmail.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 115 or 203.927.9077 cell

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

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) WEEKLY. Please call the church office at 203-874-1982 for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards, our Yahoo Groups and on Facebook @mtmumc.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call or text #911 on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 7th

Total worship attendance all services: 151; Oct.7: 144; Oct.8: Healing and Wholeness: 7; Total Offerings for Oct. 7: \$6,562.09; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$280.90; Engaged in Small Groups: 92; Sunday School: 37; UMW: 10; Mindfulness Meditation: 13; Jesus Bible Study: 8; Methodist Bible Study: Tues.: 9; Wed.:12; NO Bell Choir; NO Adult Choir; Office Volunteers: 3; 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.