

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.

Please mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace”

W. Held

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “He Has Made Me Glad”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has born a song in you!

P: *Whether we sing with vocal chords or instruments, working hands or praying hearts, we sing the song God entrusts to us.*

ALL: *Let us learn God’s song within us and praise God for the privilege to sing it always!*

*HYMN #160 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Marion

THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

O God, who drenches our parched souls with hydration of the Spirit: grant that we are revived to serve the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, that your life-giving Spirit be spread through all the earth for the redemption of the world. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th cent.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A RECOGNITION OF THOSE IN MUSIC MINISTRIES

Adult, Praisemakers and Bell Choirs and special musicians are recognized

O Lord our God, bless these ministries of music and those who offer them. Give to these persons love for you and your people, fullness of heart as they praise you, and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #2226 (*seated*)

“Bind Us Together”

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 32:1-14

Bible p.77

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

Bible p.1071

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN #115

“How Like a Gentle Spirit”

Sursum Corda

THE SERMON

“What Are Our Idols?”

Dr. Bodt

A CELEBRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members are recognized

A word of history and invitation – Joan Zauner

Unison Prayer of Celebration: God of hope and healing, we celebrate all these whose skill of hand and dedication of heart reach out through our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Bless their mission to provide a tangible reminder of the warmth and tenderness of your love. Enfold them, and all whose lives they touch, with your divine love which enfolds us always. We ask this in the name of the One who, at his birth, was “wrapped in a blanket and laid...in a manger,” Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.)

“WORTH SHIP: Giving to God what God is worth”

Lisa Sobolewski

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“A Blessing of Music”

J. Martin

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation:

“All Things Come of Thee”

Hymnal #588

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #670

“Go Forth for God”

Geneva 124

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #663, vs. 1

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise;

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

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

*POSTLUDE

“Sing To His Name”

G. Martin

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

ADULT CHOIR

Leigh Bak	Steve Bettencourt	Tom Beyer	Sarah Brockett	Brian Bodt
Stacey Cronk	Judy Darak	Eileen Doyle	Tina Gage	Ty Gage
Lisa Gloates	Don Hastings	Ken Hawkins	Sheryl Hollyday	Callie Merva
Rachel Merva	Brenda Pineau	Faith Reardon	Edie Reichard	Barbara Repetsky
Hal Vink	Jane Vink	Steve Wasko	Wil Wright	

BELL CHOIR

Nancy Bennett	Jeff Brockett	Sarah Brockett	Meg Dennis	Eileen Doyle
Dawn Fino	Tina Gage	Ty Gage	Lisa Gloates	Jen Gregory
Edie Reichard	Heidi Shamansky	Ken Wilhelm		

PRAISEMAKERS CHOIR

Carolyn Hollyday Mary Repetsky
Adult Advisor: Barbara Repetsky

SPECIAL MUSICIANS

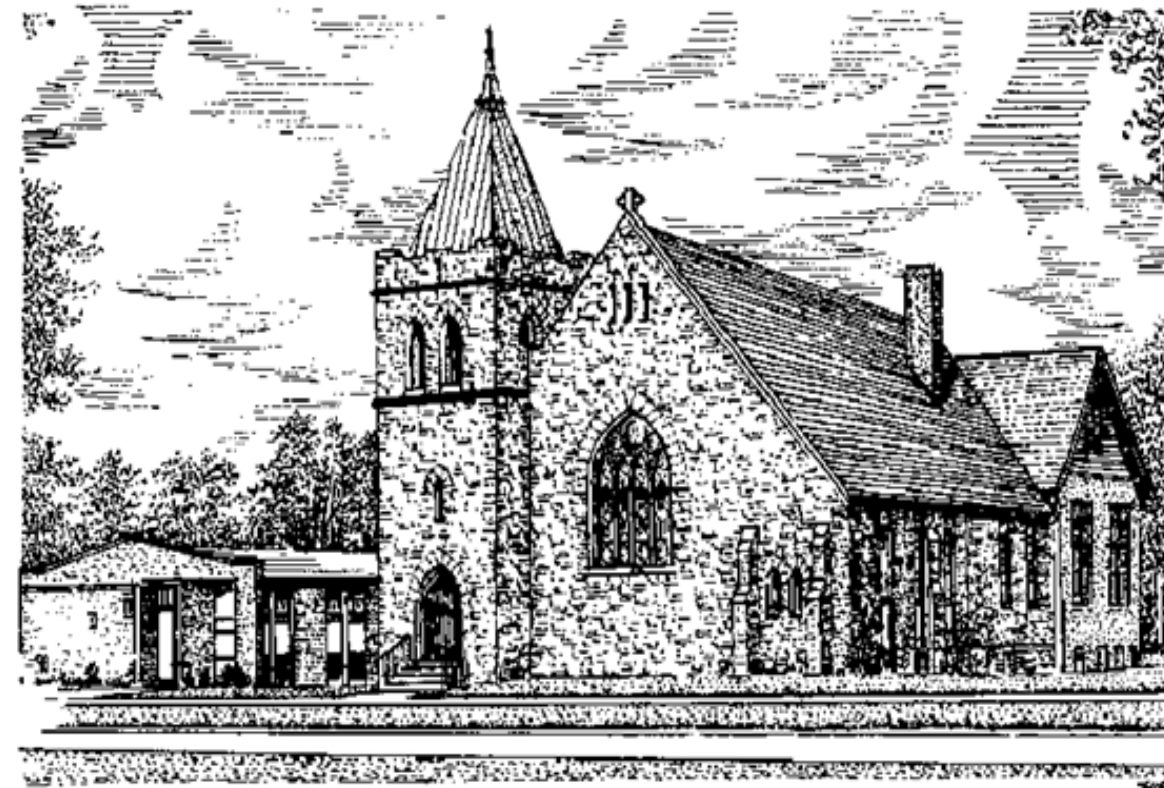
Nicholas Bettencourt	Steve Bettencourt	Brian Bodt	Mark Dennis
Lisa Gloates	Mary Lou Kampert	Mark Platt	Lydia Smith
Ken Wilhelm			

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Rick Riccardi

PRAAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Barbara Berglund	Joan Zauner, <i>Convener</i>	Deb Dubien
Linda Gregory	Josephine Caruso	Callie Merva
Fran Merva	Vicky LaBonte	Sue Reynolds
Phoebe Repetsky	Marilyn Natlo	Donna Venditti
Christen West	Carol Sahutsky	
	Faye Zeiner	



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.***

**CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
PRAYER SHAWL CELEBRATION SUNDAY
PENTECOST XIX
October 15, 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
Armand Bombardier	Member, husband of Virginia
Rachel Brownstein	Friend of Patrick Downey
Maureen Campo	Cousin of Patrick Downey
Judy Cannon	Mother of Stacey Cronk
Mary Chapman	Cousin of Carol Galloway
Linwood (Sandy) Costello	Member
Edward Degnan	Son of Carole Degnan
Robert Delaney	Brother of Gladys Hulse
William Everett	Member, husband of Sally
Marie Grasso	Mother of Barronlee Grasso
Kathy Vink Green	Niece of Pastor Hal and Jane Vink
Robert Jaser	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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Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
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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 15, 2017*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

An old saying declares “The one who sings, prays twice.” The same could be said of our knitters: “The one who knits, prays twice.” Singing and knitting (especially prayer shawls) extends the love of God to our senses (sound, sight and touch) in a way that more cerebral expressions of the Gospel cannot. Words attributed to St. Francis come to mind: “Preach the Gospel. If necessary, use words.”

So as we recognize our Music Ministry and our Prayer Shawl Ministry today, enjoy being bathed in the Gospel through your senses. Enjoy the visage of the prayer shawls draped over our Communion rail. Imagine them bringing tangible comfort and reassurance to those for whom these are rare gifts. Know that each shawl is bathed in prayer at our Monday night “Healing and Wholeness” worship before being given away. Touch a shawl before you leave this morning.

In like manner, enjoy the harmonies offered by our Adult Choir and, in the weeks to come, our Bell and Praisemakers Choirs. Hear not only the words but the beauty of melody and harmony intertwined, touching the strings of our hearts with our Maker’s nimble hands. In the words of today’s opening hymn:

*Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
Whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak **Liturgist:** Joanne Platt
Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula **Greeters:** Sue O’Shea and Ann Sullivan
Bible Bearer – Barbara Repetsky **Acolytes** – Mary Repetsky and Carolyn Hollyday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Lydia Smith’s mother, Marie, for her birthday on October 19. You’re always in my heart; in celebration of Ken Cronk’s birthday, given by his wife, Stacey; and a Happy Anniversary today to Phoebe and Jim!

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children’s bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY’S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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

Wednesday, October 25 9:00 a.m. *Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room*
10:00 a.m. *“Mark” Study – Gunn Library*
12:00 p.m. *Taize worship – Sanctuary*
6:40/7:45 p.m. *Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*
Thursday, October 26 1:00 p.m. *Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-70 Gulf St.*
5:30 p.m. *MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall*
Friday, October 27 10:00 a.m. *Office Volunteers-Gunn Library*
Saturday, October 28 9:00 a.m. *Milford 5k Trick or Trot – Lisman Landing*
9:00 a.m. *Disaster Recovery Ministry – Grace UM 121 Pleasant St., Southington, CT 9am-1pm.*
9:00 a.m. *Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel*
11:30 a.m. *Youth Group AM!GO Trip following Trick or Trot*

MISSION EVENTS UPCOMING

GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY SUPPER: Six times a year we assist our sister church, Golden Hill United Methodist in downtown Bridgeport with their weekly Community Supper. The next occasion is Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. We prepare the meal. If you would like to join our crew, please contact Maryanne Meehan at 203.610.4936 or maryannej43mm@gmail.com.

“COAT” DRIVE FOR BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION: Please bring warm, washable winter clothing and coats for adults and children on Sunday, November 5. The Petremonts will deliver the coats on Wed., Nov. 8. We will accept items until that day. Please do help!

“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 Sat., Nov. 11th, 9 a.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE: For our advance planners and shoppers, we will again support Milford’s Boys and Girls Village by providing gifts for 20 of the children at BGV. Tags for items requested will be available on Sunday, November 19th. Help make a child feel special!

Please contact Lorraine Carr (carrain@yahoo.com; 203.931.0516) or Maryann Petremont (mapetremont@yahoo.com; 203.415.0544) with questions or for more information.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 8:

Total worship attendance all services: 178; Oct. 8: 138; GEUMC: 26; Oct. 9: Healing and Wholeness worship: 14; Total Offerings for Oct. 8: \$7,902.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 114. Youth Group Lock-In, Oct. 6-7: 10; Sunday School: 28; Youth Group: 9; Confirmation: 4; Disciple 4: 9; “Mark” study Tues.: 10; “Mark” study Wed.: 13; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 22; 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.

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, October 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:45 a.m.	<i>Informal Hymn Singing – Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship/Choir Recognition Sunday – Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary, Michelle Connor RN</i>
	1:00 p.m.	<i>Sacred Heart Academy open house, Hamden</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Youth Group meeting – Youth Group Lounge</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Church Leaders Dinner for Annual Stewardship Drive - SBC Restaurant - Milford</i>
<i>Monday, October 16</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 17</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 18</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study</i>
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i>
<i>Thursday, October 19</i>	1:00 p.m.	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-70 Gulf St.</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, October 20</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 21</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Disaster Response Ministry – Seymour UMC, 90 Pearl Street, Seymour</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, October 22</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>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>“Out of the Darkness” Walk – Suicide Prevention Foundation – Sherwood Island State Park, Westport</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Caring Ministry – Wesley Center</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Trunk or Treat – Parking lot and Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
		<i>NO Youth Group meeting today</i>
<i>Monday, October 23</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 24</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted by Membership and Evangelism. Next week’s hosts will be the Worship Committee.

NOVEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is **TODAY!**. Please submit articles to Mary Lou Kampert at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or “hard” copy to the church office.

THE YOUTH GROUP meets **today, 4 – 5:30 p.m.** Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. Each week we have a discussion topic and topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome! **Today’s topic: “Comic Book Calling” led by Paul Downing.**

TRASH AND TREASURERS: Due to popular demand, free books at Trash and Treasures will be available for a few more weeks. Take as many as you can enjoy or share.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY TRAINING this Saturday, Oct. 21st 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Seymour UMC, 90 Pearl Street, Seymour, CT. **PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED ADDRESS!** See October Beacon, p. 10; register at the [missions/disaster response page](#) on the NYAC web site www.nyac.com; or contact Lorraine Carr (carrain@yahoo.com; 203.931.0516) or Maryann Petremont (mapetremont@yahoo.com; 203.415.0544) with questions or for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 22

LAITY SUNDAY/PENTECOST XX Co-Lay Leaders Shelly Lapadula and Beth O’Brien will lead worship, with Beth offering the morning message. We will have a “Bible Blast” from Don Hastings about The Upper Room Discipline. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. The Caring Ministry team will meet after worship. From 3 – 5 p.m. The Sunday School will host the annual Fall Harvest Festival and “Trunk or Treat” alternative children’s Halloween celebration in the parking lot and Dodd Hall.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: Our annual celebration is from 3 – 5 p.m. in the parking lot and Dodd Hall. Children (and adults!) are invited to come in “family friendly” costumes to enjoy games, crafts and “trick or treating” among the specially decorated car trunks in our parking lot. Pizza and snacks will be served. People interested in participating in the “Trunk” portion of the event - decorating their car and handing out candy - must complete a Vehicle Registration Form. Forms are available in Dodd Hall and can also be completed at the event. Questions...call Bev Downing 203-676-5581 or Tara Volgmuth 203-710-9836, Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net/203.645.2362) or Holly Firmender (holly.firmender@gmail.com).

IN LIEU OF NEXT WEEK’S REGULAR YOUTH GROUP MEETING, the youth will participate and assist with the **Trunk or Treat event from 3-5 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. The Youth Group will lead games and entertainment for the young Trunk-or-Treaters.

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.

TIMELY NEWS OF OTHER SORTS



MANY THANKS for the wonderful birthday surprise, cards, greetings and beautiful flowers. You made my day! Gladys Hulse

BANK PARKING LOT – In recent weeks cars have parked in the drive thru area of Peoples Bank while plenty of parking was available either in the back of the church or on the street. Please know that even if the bank is not open, customers still use the ATM inside the bank and the one in the drive thru area. Since the drive thru is not a designated parking area, we ask that you use either the marked parking spots behind the church and bank, or street parking. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. *Chris Paton for the Board of Trustees*

COMING SOON

"OUT OF DARKNESS WALK" for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be at Sherwood Island State Park next **Sunday October 22 at 11:00 a.m.** Contact (text) Beth Hanson at 203-361-8215 if you have questions.

MILFORD TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK to benefit Beth-El Center of Milford. **Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 a.m. at Lisman Landing.** See the enclosed flyer for details.

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. November 11, 2017, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 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.

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! Breakfast and lunch are included. 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/>.