

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.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Trio” S. Whitney

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

INTROIT “Draw the Circle Wide”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Thomas Binford, Portland UMC, TN

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary.

P: Praise God with heart and voice.

L: Praise God with bodies that are able and differently able.

P: Praise God with minds and bodies.

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #2221 (insert) “In Unity We Lift Our Song” Ein’ Feste Burg

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*) “For the Renewal of the Church” South Africa 20th cent.

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your spirit, transform us, and shape us by your cross. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Ruth Duck

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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LITANY TO OUR COVENANT FOR THE WORLDWIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
¶125, *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012*

L: In covenant with God and each other, we affirm our unity in Christ.

P: We will take faithful steps to live as a worldwide church in mission for the transformation of the world.

L: In covenant with God and each other we commit ourselves to be in ministry with all people.

P: In faithfulness to the gospel, we will cross boundaries of language, culture, social or economic status as we grow in mutual love and trust.

L: In covenant with God and each other, we participate in God’s mission as partners in ministry.

P: We share our God-given gifts, experiences, and resources recognizing that they are of equal value, whether spiritual, financial, or missional.

ALL: With God’s grace, we joyfully live out our worldwide connection in mission for the transformation of the world.

THE EPISTLE Galatians 3:26-28 Bible p.1061

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN “Where’s the Minister?” Leigh Bak

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28: 18-20 Bible p. 909

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

*HYMN #583 “You Are the Seed” Id y enenad

THE MESSAGE “Unity in Ministry” Kelly O’Hara

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A Modern Affirmation” Hymnal #885

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

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 “New Consecration Sunday” Tina Gage, Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Are You Ready to Meet Your Lord” Price/Besig

*Presentation: “Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN # 571 “Go Make of All Disciples” Lancashire

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

L: Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,

P: And that what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives,

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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*

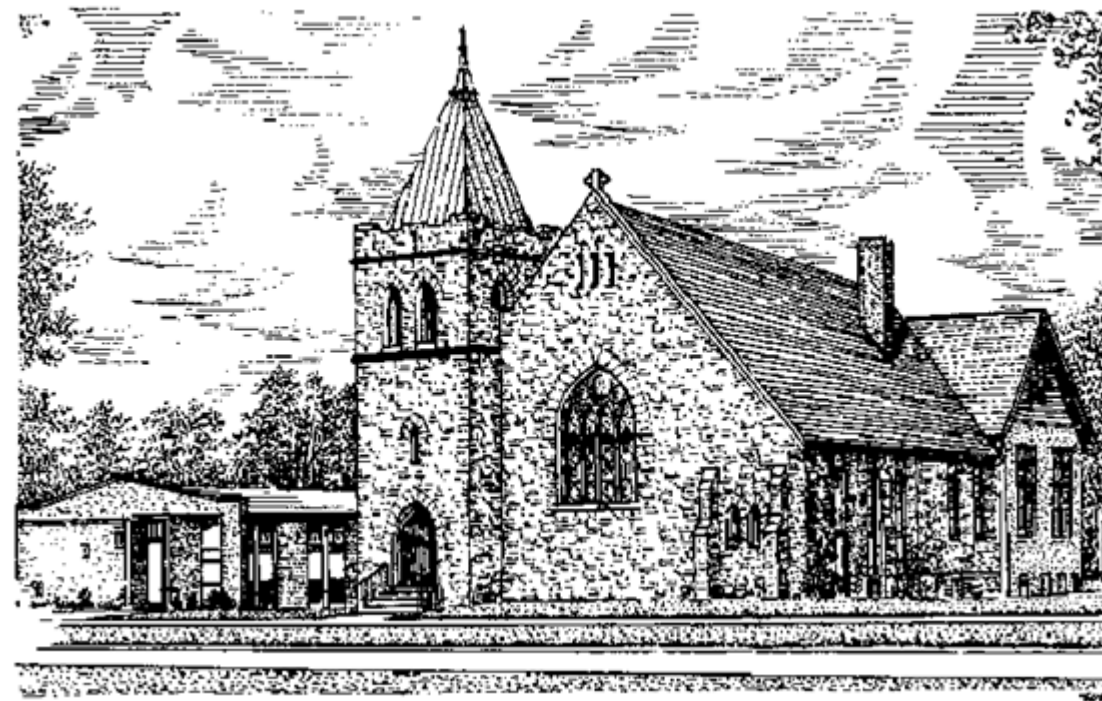
*POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in G Major”

G. Young

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

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.*

**LAITY SUNDAY
PENTECOST XXI
October 18, 2015**

ALL SAINTS REMEMBERANCE LIST

As of October 18, 2015

Dear MTMUM Church community,

We annually observe All Saints by remembering those who have died since the last All Saints (November 1, 2014). That list currently includes the names below. If you wish to add your loved one in time for the listing on Sunday, November 1, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for publication will be Wed., Oct. 28

Pastor Brian

Members

June Cutrona Robert Hokunson, Sr. Stephen Huchet
Dorothy Long Robin Sattler

Spouses

Richard James (Deidre)

Parents

Gary Kingsley (Stephen Kingsley) Connie Micks (Bev Downing)
Dorothy Roberts (Richie Perregaux)

Grandparents

Mabel Newman

Siblings

Richard Ruscoe (Faye Zeiner)

Aunts and Uncles

Mary Williams (Carol Galloway)

Other Family Members

Stephen Severance (Nephew - Faye Zeiner)

Brett Clinge (Cousin - Mary Lou Kampert)

Friends

Charles LaMarca (Bettencourts and Cables)

Douglas and Eleanor Bunnell (Faye Zeiner)

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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	Bruce Rumford	Outreach Pastor	Rachel Duncan
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Grace Notes

October 18, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

"To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:"

Romans 1:7

"To the church of God that is in Corinth...called to be saints..."

I Corinthians 1:2

"To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:"

II Corinthians 1:1

"To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:"

Ephesians 1:1

"To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi..."

Philippians 1:1

"To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:"

Colossians 1:1

Who are these saints of which Paul speaks in the salutation of these New Testament letters? They are simply the members of the churches in these cities and towns! To these he wrote letters of exhortation, encouragement and (at times) chastisement.

Why did he call them "saints?" The word in the Greek New Testament is a word that means morally pure, blameless and consecrated for the work of God. Paul was not joking around. He set the bar high because the Good News of Jesus Christ requires we give our best.

Yes, we too are saints. While Dean at Drew Theological School, The Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet would greet church groups with "Good morning, saints!" to which a few bold souls replied "Good morning." He would continue "Good morning, sinners!" and a more robust chorus of "Good morning!" would follow. He'd conclude with, "Well, I guess we're all here!"

Indeed we are! On this Laity Sunday we particularly recognize the importance of the laos totheon ("the people of God") who comprise the Body of Christ. May we celebrate the unity of our shared ministry, laity and clergy together in Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Shannon Thompson

Liturgist – Leigh Bak

Bible Bearer – Mary Repetsky

Greeters – Barbara Ann and Tom Griggs

Acolytes – Allison Bennett and Amanda Repetsky

Cross Bearer – Olivia Kingston

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Leigh Bak.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Penny Layne Daneault's 1st birthday, granddaughter of Paul and Betty Daneault; in celebration of Mark Platt's birthday and Mark and Joanne Platt's 18th wedding anniversary; and in honor of Myrtle Lumis on her birthday, love Bob and Carole Sattler.

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. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

TODAY'S LITURGY was prepared by Leigh Bak, Co-Lay Leader. Our preacher is Kelly O'Hara, Co-Lay Leader. Both are Certified Lay Speakers. Resources for the liturgy include Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The Faith We Sing (2000) and The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2012).

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence with us. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

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

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, October 18</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn singing - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure screenings – Sanctuary-Amy Bennett, R.N.</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m. “Methodists in New Directions” Gen'l Mtg – Asbury UMC, Yonkers, NY</i>
<i>Monday, October 19</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 20</i>	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 21</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>Noon Taize Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 22</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Dinner – M&E hosts; Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, October 23</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Fri./Sat., Oct. 23-24</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival-Friday and Saturday</i>
	<i>Concert: 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:00 p.m. Saturday – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, October 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Choir Recognition Sunday - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries – Wesley Center, 1st floor</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m. MYF and Sunday School Trunk or Treat – MTMUMC parking lot</i>
<i>Monday, October 26</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m. Racial Justice group meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 27</i>	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 28</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, October 29</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. MTMUMC Foundation meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, October 30</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers - Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, October 31</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk at Lisman Landing to benefit Beth-El Ctr.</i>

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

REMINDER FROM NANCY BENNETT: BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2016 ARE DUE.

Please submit your budget requests for 2016 to her by email at nancy516@aol.com. Leave them in her church mailbox or give them to her in church. Thank you.

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

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 still needed for seniors with pets: please leave these in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com: 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“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 11th:

Total worship attendance all services: 159; October 11th: 155; Healing and Wholeness, October 12th: 4; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 11th: \$4,621.49; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$451.66; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,298.25; Engaged in Small Groups:159; (Office Volunteers 3; Sunday School: 47; Confirmation: 16; MYF: 20; Trustee’s mtg.: 7; Prayer Shawl: 8; UMW: 10; Revival Bible Study: Tues: 7, Wed:13; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 18) 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.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall and is hosted by the Gay- Straight Alliance. Next Sunday’s Fellowship hosts will be the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Join us for fellowship and conversation.

OUR FALL WINTER COAT AND WARM APPAREL DRIVE HAS BEGUN! Please save gently used coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, scarves and winter boots in all sizes for infant, children, women and men and **leave them in the boxes in the rear of Dodd Hall** from now until Nov. 15. These gifts will be directed to folks in need through the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD” SHOEBOXES express God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. We have participated in this program for a number of years. The flier in today’s bulletin describes what things are to be included in the shoebox. To sponsor a shoebox, please see or contact Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203.645.2362). **Shoeboxes are due to be returned on or before Sunday, November 22nd.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

TAIZE WORSHIP returns on Wednesday, Oct.21, noon in the sanctuary. This monthly contemplative service lasts about 30 minutes and provides a mid-day oasis.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC is this Thursday, Oct. 22, 2-6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. If you can help for all or part of this time, please contact Deb Dubien (203.877.4959).

MILFORD HOSPITAL is seeking volunteers with late afternoon or evening availability for the gift shop, information desk, emergency department and off-site walk in center. **Orientation is this Thurs., Oct. 22nd, 4-7pm** at the hospital. For information or to register call 203-876-4062.

THE NUTMEG DULCIMER FESTIVAL will be Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th. The festival includes a full program of workshops for hammered and mountain dulcimer players of all levels in Dodd Hall, the Sanctuary and Wesley Center. If you would like to hear some outstanding music, concert tickets are available at the door for \$20.00. Friday night’s concert starts at 7:30 pm. Saturday’s concert starts at 7:00 pm (early start).

NEXT SUNDAY

REFORMATION SUNDAY/CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: The message, “*I will bless the Lord at all times*” will be based on Psalm 34:1-8 and Mark 10:46-52. We will recognize our choirs and the music ministry of our church. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. The Caring Ministry team will meet after worship.

(“Next Sunday” continued next page)

Next Sunday, continued

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: October 25, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Join us in the MTMUMC parking lot and Dodd hall for games, snacks and fun. Come in costume, help decorate a trunk and/or run a game. This event is co-sponsored by the Sunday School and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The more the merrier, so feel free to bring a friend!

COMING SOON

COME AND MEET PROPHETS ISAIAH & JEREMIAH

WHAT? Study led by Pastor Hal Vink, using your Bible and “Immersion” study guide (\$10.00)

WHEN? Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm or Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

WHO? “ISAIAH” – 4 SESSIONS – October 27/ 28 to Nov. 17/18
“JEREMIAH” – January 5/6 to January 26/27, 2016

WHERE? Wesley Center – 2nd Floor, Church Library (handicapped accessible!)

INTERESTED? Tell Pastor Hal (203-878-8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com)
Study Guide available after church in October or in the Church office.

A RACIAL JUSTICE PLANNING GROUP MEETING will gather on Monday, October 26, 8 – 9 p.m. in the Gunn Library. This first meeting is open to all and is an outgrowth of the June 26th seminar attended by Rachel Merva, Bob Lawrence and Lia Bonfietti-Csvihinka as reported in the August “Beacon” (page 10). The purpose of this introductory meeting is to discuss the ways that MTMUMC can affirm diversity and challenge racism. Please contact me for further information.
Rachel Merva (203.641.5088)

JOIN THE TRICK OR TROT 5K RUN/WALK TO SUPPORT BETH-EL: The 4th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk to benefit The Beth-El Center will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2015, 9 a.m. at Lisman Landing. Website for registration form: <http://bethelmilford.securesites.com/index.php> or in the back of the Sanctuary.

MORE TIMELY NEWS

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE: Don Hastings is concluding reservations for The Upper Room Disciplines, 2016. The order will be placed in **early November.** Copies (regular and large print) are \$10 and may be reserved with Don at 203-877-4554 or nctmwash@aol.com. The Upper Room Disciplines is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, the basis of most sermons on Sunday mornings and is **different** from “The Upper Room” devotional booklets.

A WORSHIP SURVEY was mailed to your home on Friday, October 9th. Please take ten minutes to complete it and return it to the church office in person or by mail (168 S. Broad Street, Milford, 06460) or give it to an usher on Sundays. The purpose of the survey is to determine possible interest for additional worship offerings in accord with our Long Range Plan adopted last June. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER: the first Sunday of the month will now be hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a committee of the church. Our hope is to involve others besides committee members in this ministry of hospitality. **The first open Sunday is December 6.** A “How to Host Fellowship Time” guide is available and others will help you. It’s easy-peasy. To volunteer, sign up in the kitchen in Dodd Hall or call Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10)

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK DURING OCTOBER. If you are interested in serving in any aspect of our church’s ministry, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or those Nominating Committee members listed with their telephone numbers on page 5 of the October “Beacon.”

DID YOU SIGN UP FOR “STOP HUNGER NOW?” Last year we had over 100 volunteers prepare 10,000 dry meals to ship to crisis points in the world. The date this year is Saturday, November 7. We have booked 9 a.m. – Noon but last year we were done in under an hour. You may register one of two ways:

1. Go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM2015> and follow the instructions, or
2. See Deb Dubien or call her at 203.877.4959 and she will register you.

Remember that **this event is fully funded** so you do not need to donate to participate.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.