

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 “Meditation” D. Hegarty

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Make Me A Servant”

*CALL TO WORSHIP revmindi@rev-o-lution.org (modified)

Leader: We are called to be one body in Christ.

People: Though we are all different, we need each other.

Leader: We are created to give honor, praise, and glory to God.

People: Though we are all different, we worship the same God together.

Leader: We are challenged to share the gifts of God with all.

People: Though we are all different, we serve one another and bear each other’s burdens.

Leader: We are one in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Though we are all different, we are the body of Christ.

All: Come, worship God who made each of us, and love our Savior who loves us all!

*HYMN #547 “O Church of God, United”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*) Chalice Worship (page 271, #158 mod)

God, our creator, today you have called us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You have bestowed upon us the gifts we need to serve your people. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift which is love. 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 OF CONFESSION revmindi@rev-o-lution.org (modified)

Almighty God, we have sought worldly success over loving our neighbors and serving those around us. We would rather live comfortably than find new ways of sharing what we already have with the hungry and homeless. We would rather live in safety and

security than seek justice for the oppressed and marginalized. Forgive us our selfishness, and turn us to the needs of those around us. May we remember that we are all part of Your Body; we are all your children. We know that there is no limit to your love and forgiveness, no end to your mercy and grace. Help us to be set free from the ways of the world. In the name of Christ, who set us free from sin and death forever, we pray. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON revmindi@rev-o-lution.org (modified)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is God’s faithfulness. You are loved and forgiven, renewed and restored by God. Go and do the same for others: share mercy, forgiveness, and love.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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 “Blessing to the World” Beth O’Brien

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-8 (see insert)

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25: 31-46 (NRSV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

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

HYMN #400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

*Connecting Ourselves with God through Giving and Serving
Reflection*

Cathy Liontas et al
Paul Downing

MISSION MOMENTS

Jenn Paradis and Maryann Petremont

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Sandy Morgan and Leigh Bak

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“Ye Servants of God”

arr. by M. Vree

Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #2172

“We Are Called”

(see insert)

THE BENEDICTION

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

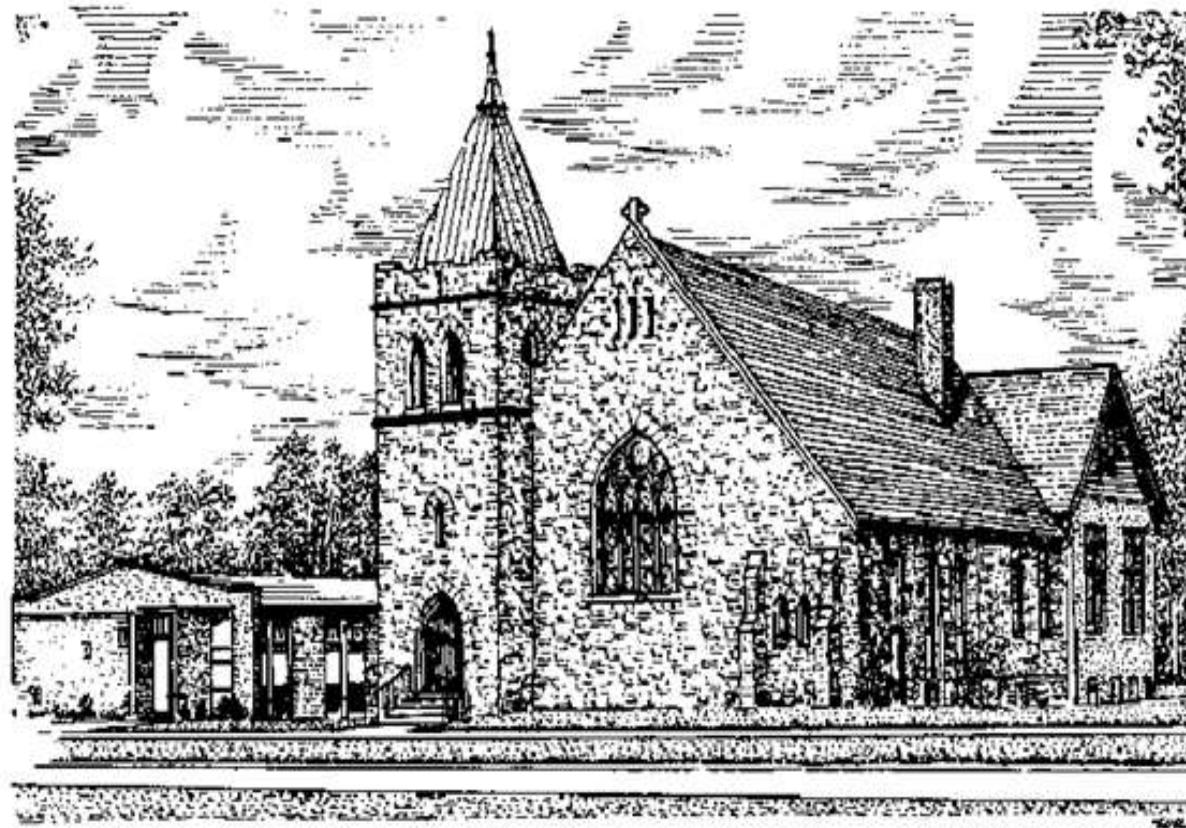
POSTLUDE

“Psalm of Glory”

D. Wells

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

THE WORSHIP HAS 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

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2018

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach Pastor	Dani Levine
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cynthia Dodd
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes
October 21, 2018

Stewardship – the simplest definition is “to care for”. This year’s Stewardship Campaign theme is “Connecting with God and Each Other.” This week’s theme is “Connecting Ourselves with God through Giving and Serving”.

I know of no one who lived the definition of stewardship more than my mom, Bev Pierpont. Many of you were blessed to have a personal connection with my Mom. Many were blessed to have her care for you.

My Mom had a deep, quiet connection with God. Through that connection she shared her gift of service with Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. Mom faithfully served our Church and Church community, but is best known for her tireless work with Trash & Treasures. As my sister Stacy and I tackle the daunting task of cleaning out our child home, I found a small book of inspiration poems and would like to share one with you:

Peace of Mind

There passes not a single day
 that I don't speak your name,
 and though I feel unworthy, God,
 I ask you just the same.

Then—let someone's path cross mine—
 who need a helping hand,
 and let me show that someone
 that I care and understand

To give me strength to face
 whatever problems lie ahead,
 and should I start to worry—
 give me “peace of mind” instead

When the day draws to a close—
 Let my thoughts be of You,
 For you are such a vital part
 of everything I do.

Doris A. Orth

May all be Connected to God and each other.

Blessings,
 Shelly Lapadula

6th Annual MILFORD 5K Trick or Trot Run/Walk

Saturday, October 28, 2017

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.

Sponsored by



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6th 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 _____

MToF 2017

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Liturgist: Kelly O'Hara

Cross Bearer:

Greeters: Marge Malehorn and Flo Berrien

Bible Bearer: Pemberley Brockett

Acolyte: Selena Gonsalves

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and in celebration of Elaine's birthday, given by Ken Hawkins; and in memory of Jennifer Battista, given by Bev Dean.

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 last week are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.**

A REQUIEM FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED will be offered by St. Peter's Episcopal Church on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4, at five o'clock. The Service is offered to the entire Milford & Orange communities without charge, regardless of religious belief or associations. All are welcome, particularly those who have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past. The Service is quiet and meditative, largely sung by the Choir, and is intended to provide comfort and strength to anyone struggling with grief or loss. St. Peter's is located at 71 River Street, Milford. There is ample parking on both sides of the street. For more information, please visit our website at www.stpetersmilford.org.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Frightening statistics reveal that Halloween is the deadliest night of the year for child pedestrians. The following are some safety tips.

- 1] Don't let young children trick or treat alone.
- 2] Plan out the route and go over safety precautions
- 3] See and be seen and have children wear costumes that don't obstruct their vision. Attach reflective tape on them if none comes with the costume.
- 4] Carry a flashlight
- 5] If driving your children make sure seat belts are on between stops. An accident can happen in a split second.

Halloween parties have become popular so follow simple guidelines.

- 1] Don't drink and drive.
- 2] Avoid neighborhood shortcuts where children are likely out trick or treating.
- 3] Slow down so you have more time to react if a child should run out in front of a vehicle.

Here's to a safe and fun holiday much beloved by children.

Submitted by:

Brenda Pineau R.N.

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<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 Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 24</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	Noon	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer – Sanctuary</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell & Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</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>
<i>Sunday, October 28</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
<i>Pastor Appreciation</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>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Caring Ministry meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, October 29</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 30</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, Oct. 31</i>	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell & Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, November 1</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees Meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, November 2</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, November 3</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Rise Against Hunger food packaging – Dodd Hall</i>



TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME IS HOSTED by the United Methodist Women N-Z. Next week the Stewardship and Finance committees will host our “Connection Celebration” during fellowship time. Don’t miss it!

QUEST Youth Group will meet **TODAY 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.

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.

THIS WEEK

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER is offered **this Wed., October 24th at noon**. The sanctuary will be open for an hour for a time of contemplative prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST 23: Commitment Sunday!!!

- Rev. Kristina Hansen will preach the sermon “WHOSE FUTURE IS IT?” based on Psalm 90, 1 Corinthians 8:1-5, and Deuteronomy 34:1-12.
- **Stewardship Campaign: “Connecting with God and Each Other”.** Week 4/Wrap Up: A Discipleship Connection Pledge.
- Healing anointing will be offered at the close of worship.

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.

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



“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 14th

Total worship attendance all services: 112; Oct.14: 104; Oct.15: Healing and Wholeness: 8; Total Offerings for Oct. 14: \$4,343.95; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$448.16; Engaged in Small Groups: 92; Sunday School: 28; Prayer Shawl: 7; Jesus Bible Study:8; Methodist Bible Study: Tues.: 11; Wed.:11; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir:16; 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.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. (verses 6-8 responsively)

Leader: In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy,

People: speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Leader: If your gift is serving others,

People: serve them well.

Leader: If you are a teacher,

People: teach well.

Leader: If your gift is to encourage others,

People: be encouraging.

Leader: If it is giving,

People: give generously.

Leader: If God has given you leadership ability,

People: take the responsibility seriously.

Leader: And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others,

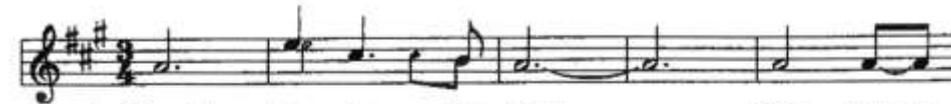
People: do it gladly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



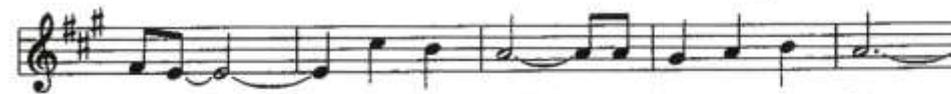
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be
great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the
hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -



cit - y of God! We are called to act with
be no more! We are called to act with
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People: speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Leader: If your gift is serving others,

People: serve them well.

Leader: If you are a teacher,

People: teach well.

Leader: If your gift is to encourage others,

People: be encouraging.

Leader: If it is giving,

People: give generously.

Leader: If God has given you leadership ability,

People: take the responsibility seriously.

Leader: And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others,

People: do it gladly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be
great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the
hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -



cit - y of God! We are called to act with
be no more! We are called to act with
nit - ed in love!



jus - tice, we are called to love ten - der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to



walk hum - bly with God!

