

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Milford, Connecticut 06460

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Order of Worship  
10:00 a.m.

(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

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

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Sanctuary”

BIBLE BLAST “*The Upper Room Disciplines*” Don Hastings

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary!

P: *Praise him in his mighty heavens.*

L: Praise God for his mighty deeds;

P: *Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

L: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

P: *Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!*

**ALL: LET EVERYTHING THAT BREATHES PRAISE THE LORD!**

\*HYMN #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*) based on II Thessalonians 2

*Almighty God, it is with great joy that we come together to worship you this day. We are grateful that we have been chosen to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. We are in awe that we are called to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is by Thy grace that our hearts are encouraged and we are strengthened in every good deed and word. O Lord, let us stand firm in your eternal love. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal)

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 31:3-4, 10-14 (*NIV translation*) Bible p.719

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 13:1-13 (*NIV translation*) Bible p.1047

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN Shelly Lapadula and Beth O’Brien

\*HYMN #2162 “Grace Alone” rear cover

THE SERMON “Loved and Chosen” Beth O’Brien

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION Leigh Bak and Kelly O’Hara  
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”  
Steve Wasko, Bev Downing and David Doyle

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Offertory” J.N. Beck

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #189 “Fairest Lord Jesus” St. Elizabeth  
(*Let the ushers retire and the anointers come forward.*)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*Each last Sunday of the month, all are invited to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice of God’s love is a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” As always, please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.*

\*HYMN #261 “Lord of the Dance” Lord of the Dance

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” Hymnal #666  
*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him” J.S. Bach  
(*During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.*)

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

# Grace Alone

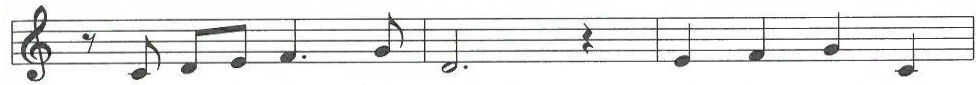
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1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
 hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing



we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,  
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his  
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }

*Refrain*



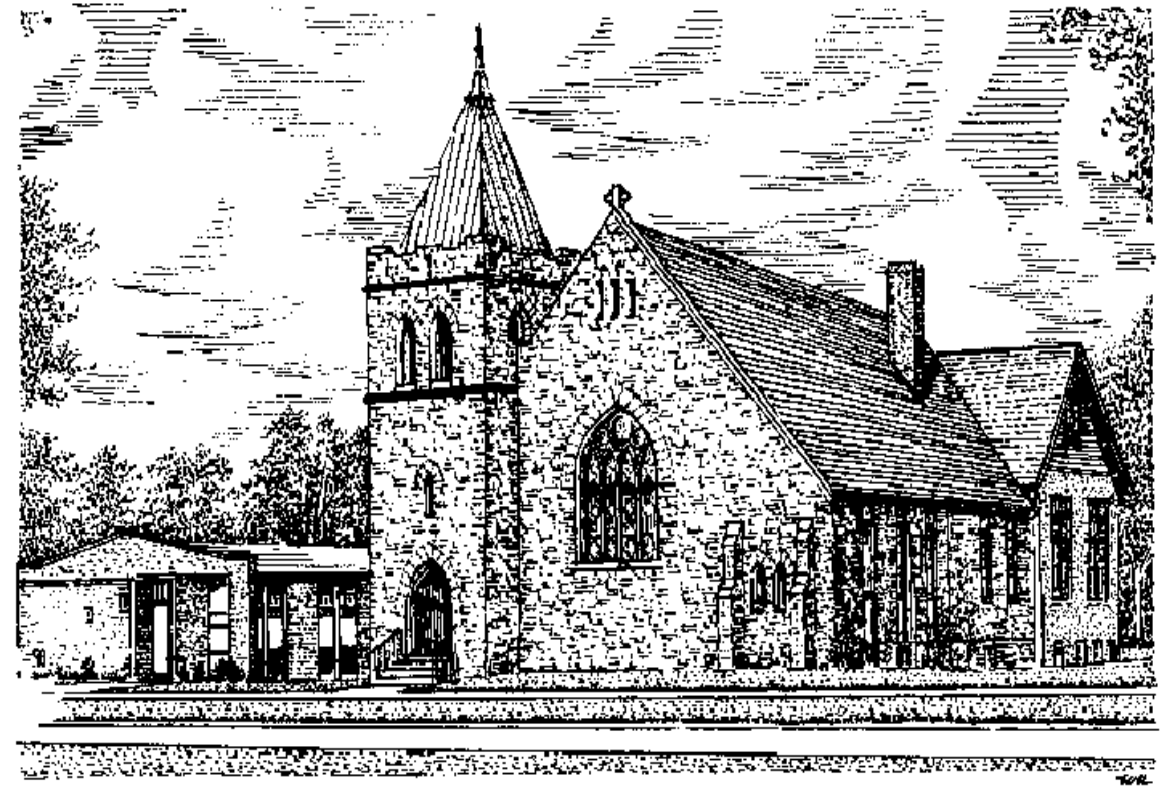
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.



## 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.*

**LAITY SUNDAY  
 PENTECOST XX  
 October 22, 2017**

## ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

We will remember the names below, dear to us at Mary Taylor Memorial Church, who have died since the last All Saints (November 1, 2016). We welcome additional names. Please send to Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 111) the name of the loved one you wish to be remembered **by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for creating a complete and meaningful remembrance of those who have “died in the Lord.”

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
Jack Connor	Husband of Michelle Connor
Steven (“Pete”) Csvihinka	Father of Jean Bonfietti-Csvihinka
Edward Degnan	Son of Carole Degnan
Laura Davidson	Wife of Rev. Jason Radmacher
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
Beverly Nichols	Mother of Laurie Nichols
Dennis Russell, III	Grandson of Judy Russell
Brittany Rindos Schuld	Niece of Missy Hackett
Caitlin Julia Shaffer	Friend of the Hastings Family
Ann Smith	Step Grandmother of Holly Firmender
Marie Smith	Mother of Lydia Smith
Steven Edward Smith	Brother of Joanne Platt
Mary Jo Winter	Mother of Marcia Winter

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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	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 22, 2017*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV translation)*

*I clearly remember the first time I “got it.” It was almost twenty years ago. I was sitting in a pew of our church about halfway back on “my side” with my five-year old daughter, Laura. The sun was shining through the beautiful windows and the pastor at the time was talking about grace. I don’t remember exactly what she said, but I remember how I felt. I remember that I was moved to tears—tears of joy and gratitude.*

*As I reflect on my life, I can clearly see how I have grown in God’s grace. Seventeen years ago, Marcia Winter handed me a Bible and invited me to my first Bible study. Almost every year since, I have attended Bible studies of one kind or another. I have also been very active in the Tres Dias Community. I have learned the importance spending time in study, prayer and service. God has done a mighty work in me, and I stand before you today to share one of my most recent stories. It is a story about the awesome gift of grace that I have finally accepted from God. It has taken me almost sixty years, but I finally “get it.” Just as I am this day, I am loved and I am chosen.*

*“...from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13b-14 (NIV translation)*

*My heart is filled with gratitude for Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. For it is in this community of faith that I have learned so much from the pastors and laity, raised my children, and developed very meaningful friendships. I have also been called to lead in ways that I never would have imagined! I am honored to be your Co-Lay Leader and to speak to you this day.*

*In Christ’s love,  
Beth O’Brien*



## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Dennis Darak  
**Cross Bearer:** Stefano Cono  
**Bible Bearer:** Sue O'Shea  
**Intercessor:** Mark Platt

**Liturgist:** Shelly Lapadula  
**Greeters:** Lodemia Lopes and Nancy Kardos  
**Acolytes:** Sean and Olivia Kingston  
**Anointers:** Pastor Brian Bodt, Barbara Ann Griggs,  
Mary Lou Hastings, Pastor Dani Levine, Pastor Hal Vink, Steve Wasko

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Elaine's birthday, given by Ken Hawkins; and in celebration of our granddaughter, Penny Layne's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday given by her grandparents, Paul and Betty Daneault.

**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), and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

<i>Thursday, November 2</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary's Church-70 Gulf St.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, November 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, November 4</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Multi-Generational Game Day – Dodd Hall</i>

## 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](mailto: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. 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>. Help make a child feel special!

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

## **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 15:**

Total worship attendance all services: 168; Oct. 15: 131; GEUMC: 25; Oct. 16: Healing and Wholeness worship: 12; Total Offerings for Oct. 15: \$6,185.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$2,180.93; Engaged in Small Groups: 165. Sunday School: 25; Youth Group: 10; United Methodist Women, Oct. 11: 20 Leader's Dinner, Oct. 15: 38; Confirmation: 4; Disciple 4: 10; "Mark" study Tues.: 11; "Mark" study Wed.: 9; Prayer Shawl: 8; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 19; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, October 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Out of the Darkness” Walk – Suicide Prevention Foundation – Sherwood Island State Park, Westport</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Caring Ministry – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Trunk or Treat – Parking lot and Dodd Hall (includes Youth Group – no evening meeting)</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, October 23</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 24</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Taize worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 26</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-70 Gulf St.</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Taize worship – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, October 27</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 28</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Milford 5k Trick or Trot – Lisman Landing</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group AM!GO Trip following Trick or Trot</i>
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<i>Sunday, October 29</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Worth-ship and Thanks-Giving Sunday– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>“Thanks-Giving” Celebration luncheon – 131 Trumbull Ave.</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Harvest Festival – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, October 30</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 31</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wed., November 1</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper - Bridgeport</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>

TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is hosted by Worship Committee. Finance Committee hosts next week.

**CARING MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS** and any interested members of the five Caring Ministry teams (Visitation, Healing and Wholeness, Transportation, Health and Wellness and Prayer Shawl) meet today, 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**CHURCH LEADERS:** Please see Lisa Sobolewski and Eileen Doyle in Dodd Hall after worship to receive Calling Cards for households that have not turned in a Reservation Card for our **Worship (Worth ship) and Thanks-Giving Sunday** next week.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: today, 3 – 5 p.m.** in the parking lot and Dodd Hall. Children (and adults!) please come in “family friendly” costumes for games, crafts and “trick or treating” among the decorated car trunks in our parking lot. Pizza and snacks will be served. We thank those decorating their car and handing out candy. Please see Bev Downing, Tara Volgmuth, Cathy Cono or Holly Firmender to complete a Vehicle Registration Form.

**YOUTH GROUP TODAY** 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. Please arrive by **2:45 p.m.** and meet in Dodd Hall.

“**METHODISTS IN NEW DIRECTIONS**” fall meeting will be held at Memorial UM Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY today from 3 – 5 p.m. See Pastor Levine if you would like to attend this meeting which advances a church inclusive of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES** from September 21<sup>st</sup> are available on the sanctuary rear table.

**TRASH AND TREASURERS:** free books! Take as many as you can enjoy or share.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR** for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** meet Wednesday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, to mail the November “Beacon.”

**TAIZE WORSHIP RESUMES:** Wed, Oct. 25, noon or Thurs., Oct. 26, 6:45 p.m., sanctuary.

**MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Thurs., Oct. 26, 2-6:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203-877-4959.

**MILFORD TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK:** Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m., Lisman Landing to benefit Beth-El Center of Milford. See the enclosed flyer for details.

**SAINT ANN CHURCH**, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, is having their annual Fall Concert featuring Jesse Manibusan and the St. Ann Choir, Sat. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. and Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

## NEXT SUNDAY, October 29

**WORSHIP** (*Worth ship*) **AND THANKS-GIVING SUNDAY AND REFORMATION SUNDAY** will be celebrated by receiving financial commitments for our 2018 ministry for Christ from members and friends by “*giving to God what God is worth.*” The message “Give ‘Til It....” will be based on Psalm 90, I Thessalonians 2:1-8 and Matthew 22:34-46. After worship, the Thanks-Giving Luncheon will be at the Milford Yacht Club, 131 Trumbull Ave. (a 5 minute drive).

**THE YOUTH GROUP** resumes regular meetings on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. **Topic: "On My Honor" led by Pastor Dani Levine.** Each week we have a discussion topic and a different topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome!

**GEUMC HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be next Sunday, Oct. 29, 4 – 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ghana Emmanuel United Methodist Church (GEUMC) has “nested” with us since Sept., 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 are on the rear sanctuary table. For more information, contact Brother Franklin Appiah at 203.589.1242.**

## COMING SOON

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com).

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL GAME DAY:** Sat., Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m., Dodd Hall. Learn a new game, teach another a new game, and just have some fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite snack and games you’d like to share. Beverages provided. For more information please contact Barbara Repetsky at [babsbayr@aol.com](mailto:babsbayr@aol.com) or 203.931.4363 or Holly Firmender at 203.530.2621 or [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.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. Interested? Please call/email Sheryl Hollyday (203-874-7325/[doulee@aol.com](mailto:doulee@aol.com)) or register at <http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/collegeofnursing/palliativecareconference/>.

## A TIMELY NOTICE

**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*

## 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](mailto: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.

**The current open date for flower donations is Nov. 19.**

**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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or [Danielle.levine@mail.com](mailto: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.