

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street

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.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE “Chorale Prelude on ‘St. Peter’” G. Young

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Love the Lord”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP I John 4:7, 11

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

All: BELOVED, SINCE GOD LOVES US SO MUCH, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. LET US WORSHIP GOD.

\*HYMN #110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Ein’ feste burg

THE COLLECT (seated, in unison)

O God, whose love is beyond our wildest imagining: unleash our gratitude for your love through our acts of loving kindness, that the salvation won in Jesus may live fully in us; through the same Savior, Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised forgiveness to all who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn to you. Grant that what we confess with lips we embrace with our hearts so that, cleansed by you, we may find love perfected in us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 90 Hymnal p.809

RESPONSE 1 (Easter & General) Martin Luther

A might - y for - tress is our God,  
a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing.

THE EPISTLE I Thessalonians 2:1-8 Bible p.1075

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

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46 Bible p.900

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #2168 (seated) “Love the Lord Your God” rear cover

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church is a community growing in God’s grace and love. We are committed to following Christ’s teaching and example by heeding his call to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, preach the good news, teach our children and youth, and visit the sick, homebound and imprisoned.

We recognize and celebrate the diversity of God’s creation and God’s gifts. As disciples of our Lord, we publicly acknowledge, welcome and support people of all races, genders, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, nationalities, ethnicities, abilities and socio-economic situations. Our welcome knows no boundaries.

Called by the Holy Spirit to share a ministry that reflects God’s love and justice, we embrace and honor all who participate in the ministries and leadership of our church.

The Mission Statement of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

\*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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Beside a Stream of Living Water” arr. By T. Keesecker

The Adult Choir

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” St. Peter

THE SERMON “Give ‘Til It...” Dr. Bodt

A MUSICAL RESPONSE AND TIME OF THANKS-GIVING

During the musical videos all are invited to commit your life and gifts to the ministry of Jesus Christ through this church in 2018. Please bring your commitment card forward after completing it. You are also invited to remain at the rail in silent prayer for this

church, the United Methodist Church, and that Christ's love may be revealed in us.  
Your act of commitment is the "Amen" that marks the close of today's service.

After leaving the sanctuary, please go immediately to the Milford Yacht Club, 131 Trumbull Avenue, for our complimentary luncheon. For those not attending the luncheon, Fellowship Time is offered in Dodd Hall.

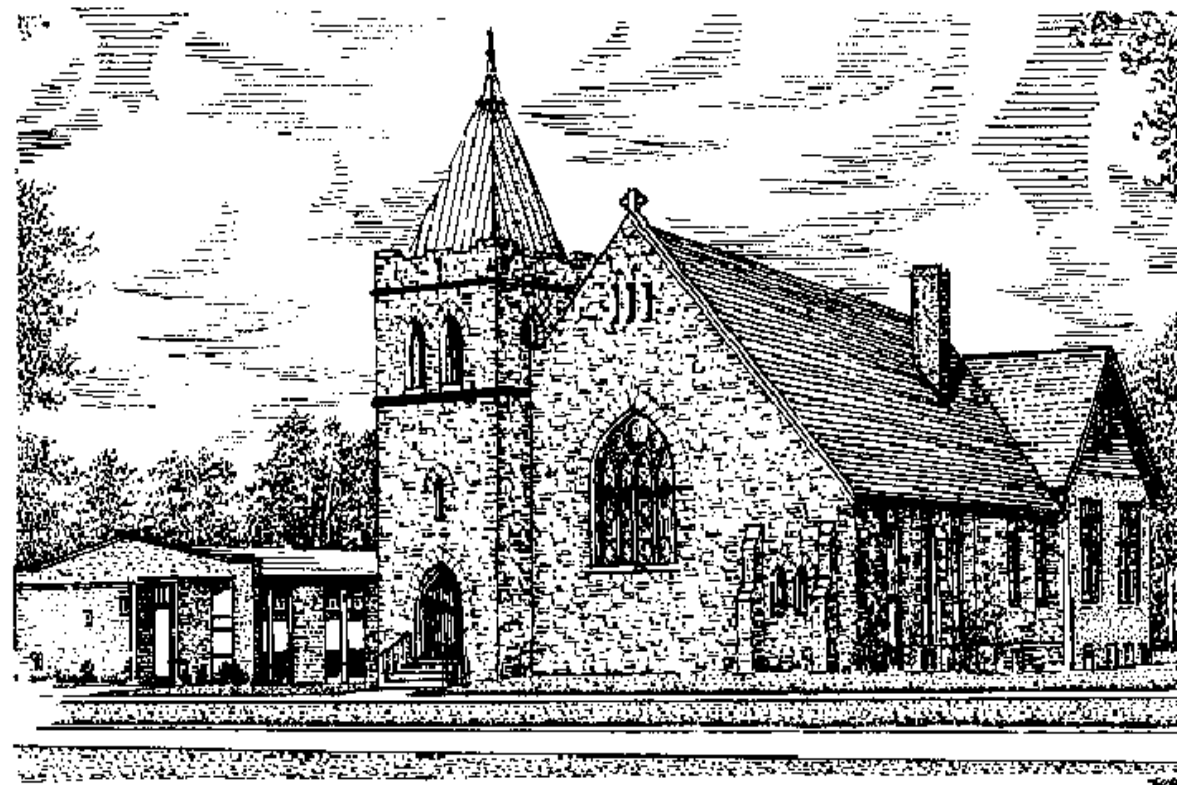
**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

## Love the Lord Your God 2168

Love the Lord, your God, \_\_\_\_\_ with all your  
heart. \_\_\_\_\_ Love the Lord, your God, \_\_\_\_\_ with  
all your soul. \_\_\_\_\_ Love the Lord, your  
God, \_\_\_\_\_ with all your mind. \_\_\_\_\_ Love the  
Lord, your God, \_\_\_\_\_ with all that you are. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Jean and Jim Strathdee (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27) GREAT COMMANDMENT  
MUSIC: Jean and Jim Strathdee Irregular

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### 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.*

**WORSHIP (Worth ship) AND THANKS-GIVING SUNDAY**  
**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**PENTECOST XXI**  
**October 29, 2017**

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

We will remember the names below next Sunday who have died since the last All Saints (November 1, 2016). Send additional names to Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 111) **by this 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
Ralph Cavagnuolo	Uncle of Steve Wasko
Mary Chapman	Cousin of Carol Galloway
Linwood (Sandy) Costello	Member
Jack Connor	Husband of Michelle Connor
Steven (“Pete”) Csvihinka	Father of Jean Csvihinka
Laura Davidson	Wife of Rev. Jason Radmacher
Edward Degnan	Son of Carole Degnan
Robert Delaney	Brother of Gladys Hulse
Brian DeVito	Brother of Michelle Connor
William Everett	Member, husband of Sally
Marie Grasso	Mother of Barronlee Grasso
Kathy Vink Green	Niece of Pastor Hal and Jane Vink
Elizabeth Hetherington	Mother of Chris Hetherington
Robert Jaser	Brother-in-law of Pat Jaser
Ben Jordan	Friend of Patrick Downey
Lillie Katrik	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 29, 2017*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*500 years ago this coming Tuesday – All Saints Eve, 1517 – and Augustinian monk named Martin Luther nailed a call for scholarly debate to the door of the Cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany. The “95 Theses” sent shock waves throughout Western Christianity and the Protestant Reformation was born.*

*Like most reformers, Luther never intended to leave the community he attempted to reform. He loved his Church and his vision was for it to truly become what it professed to be. Practices he criticized included the sale of “indulgences” (pardons from sin), limiting access to the scriptures to church leaders, and a theology of salvation by works rather than grace.*

*Luther’s effectiveness to start a reformation was not in isolation. Wycliffe and Hus proposed similar reforms 100 years before and were killed for their trouble. A key difference was technology. The printing press and movable type allowed Luther’s ideas to spread quickly beyond the intelligentsia to the general population. An informed populace read the scriptures, educated themselves on church practices, and took action.*

*We live in an even more technologically sophisticated time. Are we, as our forebears did 500 years ago, using that technology to become educated and informed, challenging status quo and speaking the truth to power in the name of Christ? Or are we allowing the purveyors of technology to guide us unquestioningly in directions they choose? As Luther’s descendants, the answers will make all the difference to those who follow us.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Dennis Darak

**Liturgist:** Dawn Bettencourt

**Cross Bearer:** Stefano Cono

**Greeters:** Marcia Winter and Beth Hanson

**Bible Bearer:** Sheryl Hollyday

**Acolytes:** Carolyn Hollyday and Mateo Cono

**A MISSION CROSS HAS BEEN PLACED** and a donation made by the Hastings to support The Beth-El Center, supporting an end to homelessness.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Mary Lou Hastings' birthday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, given by her husband Don; and in loving memory of our son, William on his 48<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by his parents, 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).

*Thursday, November 9 1:00 p.m.*

*7:00 p.m.*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Friday, November 10 10:00 a.m.*

*Saturday, November 11*

*8:30 a.m.*

*9:00 a.m.*

*9:00 a.m.*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Bereavement support Group-St. Mary's Church-70 Gulf St.*

*Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

*Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting –Gunn library*

*Office Volunteers – Gunn Library*

*Veteran's Day*

*Laity Convocation, Stanford Hilton, Stanford*

*Rise Against Hunger – Dodd Hall*

*Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel*

*"Living Well Through Illness", Sacred Heart University, 5401 Park Ave., Fairfield, CT*

## **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 22:**

Total worship attendance all services: 181; Oct. 22: 137; GEUMC: 32; Oct. 22: Healing and Wholeness worship: 12; Total Offerings for Oct. 22: \$9,198.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$2,746.67; Engaged in Small Groups: 221. Sunday School: 26; No Youth Group: Confirmation: 5; Disciple 4: 11; "Mark" study Tues.: 10; "Mark" study Wed.: 12; Taize worship, Oct. 25: 10 Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 18; Trunk or Treat: 110; Office Volunteers: 10; 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 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>NO Confirmation Class or “Mark” study tonight</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 4 Class – Egan Room</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>
<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>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation – Dodd Hall- Paul Downing contact</i>
<i>Saturday, November 4</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Disaster Recovery Ministry; Simsbury UMC, 799 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT</i>
	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Multi-Generational Game Day – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, November 5</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship-All Saints Sunday– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Coat Drive for Bridgeport Rescue Mission</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Parish Health and Wellness meeting – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School teachers meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Emmanuel UMC Worship - Chapel</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, November 6</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 7</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 – 9 p.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library (extended session)</i>
<i>Wed., November 8</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Youth Leaders meeting – Pastor Dani’s office</i>

TODAY

**THE “THANKS-GIVING” LUNCHEON** immediately follows worship at the Milford Yacht Club, 131 Trumbull Avenue. Those with reservations please go immediately to the luncheon. If you would like to go but do not have a reservation, please speak with Eileen Doyle or Lisa Sobolewski, who will be at the front of the sanctuary following worship.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY** is especially for those unable to attend the “Thanks-Giving” Luncheon. It is hosted by Finance Committee. The Youth Group hosts next week.

**THE YOUTH GROUP** meets today, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 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. Join us for the Youth Group! All youth grades 6-12 welcomed!

**GEUMC HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be today, 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.”

**NOVEMBER “BEACON”** was mailed this past Wednesday. Extras in the narthex.

**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

**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).

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:** Wed., November 1, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Six times a year we prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan. Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector. Contact Maryanne at [maryannej43mm@gmail.com](mailto:maryannej43mm@gmail.com) or 203.610.4936 if you’d like to help.

**PICKING UP THANKSGIVING PRODUCE:** Harvest produce donated by Jones Family Farms in Shelton will be picked up this Tuesday, meeting at Pumpkinseed Hill at 2 p.m. Our altar is annually decorated with harvest produce donated by Jones Family Farms in Shelton. After pick-up, we unload at MTMUMC. If you can help, please speak with Pastor Brian this morning.

**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS, SET 1:** Reports for the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting are due this Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Secretary Joanne Platt at [jocbs@aol.com](mailto:jocbs@aol.com). As previously notified to committee chairs, we ask only for updates on progress toward goals in the Long Range Plan. If

## THIS WEEK, continued

you do not have goals in the plan or have achieved all, your report may include actions of your ministry area since Sept. 21. You may also submit action items for the agenda to [wingridrs@optimum.net](mailto:wingridrs@optimum.net) or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com). **CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS** are due Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the annual booklet.

**INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION** Fri., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. This 90 minute program will be led by Kim Ruggiero who leads Mindfulness Meditation workshops at The Graduate Institute in Bethany, CT. No experience in meditation required, only a curiosity. A free-will offering will be accepted. **RSVP is required.** Fill out the enclosed registration form if you'd like to attend. Questions? See Paul Downing.

**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).

## NEXT SUNDAY, November 5

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – turn clocks back one hour!** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and All Saints remembrances will be celebrated. The sermon "Trust and Resist" will be based on Matthew 23:1-12. The Bell Choir and Adult Choir will offer music. Following worship, the **Sunday School teachers** will meet in the Wesley Center and the **Parish Health and Wellness Team** will meet in the sanctuary (all welcome). **Coats for the single-day coat drive are due today** (see below). This day is also the deadline to submit names of college students to receive **College Connection packets**. Contact Holly Firmender: 203.530.2621; [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.com). We will also distribute food bags for the food offering to be received November 19.

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

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

**"RISE AGAINST HUNGER"** (formerly "Stop Hunger Now") **SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN** by registering at <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM111117>. The event is Sat., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. If you cannot register on-line, 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) will assist.

**LAITY CONVOCATION:** November 11, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Stamford Hilton, 1 First Stamford Place in Stamford. The theme is "*The Community Continues*" with special guest speaker Rev. Junius B. Dotson. See the November "Beacon," page 16, for details.

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, continued

**LIVING WELL THOUGH ILLNESS: Charting a Patient-Centered Voyage.** Nov. 11, 9 am - 2 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. See November "Beacon," page 5, for details; or contact Sheryl Hollyday (203-874-7325/ [doulee@aol.com](mailto:doulee@aol.com)) or register at <http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/collegeofnursing/palliativecareconference/>.

## NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

**BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE** Christmas gift tags will be available on this Sunday. We are providing gifts for 20 of the children at BGV. Help make a child feel special! Speak with 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) for more information.

## 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.

**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.