

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Arioso” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

MISSION MINUTE “Stop Hunger Now” Maryann Petremont

INTROIT “Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has born a song in you!

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

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

\*HYMN #368 “My Hope Is Built” The Solid Rock

THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

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

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A RECOGNITION OF THOSE IN MUSIC MINISTRIES

*Adult, Praisemakers and Bell Choirs and special musicians are recognized*

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

\*HYMN #367 “He Touched Me” He Touched Me

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN Rev. Kieffer

\*THE GOSPEL John 4:5-18 Bible p. 969

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

THE SERMON “Trauma Queen” Rev. Kieffer

A CELEBRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry members are recognized*

*A word of history and invitation – Joan Zauner*

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

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*

*(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anthem: “Ancient Words” arr. by P. Keveren

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #393 “Spirit of the Living God” Living God

*(Sing three times.)*

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*The last Sunday of each 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 as we sing hymns 347, 560, 121, and 314. As able, stand or kneel at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice expresses Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.*

\*HYMN #565 “Father, We Thank You” Rendez a Dieu

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #663, vs. 1

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

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

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

\*POSTLUDE “Benedictus Es Domine” G. Calkin

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

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

**THE REV. KENNETH KIEFFER**

is our District Superintendent. He is a lifelong Methodist, baptized in the Islip United Methodist Church on Long Island, where he was also confirmed and married.

He graduated from Florida Southern College, a small Methodist college in central Florida, and attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. After graduation, Ken was ordained an Elder in the New York Annual Conference where he has served for 30 years.

Prior to being appointed by Bishop Park to the Cabinet in July 2009, Ken had pastored United Methodist churches in Greenwich, Norwalk and Stratford, Connecticut, and Glendale, Queens, New York. Now in his last year on the Cabinet, Ken serves as the Dean under Bishop Thomas Bickerton. Ken lives in Cheshire with his wife, Karen, his daughter, Olivea, and their pug, Bouggieboo. Please extend a warm welcome to him today.

**ADULT CHOIR**

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

**BELL CHOIR**

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

**PRAISEMAKERS CHOIR**

Carolyn Hollyday Mary Repetsky  
Adult Advisor: Barbara Repetsky

**SPECIAL MUSICIANS**

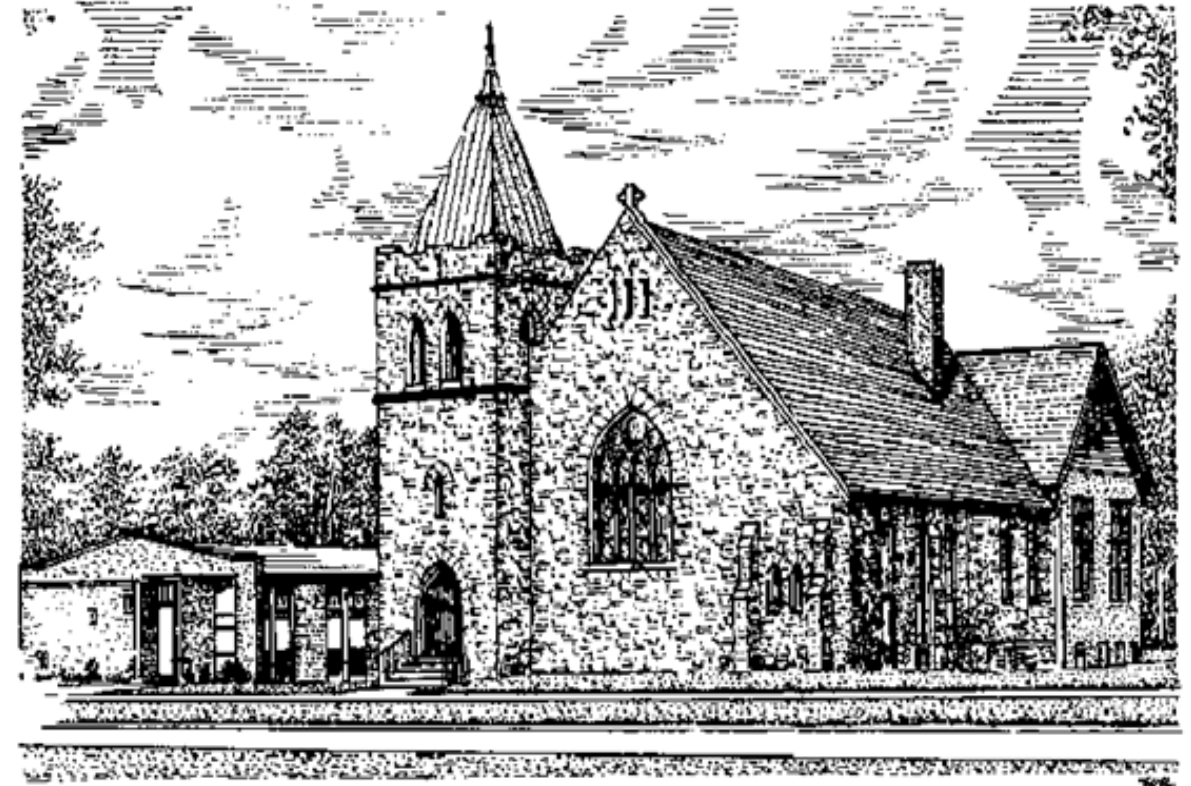
Nicholas Bettencourt	Steve Bettencourt	Brian Bodt	Mark Dennis
Lisa Gloates	Mary Lou Kampert	Mark Platt	Lydia Smith
Ken Wilhelm			

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Dr. Rick Riccardi

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Barbara Berglund	Josephine Caruso	Deb Dubien
Linda Gregory	Marlene Handshy	Vicky LaBonte
Marie Marczak	Callie Merva	Fran Merva
Marilyn Natlo	Phoebe Repetsky	Carol Sahutsky
Donna Venditti	Christen West	Faye Zeiner



**Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church**

*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836*

*Current building dedicated: 1893*

*Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969*

***Whoever you are, wherever you are  
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.***

**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**“Jesus as the Living Water”**

**PENTECOST XXIV**

**October 30, 2016**

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

**Sunday, Oct. 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY – CHOIR RECOGNITION – PRAYER SHAWL CELEBRATION**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall  
11:00 a.m. Fall Church Conference – Rev. Ken Kieffer – Dodd Hall  
3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms  
NO Methodist Youth Fellowship

**Monday, October 31** 2:00 p.m. Produce pick-up at Pumpkinseed Hill, Jones Family Farms, 120 Beardsley Road, Shelton

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel  
**Tuesday, November 1** 5:30 p.m. Confirmation class – Gunn Library, Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library

**Wednesday, November 2** 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library  
2:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper – Bridgeport  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center

**Thursday, November 3** 6:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center

**Friday, November 4** 10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

**Saturday, November 5** 8:30 a.m. MYF arrive for Stop Hunger Now set-up  
9:00 a.m. “Stop Hunger Now” meal packaging – Dodd Hall  
10:00 a.m. MYF off-site event

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**Sunday, November 6** ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
COLLEGE CONNECTION PACKETS AND COAT DRIVE DUE TODAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion- Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School Teachers – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms  
4-5 p.m. MYF Officers and advisors meeting – Youth Lounge

**Monday, November 7** 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

**Tuesday, November 8** ELECTION DAY – VOTE!  
10:00 a.m. U.M. Women wrap cans for Cookie Walk – Dodd Hall  
No Confirmation class – schools closed

**Wednesday, November 9** 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center

**Thursday, November 10** 6:00 p.m. Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study  
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Friday, November 11** VETERANS’ DAY  
10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers-Gunn Library

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
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	Nelson V. Brown	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 30, 2016**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*I hope you’ll attend Church Conference today. Not only because our District Superintendent has arranged to be with us on a Sunday, but because this decision-making meeting is an essential part of Methodism.*

*Methodists “do” meetings. That’s a fact. I recently had a thoughtful exchange with one of our leaders on the relative value of meetings. On the one hand we loath them. Sayings like “I experience the presence of God least in meetings” and “A camel is a horse designed by a committee” are religious and secular expressions of our distain.*

*We are especially justified in this point of view when meetings have no agenda; or the agenda is not shared or not followed; or the purpose of the meeting is unclear or lost. The problem is exacerbated in church when the spirit of Christ is forgotten or ignored.*

*Yet nearly every study, in and outside of the church, tells us that decisions made by groups are superior to those made by individuals. Jesus operated with disciples, and those disciples quickly organized once Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit descended.*

*Today’s Church Conference has a clear agenda, a clear purpose with informative reports, a Spirit-filled leader (Rev. Kieffer) and an open welcome. Come: you’ll be glad you did.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

**Pastor Brian Bodt**

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Liturgist** – Pastor Brian Bodt

**Cross Bearer** – Shannon Thompson

**Intercessor** – Mary Lou Hastings

Priscilla James, Laura Perregaux, Mark Platt and Pastor Hal Vink.

**Greeters** – Carol Alex and Joyce Haig

**Bible bearer** – Addyson Perregaux

**Acolytes** – Mateo Cono and Paige Perregaux

**Healing Anointers** – Barbara Ann Griggs,

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Kieffer and Pastor Brian Bodt.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Mary Lou Hastings’ birthday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>; and for a happy 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary to Bob and Lorraine Volgmuth-love Christine and Tara.

**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. **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.

**TODAY’S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Call to Worship and Collect were written by Pastor Brian.

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

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

## 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 ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW**, according to Paul Downing’s contact with the animal shelter. “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.

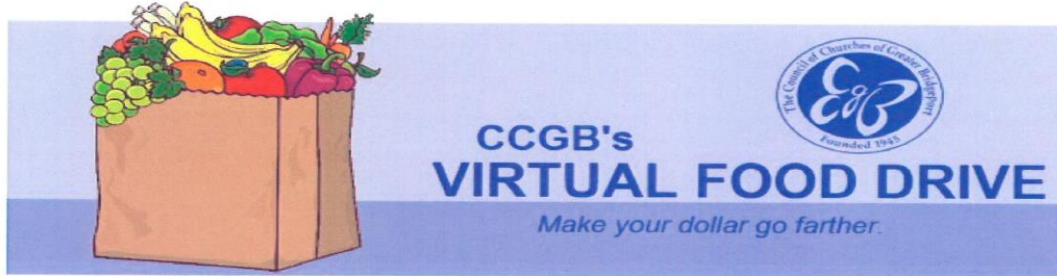
**PLEASE NOTE:** During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 23rd:**

Total worship attendance all services: 185; October 23rd: 148, Ghana Emmanuel UMC:17; Oct. 24th. Healing & Wholeness: 10; Taize, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: 10 Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 23rd: \$4,630.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$66.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$250.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 248; Sunday School: 31; “Trunk or Treat”: 150 (includes MYF); Trash & Treasures: 1; Confirmation: 7; Adult Bible Study, Tues.: 10; Adult Bible Study Wed.: 10; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir:17; Office volunteers 12; 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.



**Update on the Virtual Food Drive**  
*Leveraging Hope, Changing Lives*



CCGB's Virtual Food Drive is now three weeks old! We've raised \$8,580 on our way to our goal of \$25,000 by November 1st. We're getting much closer! Thank you to every one of you that has given!

If you haven't yet: **We must raise at least \$25,000 by November 1st in order to carry us through the end of December and we won't make it there without YOU! There's a little less than one month left!**

Please participate in the virtual food drive, which allows us to buy food wholesale and in bulk, greatly increasing the buying power of an individual's contribution.

If ten people from each of our member congregations gives \$50 we will **exceed** our goal!

You can participate by visiting here:

<http://www.ccgcb.org/virtualfooddrive> and you can find resources [here](#).

Here are some of the reasons to support CCGB in this effort:

- The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CCGB) has been a leader in relieving hunger in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, and Trumbull since the early 1980s.
- Over 20,000 unique visitors per month are served through our 40 independent pantries and soup kitchens.
- Since 2013, we have been increasing the amount of fresh produce, lean meats, and whole grains distributed through the HON
- CCGB provides culinary and nutritional education at many of the pantries and kitchens. We are working hard to improve our clients' health, reduce visits to the emergency room, give children the nutritious food they need to focus in school, and provide culturally appropriate food to diverse neighborhoods.

An old proverb states that "If you want to travel far, travel together." Pantries and soup kitchens in the HON travel far by drawing support from the network to accomplish what they would not be able to do alone. As the fiscal agent for the HON, CCGB has a unique view of the hunger picture metro-wide. Using data from the region, we can identify strategic pantries to reinforce, encourage best practices, reward and encourage innovation, and provide the administrative support these feeding programs need.



**TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary), hosted by the Missions Committee. **Next Sunday's host** will be Wendy Hoffmann.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE** also follows worship in Dodd Hall! All are welcome with vote reserved to members of the church. We will elect officers, committees and Trustees; recertify Lay Servants; set the pastor's 2017 compensation; and review program accomplishments from 2016.

**NO METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TODAY.** We supported the Beth-El Center's "Trick or Trot" run/walk yesterday. **Our next meeting will be this coming Saturday**, Nov. 5, participating in the "Stop Hunger Now" event from 8:30 – 10 a.m. and an off-site activity after.

**THE NOVEMBER "BEACON"** (our monthly newsletter) was mailed this past Wednesday. Extra copies are in the entrance to the sanctuary.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

**THIS WEEK**

**HARVEST PRODUCE PICK-UP TOMORROW!** If you'd like to assist, meet us **tomorrow, 2 p.m.** at Pumpkinseed Hill, Jones Family Farms, 120 Beardsley Road, Shelton. The produce is donated by the Jones family to decorate our Thanksgiving altar. It's about a 2 hour commitment: speak with Pastor Brian if you'd like more details.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH?** Orientation sessions begin **this Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7-8 pm** in the Pastor's study in the Wesley Center. Additional sessions will be Nov. 9 and 16. Attendance at all three sessions is part of new member preparation. New members will be received on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please speak with Pastor Brian today or contact him at 203.895.3753 or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com).

**NAMES FOR OUR ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE** are due by **this Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** to the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 110). **The remembrances are those who have passed since Nov. 1, 2015.** If you have a loved one who you wish to have remembered at our November 6<sup>th</sup> worship, please submit it. Please the updated list enclosed.

**STOP HUNGER NOW: this Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.** See the half-page article in this issue.

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will participate in Stop Hunger Now, meeting in Dodd Hall **next Sat. at 8:30 a.m.** and going to a movie after the SHN event concludes. Information will be distributed by e-mail. If you are unsure if we have your e-mail address, please contact Dawn Bettencourt at [stevedawn@optonline.net](mailto:stevedawn@optonline.net) or Pastor Dani at [danielle.levine@mail.com](mailto:danielle.levine@mail.com).

**CARDBOARD BOXES** for "Trash and Treasures" are still needed! Sturdy boxes that can be easily carried by one person, ideally with lids but okay without, are helpful. For more detail or to donate, contact Dolly Bonisch at 203.783.9952 or [dollyyuke@optonline.net](mailto:dollyyuke@optonline.net).

## NEXT SUNDAY, November 6th

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – turn clocks back one hour!** We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and remember all those who have died since the last All Saints. The sermon "*The Questions about Resurrection*" will be based on Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20:27-38. The Bell Choir will play the introit and postlude and the Adult Choir will sing the offertory anthem.

**"FEED THE HUNGRY" FOOD BAGS** will be distributed next Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual food appeal for Milford and the surrounding community. See the enclosed flier. Bags will be returned and blessed on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TEACHERS** will meet in the Wesley Center next Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**COAT DRIVE:** next Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. See the half-page article in this issue.

**"COLLEGE CONNECTION" PACKETS** are due next Sunday to Holly Firmender: 203.530.2621 or [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.com). If something kept you from completing your packet, please let Holly know. Let's not disappoint our college youth away from home.

**MYF OFFICERS AND ADVISORS** meet next Sunday, 4-5 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, discussing roles of the officers for the year and work to plan future meetings and events.

### IT'S BUDGET TIME!

It's time to start working on our budget for 2017. All committee chairs please submit your budget requests for 2017 to Nancy Bennett, Finance Chair. You can hand them to her in church, put them in her church office mailbox or email them to her at [nancy516@aol.com](mailto:nancy516@aol.com). Please call Nancy with questions at home (203-874-6434) or on her cell (203-530-0176).

### COMING SOON

**A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENING MEETING** will be held Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Diana Cable, 115 Berner Terrace. All women are welcome, with special encouragement to women who work outside the home to attend. The Rev. Judy Bennett and Lydia Smith will be offering a special prayer. For more information, contact UMW President Sue O'Shea at 203.494.5339 or [sueoshea@optonline.net](mailto:sueoshea@optonline.net).

**"THANKS FOR GIVING"** food-collect-a-thon is being sponsored by local Boy and Girls Scouts the weekend of November 11-13 at Wasson Field. Scouts will be present around the clock collecting non-perishable foods as well as frozen turkeys to help distribute to 250 local families. Thanks for any donations you can provide.

**AN ORDER FOR THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE, 2017** will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book, please contact Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com)). The cost of \$10 is the same for regular or large print.

The Upper Room Discipline is a book of daily devotionals, following the calendar year and based on the lectionary, the scripture readings that are the basis of most Sunday sermons. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all parts of the Bible. During the past few years many members of Mary Taylor have read the Discipline as a way to increase their knowledge of the Bible. ("The Upper Room" daily devotional booklets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary are not the same as The Upper Room Discipline.)



### **THIS SATURDAY IS "STOP HUNGER NOW"**

The Missions Committee is again taking on the challenge of packaging 10,000 meals through the organization "Stop Hunger Now." We need **YOU** to **VOLUNTEER!**

From 9 a.m. to Noon this Saturday, November 5 we will participate in this dry meal packaging program. We need a minimum of 90 volunteers BUT many hands make light work. It is estimated that 90 people can package 10,000 meals in 3 hours but we know that the gong rings for the last meals much sooner. Some of our volunteers will be asked to help unload the delivery truck and lift 50 lb. bags of ingredient. This event will be a fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for anyone in our church. No experience necessary!

To register, please go to the link below and follow the instructions for registration. **If you do not have a computer or are unable to register, please see Debbie Dubien and Maryann Petremont TODAY.** They will register you for the event. This event is fully funded, so **you DO NOT need to make a donation** (as noted on the registration form).

**Here is the link to register for STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT ON NOVEMBER 5 2016**

<http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM%20UMC%2011/5/16>

**Hope to see you there as we help to STOP HUNGER NOW.**



### **COAT & WARM WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE – FOR THE BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

We will collect clean washable coats and warm clothing on a single Sunday: next Sunday, November 6. **Please do not donate any leather coats or wool clothing.** Donations will be delivered to Bridgeport Rescue Mission on Wednesday, November 9th. Coats can still be donated on Monday November 7th and Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> if you make arrangements with MaryAnn Petremont at 203-877-0612.