

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 “Litany” Schubert

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God’s name.

People: ***How awesome are your deeds, O God of great power.***

Leader: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you and to your name.

People: ***Come and see what God has done! Blessed be our God!***

*HYMN #554 “All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord” Armenia

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

O God of city and suburb; God of the healthy and of the sick; God of the wealthy and of the poor: startle us with your divine presence today. Keep us from mumbling words by rote. Let us look again for your patient gaze in the faces of the young and the old; the familiar and the unfamiliar; the neighbor we know in the next pew and the one we have yet to meet in the pew after that. Almighty God, help us never to take worship, or you, for granted. Instead, help us to be ready to receive you now, so that you will receive us in the world to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Delivering God, deliver us from the captivity of narrow thoughts, dishonest words and self-serving deeds. Bring us into new spaces where love, peace and wholeness reign. We acknowledge the sins that sever us from health and wellness, asking for your forgiveness and restoration; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Bible p.717

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

THE EPISTLE I Timothy 6:17-19 Bible p.1083

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19 Bible p.952

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

*HYMN #2272 “Holy Ground” rear cover

(Sing three times)

THE SERMON “Cash is king....except when it’s not” Dr. Bodt

HYMN #565 *(seated)* “Father, We Thank You” Rendez a Dieu

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE PEACE

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

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

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT “Extravagant Generosity” Tom Beyer, Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Dialogue” Mark Kasmin

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN #102 “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #672

***God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.***

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus feet;

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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

*POSTLUDE “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach

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

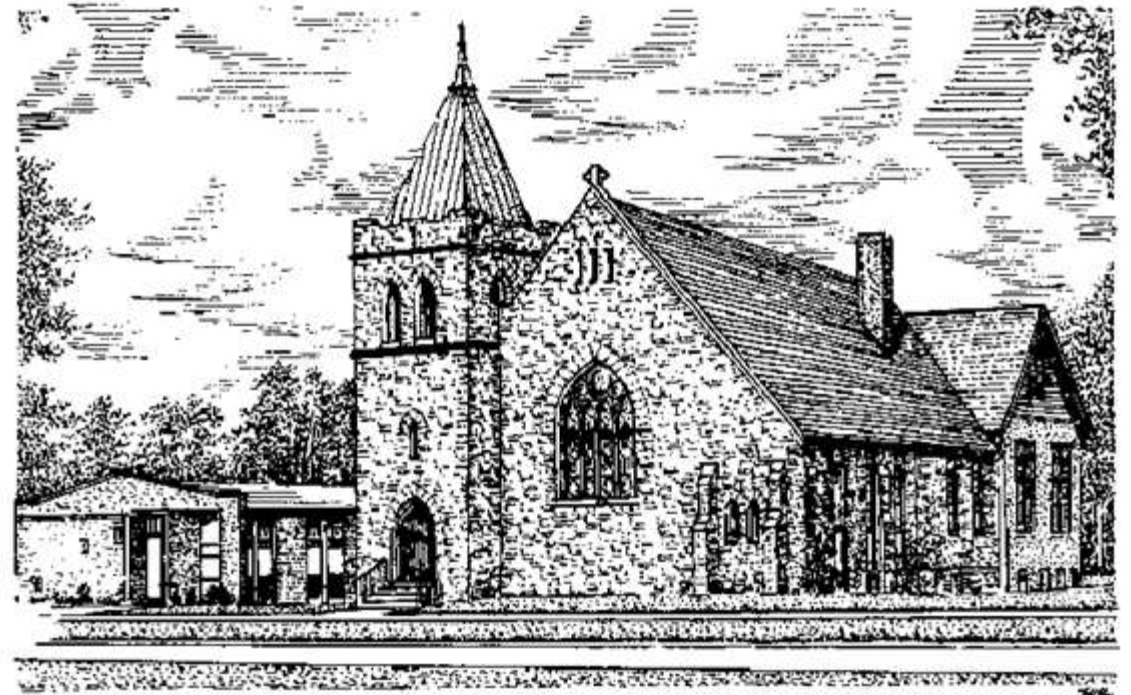
THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2272

Holy Ground

We are stand - ing _____ on ho - ly ground, _____
_____ and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; _____ let us praise _____
_____ Je - sus now; _____ we are
stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing _____ on ho - ly ground, _____ and I know that there are an - gels all a - round; _____ let us praise _____ Je - sus now; _____ we are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____".



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

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

PENTECOST XXI

October 13, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, October 13</i>	PENTECOST XXI 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall 11:15 a.m. MYF Lyman Orchards Corn Maze trip 11:30 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s study
<i>Monday, October 14</i>	Columbus Day – Church Office closed 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
<i>Tuesday, October 15</i>	Beacon Information is Due Today 5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study
<i>Wednesday, October 16</i>	10:00 a.m. Milford Clergy Association at Trinity Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday, October 17</i>	7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
<i>Sunday, October 20</i>	LAITY SUNDAY/PENTECOST XXII 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall 11:30 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s study
<i>Monday, October 21</i>	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
<i>Tuesday, October 22</i>	5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study
<i>Wednesday, October 23</i>	10:00 a.m. Incubator Training-Egan Room 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday, October 24</i>	5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper 7:30 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee meeting-Egan Room
<i>Saturday, October 26</i>	9:00 a.m. 5K Trick or Trot Run/Walk for Beth-El

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Christmas in October? Well, kind of. For many years Laura and Rich Perregaux have faithfully organized the “Living Crèche,” a display in front of our church on Christmas Eve and sometimes a night or so before. People dressed in appropriate garb representing the Nativity tableau take 30 minute turns reminding the people of Milford what the season is all about.

Rich and Laura are transferring that leadership to Rachel Merva (203-882-0904 or rmerva@optonline.net). She welcomes your suggestions or offers of assistance. Please help continue this wonderful tradition.

Bruce Rumford is on vacation this week. We thank our volunteers listed under “This Week”.

Today’s worship welcomes our guest organist, Mark Kasmin, returning again (Mark was with us two weeks ago) on behalf of Dr. Riccardi, celebrating his 17th wedding anniversary with Stacey. Mark has served many local churches in our area. He resides in Colebrook, CT; is a native of Milford; and was a public school music teacher in Milford and Simsbury, CT for many years. He is a past Dean of the Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

May God continue to bless our ministry at Mary Taylor Memorial Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinators	Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Kelly O’Hara

Greeters – Iris Peckham and Diana Titus

Liturgist –Mary Lou Hastings

Cross Bearer –Sarah O’Brien

Acolytes –Shannon Thompson & Ryan Lapadula

Bible Bearer –Joe Wessinger

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Mary Lou Hastings at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in thanksgiving for 53 years together, by Jim and Phoebe Repetsky; and in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary, which was August 4th, given by Ann and Bill Sullivan.

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in each pew or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

TODAY’S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Prayer of Confession was adapted from *“Preaching Word and Witness”* (Proper 23, Oct. 10, 2004). The Prayer of the Day is an original composition by the Pastor. The offertory is an original composition by Mr. Kasmin.

SERMON COPIES from October 6 are available in the rear of the church and on-line: www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *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 a parent or guardian.*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. –2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: CAT FOOD is desperately needed for seniors with pets. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers” to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). **A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“FIX IT BOX” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 6:

Total worship attendance all services: 145 (Oct. 6, 136; Healing and Wholeness Oct. 7: 9)
Total Offering: \$5760.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1000; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups 188; (Sunday School, 18; Men’s Club, 22; Confirmation, 8; Disciple, 9; Bell Choir 9; Adult Choir 17; Caring Ministries 16; Extravagant Generosity Summit: 63; Missions Committee 6; Trustees: 10; UMW: 10; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

PLEASE NOTE: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

Fall Fundraiser - Think Holidays!



This year the **Mission Committee** will be selling Lyman Orchard pies that will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Mission had the pleasure of taste testing a pie and it was **Delicious**. Look for us during Fellowship Hour to place your orders, (and maybe consider taking an order form with you for outside orders). Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to order pies!

Lyman Orchard Pies "Bringing the orchard right to your table". Lyman Orchard pies are hand-made all natural fruit pies made one at a time. Starting from scratch with every pie, they peel and slice fresh hand-picked fruit from their Middlefield Orchards. Fruit pies (\$15) are frozen unbaked, so you bake them at your convenience. All other pies (\$16) are thaw and serve.

Collect the money when taking orders. Turn all forms and money in to Anna Henry; 203-339-5091; annamhenry@gmail.com

\$15 pies:

Hi-Top Apple Raspberry

Chocolate Cream

Hi-Top Apple

Banana Cream

Apple Crumb

Bumbleberry (apples, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, & blackberries)

Pumpkin

\$16 pies:

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cream with Brownie Bottom

Orchard Blueberry

Strawberry Rhubarb

Pecan

ALSO FOR TODAY

COMBATANTS FOR PEACE AT CITY HALL THIS AFTERNOON FROM 4-6 PM.

Combatants for Peace is a movement of Israelis and Palestinians who support a peaceful solution to the struggles between the Israeli and Palestinian people. Their goals are to:

- raise the consciousness in both publics regarding the hopes and suffering of the "other side" and to create partners in dialogue
- educate towards reconciliation and non-violent struggle in both the Israeli and Palestinian societies
- create political pressure on both governments to stop the cycle of violence, end the occupation and resume a constructive dialogue

The group will host two hours of sharing and dialogue with Palestinian members Mohammed Owaida and Khadir Najjar and Israeli members Erez Krispin and Adi Greenfeld. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations. The event will be filmed as part of a documentary and admission is free.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God's presence with us. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** follows worship in Dodd Hall, hosted today by the Trustees. Next Sunday's hosts are Gay/Straight Alliance.
- **MYF LEAVES FOR CORN MAZE** immediately after worship. If you did not reply in advance you may only attend if car space is available. Details from Eric Georgelos.
- **OUR UPDATED "SAFE SANCTUARY" POLICY** is now available in the rear of the church or from the church office. It was approved unanimously by our Church Council on Sept. 19th and will be voted upon at our Nov. 21st, 7:30 p.m. Church Conference (all welcome, vote reserved to members of MTMUMC). If you have questions about the policy, please contact Dennis Darak at 203.874.5881.
- **NEW MEMBER CLASS** follows worship, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the pastor's study, 2nd Floor of the Wesley Center (next to the church). You may attend without a commitment to join.
- **"EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY" ADULT STUDY BEGAN TODAY AT 9 A.M.** with Laura Perregaux. We continue Sunday sessions Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3. Tuesday, 7 p.m. session starts this Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Kelly O'Hara; and Wed., Oct. 16, 10 a.m. with Laura. The study is four weeks long. To register, please see Laura after worship or contact her at misslmp@yahoo.com or 203.520.8183.
- **REPOINTING OF THE CHURCH** has begun under the direction of the Trustees and is expected to last two weeks. There may be some limited access at various times. We will keep you advised as work progresses
- **WE WELCOME NEW YOUTH TO SERVE AS BIBLE BEARERS, ACOLYTES AND CROSS BEARERS.** Please contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.
- **LITURGISTS** volunteers are needed beginning in November. If interested please speak with Laura Perregaux, Worship Chair, today or at 203.520.8183.
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE (monthly newsletter) is this Tuesday, October 15, e-mailed to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 20th are due by Noon on Wed., October 16th, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER SEXTONS covering this week for the vacationing Bruce Rumford: Monday, Ed Pineau; Tuesday, Bob Volgmuth; Wednesday, Frank & Dolly Bonisch; Thursday, Jim Repetsky; Friday, Don Hastings. Bruce will return on Saturday, October 19th.

NEXT SUNDAY

LAITY SUNDAY/Pentecost XXII

Bill Katt will speak on the text John 13:34-35, (Jesus said) *“I give you a new commandment that you love one another.”* Olivia D’Andrea, Sarah O’Brien, and Jamie and Tanner Georgelos will address our *Extravagant Generosity* theme *“Relationships are Matters of the Heart.”* Informal hymn singing will precede the service at 9:45 a.m. and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Lily Elizabeth Pirulli, daughter of Laura and Jelani. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary and the third new member class will be held in the pastor’s study.

THE DEADLINE FOR “COLLEGE CONNECTION” submissions is next Sunday. We reach out to our college students with this special program of mailers and fun stuff! If you know of a Mary Taylor Memorial student to whom we could send a care package, please provide his or her name and address to Meg Dennis (megdennis@optonline.net) or Shauna Paton (203.874.9390).

COMING SOON

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: we are recruiting now for help with the Thursday, October 24th supper for any of the time from 2 – 6:30 p.m. Tasks include preparation, serving and clean-up. This month’s hosts are Membership and Evangelism. If you can help please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

MILFORD 5K TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK EVENT on Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 a.m. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Lisman Landing in Milford. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. Costumes are encouraged! For details visit www.milfordtrickortrot.com. Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak, 203-877-4807. As always, friends are welcome for these events. **Leigh will have registration info and sponsor sheets available after worship service TODAY.**

A SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON will be hosted by the Men’s Club after worship on Sunday, October 27th in Dodd Hall. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome to attend this opportunity for church fellowship and conversation.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT will be held Sunday, October 27, 3 – 5 p.m. This festival for our children will include lots of new games, delicious food, fellowship and, of course, Trunk or Treat. Parents are needed to help with decorating, games and trunks (of your car) with treats. Costumes are optional but fun: no devils or witches, please. Contact Sylvia Elliott at 203.877.7587 or at elliottb2@me.com to help.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES: We annually remember those who have died, in the church and among our dear ones, on the first Sunday in November. If your dear one is not listed here, please send the name and family or friendship relationship to Mary Lou Kampert, Administrative Assistant, at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call her at 203.874.1982, ext. 10. Our list so far includes:

Monica Adams (mother of Gavin O’Brien)	June Costello
Rickey David Dubien (Al’s brother)	Thomas Graybill
Joan Hackett (Missy Hackett’s mother-in-law)	Phyllis Jensen
Dorothy Law	Sandra Martin (Sylvia Elliott’s sister)
Thomas Myers (Diana Cable’s dad)	Mary Ann Quesinberry
Myra J. Sheldon	Linda Siebert (mother of Jennifer Siebert)
Spirit X (David Scott Ude) Missy Hackett’s brother	Albert Sullivan

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE 2014 NOMINATIONS PROCESS CONTINUES as we identify candidates for officers and committees for next year. Interested? Contact any member of the committee with your area of program or ministry interest: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.895.3753) or any member of the committee: Chris Carveth (203-795-9015), Deb Dubien (203-877-4959), Susan O’Shea (203-874-5136), Laura Perregaux (203-283-5758), Brenda Pineau (203-783-9039), Edie Reichard (203-882-0683), Jim Repetsky (203-874-8688) and Bob Volgmuth (203-878-8190).

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL, 2320 Huntington Turnpike in Trumbull, will be hosting an Open House for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents on Sunday, October 27th. The program will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 8:00-11:00 a.m., at the school. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 203-378-9378, or visit SJHS online at: www.sjcadets.org.

CHURCH SECURITY: please look to see if you are the last to leave the sanctuary complex or Wesley Center. If so, please lock up! Many thanks.