

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

168 Broad Street

Phone: 203.874.1982

Milford, Connecticut 06460

FAX: 203.877.8973

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 “Wachet Auf” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE INVITATION Mon., Nov. 20, 9 am – 2 pm Tasha Coleman-Jackson

INTROIT “Great Is the Lord”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever!

People: God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #719 “My Lord, What a Morning” Burleigh

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, in unison) Hymnal #705

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you, violating your laws and at times doing that which we know to be wrong. We ask forgiveness with true repentance and we ask for your grace and power to put away hurtful things, bearing the fruit of redemption in acts and an attitude of love.

We ask all these things in the name of the One we follow, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

°°°

THE PSALTER Psalm 78:1-7 Bible p.526

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

THE EPISTLE I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Bible p.1077

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 Bible p.903

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

*HYMN #720 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” Wacht auf

THE SERMON “The Clock is Ticking” Dr. Bodt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

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.)

MISSION MOMENT “Friends of Appalachia” Lisa Peters

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Soon and Very Soon” Crouch/arr. Schrader

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #715 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Darwall’s 148th

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” Hymnal #666

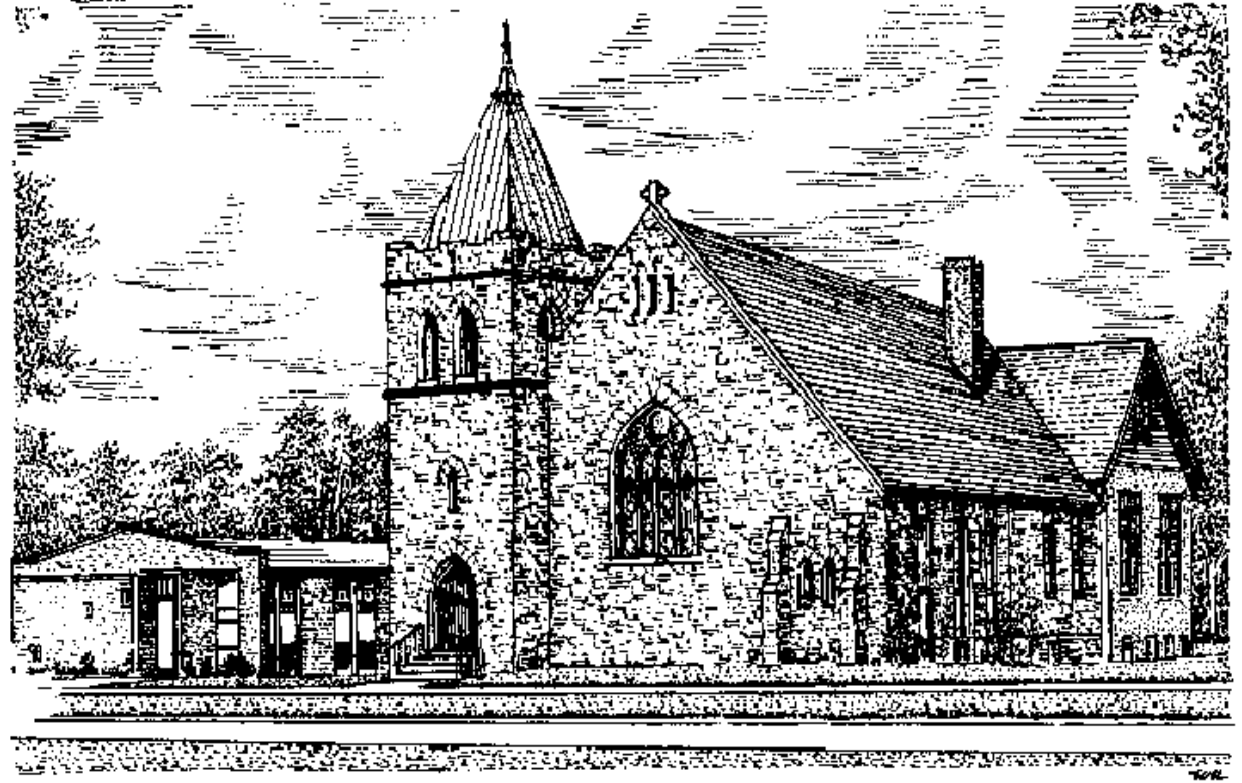
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE “Tocatta on ‘Darwall’s 148th” G. Young

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel UM Church: 2016

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

PENTECOST XXIII

November 12, 2017

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Telephone: 203.874.1982 Fax: 203.877.8973

Website: www.mtm-umc.org www.facebook.com/MTMUMC

E-mail: mtmumc@sbcglobal.net

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

Please join Fairfield Grace UMC for a talk with speaker Dr. Aida Mansoor. Please bring a bagged lunch. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

Dr. Aida Mansoor

Wednesday, November 15

12:00 noon

Fairfield Grace UMC
1089 Fairfield Woods Road

Aida was born in London, England. Her parents came from Sri Lanka. Aida obtained her Joint Honors B.S degree in Biochemistry/Physiology at King's College, University of London. She has a Masters Degree in Community Health. Aida also received her Masters Degree in Christian-Muslim Relations from the Hartford Seminary in 2016. She received her Islamic Chaplaincy Certificate in 2012 and has been presenting about Islam, since 1999 at various settings. She is a board member of the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding, Hartford Hospital & St. Francis Hospital Pastoral Service Committee, the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, and has been awarded the Human Relations Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice in 2011. Aida has been a board member since 2009 and President of MCCT from 2011 to 2016, committed to building bridges through various outreach efforts. She is married and has two children, Yasmin and Yusuf.



Rev. Kun Sam Cho
Pastor
kunsamcho92@gmail.com
914-319-4241

Grace Notes
November 12, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

This week I was privileged to sit with our new District Superintendent (D.S.) to discuss ministry. This annual "One-on-One" is especially helpful for a new D.S. to get to know his pastors and churches. We spoke of why our church is thriving when some churches are not. One reason is "visitors." We have visitors every week! And one of the most important reasons is because YOU invite them! You have found something here of God...of Christ...of the Holy Spirit; and that "something" is something you obviously want to share. To God be the glory!

Some visitors come and go. The ones that stay most often stay because others, besides the one that invited them, welcome them. Please be one of those "others." When you see someone you do not know, say "Hi, I'm _____. Are you new, or new to me?"

While we welcome visitors we do not often highlight them. Today, we have two who are here today to highlight ministry opportunities:

Tasha Coleman-Jackson is a representative of the American Red Cross coordinating our annual blood drive. Tasha spoke with us last year and will be available after worship to schedule appointments for our November 20th drive. (I already have mine for 9 am that day!) You may also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Lisa Peters is our scheduled "Mission Minute" speaker representing "Friends of Appalachia," a home-repair ministry for folks in that part of our country. Lisa and this ministry have been with us before and we look forward to her update.

We are delighted to have both these mission leaders with us today. I know you will give them a warm welcome in Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Kelly O'Hara

Liturgist: Sue O'Shea

Cross Bearer: Stefano Cono

Greeters: Carol Alex and Carol Koch

Bible Bearer: Tyler Walsh

Acolyte: Mateo Cono

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of my late husband, Jack Connor, who was born on November 9, given by Michelle Connor; and in loving memory of Mark Hanson, given by the Winter-D'Andrea family.

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.

Tuesday, November 21

NO Confirmation – attend Community Thanksgiving Worship

NO Disciple 4 Class tonight

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship – St. Mary's Church

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Job Search Support Group – St. Mary's Church-Convent Room

Wednesday, November 22

9:00a.m. BEACON/ BULLETIN VOLUNTEERS-Egan Room

Noon Taize Worship- Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Alcathon – Wesley Center through 7pm Thursday

6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING – The office is closed

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Group – St. Mary's Church

5:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Dodd Hall

6:45p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary

The office is closed

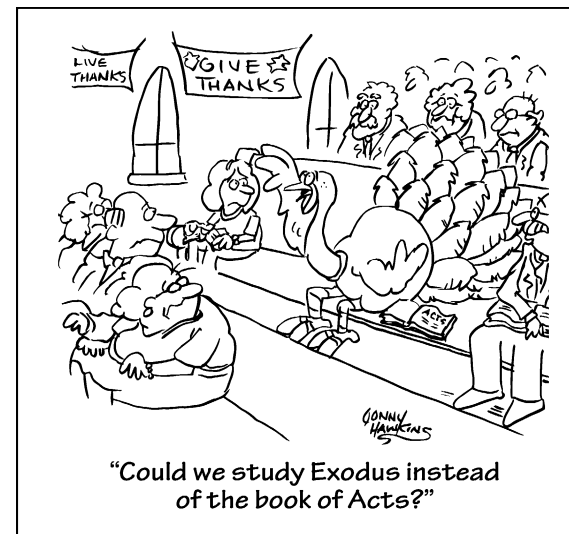
Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR November 5:

Total worship attendance all services: 217; Nov. 5: 174; GEUMC: 28 Nov. 6 Healing and Wholeness worship: 15; Total Offerings for Nov. 5: \$6850.25; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$36.15; Engaged in Small Groups: 176. Intergenerational Game Day: 15; Sunday School: 29; Sunday School Teachers meeting: 8; Parish Health & Wellness Committee meeting: 13; Mindfulness Meditation: 26; Youth Group: 8; Confirmation: 3; Disciple 4: 11; "Mark" study Tues:10; "Mark" study Wed.: 15; Youth Advisors: 3; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 20; Office Volunteers: 8; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.



~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, November 12</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/Open House at The Parsonage, 47 Commodore Place, Milford</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>United Methodist Women 2nd Sunday Soup Sale-Dodd Hall</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 13</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Council of Churches Delegates’ meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 14</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation – 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, Nov. 15</i>		BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Mark” Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Aida Mansoor presentation at Fairfield-Grace UMC, 1089 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Thanksgiving altar decorating - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>New Member’s Class – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, Nov. 16</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Bereavement support Group-St. Mary’s Church-70 Gulf St.</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, Nov. 17</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, Nov. 18</i>		<i>Thanksgiving meal prep – TBD – see Steve Wasko</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 19</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal hymn singing</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– New Members Sunday - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time- Dodd Hall</i>
		<i>Boys & Girls Village tags available today</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure screenings-Sanctuary, Dianne Carroll, RN</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Men’s Club – Dodd Hall</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 20</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Drive – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by The Trustees with an open house at **The Parsonage, 47 Commodore Place, Milford**. Our Trustees spent many months improving this church asset and would like you to see it. It is currently the home of Outreach Pastor Dani Levine. **Directions:** Right out of church lot onto Broad Street. Proceed 6/10 of a mile to third traffic light. Turn right onto Gulf Street. Continue 4/10 mile to the 5th left, Commodore Place. The Parsonage is the 5th house on the right. **Next week** our Thanksgiving luncheon will be hosted by the Men’s Club.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALES AND BAKED GOODS: Soup: \$5/pint, baked goods priced accordingly. All proceeds go to the mission projects of the United Methodist Women. To participate, please contact Sue O’Shea at 203-874-5136 or sueoshea@optonline.net.

BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE Christmas gift tags are available **today and next Sunday**. We provide gifts for 20 BGV children. Help make a child feel special! See Deb Dubien for gift tags.

WORSHIP (WORTH SHIP) AND THANKS-GIVING NOTICE: We welcome your pledge to support our 2018 ministries if you have not yet made one. Commitment Cards are in the back of the Sanctuary or from the office. You may return them in the offering plate; or to Eileen Doyle or Lisa Sobolewski; or to the church office. Our sincere thanks to those who have already made a financial commitment to ensure that the vital ministries of Mary Taylor Memorial UMC continue to flourish. *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Matt. 6:21 NIV.

THE YOUTH GROUP meets **today, November 12, 4 – 5:30 p.m.**, Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. The topic for the Youth Group this week is "What’s in a Name?" and will be 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!

FOOD BAGS for your canned and dried goods should be returned **next Sunday** for blessing and distribution to AIDS Project New Haven and Christian Community Action (New Haven).

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN meet **Tuesday at Noon, Wesley Center, 1st Floor**. All women are welcome to join this brown bag lunch meeting.

DR. AIDA MANSOOR will speak at Fairfield-Grace U.M. Church **this coming Wednesday at Noon**. Please see the flier on the rear cover of this “Grace Notes.”

DECEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is **Wednesday, November 15**. Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or print copy to the church office, M-F, 9 am – 2 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets **Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.**, Dodd Hall alcove.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 19

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/BIBLE SUNDAY: Informal hymn singing begins at 9:45 a.m. The message by Pastor Dani "...9/10 of the Law" will be based on I Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30. We will receive food bags with food for Christian Community Action (New Haven) and AIDS Project New Haven. Bibles will be presented to third graders and last spring's Confirmation class; and we will receive new members. After worship, complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the Men's Club, will be offered in Dodd Hall; and blood pressure screenings will be given in the sanctuary by Dianne Carroll, R.N.

STEPS TO ADDRESS CHURCH SECURITY

THE MOST RECENT VIOLENCE to befall a public setting is the widely-publicized shooting at First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, Texas last Sunday. Scripture reminds us "*perfect love casts out fear*" (I John 4:18) but also to "*Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*" (Matthew 25:13).

In response, I have taken two steps. First, we welcome today Milford Police Sergeant Zeneath McNemara for our morning programming (8:30 – noon) and Private First Class Emily Mills for our afternoon (3:30 – 6:30 pm) programming. Both officers have been here before.

Second, in consultation with our Church Council and Staff-Parish Relations Chairs, I have invited a dozen leaders from our church who have law enforcement, security, education and/or public health experience to convene on November 30th to review our current crisis management protocols. The membership of this task force will be publicized when finalized. You may offer questions and concerns to me, Dennis Darak, Edie Reichard or any task force member as we seek to take a pro-active approach to the challenging times in which we live.

Pastor Brian Bodt

OTHER MINISTRY MATTERS

TAIZE SERVICE: Wednesday, November 22nd at noon and Thursday, November 23rd at 6:45 p.m. following our Community Supper. This 30 minute service of contemplative prayer and music creates a quiet atmosphere for communion with God. Do come!

THE DATE OF CHURCH CONFERENCE has been changed to Sunday, Dec. 3, 3-4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This meeting is open to all, with vote reserved to members of MTMUMC. Details of the Conference agenda appear on page 14 of the November "Beacon" and will appear again in the December issue.

ORDERS FOR THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES, 2018 daily devotional are now being received by Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or nctwash@aol.com). This guides uses the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures as the basis for each day's devotional, the same scriptures used in worship most Sundays. The cost is \$10 for regular or large print (scholarship help available). The order will be placed in early December so please see or contact Don today!

MINISTRY MATTERS, continued

2018 BUDGET REQUESTS from all church committees and boards are now being received by Interim Finance Chair Nancy Bennett. Please submit them by e-mail at nancy516@aol.com or by USPS to 26 High Street, Milford, CT 06460.

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. 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) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** 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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or 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.