

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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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 “Andante Religioso” Tchaikovsky

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE INVITATION Mon., Nov. 21, 9 am – 2 pm Tasha Coleman-Jackson

*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 #724 “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” Promised Land

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

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 65:17-25 Bible p.682

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN #428 “For the Healing of the Nations” Cwm Rhondda

THE EPISTLE II Thessalonians 3:6-13 Bible p.1079

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 Bible p.959

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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

THE SERMON “Trailers” 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 MINUTE “Boys and Girls Village Christmas Gifts” Deb Dubien

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Duet: “Come, Let Us Dream” Middleton/O WALY WALY

Barbara Repetsky soloist, Lisa Gloates bells

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #717 “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” Traditional

*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 “Coronation March” Meyerbeer

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

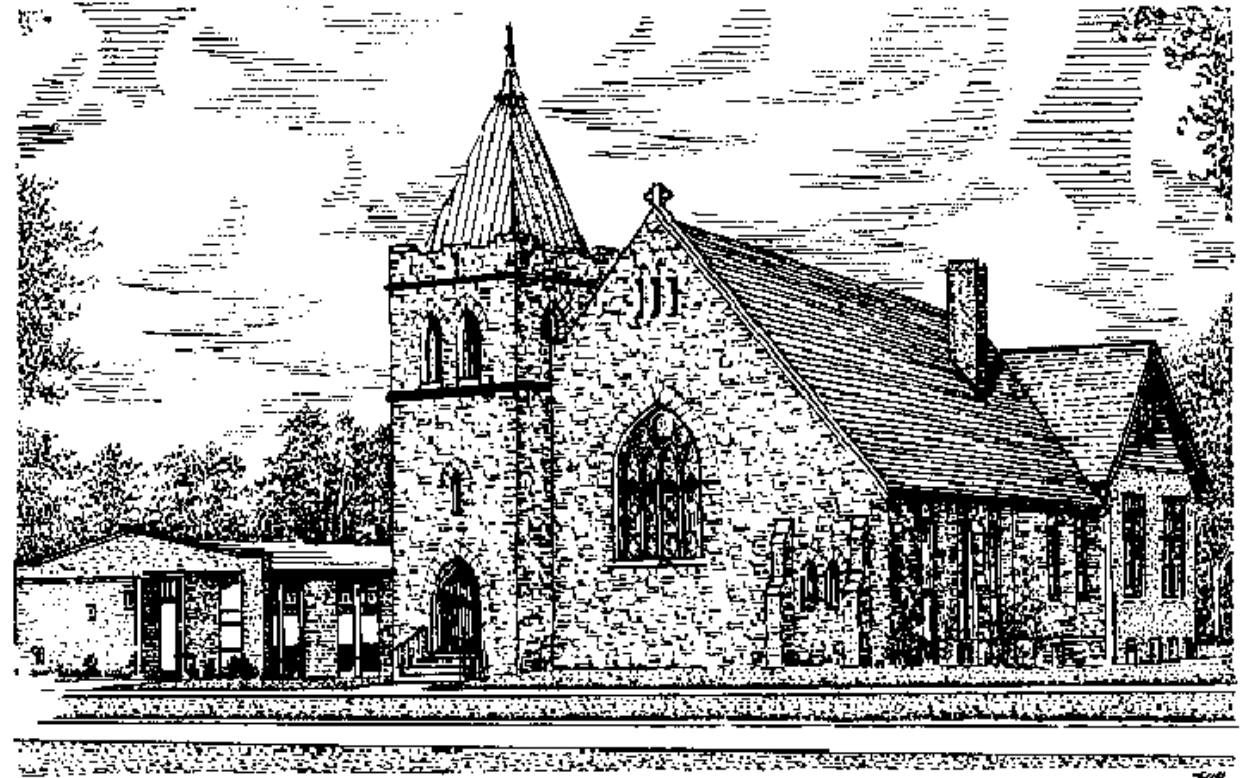
TODAY'S MUSIC LEADERS

OUR GUEST ORGANIST is **Mark Kasmin**, a native of Milford living in Colebrook, CT since 2005. He holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford in Liturgical Music and Music Education. Mark taught in the Simsbury and Milford public schools and then became Minister of Music at St. Pius X R.C. church in Fairfield. He has served many churches in CT and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, (a national honorary musical fraternity) and a member of the Greater Hartford chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Mark is a past Dean of the Bridgeport chapter AGO. He is now retired while substituting at various churches throughout CT. Mark was also with us last Sunday.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC is provided by Barbara Repetsky, soloist and Lisa Gloates, bells.

WE THANK THE ADULT CHOIR for their presence and leadership in the service music.

DR. RICK RICCARDI, Director of Music Ministry, is away and will return next Sunday. We thank him for all the "behind the scenes" work to provide for these various music offerings, both today and at our 5 p.m. Covenant Celebration Service.



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

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PENTECOST XXVI

November 13, 2016

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, November 13</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>MYF Adult Advisors meet – Youth Lounge</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF Game Night – Youth Lounge</i>
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Covenant Celebration Worship - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Monday, November 14</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall- Marcia Winter contact</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness service in the Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 15</i>		BEACON INFORMATION DUE
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Gunn Library</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>UMW meeting in Dodd Hall – <u>NOTE LOCATION CHANGE</u></i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>St. Mary Job Search Support Group-70 Gulf St. Milford</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 16</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir rehearsal/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Parish Health and Wellness transition meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, November 17</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Stewardship meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, November 18</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, November 19</i>	TBD	<i>Preparation for Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner – Contact Jim Repetsky (203.874.8688) to volunteer</i>
<i>Sunday, November 20</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
<i>Shoebboxes & Feed the Hungry Bags are due today</i>	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Gift Tags are available for Boys & Girls Village</i>	11:30 a.m.	<i>Men’s Club Congregation Thanksgiving dinner-Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel Service-Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF meeting –Annual food drive distribution – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, November 21</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive at MTMUMC – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness service in the Chapel</i>
	8:00 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 22</i>		NO Confirmation Class – attend Community Thanksgiving worship
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Choir warm-up for Community Thanksgiving worship</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Community Thanksgiving Worship –St. Mary’s Church-Gulf St.</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 23</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Beacon Volunteers/Office Volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Taize Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Alcathon – Wesley Center classrooms</i>
		<i>NO Bell or Adult Choir rehearsals this evening</i>
<i>Thursday, November 24</i>		THANKSGIVING DAY – THE OFFICE IS CLOSED
		<i>Alcathon – Wesley Center classrooms</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper</i>
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Taize Worship Service – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, November 25</i>		THE OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY

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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		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
November 13, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

“Trailers” are those “Coming Attractions” clips shown in movie theatres before the feature film begins. I won’t write here of “why” they’re called that. I’ve gotta save a little something for the sermon!

Still, calling something that comes “before” a “trailer” is the opposite of what you’d expect, right?

God has a way of doing that, too, generally in the Bible story and especially in today’s readings. In the midst of being conquered by neighboring Assyria, the prophet Isaiah promises no more tears or distress. In the midst of waiting for the imminent return of Christ in glory, the apostle Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians, “get to work.” As admirers praise the beauty of the Second Temple, Jesus says “Really? Soon it will all be rubble.”

These kinds of trailers can be good, neutral or bad news. Might our spiritual readiness be improved if we looked for the “trailers” in our lives? Something to think on.....

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

P.S. If you are a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, please receive a flag pin from our ushers on this Sunday after Veterans Day with gratitude for your service.

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Liturgist – Nancy Bennett

Cross Bearer – John Leum

Greeters – Premila and Hector Arnold

Bible bearer – Zoe Browne

Acolytes – Antonio Oliveras and Chris Leum

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian Bodt and Nancy Bennett.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Hillary Clinton, from Beverly Downing.

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).

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.

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 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) 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.

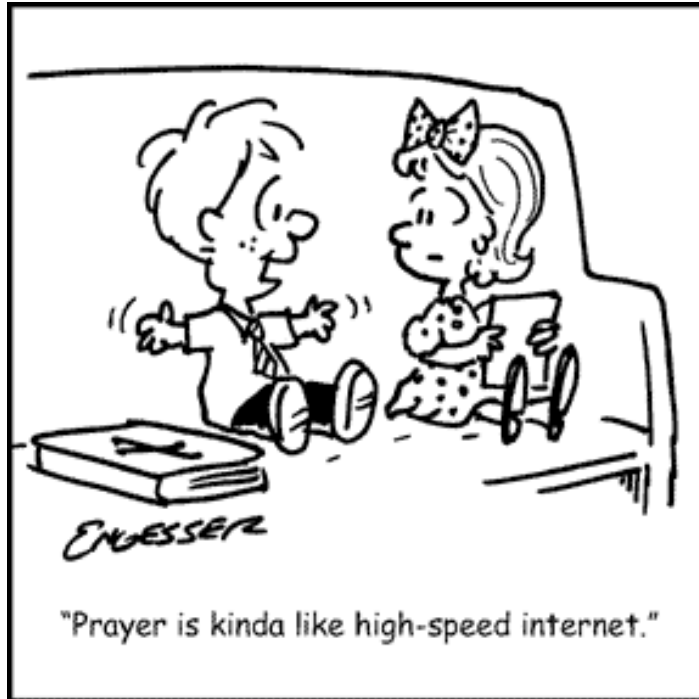
PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR November 6th:

Total worship attendance all services: 189; November 6th: 166, Ghana Emmanuel UMC: 14; Nov.7th: Healing & Wholeness: 9; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for November 6th: \$7,009.75; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$151.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$3,044.08; Engaged in Small Groups: 199; MYF, Nov. 5th: 9, Nov.6th: 8; Sunday School: 42; Stop Hunger Now: 103; Missions: 11; Trustees: 7; No Confirmation class; Bell Choir: 6; Adult Choir: 10; Office volunteers 2; Trash & Treasures: 1; 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.

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. Please call Nancy with questions at home (203-874-6434) or on her cell (203-530-0176).



TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary), hosted by the United Methodist Women. **Next Sunday's host** will be the Men's Club.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE is offered today by our United Methodist Women in Dodd Hall. Who knew mission support could be so tasty? Thanks for your support of UMW missions.

BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS may be made in Dodd Hall with Ms. Jackson-Coleman. The blood drive is Monday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **We need two volunteers to assist with sign-in and snack distribution.** Please speak with Ms. Jackson-Coleman if you can assist.

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets today, 3:30 p.m. in the Gunn Library.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP :

- Adult advisors meet at **11:30 a.m.** in the Youth Lounge
- Youth meet from **4-4:45 pm** for Game Night and afterward join the Covenant Celebration Worship with Ghana Emmanuel UMC at **5 pm.**

THE COVENANT CELEBRATION SERVICE is today at 5 p.m. in our sanctuary with the members of Ghana Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Come join in this special worship. Our preacher will be the Rev. David Gilmore, Director of Congregational Development of the New York Annual Conference. **If you can bring dessert or finger food, see Shelly Lapadula.**

"THANKS FOR GIVING" food-collect-a-thon sponsored by local Boy and Girls Scouts concludes today at Wasson Field (54 W. Main St.). 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.

PLEASE RESERVE TODAY an **THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE, 2017.** The deadline for orders is next Sunday. This daily devotional is based on the lectionary, the source of the scriptures used in Sunday worship. To order, see Don Hastings this morning or contact him: 203.877.4554 or nctmwash@aol.com. Cost is \$10 for regular or large print. **No money is needed at this time and scholarship help is available, but we do need an accurate count. See Don!**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENING POTLUCK MEETING LOCATON HAS BEEN MOVED to Dodd Hall. Day, date and time are unchanged: this Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m. The venue change is to allow adequate space for the planned program by the Rev. Judy Bennett and Lydia Smith. All women are welcome, with special encouragement to women who work outside the home, to attend. For more information, contact UMW President Sue O'Shea at 203.494.5339 or sueoshea@optonline.net.

THIS WEEK, continued

DECEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is this Tuesday, November 15. Hard to believe but Advent, with all our activities, is around the corner! Please submit to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office by this deadline. Thank you in advance for your help.

UNITED METHODIST HOMES: 13TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE TREES and Wesley Village Craft Fair Saturday and Sunday, November 19th and 20th 10am-3pm, held at Wesley Heights, 580 Long Hill Avenue, Shelton.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 20th

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/BIBLE SUNDAY/REIGN OF CHRIST: Informal hymn singing begins at 9:45 a.m. On this last Sunday of the Christian year the message “From Beginning to End” will be based on Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43. Bibles will be presented to third graders and last spring’s Confirmation class. “Stewardship Spotlight” speaker will be Sheryl Hollyday. We will dedicate our Thanksgiving food offerings.

BOYS AND GIRLS’ VILLAGE GIFT TAGS will be available after worship in Dodd Hall.

OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER, hosted by the Men’s Club, will be held in Dodd Hall. There is no charge for this event and all are encouraged to stay. Thanks, men!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be given in the sanctuary by Carol Galloway, M.S., P.T.

PLEASE RETURN THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS NEXT SUNDAY. They will be blessed as part of the morning offering.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are due next Sunday. See Cathy Cono.

WE WILL SET UP OUR CHRISMON TREE in the sanctuary after the Thanksgiving Dinner next Sunday. If you would like to assist, see Worship Chair Priscilla James.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE ORDER DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY. See Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or nctmwash@aol.com) if you would like to order a copy.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will have their annual Food Drive Distribution and Dinner. We will assist with the Food Drive collection before worship and meet from 4-7 p.m. in Dodd Hall to sort and distribute food to AIDS Project New Haven, Christian Community Action and MTMUMC families. Afterward we will share dinner.

THANKSGIVING WEEK, November 21-26



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AT MARY TAYLOR

Monday, November 21st in Dodd Hall

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Or register online at redcrossblood.org

MILFORD THANKSGIVING SERVICE –

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016, 7 p.m.

Plan to attend this interfaith, community-wide worship event organized by the Milford Clergy Association which has received strong support since its renewal ten years ago.



PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DAY FROM WEDNESDAY TO TUESDAY. Feedback to the Clergy Association suggested this might boost attendance so we are trying out this new date. **This year it will be again be held at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford.** At this writing the preacher has not yet been selected.

There will again be a combined interfaith choir, gathering at 6 p.m. for warm-up and review of the anthem, which will be distributed to the area’s choirs. A special offering will be received for the energy assistance fund of Milford’s Department of Human Services. Please do plan to be present to join our community in giving thanks.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for MTMUMC members, friends and community will be held in Dodd Hall. **If you plan to attend to eat, and/or willing to assist in preparing or serving,** please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959 or Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688. Taize worship will follow dinner at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.