

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.

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE Chorale Fughetta on “St. Anne” G. Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “You Are My All in All”

\*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 #529 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

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

°°°

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Cathy Cono, Supt. and Dr. Bodt

Cameron Darcy (Grade 3) and Ryan Kingston (Grade 6)

2015 Confirmands: Scott Clark, Jonathan Kim, Kayleigh Patterson, Kaylee Sostilio,

Shannon Thompson, Ethan Weed

Response: *We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s word.*

HYMN #598 (seated) “O Word of God Incarnate” Munich

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Bible p.1095

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

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8 Bible p.925

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

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

THE SERMON “How Do You Live Your Dash?” Dr. Bodt

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

Offertory: “I Will Praise the Lord All the Days of My Life” D. Fischer

(Adult Choir)

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #117 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #496

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known.*

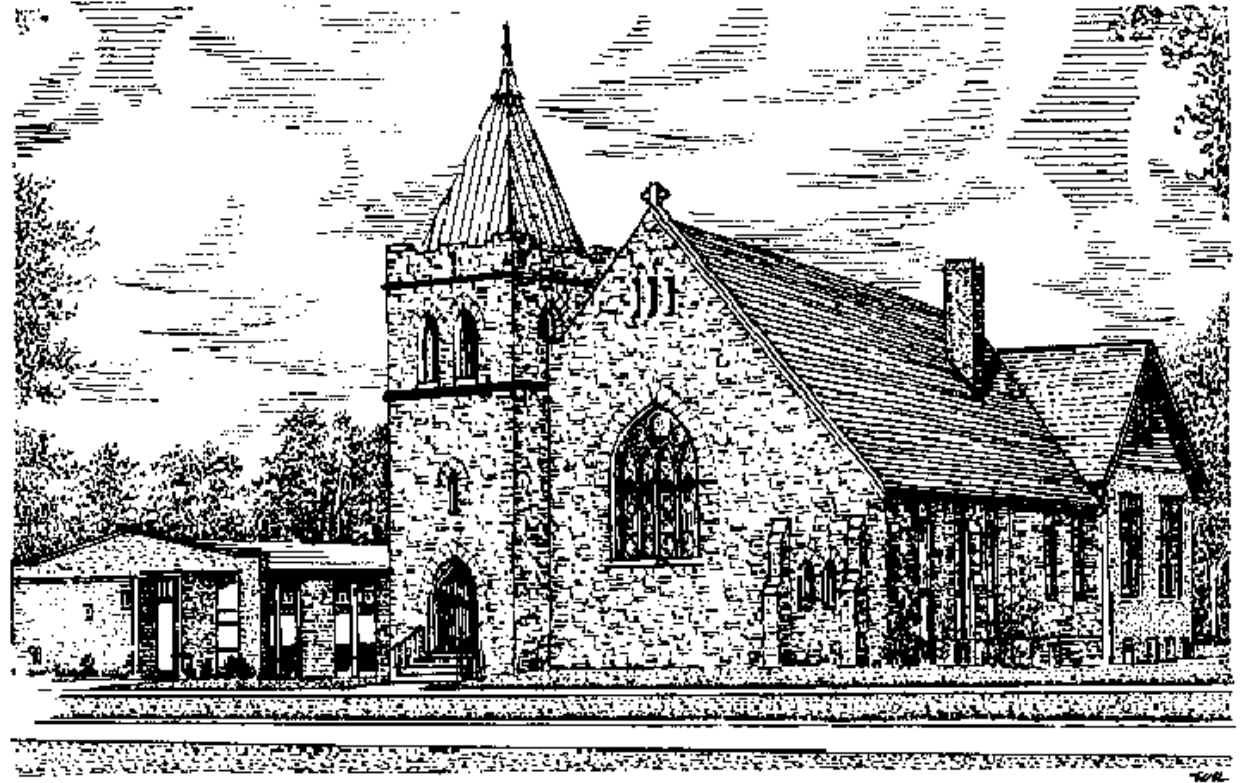
*In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

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

\*POSTLUDE “He Who Will Suffer God To Guide Him” J.S. Bach

(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*

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

**BIBLE SUNDAY  
PENTECOST XXV  
November 15, 2015**

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Telephone: 203.874.1982

Fax: 203.877.8973

Website: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org)

[www.facebook.com/MTMUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MTMUMC)

E-mail:

[mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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	Outreach Pastor	Rachel Duncan
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TO BENEFIT "LIFT US UP"**

On November 5 we announced the sale of 100 special Christmas ornaments to benefit the "Lift Us Up" campaign. This initiative was approved earlier this year as part of our fund-raising for the handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center. The fund-raising will not be completed until the pledge campaign concludes at the end of 2016.

The ornaments are \$12 each, cash or check payable to "MTMUMC" with the memo "ornament." You may purchase them **today** during Fellowship Time and during the week, Mon.-Fri., 9 am – 2 pm at the church office.

The obverse is below. The reverse has a reverse image of the church with the inscription "180 years in Milford, 250 years in America," and "2016," the respective anniversary dates of Methodism in 2016. If demand exceeds supply we will do a re-order.



*Grace Notes*  
**November 15, 2015**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*The Church's calendar is different from the world's calendar. Today and next Sunday are the last two Sundays of the church year until we start a new year on November 29 with the First Sunday of Advent.*

*So what? The different chronological timetable reminds us that God's timetable is different, too. Theologians use the Greek word "kairos", meaning "opportune time" in contrast with "chronos," the time of calendars, watches and cell phones.*

*The readings today and next week focus on the end of time as we know it. The Last Judgment, the End of Days, "the Day", the Parousia—all of these words describe the end of one era and the beginning of another. While we sometimes associate this with death and eternal life, John Wesley\* understood that spiritual renewal was a constant process and that Christ's followers should seek "to be made perfect in love in this life."*

*Something to think about as we hear about temples falling (Mark 13:2), "the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25) and scripture's exhortation to provoke one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**\*The Rev. John Wesley was a Church of England priest (1703-1791) who founded the Methodist movement in mid-18<sup>th</sup> century England. Methodism came to America in 1766 (250 years next year) and became an independent church in 1784.**

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Ethan Weed

**Liturgist** – Nate Carr

**Bible Bearer** – Paige Perregaux

**Greeters** – Flo Berrien and Mary Lou Kampert

**Acolytes** – Ryan and Sean Kingston

**Cross Bearer** – Olivia Kingston

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt and Nate Carr.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Kristin Ann Carveth on her birthday.

**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. 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. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Prayer of Confession is adapted from The Book of Worship (1964).

**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! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back 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).

## ~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, November 15*

**DUE TODAY: Beacon Information, Winter coat/warm apparel items and**

*Wesley Village Christmas Gifts*

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center*

*9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing-Sanctuary*

*10:00 a.m. Worship – Bible Sunday - Sanctuary*

*11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall*

*11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary- Carol Galloway M.S, P.T.*

*11:15 a.m. Soup and Baked Goods sale – Dodd Hall*

*11:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers meeting – Sunday School office*

*11:30 a.m. Tech Communications Focus Group – Egan Room, Wesley Center*

*Monday, November 16*

*6:00 p.m. Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall – Marcia Winter*

*6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center*

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

*Tuesday, November 17*

*5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center*

*7:00 p.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center*

*Wednesday, November 18*

*9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room, Wesley Center*

*10:00 a.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center*

*12:00 p.m. Taize Worship - Sanctuary*

*6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*

*7:00 p.m. New Members Class – Pastor's study, Wesley Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Thursday, November 19*

*7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall alcove*

*8:30 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary*

*Friday, November 20*

*10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center*

*Sunday, November 22*

**DUE TODAY: Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes, Thanksgiving food and financial donations**

**AVAILABLE TODAY: Boys and Girls Village Christmas Gift tags – due Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center*

*10:00 a.m. Worship – New Members Received - Sanctuary*

*11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall*

*12:00 p.m. Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner – Dodd Hall*

*4:30 p.m. MYF Thanksgiving food distribution- Dodd Hall – Dinner follows*

*Monday, November 23*

*9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive – Dodd Hall 9a.m.-1:45 p.m.*

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

*Tuesday, November 24*

*NO Confirmation Class – Happy Thanksgiving*

*Wednesday, November 25*

*10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers*

*6:00 p.m. Community Choir warm-up at St. Mary's, 70 Gulf Street, Milford*

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

*7:00 p.m. ALCATHON- through Thursday, November 26, 7p.m.*

*Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Church office is closed today- Happy Thanksgiving! Read Psalm 65*

*5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Thanksgiving Community Supper- Dodd Hall*

*Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Church office is closed today*

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

**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. Also wet and dry dog food for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are not currently 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.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

**Pastor Brian Bodt** can be reached at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention.

**Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com).

**Pastor Rachel Duncan** can be reached at 203.874.1982 or [rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.e.duncan@gmail.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 8th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 157; November 8th: 150; Healing and Wholeness, November 9th: 7; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for November 8th: \$4,370.28; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$1,868.91; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,532.25; Engaged in Small Groups: 214; (Office Volunteers: 4; Sunday School: 41; Confirmation: 10; Isaiah Bible Study: Tues: 7, Wed:13; Bell Choir 9; Adult Choir:12; UMW: 9; MYF: 14; Golden Hill dinner: 7; Stop Hunger Now: 95; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 93.) \*Small Groups – please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary), hosted today by The Finance Committee. Next Sunday’s host is the Men’s Club, serving the congregational Thanksgiving dinner. Please join us! **DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY:**  
**A SOUP SALE** hosted by the United Methodist Women benefits their mission work. Assorted soups at \$5 per pint plus baked goods.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** benefitting “Lift Us Up” handicapped accessible renovations to Wesley Center are \$12 each from Judy Darak and Chris Carveth. Details on rear cover.

**THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES**, a daily devotional for 2016, is available from Don Hastings at \$10 each. Call Don at 203-877-4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com) for additional copies.

**COAT AND WARM APPAREL DRIVE CONCLUDES.** Please leave your donations **in the boxes in the rear of Dodd Hall**, to be given to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

**THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER SIGN-UPS** invite commitments to serve, cook or donate to a dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall and open to all. See the table or contact Deb Dubien (203.877.4959).

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for residents of Wesley Heights or Bishop Wicke Health Center are **due today** and may be placed the bin in Dodd Hall. Please do not wrap gifts. Thank you.

**“ESTIMATE OF GIVING” CARDS** may be returned in the offering plate or left in the church office or returned by mail. If you did not receive a card, there are extras in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our church’s vital ministry and mission in 2016.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** meet following worship in the Superintendent’s office, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**TECH COMMUNICATIONS FOCUS GROUP** meets following worship in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**DECEMBER “BEACON” ARTICLES** are due today, e-mailed to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or delivered hard copy to the church office (leave under door). Due to the tight production schedule this week, articles submitted after today cannot be included. We regret any inconvenience.

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

## THIS WEEK

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. Action items are due to Shelly Lapadula ([m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com)) or Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)) by the end of the day tomorrow, Nov. 16. Reports are also due at that time to Secretary Paul Downing ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)). Thank you for your timely reply.

**TAIZE WORSHIP** returns on Wednesday, November 18, noon and also on Thursday, November 19, 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This monthly contemplative service lasts about 30 minutes and brings peace to one's day.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/THE REIGN OF CHRIST** On this last Sunday of the Christian year the message "A True and Objective Point of Reference" will be based on Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37. We will receive new members. After worship our Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Men's Club will be held in Dodd Hall.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS** will be dedicated during worship and distributed after by the Methodist Youth Fellowship to Christian Community Action (CCA) and AIDS Project New Haven. Please remember to bring your bags. If you were not with us on November 8 to pick up a bag, please bring canned or dry goods. They will be gratefully received.

**"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" SHOEBOXES** are due next Sunday. They express God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. We have participated in this program for a number of years. To sponsor a shoebox, please see or contact Cathy Cono ([spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net) or 203.645.2362) and ask Cathy for a flyer that describes what things are to be included in the shoebox.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS** will be taken beginning next Sunday. Our florist has advised us that they will again be priced at \$10 each and that the firm deadline for orders will be Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (the same deadline as our weekly bulletin). A flier will appear in the December "Beacon" being mailed this Wednesday and in next Sunday's bulletin.

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22nd

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am – 1:45 pm in Dodd Hall. Schedule appointments at 1-800-733-2767 or sign up on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**THE CRISMON TREE WILL BE ASSEMBLED AND DECORATED** on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., so that it will be up for the first Sunday in Advent which is November 29th. Please call Priscilla James at 203-804-0279 if you can help.

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> (continued)

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford, hosted by the Milford Clergy Association. The preacher will be the Rev. Adam Eckhart, Senior Minister of the First United Church of Christ, Congregational. Music will be led by Frank Zylynyi, Music Director at St. Mary's, including a community choir which will rehearse at 6 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER ON THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26, 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. See article under "Today" to sign up.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on November 26 and 27 to observe Thanksgiving.

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER:** the first Sunday of the month is hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a church committee. We hope to involve others in this hospitality ministry. **The first open Sunday is Dec. 6.** A "How to Host Fellowship Time" guide is available and others will help you. It's easy-peasy. To volunteer, sign up in the kitchen in Dodd Hall or call Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10)

**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.

**A FALL YOUTH CONCERT** will be presented at the Milford Arts Center, 40 Railroad Avenue South, Milford, on Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. Among the performers will be Ryan Rattley, a junior at Amity High School and one of Pastor Brian and Carol's sons. The concert is sponsored by the Orange Arts and Culture Council. Tickets are \$15, Members of OACC \$10. Call 203.397.8915 for tickets or purchase at the door. Proceeds to benefit the Amity Creative Theatre trip to the 2016 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

## MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UMC TRANSPORTATION CAREGIVER PROGRAM

The intent of the Transportation Caregiver Program is to provide transportation to worship on Sunday mornings and at other days and times that worship is held (Ex: Good Friday). Transportation would also be available to church events that may occur at other times and days of the week (Ex: Club 80 Luncheon) and other needs that may arise.

To procure a ride, a member should call Don Hastings (203-877-4554) or Michelle Craig (203-877-4332) or Judy Darak (203-874-5881). If at all possible, at least a **24-hour notice** would be helpful, but an attempt will be made to deal with last minute situations or emergencies.