

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.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE Voluntary on “Diademata” W. Held

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

INTROIT “You Raise Me Up” Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 118:24
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
All: **LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

*HYMN #513 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” Diademata

THE COLLECT (unison)
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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Chinese Prayer (Hymnal #564)
Help each of us, gracious God, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the church may never have cause to say to any one of us, “This is my body, broken by you.” Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE Julianna Patterson Sylvia Elliott, Supt. and Dr. Bodt
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 #277 (verse 1, seated) “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Stories of Jesus

THE EPISTLE II Thessalonians 3:6-13 Bible p.1079
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 Bible p. 959
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN “Be Strong” insert

THE SERMON “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff” Dr. Bodt

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (unison) Hymnal #481

HYMN (seated) “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” insert

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 “Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers” The Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for Typhoon Haiyan relief through the United Methodist Committee on Relief
Offertory: “The Gift To Be Simple” arr. by B. Chilcott
*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN #706 “Soon and Very Soon” Very Soon

*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 “A Day of Celebration” Bell Choir
(Please remain seated during the postlude).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

**A PERSONAL WITNESS IN RESPONSE
TO TYPHOON HAIYAN**

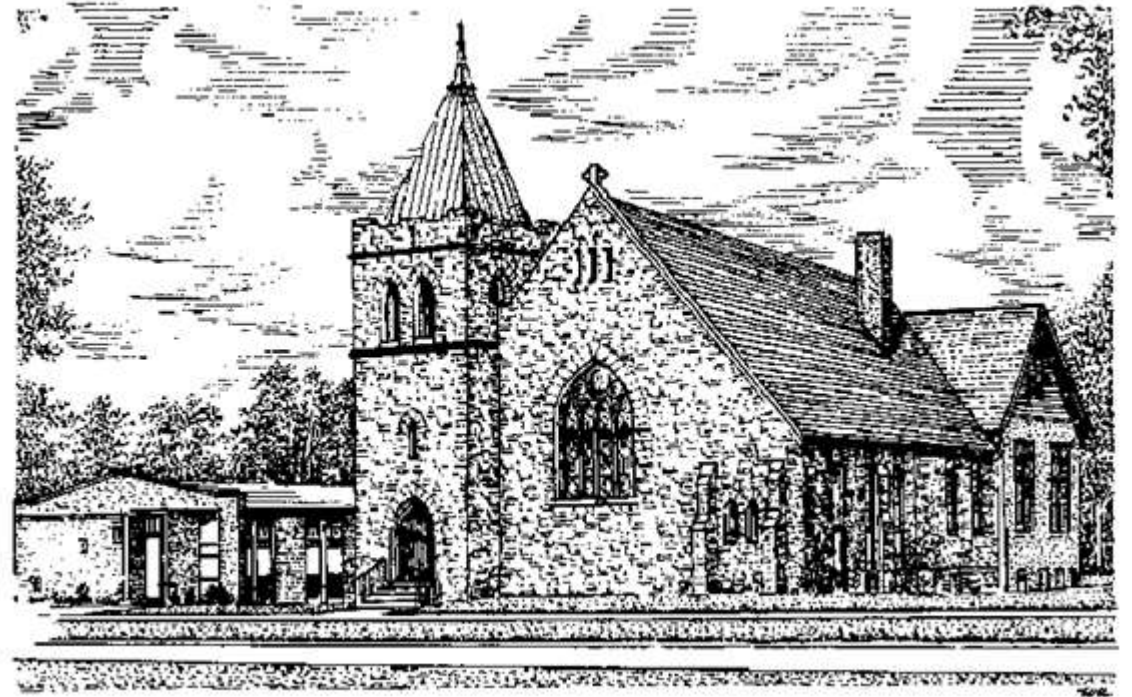
Stephanie D'Ambrose, a member of our church and daughter of Brenda Pineau, served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines from 1999 – 2001. She found the people to be incredibly warm and welcoming, especially to a 24 year old far from home and family.

A gracious and generous people, they are deeply religious with strong ties to their families and community. Stephanie found them to be both physically and mentally strong. They are incredibly poor financially but rich in culture and many other ways.

The Filipinos have sustained one natural disaster after another and need any help we can give. We ask that one and all be generous through today's special offering.

In Christian love,

Brenda Pineau and Stephanie D'Ambrose



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.***

**BIBLE SUNDAY
PENTECOST XXVI
November 17, 2013**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, November 17

BIBLE SUNDAY/PENTECOST XXVI

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall
11:15 a.m. Winter Coat Drive & Blood Pressure Screening--Karyn Doherty
11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries Meeting-1st Floor, Wesley Center

Monday, November 18

3:00 p.m. Fall Prevention Workshop-Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, November 19

5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study
7:00 p.m. “Wrestling with Angels” adult study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 a.m. Ken Hawkins-Continuing Ed. Dodd Hall
9:00 a.m. Office volunteers assemble the December “Beacon” – Chapel
10:00a.m. Incubator Training – Wesley Center-Egan Room
10:00 a.m. “Wrestling with Angels” adult study – Gunn Library
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

8:30 a.m. Ken Hawkins-Continuing Ed. Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting-Gunn Library
7:30 p.m. Fall Church Conference-Dodd Hall

Saturday, November 23

12:00 noon Dodd Hall reserved for Rachel Merva-Baby Shower

Sunday, November 24

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/THE REIGN OF CHRIST/UNITED
METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY/PENTECOST XXVII**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner-Dodd Hall-Men’s Club
11:15 a.m. Operation Shoeboxes due today-see Cathy Cono
Noon Presentation by Rev. Richard Deam-Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. MYF Thanksgiving food sort & dinner- Dodd Hall
10:30 a.m. Milford Blood Drive – Dodd Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
7:30 p.m. “Extravagant Generosity” team meet at Blue Sky Diner,
273 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford

Monday, November 25

NO Confirmation or Disciple classes – Happy Thanksgiving!
7:00 p.m. “Wrestling with Angels” adult study – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. M&E Meeting-Wesley Center

Tuesday, November 26

10:00 a.m. “Wrestling with Angels” adult study – Gunn Library
5:00 p.m. Community Supper-Golden Hill-Bridgeport
7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service-St. Mary’s-Gulf Street

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28

Church Office closed today

Friday, November 29

11:00 a.m. MYF Holiday Treat Making-Dodd Hall

Grace Notes

November 17, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Our guest clergy today is the Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling representing Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. It has been my privilege to know and work with Sara during her candidacy over a decade ago. She and her husband Chris reside in New Haven, where she previously (2007-2012) was pastor at First and Summerfield U.M. Church. Sara is active in conference ministry, including as a signer of the Covenant of Conscience and a member of Methodists in New Directions (MIND).

Since 1984, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven (IVCG) has helped seniors age 60+ maintain their independence in their own homes by matching trained volunteers to provide basic services such as rides to appointments and friendly visits. In 2012, 140 volunteers provided over 6000 hours of volunteer services to 500 clients. IVCG is funded in part by a grant from the Area Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a member of the National Volunteer Caregiving Network. Find us online at www.carenewhaven.org and on Facebook.

Sara’s Mission Minute in worship will be followed by a longer presentation to our Caring Ministries team after worship in the Wesley Center. This is open to all to learn more about this caring organization.

May God continue to use for good the many ways we bring the caring ministry of Jesus Christ to our congregation and those beyond it.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Brian

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Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinators	Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Maureen & Michael Groves

Liturgist – Chris Carveth

Cross Bearer – Cassie Bennett

Acolytes – Allison Bennett & Kayleigh Patterson

Bible Bearer – Taylor Wilmot

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door Chris Carveth at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of Doris Cipriano on her birthday today, given by Carole and Pat; a donation has been made to UMCOR by Donald and Sandra Marren in celebration of Lillie and Jack Kattrick's 50th wedding anniversary on November 23rd.

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 Methodist Hymnal (1939), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

SERMON COPIES from November 10 and previous messages 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: **Wet and dry cat and dog 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: **Beth is now accepting orders for 2014.** 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 NOVEMBER 10:

Total worship attendance all services: 192 (Nov. 10, 186; Healing and Wholeness Nov. 11: 6)
Total Offering: \$6,847.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups 106; (Sunday School, 37; Confirmation, 0; Disciple, 11; EG Adult Study, Tues., 11; EG Adult Study, Wed., 12; Bell Choir 8, Adult Choir 17; 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.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE LONG RANGE PLANNING SURVEY IS READY! We have sent it out via our Yahoo member group. You may also find the link for the survey on our Mary Taylor Memorial Church website: www.mtm-umc.org. Hard copies (traditional paper copy) are also available in the rear of the church. The survey will take between 20-40 minutes. We ask all members, age high school and up, who attend MTMUMC to participate. If completing on-line, you may begin and go back if you don't complete it at one time. We ask for surveys to be completed by November 30th. Thank you for your participation.

Sue O'Shea, Long-Range Planning Chair

THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE: orders are being taken for the 2014 Upper Room Discipline, a daily devotional based on the lectionary upon which Sunday morning scripture choices are usually based. Cost is \$10 for regular print and \$15 for large print. To order, contact Don Hastings at 203.877.4554 or mctmwash@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR THE 38th ANNUAL LIVING CRÈCHE ON DEC. 22ND DEC. 23RD (6-8 p.m.) and 24th (5-7 pm). Volunteers dress in costume as members of the Nativity tableau, serving in roughly 20 minute shifts, remaining still and looking at the baby Jesus. This public witness is well-known in Milford for nearly forty years. In addition, we need volunteers to assemble (Dec. 15th) and dismantle (Dec. 29th) the crèche structure. If you would like to be a part of the living crèche team, contact Rachel Merva at 203-641-5088 or rmerva@optonline.net. Consider making this your new tradition in witness to Christ's love!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS are now being taken. Please print clearly on the enclosed form and return it to the church office. Please note the deadline of Sunday, December 8 that is determined by the date the florist needs our order number. Thank you.

REMEMBER THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE that appeared in the November "Beacon." It will appear again in December's issue. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 15.

TUTORS NEEDED! The Literacy Center is partnering with Bridges and West Shore Middle School in an after school tutoring program and activity time. They need volunteers to help with homework time, reading time, activity after homework – ideas needed, family nights. If you would like to volunteer, contact the Literacy Center at 203-878-4800.

WANT TO SERVE:

as a Bible bearer, acolyte or cross bearer? Please contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

as a Liturgist? Please contact Laura Perregaux: 203.520.8183.

NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG? Contact (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request please. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.

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!
- **TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING IS FOR TYPHOON HAIYAN RELIEF.** Please make checks payable to MTMUMC marked "Haiyan Relief." 100% of the offering will go directly to the disaster response through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), our disaster response arm. More details may be read at www.nyac.com where this item is a lead article on the Conference website.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** follows worship in Dodd Hall. Education hosts today. Next Sunday the Men's Club hosts the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** follow worship in the sanctuary.
- **CARING MINISTRIES MEETING** follows worship in the Wesley Center. The Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling from the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will join us. This meeting is open to all to hear more from Sara and about our caring ministries.
- **THE WINTER COAT DRIVE** benefitting folks in Bridgeport and Milford through the Golden Hill and Mary Taylor Memorial U.M. churches and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission ends today. Thank you for your caring. God will warm your hearts.
- **THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY SUPPER SIGN-UPS** are in Dodd Hall after worship. The traditional dinner will all the fixings will be Thurs., November 28th, 5:30 pm. It is open to all so if you plan on attending, please see Laura Perregaux at misslmp@yahoo.com/203.520.8183 or Debbie Dubien at debrad246@yahoo.com/203.877.4959 to sign up so we have enough food. A list for contributing food items to the dinner and areas where you can provide help is also available for your support.
- **ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY** led by Pastor Hal began last week. It meets Tuesdays from 7-8:30 and Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. "*Wrestling with Angels*" is a challenging look at some of life's tough questions featuring video presentations by renowned spiritual leaders and group sharing. Sign up with Pastor Hal: 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com.
- **"HEART CARDS"** connected to our *Extravagant Generosity* campaign may still be given to Diana Titus at the table during Fellowship Hour. Please see the bulletin boards with the postings of those Heart Cards received. What wonderful thoughts!
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

A FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP will be held tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m. in Dodd Hall by Carol Galloway, MS, PT. This informative workshop will explain the most common behaviors that expose us to the risk of falling and simple changes that will reduce the likelihood of falling. Carol is a member of MTMUMC's Parish Nurse Team and a licensed physical therapist employed at Rehabilitation Associates. To register your attendance, contact the church office (203.874.1982 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday at 9 a.m. to assemble the December "Beacon."

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 24th are due by Noon on Wed., November 20th, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

FALL CHURCH CONFERENCE will be Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. **All are welcome** with vote reserved to members of the church. This is the United Methodist version of an Annual Meeting. We will review our ministry of the past year, elect officers and Trustees and committees, and set the pastor's 2014 compensation package.

NEXT SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/THE REIGN OF CHRIST/UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY. On this last Sunday of the Christian year Jeremiah 23:1-6 is the basis for the message "Rip Van Winkle's Wish?" We will receive a special offering for United Methodist Student Day, supporting college and seminary scholarships in The United Methodist Church. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn. After worship, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Men's Club will be held in Dodd Hall. At Noon we will have a presentation in the sanctuary by the Rev. Richard Deam, financial planner, on "Alternative Gifting Resources:" ways to gift that help reduce taxes without using current cash resources.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SUNDAY POT LUCK DINNER sponsored by the Men's Club will be in Dodd Hall following the service next Sunday, November 24th. Turkey & Stuffing, bread & butter, coffee, tea, milk and Juice will be provided by the Men's Club. Bring your favorite side dish, or dessert to share (see the enclosed flyer for suggestions). All are invited – it's free.

BIBLES FOR PAST CONFIRMANTS: if your child was confirmed prior to 2012 and desires a Confirmation presentation Bible, please contact Pastor Brian no later than next Sunday, Nov. 24 at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982, ext. 11.

SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: This program demonstrates God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. The shoeboxes are filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and personal notes, delivered to the local collection center and shipped by OCC to needy children throughout the world. **Brochures about the program will be available in Dodd Hall and will be provided to the Sunday School students.** Please see Cathy Cono with questions (spikio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362). **Shoeboxes are due next Sunday, November 24th.**

BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Let's brighten Christmas day for the children of Boys and Girls Village. There are 29 children being supported this year through our annual support to Boys and Girls Village. Please see Maryanne Petremont during Fellowship Hour to make a selection of a gift tag for one of the children. There will be a tag for clothing and toys for each of the children. **Tags will be available starting next Sunday, November 24** (in time for Black Friday!). The gifts should be brought back by December 15, 2013. Please wrap the gift and attach the tag with the child's name.

COMING SOON

THE MILFORD BLOOD BANK will hold their annual Blood Drive in the MTMUMC Sanctuary and Dodd Hall on Monday, November 25th from 10:30 am- 3:45 pm. To make an appointment to donate, please call the Red Cross at 1-800-redcross (800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH will be Wed., Nov. 27, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan to assist: maryannej@charter.net or 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). We prepare the meal for 100+ people. Golden Hill is about 20 minutes away, right off I-95.

THE MILFORD COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford. Dr. Riccardi will lead the combined community choir (rehearsing at 6 p.m.) and Pastor Brian will bring the children's message. The offering will support Milford's fuel assistance fund. See the full page flier in this issue.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, December 1, 4 pm: Intergenerational Christmas caroling at the UM Homes, Shelton with refreshments following at the Bak's home.

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.: Cookie Walk, Dodd Hall.

Sunday, December 8, 5 p.m.: Adult fellowship Christmas party in Dodd Hall. Details on both of these events next week and in the December "Beacon."

MULTIFAITH
C O M M U N I T Y
Thanksgiving
SERVICE



November 27th, 2013
at 7:00 p.m.
SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
70 Gulf Street.

COORDINATED BY
THE MILFORD CLERGY ASSOCIATION.

A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION
by the Honorable Ben Blake, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MILFORD

SPECIAL MUSIC by a Massed Choir from Churches in Milford

LITURGY shared by Members of the Clergy Association

SERMON delivered by the Reverend Douglas Clark,
Interim Senior Pastor of FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
CONGREGATIONAL

A monetary offering will be received
to support the "ENERGY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM" for THE CITY OF MILFORD.

Checks should be made out
to "The CITY OF MILFORD" with
"ENERGY ASSISTANCE" in the MEMO.

A Collection of Non-Perishable Food Items will also be received
for the Food Bank at the BETH-EL CENTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rev. Karl Duetzmann 878-4685



CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM benefits thousands of homeowners and renters throughout the state. The Federal program is designed to provide financial assistance to needy households in an effort to make energy costs more affordable during the winter heating season. The heating assistance is designed to help with the main heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, or wood. As a courtesy to Milford residents, the Department of Human Services provides this program on behalf of the Community Action Agency, TEAM, Inc., and serves as an intake site.



Last year, DHS processed 679 applications for Energy Assistance assisting 1497 individual family members. This year the need is even greater and the funds coming to our city from the state and federal government have been reduced by over 50%.

To inquire about eligibility or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Department of Human Services for the City of Milford at 203-783-3253.



2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, _____ in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark-ness, _____ on-ly light, _____ and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, _____ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy. _____
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. _____



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek _____ so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, _____ to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

WORDS: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)
 MUSIC: Sebastian Temple

CHANNEL OF PEACE
 Irregular

Integrity

300

FORTITUDE. 2. 10. 10. 10.

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK, 1858-1901

DAVID S. SMITH, 1877-



1. Be strong! We are not here to play, to
 2. Be strong! Say not the days are e-vil-
 3. Be strong! It mat-ters not how deep en-



dream, to drift: We have hard work to do and
 who's to blame? And fold the hands and ac-qui-
 trenced the wrong. How hard the bat-tle goes, the



loads to lift; Shun not the strug-gle: face it—
 esce— O shame! Stand up, speak out, and brave-ly,
 day, how long; Faint not, fight on! To-mor-row



'tis God's gift. Be strong, be strong!
 in God's Name, Be strong, be strong!
 comes the song. Be strong, be strong! A-MEN.



Be strong, be

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