

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship  
10:00 a.m.

(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue and B Flat Major” J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Be Thou My Vision” arr. by C. Dobrinski  
(Dedicated to the memory of Ed Leuchtner)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 25) (Abington Worship Annual, 214-215)

Leader: Come to the banquet our God has prepared for us!

**People: God set a table for all the saints – saints from all times and places!**

Leader: Come! God provides abundantly for everyone!

**People: We will feast on the bread of life and the wine of salvation!**

Leader: God has removed our burial shroud and destroyed death forever.

**People: God takes away our disgrace and will wipe away our tears.**

Leader: Come to the feast! Celebrate God’s love and mercy!

**People: We are glad and rejoice in God’s salvation!**

\*HYMN #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*) (Based on John 11) (Abington Worship Annual, mod. 215-216)

*Saving God, in each generation you call your children from the dark caverns of death into the bright light of new life. We are grateful for the faithful witness of all the saints who have gone before us and who now rest from their labors. We come before you that we may ask you to renew our lives and wipe away our tears of mourning. Give to us this day the joy of our salvation in you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Led By Love, B, mod.)

God has called us – not to a set of beliefs – but to a relationship of trust. Let us confess now when we have looked elsewhere for our guidance and fulfillment outside of God’s grace.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION (Abington Worship Annual, mod. 215-216)

*Merciful God, as we worship today, roll away the stones that keep us trapped in darkness. Forgive us when we receive your invitation to come to the banquet for your saints, but are too distracted by our hectic schedules and too preoccupied by our earthly endeavors to respond. May we hear your voice calling us to new life and shrug off the burial cloths that keep us bound to sin and death. Again, we come before you, that we may ask you to renew our lives and wipe away our tears. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Rev. Mindi, rev-o-lution.org , mod)

Leader: There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. There is nothing we can do that will keep us from God. We are a forgiven people. The chains of guilt and shame have been broken and we are free – free to go and share the Good News!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

CHILDREN’S TIME “Be a Saint, Bring a Coat!” Pastor Kristina

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 25:6-9

**25** <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN #707 “Hymn of Promise”

\*THE GOSPEL John 11:32-44 NRSV

**25** <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there

is a stench because he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.”<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Rev. Hansen

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“Resounding Alleluias”

arr. by D. McKechnie

*Mark Dennis, trumpet; Lydia Smith, percussion*

\*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

(See insert)

*(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come. After the celebrants, ushers and choir commune, the ushers will direct you forward to the serving stations. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated please notify an usher.)*

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (unison)

*Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*God of glory, we give you thanks for the communion of saints and this feast of your goodness and grace. Send us out to be saints and to share the bread of life with all – and all means all – who hunger for your love; through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #711 (1,2,4,6)

“For All The Saints”

\*THE BENEDICTION

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

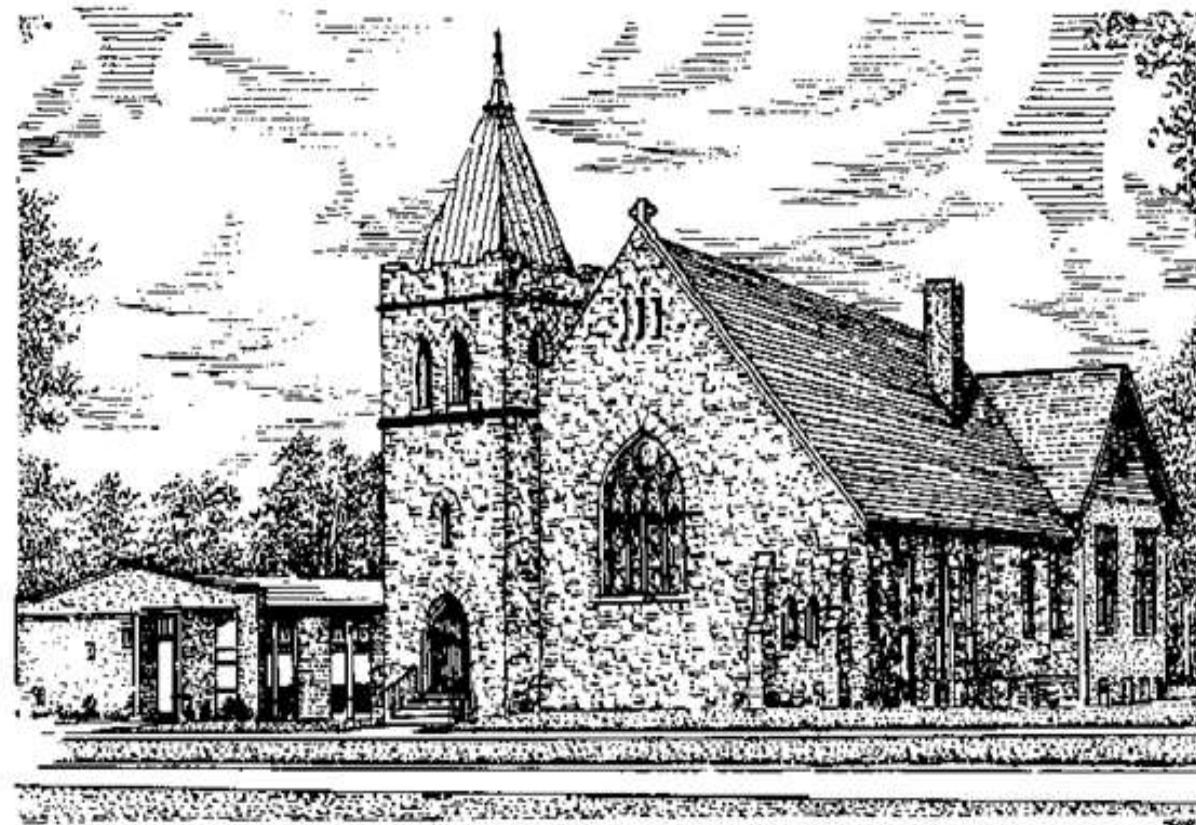
POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

E. Biggs

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

**THE WORSHIP HAS 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*

*Nested Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016-2018*

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

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**November 4, 2018**

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
Co-Lay Leader	Beth O'Brien	Pastor	The Rev. Kristina Hansen
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach Pastor	Dani Levine
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cynthia Dodd
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

***Grace Notes***

***November 4, 2018***

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial UMC Community,

On the wall in the church office, Mary Lou pinned up a definition of a saint that caught my eye when I first arrived here in July. Entitled: *Who is a Saint?* It answers "You are a saint!" The rest reads as follows:

*The nature of the Greek word used in the bible for saint, refers to "holiness." Not to imply a person must be morally pure, but **one who seeks to live in union with Christ.** A process and a journey whereby we become increasingly "holy" by God's Spirit working in and through our life experiences." (source unknown; bolding is my emphasis)*

Mary Lou doesn't know this, but I read that often when I walk into her office. By the number of pin holes at the top, I am quite sure I am not the only one who has taken it off her bulletin board to make a copy!

So often the idea of "saint" is presented as being so far out of reach of the average bear. But truth be told, saints are ordinary people like you and me, both past and present, **who seek to live in union with Christ** – nothing more; nothing less.

Sunday, November 4, we will remember those saints that are no longer among us. But I hope that we will also reflect on how we are *presently* being saints in the world. Our efforts to live in union with Christ shine through us and effect our world and the people that we come into contact and with whom we are in relationship.

So, **Dear Saints!** Let's gather on Sunday for our remembrance, our celebration and the Lord's Supper – a communion that crosses time and unites us with all who have ever partaken at Christ's Table.

Calling all saints to bless you on the journey!

*Rev. Kristina Hansen*



## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Dave Doyle

**Greeters:** Rita Brown and Carol Koch

**Liturgist:** Pastor Dani Levine

**Bible Bearer:** Selena Gonsalves

**Cross Bearer:** Stefano Cono

**Acolytes:** Carolyn Hollyday and Matteo Cono

**Communion Stewards:** Karen Keane and Beth Hanson

**Communion Celebrants:** Pastor Kristina Hansen, Pastor Dani Levine, Zach Scott and Co-Lay Leader Shelly Lapadula.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are to the Glory of God and for Mary Lou Hastings' birthday, given by Don and her family; and in memory of my son, Dave, given by Joan Zauner.

**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 during 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 the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000), and as noted in the bulletin.

**SERMON COPIES** from last week are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **PRAYER BEAD MINISTRY WORKSHOP Saturday, November 10, 2018**

10:00a.m. -12:00p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Shelton.

Please join us as we learn about prayer beads in different faith traditions and create prayer bead chaplets for those who need to feel the comfort of God's love. This workshop is open to anyone who is 12 years old and up. Handicapped accessible. Refreshments provided. A free will offering will be accepted.

**We will be holding our Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 at 5:30 in Dodd Hall.** Thanksgiving is not only about being thankful to God for our bountiful blessing, but it is also about giving service to those in our community and church family. **ALL** are welcome to come and join in for a time of fellowship and food as we give thanks together. We will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. Also, the dinner offers a great opportunity to come together as a faith community.

#### **Volunteers are needed in the following areas:**

- Desserts – baked goods needed
- Set-up of tables – beginning at 3:30
- Greeter – be at the door to Dodd Hall at 5:00
- Serving the food – beginning at 5:15
- Serving the drinks – beginning at 5:15
- Clean-up – beginning at 6:30



Dinner items are provided by the Missions Committee. If you plan on attending the dinner or volunteering, please sign up with Debbie Dubien today during Fellowship Hour.

**COLLEGE CONNECTIONS** – Please see Beth O'Brien to share an address of a special student who may be studying hard in college or boarding school! Mary Taylor Memorial UMC loves ❤️ our students. We will send a fun care package on behalf of the church that they will love! Just in time for exams! **Please provide information to Beth no later than November 18<sup>th</sup>.** See Beth at church or contact her at 203-877-8668, bgobrien11@optonline.net.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING –Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> –4:00 p.m.** at Monroe UMC. This is a must attend meeting for everyone who calls MTMUMC their church. This will be a cluster wide Charge Conference. The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, our district superintendent will be there to lead us. Details and directions to follow at a later date.

Charge Conference is our annual meeting which tells us where we've been this year and where we're going next year. It also gives everyone an understanding of how people have served, how

people have been involved, and reminds us of the fun that we've had and the ministry that we have offered to our congregation, community and the world. See you there!

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, November 4</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
<i>All Saints Day</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Java for the Journey (Adult Class with Coffee!) – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Teacher's meeting-Sunday School office</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Youth meeting – youth lounge – “Rake ‘n Run”</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Hastings - Private party – Egan room</i>
	5:00 p.m.	<i>St. Peter's Church choir offering-“A Requiem For All Our Departed” 71 River St. Milford (no charge)</i>
<i>Monday, November 5</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 6</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nominating Committee meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 7</i>	2:30 p.m.	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper</i>
	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell &amp; Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Pastors Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor's study</i>
<i>Thursday, November 8</i>		<i>Women's Tres Dias weekend – Beth O'Brien contact</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, November 9</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, November 10</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, November 11</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Java for the Journey (Adult Class with Coffee!) – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship- Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall-</i>
		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday UMW Soup Sale – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Bridgeport Rescue Mission Coat/Winter items Drive-Maryann Petremont contact</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and lunch</i>
	1:30 p.m.	<i>CT District UMW Event – Golden Hill UMC-Bridgeport</i>
<i>Monday, November 12</i>	6:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 13</i>	Noon	<i>UMW Noon meeting – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study with Don Hastings – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, Nov. 14</i>	5:00/6:40/7:45 p.m.	<i>Choir Dinner/Bell &amp; Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, November 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, November 16</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, November 17</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Worship &amp; Movement with Beth O'Brien-Dodd Hall</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>NYAC Laity Convocation –Tarrytown House Estate on the Hudson 49 E. Sunnyside Ln., Tarrytown, NY</i>

TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME IS HOSTED** by the Membership and Evangelism. Next week's hosts will be the Visitation Committee.

**A REQUIEM FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED** will be offered **TODAY** by **St. Peter's Episcopal Church on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4, at five o'clock**. The Service is offered to the entire Milford & Orange communities without charge, regardless of religious belief or associations. All are welcome, particularly those who have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past. The Service is quiet and meditative, largely sung by the Choir, and is intended to provide comfort and strength to anyone struggling with grief or loss. St. Peter's is located at 71 River Street, Milford. There is ample parking on both sides of the street. For more information, please visit our website at [www.stpetersmilford.org](http://www.stpetersmilford.org).

**OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)**, in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

**UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE** - An order for the 2019 Upper Room Discipline will be made in mid-November. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com). The cost is \$10.00 for the regular or large print.

The Upper Room Discipline is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, which is the basis of most sermons on Sunday mornings. During the past few years many members of Mary Taylor have begun reading the Discipline as a way to increase their knowledge of the Bible. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all the parts of the Bible, **The Upper Room devotional booklets** that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary **are not the same as the Upper Room Discipline**.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.**

THIS WEEK

**TRES DIAS**-This fall there are two weekends of Tres Dias of Fairfield County!

**October 11-14 is the Men's Weekend. November 8-11 is the Women's Weekend.**

Tres Dias is a full three-day (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon) experience which includes worship, fellowship, music, and activities to help strengthen your relationship with your fellow Christians, the Church and Jesus Christ.

Over thirty members of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church have attended these weekends in the past and many have served as leaders. If you are interested in more details, please contact Beth O'Brien, 203-877-8668 or [bgobrien11@opronline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@opronline.net).

## NEXT SUNDAY

### **November 11 PENTECOST 25: & Veteran's Day Remembrance**

- Rev. Kristina Hansen will offer the message "GIVING OUR ALL" based on Psalm 146:1-10, Mark 12:38-44.
- COAT DRIVE & WARM CLOTHING for Bridgeport Rescue Mission (collected today)
- SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SALE 
- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL after worship (sanctuary)
- 3:30pm at Golden Hill UMC: CT District UMW Event



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CONNECTICUT DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENT- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm at Golden Hill UMC, 210 Elm St. Bridgeport, CT. UMW 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Where Do We Go from Here?"** Please RSVP by November 7<sup>th</sup> to Golden Hill UMC 203-336-0152 or Pat Knebel at 203-913-7627.

**WOMEN'S TIME OF WORSHIP, CONNECTION, AND MOVEMENT on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in Dodd Hall 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** will be led by Beth O'Brien and Sue Paulsen. Hebrews 12:28: "Let us be thankful, and so worship God." Contact Beth for additional information at 203-877-8668, bgobrien11@optonline.net.

### **BOYS & GIRLS VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

It's almost that time of year! We are again sponsoring children from Boys and Girls Village this Christmas. **Starting November 18, gift tag selections will be available** - just in time for black Friday shopping! Sponsor a child by providing a gift of clothing, pajamas, or a wish list item. This is a fantastic idea for an alternative gift for those on your list that just have everything. Please stop by the Missions table during Fellowship Hour to make a selection from the available gift tags for one of the children. Let's brighten Christmas day for the children of Boys and Girls Village.



**SALLY CHAPIN MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

It's that time of year again. **YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE WORKING ON OUR 2019 BUDGET and we need your input.** Work area and committee chairs, please submit your budget requests to Nancy Bennett either by putting it in her church mailbox, via email to Nancy516@aol.com, mail to 26 High Street, Milford, CT 06460 or you can even easier, you can hand it to her in church! Thanks.

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

**DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS.** *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net)).* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **December 9, and 23 are open for altar flower orders.**

**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. 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Kristina Hansen:** [revkristina@yahoo.com](mailto:revkristina@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** [dani.m.levine@gmail.com](mailto:dani.m.levine@gmail.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 115 or 203.927.9077 cell

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

**WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) WEEKLY.** Please call the church office at 203-874-1982 for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards, our Yahoo Groups and on Facebook @mtmumc.

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

### VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR October 28th

Total worship attendance all services: 145; Oct.28: 135; Oct.29 Healing and Wholeness:10  
Total Offerings for Oct. 28: \$6,271.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0;  
Engaged in Small Groups: 267; Wednesday Prayer Time:3; Sunday School: 36; Adult Sunday School: 14; Ghana Emmanuel service: 6; No Quest; Trunk or Treat: 110; MTM Community Dinner: 61; Jesus Bible Study: 9; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir:16; Office Volunteers: 3; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## Bishop Calls for Special UMCOR Offering

10/22/2018

TO: All Clergy, Lay Leaders, & Administrative Council Leaders

FROM: Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop

RE: Hurricane Disaster Response

Dear Friends,

On Friday, October 12, I was involved in a meeting of the UMCOR Board of Directors in Atlanta, GA. During that meeting, an UMCOR Unit Director began speaking about the urgent needs that have emerged around the recent round of hurricanes and typhoons that have taken place across the world. In her report, she used the phrase, the "new normal."

The "new normal" simply means that the cycle of major disasters that have once again ravaged certain parts of the world are something that we must prepare for and respond to on an annual basis. A recent typhoon in the Philippines, as well as the devastating effects of hurricanes Florence and Michael, have left thousands without homes, power, healthcare, and resources.

Our UMCOR disaster coordinators are working rapidly to assess the damage and set in motion the level of response that people have come to expect and depend upon from our United Methodist connection. This response is being done simultaneously with ongoing efforts to re-build places like Puerto Rico as well as the US and British Virgin Islands.

Once again, I am reaching out to you in an appeal to provide financial support for our relief efforts. I am asking each of our congregations to receive a special offering for UMCOR on Sunday, November 4th. The proceeds of these offerings should be sent to our Conference Treasurer's Office at NYAC, Attention Accounts Receivable, 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606 so that they can be sent as a whole to UMCOR.

It has become very evident that disasters and disaster response will always be with us. Today we sit in places of comfort that are not directly affected by the recent disasters. It is out of that comfort that we find ourselves in a place where we can respond. Our offerings and support can be the intercession that our sisters and brothers need as they attempt to re-build their lives.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to a tremendous response from our United Methodist connection here in New York.

The Journey Continues, . . .

Grace & Peace,



## HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

May the God of all saints be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift your hearts to God, all you who seek God's face.

**We offer them to the One whose heart weeps with ours.**

Lift up your heads, O people, singing glad songs of praise to God.

**With joy in our hearts, with words of truth and life on our lips,  
we give thanks to our God.**



With a simple Word,  
with a gentle Breath of life,  
Wondrous God of glory,  
you shrouded chaos with your imagination,  
earth spinning and  
whirling through space  
the seas teeming with new life.  
All that is in creation is yours,  
all that lives in it is your gift.  
You shaped us in your image,  
gathering us in your garden of joy.

But we turned our backs on you,  
seeking the seductive face of sin.

You would show us the way,  
filling us with hope's promise,  
through the gifts of those saints we call the prophets,  
but we did not listen.

So, deeply moved by our helplessness,  
you sent Jesus into our presence,  
the One we waited for that we might be saved.  
So, with that community of faith from every place and time -  
with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels,  
with those who know how deeply you love us,  
we forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, strong and gentle.**

**As they await their renewal, heaven and earth glorify you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to call us from death.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Gracious are you, Creator of suns and saints,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Sharer in our lives.

With clean hands and a pure heart  
he descended from your holy side,  
coming to wipe away our tears,  
to remove the disgrace of our sin,  
to walk with those who seek your face,  
to stand with us at grief's doorstep.

With scarred hands and a shattered heart,  
he descended into the grip of the grave,  
taking off the swaddling clothes of death,  
leaving them behind as you called  
to him to come out of the tomb.

As we wait to come to this gracious feast,  
as we remember the spirit in which Jesus  
lived, served, died, and was raised,  
we speak of that mystery we call faith.

**In Christ, the shroud of death has been destroyed.**

**In Christ, all creation is given new life.**

**In Christ, we will be God's people forever when he returns.**

Pour out your Spirit  
upon these gifts of the Table  
and on your children in this sacred space.  
With a simple cup filled with hope,  
with bread broken in love,  
you make a feast for those  
who are with this band of believers.

As we open our hands to receive grace's brokenness,  
may we go forth to dirty them  
in service to all around us.

As we swallow the well-aged hope of your Spirit,  
may we discover our hearts  
to be as broken as yours,  
by the injustices of our world.

And when all things become new,  
as we are gathered in the New Jerusalem  
with our sisters and brothers of every age,  
we will join our voices together,  
singing before your throne of grace,

**God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

**ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Today we remember the saints who have died since the last All Saints Sunday.  
Thank you for creating a complete and meaningful remembrance of those who have  
“died in the Lord.”

Leon Brandon	Cousin of Don Hastings
Lucrecia Calle	Friend of Vilma Castano
Doris Carraher	Sister of Ann Sullivan
Lilia Cardona	Family member of Vilma Castano
David Carter	Friend of Stacey Riccardi
Hernando Castano	Father of Vilma Castano
Sally Chapin	Member
Robert Clark	Friend
Bob Cummings	Friend of Pastor Dani Levine
Jeanne Dubois	Friend of Sarah Brockett
Edilma Echeverri	Family member of Vilma Castano
Daniel Foley	Friend of Pastor Dani Levine
Alvin Jean Gaudet	Father of Eileen Potkay
Kristian Hansen	Brother of Pastor Kristina Hansen
Rick Holloway	Friend of Beth O'Brien
Richard Hoyt	Friend
Ellen "Marie" Kelley	Mother of John Kelley and Donna Cartwright
Loretta Kelly	Member
Eugene Kuncsh	Friend of Vilma Castano
Mathew Lantowski	Friend of Stacey Riccardi
Ed Leuchtner	Member
Marilyn Long	Member
John Malmberg	Father of Virginia Kozlowski
Charlotte Nedbal	Mother of Meg Dennis
Beverly Nichols	Mother of Laurie Nichols
Aunt Patty	Aunt of Tom Chaffin
Beverly Pierpont	Mother of Stacy Meszaros and Shelly Lapadula
Jack Schroeder	Friend of Justine Guckin, Barronlee Grasso and Beth O'Brien
Belle Rose Spoto	Friend of Vilma Castano
Georgianna Stickley	Friend of Justine Guckin
Frank Tatto Sr.	Cousin of Don Hastings
Lorraine Volgmuth	Wife of Robert and mother of Christine and Tara Volgmuth
Robert Weant	Friend of Vilma Castano
Beth Wheeler	Daughter of Carl and Carol Wheeler
Clark White	Stepfather of Lisa Gloates
Edward (Eddie) Wiggins	Uncle of Lisa Gloates
Lee Wilhelm	Mother of Ken Wilhelm
Mary C. Williams	Friend of Vilma Castano
Flora Whitford	Grandmother of Laurie Nichols

