

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*

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 am)

PRELUDE “Easter Hymn” arr. by W. Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

“EDUCATION FIRST” Mr. Harold Zawadski

INTROIT “Spirit of God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Traditional Cherokee Nation prayer

Leader: May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house.

People: *May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here.*

*HYMN #308 “Thine Be the Glory” Judas Maccabeus

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* Traditional Native American prayer

O Great Spirit (Gitchi Manitou, Most Awesome of the Awesome), whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 4 Hymnal p.741

THE EPISTLE I John 3:1-7 Bible p.1111
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 3:12-19 Bible p.993

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” Regent Square

*THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48 Bible p.965
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON ”A Witness Protection Program” 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.)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Diana Titus

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for
Native American Awareness Sunday

Offertory Anthem: “One Life” arr. by K. Phillips

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #316 “He Rose” Ascensus

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lead Me, Lord” Hymnal #473
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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

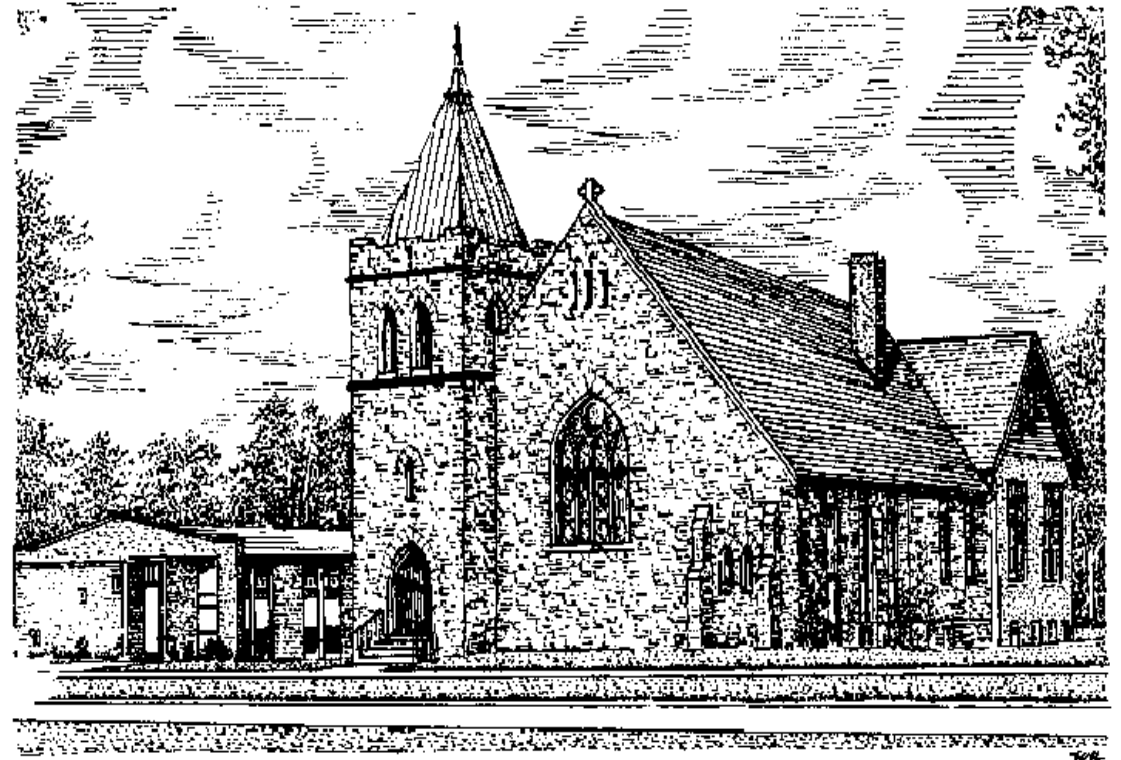
*POSTLUDE Toccata on “Regent Square” arr. by L. Smith
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



NATIVE-AMERICAN

MINISTRY



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

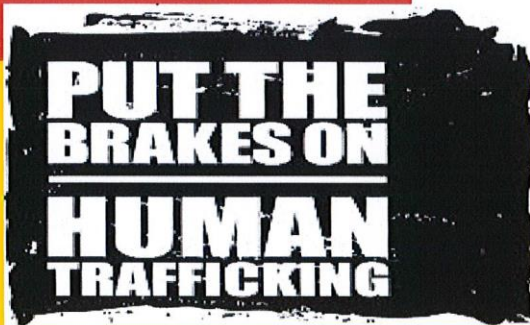
First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

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.*

EASTER III
NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS SUNDAY
April 19, 2015



A Community Event

April 25, 2015

10:00am—3:00pm

Wilkinson Hall at the Methodist Church on the corner of Long Hill Avenue and Rocky Rest Road

**188 Rocky Rest Road
Shelton, CT 06484**

**Please Reserve a Seat:
Call Lorie at: 203-257-8964**

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5

All donations will be split between iiconn & The Underground to support their initiatives.

Discussion Panelists:

Deborah Scates—Hartford Police Detective—Federal Human Trafficking Task Force 2004 - 2008

Alicia Kinsman—Attorney & Director of Victim and Trafficking Services with iiconn

Simon and Stephanie Wainwright—From The Underground leadership

YES.

IT IS HAPPENING IN CONNECTICUT.

Grace Notes

April 19, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

“Witness protection programs” generally hide people who have been informants to the government about some crime. These programs, sadly necessary, give a chance for justice to be done without the witnesses being “done in.”

Jesus says to the disciples in today’s Gospel “You are witnesses of these things:”

- *That the Messiah will suffer*
- *That the Messiah will be raised from the dead*
- *That a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed*
- *That this proclamation must occur throughout the world.*

We, too, are “witnesses of these things.” Contrary to hiding, we are to proclaim this message openly. What might that look like for us as individuals and as a church together?

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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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	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters –Laurie Nichols and Tom Chaffin

Cross Bearer – Shannon Thompson

Acolytes – Bryan Thompson and Nate Carr

Liturgist – Dennis Darak

Bible Bearer – Carolyn Hollyday

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Dennis Darak.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by Anna and John Henry in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary on April 20.

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 taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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 Holy Week are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

EDUCATION FIRST GUEST SPEAKER. Today we will have a guest speaker Harold Zawadski from the Education First foreign exchange program. You may recall that Mary Taylor served as the course center for their 3 week program last July. With the “Lift Us Up” construction, we will not be the course center this year. However, a group of young adults from France, Italy and Spain are coming to the New Haven/Milford area July 1-21 to improve their English and experience American culture and family life. EF is seeking host families. Come to learn more about this exciting opportunity for an international experience.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, April 19</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Native American Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal Hymn singing- Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>New Member’s Class-Pastor’s study, Wesley Center 2nd fl.</i>
<i>Monday, April 20</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 21</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting - Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>BEACON Volunteers-Egan room</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, April 23</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper-Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, April 24</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Tres Dias – Dodd Hall, Sanctuary and selected Wesley Ctr. rooms</i>
<i>Saturday, April 25</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Families with Young Children” brunch – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Shelton UMW mtg. on Human Trafficking-Joan Zauner contact</i>
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<i>Sunday, April 26</i>	<i>GIFTS AND TALENTS form is due today</i>	
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Chapel Service - Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Ground Breaking Ceremony – south end of Wesley Center</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time and reception – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>District Conference, Stratford UMC, 2600 Main Street</i>
<i>Monday, April 27</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 28</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Stewardship meeting-Wesley Center-Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 29</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, May 1</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOME VISITATION by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

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 & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

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@gmail.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.

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 April 12th:

Total worship attendance all services: 161 ; Apr. 12: 155; Healing and Wholeness, Apr. 13th: 6; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for Apr. 12th: \$5,715.51; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$973.33 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$480.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 114 (Office Volunteers 5; “Trash and Treasures” workers: 4; Sunday School: 35; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 16 ; United Methodist Women: 14 [noon], 17 [6:30]; Disciple 3: 10; Prayer Shawl: 5; No Confirmation class). 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 /203.874.1982) with your attendance.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the United Methodist Women. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week's Fellowship Time host is Membership and Evangelism.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be offered after worship in the sanctuary and the second new member class will be held in the Pastor's Study, Wesley Center, 2nd floor.

A CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS continues today after worship. Today's session is on the history of Methodism and anyone interested in knowing more about this is welcome to attend. We meet in the Pastor's study, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. While it is too late to join this class, please express your interest to Pastor Brian (203.874.1982, ext. 11) or the church office (ext. 10) if you wish to know more about joining the church. The final class is rescheduled for Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

“**IMAGINE NO MALARIA,**” a United Methodist initiative in partnership with other agencies (including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) provides mosquito netting that saves lives. Our New York Conference goal is \$1.5 million. To contribute please use the special envelopes in the sanctuary pews or the “other” line of your offering envelopes.

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2015 DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE provides toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia. Please leave your donations in the FOA box in Dodd Hall. If you wish to make a monetary gift, please mark your check or envelope “FOA.”



TRASH AND TREASURE BARGAIN OF THE WEEK:

IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME while psyching out your competitors by wearing one of our top quality, *amazingly handsome golf shirts*. Some are new with labels, others just look brand new!!! In T&T's Men's department at the bottom of the inside steps from Dodd Hall, check out all of our shirts! Get a new shirt for less than you would pay for taxes on a "store-bought" shirt! If you happen to be a size 38 waist x 32 length for slacks, you definitely won't want to miss the huge donation of name brand slacks we just received. Many of them still have cleaner tags! Other sizes also available. You can buy 20 pairs for less than the price of one store-bought pair and then give the money you save to Lift Us Up! Please check with Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before dropping off large items. Space and muscles are limited. **Please do not donate:** TV's, computers, old printers, mattresses, baby car seats and helmets of any kind, old computer books, obsolete editions of educational books. **No food items please!**

Please place donations in the area where the cashiers sit during our sale. The other tables are only for items tested and priced for sale. **Thank you in advance for donating items that are clean and not in need of repair.**

THIS WEEK

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

PASTOR BRIAN will be out of the office Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday, returning in time for Confirmation and the GSA meeting. For routine church matters, call the church office. For pastoral assistance, call Pastor Hal at 203.878.8977.

CALLING ALL TEENS: The **Gay/Straight Alliance** is hoping to host a youth event and will be having a planning meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 PM in the Chapel in Wesley Center. Your ideas and/or help are WELCOME, so please join us on Tuesday evening. Adults are welcome, too!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday at 9 a.m. to mail the May “Beacon.”

BRUNCH FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN: Saturday, April 25, 10 – 11:30 a.m. in Dodd Hall. Child care provided. Meet other young families, learn about what we offer you and let us know what you would like to see. See the invitation in the April “Beacon” or contact the church office for more information or to tell us you will attend: 203.874.1982 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.; In honor of Earth Day, Sandy Morgan will give the message on the theme "God's Earth, Our Home". At the end of the service, the students will return to classrooms to work on a simple craft project which will later be given as a Mother's Day gift. All are welcome to join us for a unique worship experience!

EASTER IV AT 10:00 a.m.; The scriptures Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18 are the basis of the message “I Have Other Sheep.” Healing anointing will be offered at the close of worship. The service will then proceed on the final hymn to the south end of the Wesley Center for a ceremonial groundbreaking.

“LIFT US UP” CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING will conclude worship at the south end of the Wesley Center. Afterwards, a reception will be held in Dodd Hall. Expected dignitaries include United Methodist District Superintendent, the Rev. Kenneth Kieffer; and the Honorable Benjamin Blake, Mayor of the City of Milford.

SOUP SALE (last of the season): next Sunday, April 26 following morning worship. They will have taco soup, chicken noodle, pasta fagioli, turkey chili, split pea with ham, and surprise soup. They sell out fast so get yours before you get your coffee!

POSTPONED: EARTH DAY DRUM CIRCLE and **CARING MINISTRIES TEAM**, both previously scheduled for next Sunday, have been postponed and will be rescheduled.

OUR CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE is next Sunday, April 26th, 2-4 p.m. at Stratford UM Church, 2600 Main Street. Conference musician is Rick Riccardi and our Praisemakers will sing!

GIFTS & TALENTS: Please turn in your completed checklists by Sunday, April 26th. You may put them in the marked basket on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or give them to Dave or Eileen Doyle. If you've misplaced the one you were given in February or March, there are additional copies on that back table or in the office. Remember - *Gifts and talents, gifts and talents, It's important to provide a balance. Serving Christ together brings rewards beyond all measure.* (Sung to the tune of "Love & Marriage.")

COMING SOON

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET: Save the date: Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. You need not have a biological daughter to attend this event. Women are welcome to “adopt” other women as their “daughters” for this special occasion. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share. Our entertainment will be magician James Lang.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS may be placed with 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 one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED! Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

LITURGISTS WANTED: Serving as a liturgist is a different way to worship on Sunday – needed are former liturgists and first time liturgists, confirmands, young adults, and long-time members. All that is required is love of God. Contact Priscilla James at 203-874-2742.

