

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.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Aria in F Major” G.F. Handel

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

INTROIT “Awesome God” Psalm 19

*CALL TO WORSHIP I Corinthians 10:16-17

L: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

P: The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

ALL: BECAUSE THERE IS ONE BREAD, WE WHO ARE MANY ARE ONE BODY, FOR WE ALL PARTAKE OF THE ONE BREAD. LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*HYMN #620 “One Bread, One Body” One Bread, One Body

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*seated, unison*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON Hymnal #893

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LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR THE MYRTLE BEACH CHURCH BELL orchid insert

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 20:1-7 rear cover
Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b-14 Bible p.1070
Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN #77 “How Great Thou Art” How Great Thou Art

THE SERMON “Lost Gains” Dr. Bodt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #70

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.*

*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, including the special offering for
World Communion Sunday

Offertory Anthem: “We are Singing for the Lord is our Light” arr. by H. Hopson
(The Adult Choir)

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11
(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(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 in your pew please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: # 462, 468, 614, 618

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” Old 113th

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Hymnal #897

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

*POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

B. Marcello

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THE COMMANDMENTS

I

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make yourself a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

“You shall not kill.

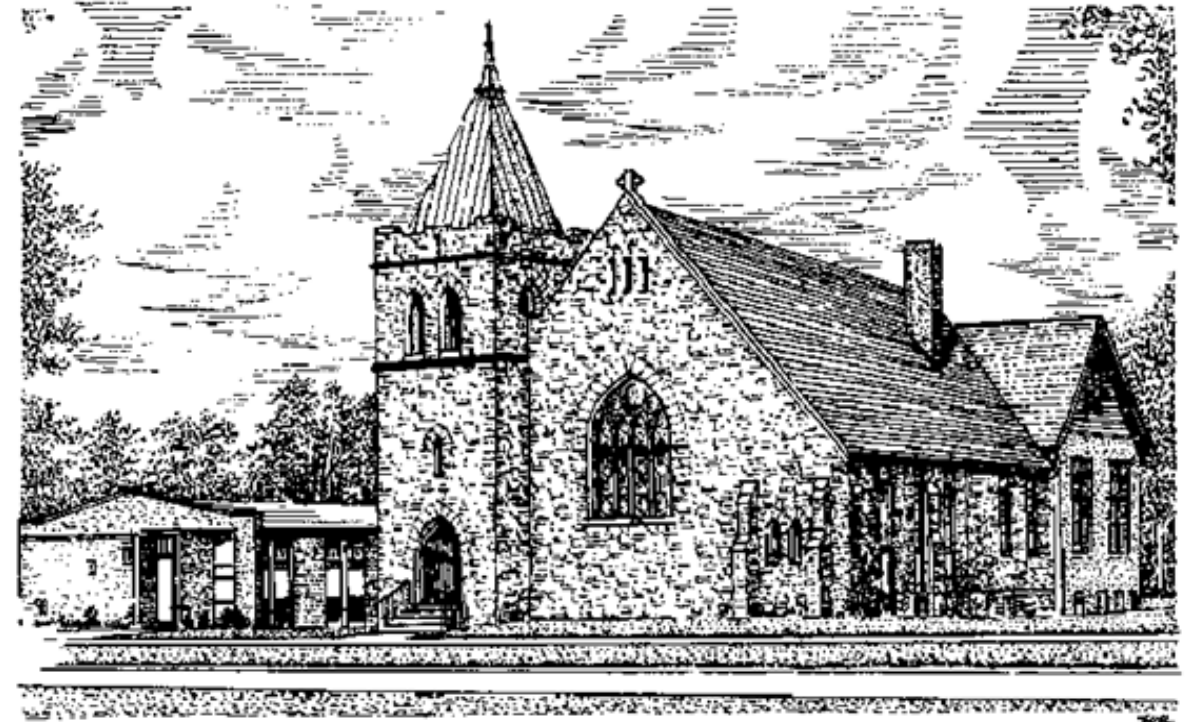
“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.



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.*

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
PENTECOST XVII
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
October 5, 2014**

Grace Notes
October 5, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Today's World Communion Sunday observance is our United Methodist reminder that we are united with Christians world-wide by the Lord's Supper. Our denomination's special offering today supports varying forms of scholarships as described herein.

We welcome the Rev. Ralph Lord Roy, pastor of this church from 1974-1979, for the Myrtle Beach Community Church Bell dedication as explained on the insert.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please wear pink sometime this month in solidarity with all those who battle this illness. My late mother (d.2012) was a 32 year survivor of breast cancer and one of the early (1980) lumpectomies. She was an active participant in her health care and I encourage you—men as well as women, by the way—to do likewise, particularly in regular check-ups and mammograms.

If you desire to learn about United Methodist church membership please join us in the Wesley Center (next door, 1st floor) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. today and October 12 and 19. You may attend these sessions without a commitment to join. New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26.

Our "Lift Us Up!" campaign to fund handicapped accessible renovations to our Wesley Center is now in recess until November 23rd. We welcome inquiries, of course, which may be directed to the church office or by contacting Rachel Merva or Tom Beyer. Their contacts and a current report are found under "Activities and Information Today."

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Interim Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Neil Irons
Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak	Bishop-elect	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi
Acolytes – Elizabeth and Anna Pierce
Liturgist – Lydia Smith
Communion Stewards – Dawn Bettencourt and Karen Doherty
Communion Servers – Dr. Bodt, Rev. Vink, Leigh Bak and Lydia Smith

Greeters – Marilyn Long and Edie Reichard
Bible Bearer – Carolyn Hollyday
Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Lydia Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Cathy Cono's birthday on October 8th.

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 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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Myrtle Beach Church Bell Dedication litany and hymn on the insert were written by the pastor. The history was edited by the pastor using materials from Sally Chapin and the Rev. Ralph Lord Roy.

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or 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, 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.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, October 5

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary/Bell Dedication
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall
11:00 a.m. Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall
11:30 a.m. New Member Session – Pastor's Study*

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

*5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center
5:30 p.m. Men's Club Planning Meeting – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center*

Wednesday, October 8

*7:00 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library
10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Luke Study - Gunn Library, Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*

Thursday, October 9

*6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting – Egan Room
6:30 p.m. Building Committee – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting – Gunn Library
10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library*

Friday, October 10

Sunday, October 12

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall
11:00 a.m. Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall
11:00 a.m. MYF Corn Maze
11:30 a.m. New Member Session – Pastor's Study*

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14

*7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel
Noon United Methodist Women Meeting – Wesley Center
NO Confirmation Class this week
7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center*

Wednesday, October 15

*7:00 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library
Beacon Information Due Today
10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Luke Study - Gunn Library, Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting-Dodd Hall Alcove*

Thursday, October 16

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

*10:00 a.m. Office volunteers
6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off – Dodd Hall*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION by Pastor Brian continues. The purpose of these visits is to continue to get to know our members and friends. 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 desperately needed for seniors with pets. They are also requesting 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: 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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 28th:

Total worship attendance all services: 174 (September 28, 164 Healing and Wholeness, September 29; 10) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up) for September 28: \$4,499.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: \$1,110.00. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,095.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 107; Office Volunteers: 2; Sunday School: 52; Disciple 3, 11; Adult Bible Study-Tuesday cancelled; Adult Bible Study-Wednesday 10; Confirmation: 7 (youth and parents) Adult Choir, 15; Bell Choir, 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.

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!

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today’s host is Membership and Evangelism. Next Sunday’s hosts are the Trustees.

THE "LIFT US UP!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for handicapped accessibility raised \$259,071 as of September 30th, surpassing our interim goal of \$250,000 by that date on the way to a final goal of \$400,000. The campaign is now in recess until November 23rd. However, persons wanting to know about the campaign are encouraged to contact co-chairs Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; tom.beyer@cort.com) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; rmerva@optonline.net).

NEW MEMBER CLASSES begin today from 11:30 – 1 p.m. in Pastor Brian’s study. Sessions will also be October 12 and 19. All are required (or alternate arrangements made) for joining. New members will be received on Sunday, October 26. If you have not received a letter of invitation and desire to join the church, please call the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest in participating.

MISSIONS FALL FUNDRAISER: please make your **Lyman Orchard pie reservation today through October 19.** Delivery will be November 15, just in time for Thanksgiving. Let us help you save time with your baking while supporting the Mission projects of this church!

NOVEMBER “BEACON”: It is not too soon to be preparing for the November issue of our monthly newsletter, the deadline for which is Wednesday, October 15. Please submit materials to the church office or electronically at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES: We annually remember those who have died, in the church and among our dear ones, on the first Sunday in November. If you would like your dear one on the remembrance list, please send the name and family or friendship relationship to Mary Lou Kampert, Administrative Assistant, at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call her at 203.874.1982, ext. 10. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 29th.

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 placed on the altar. Please see Beth or information in the back of the church on missions to support. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

ALTAR FLOWERS/MISSION CROSS ORDERS are needed for October 12 and 26, November 16 and 30, and December 21 and 28th. Thanks for contacting Beth!

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY – 8 SESSIONS

The Tuesday evenings/ Wed. mornings Adult Bible Study will focus on The Gospel of Luke. Using the Immersion Bible Series “Luke” by John Indermark, we will meet in the Gunn Library with Pastor Hal Vink leading, starting **October 7/8 through Nov. 26th.** The 90 minute sessions are at **7 pm each Tuesday and at 10 am each Wednesday.** Take a refreshing plunge into the life of Jesus Christ. Sign up with Pastor Hal at vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203-878-8977.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XVIII: The sermon “No Bull” will be based on Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106, Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Colton Christopher Nunes, son of Elizabeth and Joshua. Our “Mission Minute” will focus on “Stop Hunger Now.” After worship the second new member class will be held.

COLLEGE CONNECTION deadline is next Sunday! If you have a student in college and would like them to receive a personal note and a little something from Mary Taylor please contact Michelle Craig with their name and address. Michelle can be reached at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

MYF: Sunday October 12th – Get Lost (in a Corn maze, that is)! We’ll meet immediately after morning worship for lunch (provided by MYF adult leaders) and travel by carpool to one of the most challenging corn mazes ever. **Dress comfortably and bring \$10 for admission** to the maze and a few extra dollars for snacks as desired. **Permission forms will be required;** parents should plan to pick-up kids at Mary Taylor parking lot at 4 PM. **We need your RSVP by October 10th** to ensure that we have enough drivers for the event. Friends are welcome! Leigh Bak (LeighB619@gmail.com) is the adult lead for this event.

COMING SOON

CHURCH COUNCIL meets **Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.** in the Dodd Hall alcove. **Please submit action items by Thursday, October 9** for the agenda to Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com/203.874.4466) or Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com/203.874.1982). Please note the earlier submission deadline.

CHILI COOK-OFF: Saturday, October 18, 6 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Please RSVP to Paul Downing (paul.downing@snet.net or 203.676.5582) if you want to be one of the chili entries. All others: bring your appetite and your own non-alcoholic beverages.

“EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY” ADULT STUDY is coming later in October. Likely dates are Monday evenings, Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3, 10, taught by Kelly O’Hara. Please watch for more details next Sunday. Interested? Please let Kelly know: 203.913.2969 or yankee89@optonline.net.

PRAISEMAKER’S: (children grades 1-5 at 5 p.m.), will resume on **Wednesday, October 22nd** in Dodd Hall, the church hall behind the sanctuary. **New Singers Welcome!**

“TRICK OR TROT” 5K RUN/WALK is the **annual benefit for the Beth-El Center**, a Milford church-based agency that help people who are homeless get back on their feet. The event is **Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.** race/walk start at Lisman Landing on Helwig Street. Registration and sponsor forms are in the rear of the sanctuary. Cost is \$25 or that amount in sponsors. **If you are a Methodist Youth Fellowship member,** please let Kate Georgelos (203-878-5388; kite1220@sbcglobal.net) know you are participating.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: Mark your calendars for our annual Sunday School Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on **Sunday October 26th!** Children of all ages are welcome to come dressed in costume (adults too!) and enjoy games, crafts, music, and "trick or treating" in our church parking lot. Families are invited to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and provide treats to the children who will go from trunk to trunk. All are requested to keep costumes and decorations family-friendly and appropriate so as not to frighten our youngest guests. Pizza and snacks will be served. Please see Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362), Holly Firmender (holly.firmender@gmail.com), or any Sunday School teacher with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: This year's Extravagant Generosity Campaign will kick off October 26. Our focus this year is based on the Contemplations of Abundance that create relevant synergy with our program of Extravagant Generosity. Stay tuned for opportunities in education and spiritual development. The culmination of the campaign will be November 16th, which is also the date of our annual church conference. So mark your calendars now and plan to stay after church for this special program.