

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*

PRELUDES “Serenade” – Braga; “Dialogue” Dandrieu;
“Andante Cantabile” - Tchaikovsky

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1, 3 (edited)

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

People: *Come and see what God has done! Blessed be our God!*

*HYMN #160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Marion

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

O God of city and suburb; God of the healthy and of the sick; God of the wealthy and of the poor: startle us with your divine presence today. Keep us from mumbling words by rote. Let us look again for your patient gaze in the faces of the young and the old; the familiar and the unfamiliar; the neighbor we know in the next pew and the one we have yet to meet in the pew after that. Almighty God, help us never to take worship, or you, for granted. Instead, help us to be ready to receive you now, so that you will receive us in the world to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Delivering God, deliver us from the captivity of narrow thoughts, dishonest words and self-serving deeds. Bring us into new spaces where love, peace and wholeness reign. We acknowledge the sins that sever us from health and wellness, asking for your forgiveness and restoration; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal p.39 and 881

Colton Christopher Nunes, son of Joshua and Elizabeth

THE PSALTER

Psalm 106 (selected verses)

Hymnal p.829

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 32:1-14 Bible p.77

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

THE EPISTLE Philippians 4:1-9 Bible p.1071

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

*HYMN #2212 “My Life Flows On” rear cover

THE SERMON “No Bull” 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.)

MISSION MINUTE “Stop Hunger Now” Brenda Pineau

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision” Slane

(Mary Lou Kampert, harp The Rev. Hal Vink, tenor)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN #731 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” Austria

*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 “Hornpipe in D” (*for organ*) Dixon

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2212

My Life Flows On
(How Can I Keep from Singing)

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's la-men-
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic
3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er

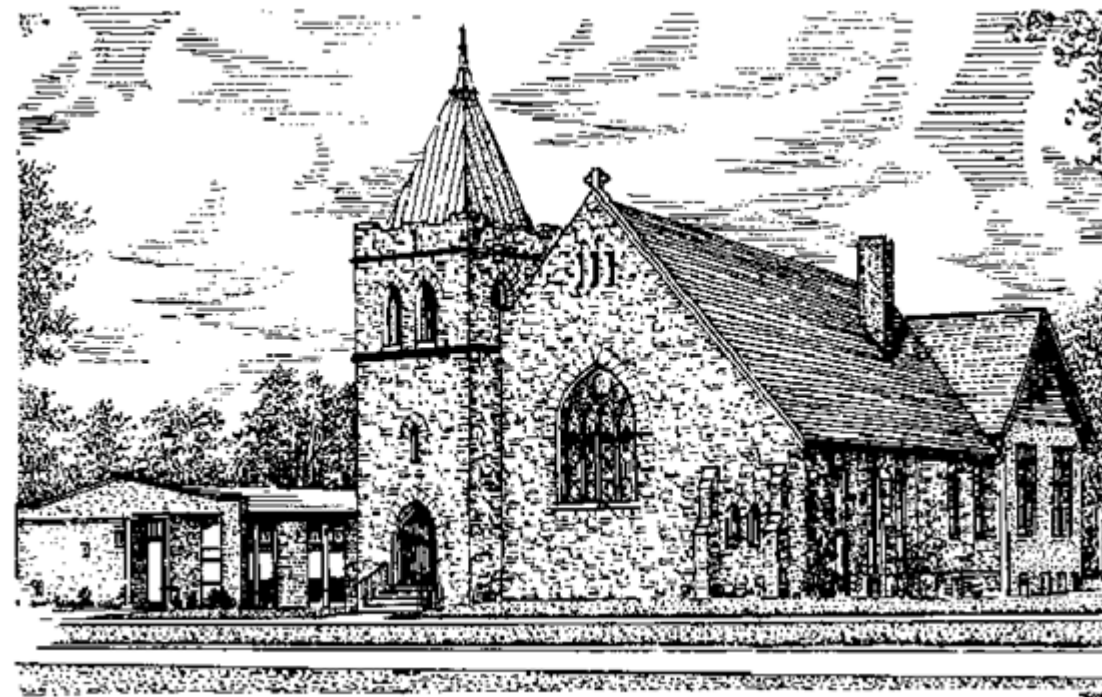
ta-tion. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that
ring-ing. It finds an ech-o in my soul. How
liv-eth. What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs
spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain

hails a new cre-a-tion.
can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my
in the night he giv-eth.
can I keep from sing-ing?

in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since

love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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.*

PENTECOST XVIII
October 12, 2014

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

We annually remember those who have died since the last All Saints (Nov. 1, 2013), 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.**

We currently have received these names:

Jerry Brown (Dennis Brown’s brother)	Harlan Craig	Martha DuBois
Rachael Gallant	Michael Groves	
Julie Elise McGee (Cathy Cono’s mother)	Nettie F. Phillips	Henry Steele
Laurel Steigler	Peter W. Smith (Lydia Smith’s father)	
George Wydra (husband of Carol)		
Thomas Myers –(DOD 12/12/12) father/grandfather to the Cables and the Bettencourts		

A PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE REV. FRANK SCHAEFER

will be held on **Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m.** at First and Summerfield United Methodist Church, 425 College Street, New Haven. The prayers are for Rev. Schaefer’s Judicial Council hearing on October 22nd in Memphis, Tennessee. The Judicial Council is the “supreme court” of the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Schaefer was originally charged with violating Methodism’s Book of Discipline for conducting his gay son’s wedding. Convicted and defrocked by the clergy session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, the conviction was overturned on appeal to the Northeastern Jurisdiction Appeals Committee last June. The Church appealed and the case is now before the Judicial Council. You may read more about Rev. Schaefer’s case at www.mindny.org.

The outcome of this appeal should be of interest to us as a congregation publicly committed to welcoming all, including offering all sacraments and rituals of the church after proper preparation. Whatever your opinion on this matter, I encourage you to hold Rev. Schaefer and the United Methodist Church in prayer.

Pastor Brian

Grace Notes
October 12, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Did you know we have visitors every week? We do! Today’s visitors are conspicuous by the size of the family celebration for the baptism of Colton Nunes. Welcome! To our “regulars,” please greet these guests with a warm welcome in Christ.

Yet not only these guests but all who are visiting us today. And not only today, but each Sunday. Granted, we are not all entrusted with the “gift of gab.” We don’t need to be. If we use a slight paraphrase of the Golden Rule (how would I like to be received as a visitor?) we might be more comfortable saying “Good morning! Are you new, or new to me?”

The world can be an indifferent place, never mind a harsh one. If we think of our presence here not only so that WE may be fed but that we may feed OTHERS, we move from “either/or” to “both/and” thinking about our faith journey. In fact, many folks whose faith roots go deep find that, ultimately, the faith that is shared is the faith that flourishes.

Speaking of sharing faith, it is my privilege to share on Maureen Groves’ behalf her deep appreciation to all who have expressed Christian compassion by reaching out to her after her husband Michael’s death on September 29. The many calls, cards and flowers; those able to come to the wake and memorial service; and all who prepared and contributed to the reception after are deeply, deeply appreciated.

May the love of Christ continue to enfold all of us and send us on his mission “to make disciples of all nations.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Interim Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Ernest S. Lyght
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 – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Lorraine and Christine Volgmuth

Bible Bearer – Addyson Perregaux

Cross Bearer – Kayleigh Patterson

Liturgist – Chris Carveth

Acolytes – Julianna Patterson and Shannon Thompson

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Chris Carveth.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Colton Christopher Nunes from his grandparents.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is Mark Kasmin. Mark was with us on Sept. 28 and returns so that Dr. Rick and Stacey Riccardi may celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary. Mark has served many local churches in our area. He resides in Colebrook, CT; is a native of Milford; and was a public school music teacher in Milford and Simsbury, CT for many years. He is a past Dean of the Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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 12

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

10:00 a.m. *Worship/Baptism - Colton Christopher Nunes – 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 – Dodd Hall*

11:30 a.m. *New Member Session – Wesley Center, 1st Floor*

The Church Office is Closed Today- Columbus Day

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*

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*

10:00 a.m. *Office volunteers-Gunn Library*

6:00 p.m. *Chili Cook-off – Dodd Hall*

Sunday, October 19

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

9:45 a.m. *Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary*

10:00 a.m. *Worship/Laity Sunday – Sanctuary*

11:15 a.m. *Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary*

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

11:00 a.m. *Last Day - Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall*

11:30 a.m. *New Member Session – Pastor's Study*

5:30 p.m. *Leadership Dinner – Aldario's*

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

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

5:30 p.m. *Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center*

7:00 p.m. *Disciple 3 – Wesley Center*

7:00 p.m. *The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library*

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. *The Gospel of Luke Study - Gunn Library, Wesley Center*

5:00 p.m. *Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall*

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

Thursday, October 23

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

7:00 p.m. *Membership and Evangelism meeting-Gunn Library*

Friday, October 24

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

2:00 p.m. *Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival-Church and Wesley Center*

Saturday, October 25

8:30 a.m. *Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival -Church and Wesley Center*

8:30a.m. *MYF Beth-El "Trick or Trot" fundraiser race-Lisman Landing*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION by Pastor Brian is always available. 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 OCTOBER 5th:

Total worship attendance all services: 184 (October 5, 178; Healing and Wholeness, October 6; 6) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 5: \$5,165.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: \$4,526.33. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$376.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 118; Office Volunteers: 3; Sunday School: 46; Disciple 3, 14: Adult Bible Study-Tuesday 9; Adult Bible Study-Wednesday 14; Confirmation: 9; Adult Choir, 13; 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 hosts are the Trustees. Next Sunday’s hosts are the Gay/Straight Alliance.

COLLEGE CONNECTION deadline is today! If you have a student in college and would like them to receive a personal note and gift from the church, please see Michelle Craig with their name and address. Michelle can be reached at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

MYF, GET LOST! (in a Corn maze, that is)! We meet right after today’s 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. Friends are welcome! See Leigh Bak to see if there is room.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: second class today from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. The last session will be October 19. All are required (or alternate arrangements made) for joining. New members will be received on Sunday, October 26. The next class will be in January, 2015 or in November if interest surfaces sooner.

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!

TRUNKS NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!” If you are interested in decorating your car trunk and handing out treats we need you for this event for our children on Sunday, October 26th, 3 – 5 p.m. Please sign up today with, or contact, Rachel Merva (rmerva@optonline.net; 203.641.5088) or Michelle Craig (michellemtmumc@gmail.com; 203.877.4332).

“EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY” ADULT STUDY is a four week study taught by Kelly O’Hara on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3, 10; and Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12 in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please see Kelly today or contact him: 203.913.2969 or yankee89@optonline.net.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES: Please see the rear cover about submitting your loved ones’ name for reading and publication on November 2nd.

FREE BOOKS in the **TRASH AND TREASURE’S MAIN AISLE** (T & T is in our basement: ask an Ambassador (with the white ribbon) for directions. Take as many as you would like.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW in observance of Columbus Day. We will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS are due tomorrow, Oct. 13th, to Paul Downing at paul.downing@snet.net. They will be e-mailed on Tuesday. The Church Council agenda will be sent before tomorrow at Noon.

PASTOR BRIAN is on vacation through next Saturday, visiting his father in Maryland part of the week. For pastoral care needs please contact Pastor Hal (203.878.8977) or Dennis Darak, Staff-Parish Relations Chair (203.874.5881). Pastor Brian will return for church next Sunday. There is **no Confirmation class this Tuesday, Oct. 14.**

NOVEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE is this Wednesday, October 15. Please submit materials to the church office or electronically at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY – LAST CALL: The Tues. evenings/ Wed. mornings Adult Bible Study has begun, continuing to November 25/26 on The Gospel of Luke. Using the Immersion Bible Series "Luke" by John Indermark, Pastor Hal Vink leads us in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. The 90 minute sessions are at **7 pm Tuesday and at 10 am Wednesday.** Sign up with Pastor Hal at vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203-878-8977.

CHILI COOK-OFF: this 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

LAITY SUNDAY/Pentecost XIX: Leigh Bak and Kelly O'Hara, co-lay leaders, will lead our worship on the theme "Engaging Small Groups." Informal hymn singing will precede the service at 9:45 a.m. and after worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary. After worship the third new member class will be held.

COMING SOON

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.

SAVE THE DATE: United Methodist Women Pot Luck Dinner, Veteran's Day, Tues., Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Diana Cable, 115 Berner Terrace. Let Sue O'Shea (203.494.5339; sueoshea@optonline.net) know if you need a ride. Soup sales coming in November, too!

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

THE "LIFT US UP!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center is in recess until November 23rd. We are at 65% of our \$400,000 goal. We welcome individuals or organizations wanting to converse about the campaign. Please contact co-chairs Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; tom.beyer@cort.com) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; rmerva@optonline.net).

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 26, November 16 and 30, and December 21 and 28th. Thanks for contacting Beth!