

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

168 Broad Street

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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 “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” J. Mansfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Sue O’Shea

INTROIT “You Raise Me Up” Bell Choir
(Lydia Smith – Percussion)

*CALL TO WORSHIP USA, 20th cent., alt.

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.

People: Amen.

Leader: And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

People: Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) “All Saints” Hymnal #713

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (by the Pastor)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal #891

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THE PSALTER Psalm 24 Hymnal p.755, R.#1

THE EPISTLE Revelation 21:1-6a Bible p.1132

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

*THE GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31 Bible p.921

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON “Revisiting the Rich Man” Dr. Bodt

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

(Listed are those names given us who have entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints.)

Members

June Cutrona Vera Hilker Robert Hokunson, Sr.
Stephen Huchet Dorothy Long Robin Sattler

Spouses

Richard James (Deidre) George Alex

Parents

Gary Kingsley (Stephen Kingsley) Connie Micks (Bev Downing)
Dorothy Roberts (Richie Perregaux) Jose Stanco (Michelle Iassogna)
Jeanne and Walter H. Thompson (Craig Thompson)

Grandparents

Mabel Newman (Michelle Newman)

Siblings

Richard Ruscoe (Faye Zeiner) William Thompson (Craig Thompson)

Aunts and Uncles

Delores (“Dee”) Matthews (Shauna Paton) Mary (“Auntie Ann”) Williams (Carol Galloway)
Christine Chiarulli (Carol Alex) Barbara Zinser (Pat Jaser)

Other Family Members

Ann Azzairto (Pat Jaser) Brett Clinge (Cousin - Mary Lou Kampert)
Imelda Jaser (Pat Jaser) Stephen Severance (Nephew - Faye Zeiner)

Friends

Kaye Ellen Albe (Becky and Bob Virgalla) Gary Bonci (Ed and Brenda Pineau)
Douglas and Eleanor Bunnell (Faye Zeiner) Giuseppe Currccio (Rick and Stacey Riccardi)
Leslie Fladd (Tom and Sally Chapin, and Mark Fladd) Nancy Gasper (Jane and Hal Vink)
Charles LaMarca (Bettencourts and Cables) Francis O’Keefe (Rick and Stacey Riccardi)
Louis J. Saccone (Rick and Stacey Riccardi) Janie Shaver (Rick and Stacey Riccardi)
Cathy Stofko (The O’Brien family) John Gonsalves and Lou Vandereyk (Ken Hawkins)

*HYMN #711 (verses 1,2,4,6) “For All The Saints” Sine Nomine

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.)

NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT

Lisa Sobelewski

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "The Closer I Get To Heaven"

Bolling/Pethel

Presentation: "The Doxology"

Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

Hymnal p.9-11

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 please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: 618, 628, 629, 630

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 #706

"Soon and Very Soon"

Very Soon

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #707, vs. 3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

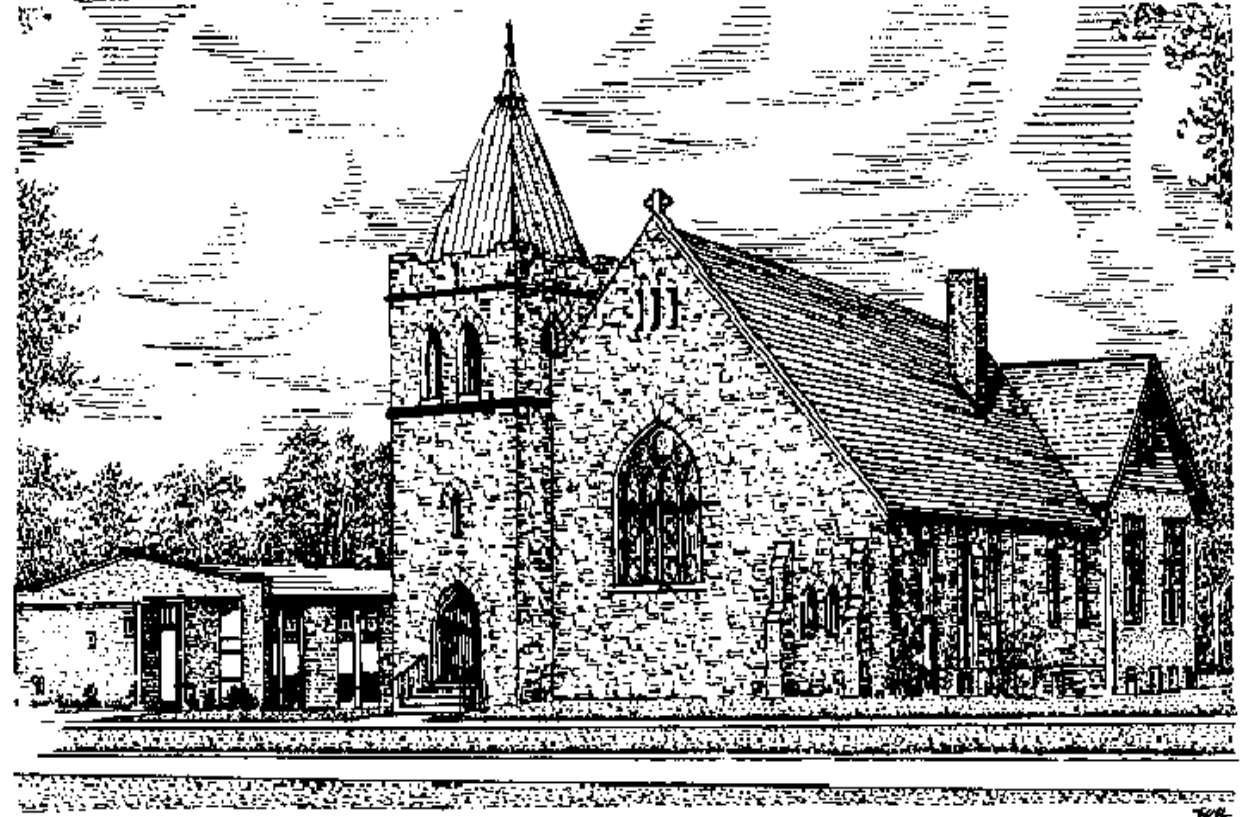
POSTLUDE

"Swinging With The Saints"

Bell Choir

(Please remain seated during the bell choir postlude.)

THE WORSHIP IS 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

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**ALL SAINTS DAY
PENTECOST XXIII
NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

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Prayer Chain Stacy Meszaros
Administrative Assistant Mary Lou Kampert
Sexton Bruce Rumford
Child Care Coordinator Nicole Ellerbeck

Bishop The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Superintendent The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Outreach Pastor Rachel Duncan
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Grace Notes

November 1, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, counseled his followers to “earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” What exactly does this mean to his followers nearly 250 years after Methodism came to America?

Today's message uses the story of Jesus and the Rich Man (Mark 10:17-31) that was the Gospel reading several weeks ago. We are revisiting it because of some spirited conversation I had after the message I preached then; and because we are entering the final days of our “New Consecration Sunday” campaign. As one person said to me, “If I follow Jesus' instructions directly and give away everything I have, do I not impoverish myself and become the person that needs to be financially rescued”? A great question!

We applaud gifts of “time” and “talent” in the church but are somewhat more wary to do the same with “treasure.” While there may be good reason to be cautious, we also sometimes want to avoid the challenging nature of these teachings. My hope in today's message is to reflect on God's claim on our wealth without guilt or coercion, but in a way that reflects, as we consider money, what Mr. Wesley called “practical Christianity.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian



All Saints' Day

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ethan Weed **Greeters** – Barbara Berglund and Christine McGregor
Liturgist – Susan O’Shea **Acolytes** – Devon Weed and Amanda Repetsky
Bible Bearer – Natalie Rendon **Cross Bearer** – Nate Carr
Communion Stewards – Mary Lou Hastings and Tara Volgmuth
Communion Servers – Pastors Brian and Hal, Kelly O’Hara and Sue O’Shea
Instrumentalist – Lydia Smith

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Sue O’Shea.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in celebration of Lorraine and Bob Volgmuth’s 50th wedding anniversary from their girls, Christine and Tara; and in celebration of Mary Lou Hastings’ birthday on November 3rd, given by her husband Don.

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 based on 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 previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, November 1</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Technology Focus Group – Gunn Library – Bob Lawrence</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m. Consecration Sunday leaders dinner – SBC, Milford</i>
<i>Monday, November 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 3</i>	<i>NO Confirmation Class (Milford schools closed for Election Day)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>2:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper - Bridgeport</i>
	<i>No Bell or Adult Choir Rehearsals</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Potluck Dinner – Location TBA</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. New Member’s Class – Pastor’s Study 2nd floor Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, November 5</i>	<i>6:00p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, November 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers - Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, November 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Stop Hunger Now event – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, November 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Celebration Luncheon, Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane, Orange (all welcome; no Fellowship Time today)</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m. MYF – meet in Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, November 9</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m. “Implications of Long Range Plan” design team – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. UMW meeting & cookie can wrap-Wesley Center</i>
	<i>12:00 p.m. UMW Greater Bridgeport Cluster (off site)</i>
	<i>5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Isaiah Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. New Member’s Class – Pastor’s Study 2nd floor Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, November 12</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – 1st floor Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, November 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, November 14</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Healing and Wholeness Worship Team meeting – Gunn Library</i>

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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 and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: "Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets. Also wet and dry dog food for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are not currently 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. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. 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.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

Pastor Brian Bodt can be reached at brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention.

Pastor Hal Vink can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com.

Pastor Rachel Duncan can be reached at 203.874.1982 or rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com.

“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 October 25th:

Total worship attendance all services: 165; October 25th: 159; Healing and Wholeness, October 26th: 6; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 25th: \$4,276.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$2,305.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$380.00; Engaged in Small Groups:193; (Office Volunteers: 16; Sunday School: 52; Confirmation:7; Isaiah Bible Study: Tues: 11, Wed:14; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 17) MTMUMC Community Dinner: 66; 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 or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall. There will be no Fellowship Hour on Sunday, November 8th. After worship, all are invited to a complimentary celebration luncheon at the Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane (off Grassy Hill Road), Orange.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE are due **TODAY**. We cannot accept reports after today’s deadline. You may submit electronically at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or leave hard copy outside the church office in the Wesley Center.

OUR FALL WINTER COAT AND WARM APPAREL DRIVE CONTINUES! Please save gently used coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, scarves and winter boots in all sizes for infant, children, women and men and **leave them in the boxes in the rear of Dodd Hall** from now until Nov. 15. These gifts will be directed to folks in need through the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER SIGN-UPS begin today during Fellowship Time. You can volunteer to serve, cook or donate. The dinner is **Thanksgiving Day at 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall and open to all. For more information, see Deb Dubien (203.877.4959).

“**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**” **SHOEBOXES** express God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. We have participated in this program for a number of years. The flier in today’s bulletin describes what things are to be included in the shoebox. To sponsor a shoebox, please see or contact Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203.645.2362). **Shoeboxes are due to be returned on or before Sunday, November 22nd.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR BRIAN will be visiting his father in Maryland tomorrow and Tuesday. In a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Hal Vink (203.878.8977), Pastor Rachel Duncan (847.858.4129) or Dennis Darak, SPRC Chair (203.874.5881 or 203.988.3554).

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS WEEK. Public schools are closed this Tuesday. Confirmation will meet again on Tuesday, November 10th.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN invite all women to a pot-luck dinner **this Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.** Please check with Sue O’Shea for further details at 203-494-5339.

DID YOU SIGN UP FOR “STOP HUNGER NOW?” Last year we had over 100 volunteers prepare 10,000 dry meals to ship to crisis points in the world. The date this year is **Saturday, November 7**. We have booked **9 a.m. – Noon** but last year we were done in under an hour. You may register one of two ways:

1. Go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM2015> and follow the instructions, or
 2. See Deb Dubien or call her at 203.877.4959 and she will register you.
- Remember that **this event is fully funded** so you do not need to donate to participate.

NEXT SUNDAY

CONSECRATION SUNDAY. The message “Where is Your Treasure?” will be based on Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 6:19-21. Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Clayton Z. Miller. Dr. Miller, now retired, served from 1993-2001 as the New York Conference Council Director after serving two churches: Union UMC, East Northport (1959-1977) and Asbury-Crestwood UMC, Yonkers, NY (1977-1993). We will receive 2016 Estimates of Giving to complete our fall Stewardship campaign. After worship, all are invited to a complimentary celebration luncheon at the Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane (off Grassy Hill Road), Orange.

MORE TIMELY NEWS

REMINDER FROM NANCY BENNETT: BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2016 ARE DUE.

Please submit your budget requests for 2016 to her by email at nancy516@aol.com. Leave them in her church mailbox or give them to her in church. Thank you.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE: Don Hastings is concluding reservations for The Upper Room Disciplines, 2016. The order will be placed in **early November**. Copies (regular and large print) are \$10 and may be reserved with Don at 203-877-4554 or nctmwash@aol.com. The Upper Room Disciplines is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, the basis of most sermons on Sunday mornings and is **different** from “The Upper Room” devotional booklets.

A WORSHIP SURVEY was mailed to your home on Friday, October 9th. Please take ten minutes to complete it and return it to the church office in person or by mail (168 S. Broad Street, Milford, 06460) or give it to an usher on Sunday. The purpose of the survey is to determine possible interest for additional worship offerings in accord with our Long Range Plan adopted last June. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts with us.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER: the first Sunday of the month will now be hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a committee of the church. Our hope is to involve others besides committee members in this ministry of hospitality. **The first open Sunday is December 6.** A “How to Host Fellowship Time” guide is available and others will help you. It’s easy-peasy. To volunteer, sign up in the kitchen in Dodd Hall or call Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10)

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK. If you are interested in serving in any aspect of our church’s ministry, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or those Nominating Committee members listed with their telephone numbers on page 5 of the October “Beacon.”

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact 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 are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

