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APRIL 2024 – PASTOR’S COLUMN



Later on that Easter day, on the Road to Emmaus, when two disciples were on their way back home, their hearts were heavy. They were in a dense fog. Perhaps they felt ashamed for abandoning Jesus when he was on the cross. And now, they feel abandoned themselves. But Jesus appears to them on their road of sadness, their road of grief, their road of loneliness, coming as a radiant light, brightening their world, and causing their hearts to burn within. Jesus illuminates the scriptures to them, letting them remember who he is and what needed to take place, providing a ray of hope in the darkest places of their hearts. On that Road to Emmaus, the travelers encounter the deepest love of God, lifting them to new life, healing their souls, loving them into the resurrection.

As the night wears on, the disciples beg Jesus to stay; they do not want to be abandoned again. Even though their eyes still cannot fully recognize who is speaking to them, their hearts know better. Jesus stays, sharing a meal with them. As he takes, blesses, breaks, and gives the bread, their eyes are opened, and they finally see him. In community, Jesus became known. Where these two were gathered, Jesus came into their midst. In the breaking of the Bread, the One Body of Christ, Jesus became alive in them. In their darkest and saddest time, Jesus came to the disciples as the Light of the World, allowing them to fully see the Risen Christ.

For these disciples, seeing the Risen Christ does not mean they had a full understanding of what this grace meant for them. Theologian John Calvin said, “How we feed on Christ is a mystery too lofty for either my mind to comprehend or my words to declare...I rather experience than understand it.” Seeing the Risen Christ may be like that for us, more of an experience than a full understanding. It is a celebration and remembrance of God's grace and mercy in Jesus, of the resurrection of Christ, and of Christ's real and continuing presence with us. Holy Communion is the sacrament that sustains and nourishes us, providing an opportunity to renew the covenant made with God and to be rededicated to service in Christ.

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

We will have many opportunities to share Holy Communion together in April. On April 7th (First Sunday of the Month), and then again on April 14th, as we remember the disciples encountering Jesus on that road. Please come and experience this Sacred Moment of Grace together, connecting us all as the One Body of Christ. As it was for those disciples encountering Christ after their Walk to Emmaus, so it can be for us. Experience the Grace of the Risen Christ! New Life for all!

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Roy

APRIL WORSHIP THEMES

April 7 – Thomas - Baptism (Logan Pepin); Holy Communion

April 14 – Walk to Emmaus; Holy Communion

April 21 – Earth Day; Celebration of all Creation; (3pm) Blessing of the Animals Service

April 28 – The Good Shepherd

9:00 a.m. SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER & BOOK STUDY

Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

A new 6 week book study starting Sunday, April 7th.

Wrestling with Doubt Finding Faith - join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like: “Does God exist? How can I know?” “Is the Bible true?” “Why do prayers go unanswered?” This book will lead you to a trust in God that is unafraid of hard questions.



6:00 p.m. MONDAY EVENING PRAYER CIRCLE
Led by Pastor Roy, Nathan Williams & Holly Firmender
In the Wesley Center Chapel

Every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center Chapel, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC members gather to share stories of how God is moving in their lives and lift up the prayer concerns of our entire church community. It's a sacred time spent in fellowship but not necessarily a somber time – in fact, we spend much of our time together rejoicing in each other's "praise reports." Praise Reports put us in mind of the many ways our lives are blessed each week, and how blessings can surprise us, emerging from all directions! From a special interaction while standing in line at Scratch Bakery, to the joys of reconnecting with family and loved ones, an inspirational Footsteps meeting, or a special moment recalled from the Sunday Service – we celebrate and give praise to God for gifts big and small.

Of course, we also lift up the Prayers of the People when we gather. Each week, an email request for prayer concerns goes out to the entire church, asking for prayer concerns that people can share from their hearts. My prayer co-leader (and our fantastic church lay leader), Holly Firmender, gathers these together for us to share prayerfully. If you don't receive the weekly email request for prayers please call the office at 203-874-1982 so we can email you one. All of us gathered in the chapel will lift up your prayers and ask for God's blessing. The technical term for what we are doing is "intercessory prayer," but all that really means is that we are praying on behalf of others. It's an age-old tradition that dates back to the very earliest days of the church.

If you're looking for a peaceful, joyful time in intimate fellowship with the Lord, we warmly invite you to take a break from your busy schedule and join us next week! It's a beautiful opportunity to connect with your church community, share your joys and concerns, and deepen your relationship with God. We look forward to seeing you there! To learn more, please contact any regular leader: Pastor Roy 914-330-1789, Nathan Williams 504-957-5571, or Holly Firmender 203-530-2621 .

10:00 a.m. TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY
Led by Pastor Roy in the Wesley Center Library
Pastor Roy will facilitate the study of the book of Micah.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to this study. So, come and join us for a time of sharing, reflection, and prayer at 10:00am. We will meet in the Library in Wesley Center. What a wonderful way to learn more about our faith and how to love one another. I look forward to seeing you! Pastor Roy

7:00 p.m. TUESDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY
Led by Nathan Williams via Zoom

Dial into Zoom each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for an exploration of the week's **lectionary** scripture readings. Join Nathan Williams and special guest Rev. Karen Eiler for a deep dive into the history, text, and context of the week's readings as we find connections between the scriptures and our lives. Everyone is invited.



CROSS TRAINING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Happy April Friends!!!

I hope you had a wonderful Easter! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

We spent the Month of March taking our journey to the Cross through various activities with playdough, graham crackers and art projects. We had a great time. I hope you can join us in learning about the stories of Jesus! We will be experiencing these stories through a variety of activities such as cooking, art, science and games.

We are always looking for volunteer teachers! Invite a friend to come with you. All are welcome! We have "Cross" Training Sunday School every Sunday during the 10am service.

Hope to see you there!!

Gina Grubbs
Coordinator, "Cross" Training Sunday School
ginamariegrubbs@gmail.com

Community Outreach ~submitted by Leigh Bak.

Here are a few opportunities for us to get out of our church boundaries and engage with the Milford community, and beyond:

On Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 PM, join with All in for Milford in Dodd Hall for a discussion about affordable housing in our community.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Dodd Hall on Monday, April 8 from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Visit redcross.org to sign up to donate a pint of blood and save a life. Or contact Leigh Bak (Leigh619@gmail.com or 203-215-0470) to sign up to welcome others to our church and offer post-donation refreshments to donors in the Canteen.

April 22nd is Earth Day! See Pastor Adeline's article on page 11.

Consider joining one of our Community Gardening teams as we grow delicious and nutritious food for sharing with the community. See the Missions article on page 10 for details of how to get involved in tending our plot at the Benson-Crump Memorial Community Gardens.

April 22nd is also the day of the Life Line health screening in Dodd Hall. See related message from our Parish Health and Wellness Team on page 6.

Finally, the Milford Juneteenth Celebration will take place on Saturday June 15th on the Milford Green and at Mary Taylor. Planning is underway for this important (and growing) community event. If you'd like to be a part of that effort, please contact Leigh Bak.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

By Joan Zauner

“When there are no words, a prayer shawl speaks volumes.”

Janet Bristow, co-founder of the prayer shawl ministry.



Our ladies have been working overtime! There are times like this when we have enough shawls made that we can share them. Leigh Bak and Sheryl Hollyday will take some to their hospitals for those in need. What a great experience for all of us!

Our next meeting is APRIL 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center Library.

We always welcome new members to our group and will help you get started. Please consider joining us. Call Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643 for additional information.

Prayer shawls are always available after church on Sundays, see Joan Zauner, Phoebe Repetsky or Sue Reynolds, or during the week through the church office. 203-874-1982.

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND YARN DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.
WE ARE VERY LOW ON YARN.**

Calling all Men....

Thursday, April 11 at 5:30—7:30 pm in Dodd Hall.
Dinner will be provided (no charge). Invite a friend!

Mary Taylor Memorial UMC members and visitors: Please come out for a time of fellowship, food, and fun.

The purpose of our gathering is to discuss how we may be of service to our church and local communities. All you need to bring are your ideas, curiosity, and willingness to connect with those in need through Christ.

Looking forward to seeing you and getting to know one another better. Any questions, please reach out to Pastor Roy 914-330-1789, Chris Paton 203-675-9093, or Paul Downing 203-676-5582.

Peace & Grace to you,
Paul Downing





PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Linda Sheehan



For the month of April, we will be collecting ADULT sizes new and gently used socks for seniors in local Nursing facilities here in Milford. There will be a box in Dodd Hall for your donations.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church will host an event by Life Line Screening of America on Monday, April 22, 2024, from 8:30a.m. until 5:30p.m.

For appointments, and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC for more information.

From Leigh Bak: These screenings can truly be life saving. In the past, when we have hosted these screenings at Mary Taylor Memorial, I recall two very grateful church members who found that they had life-threatening but treatable medical conditions. One of them had a blocked cerebral artery (which could have led to a stroke) and underwent successful endarterectomy to clear the blockage. The other had an aortic aneurysm that needed to be monitored for progression by their physician. Both were very grateful that we had hosted the event that caught their problem so they could be monitored and treated appropriately.

5 preventive health screenings for these diseases:

Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation (AFib), Osteoporosis Risk.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FORMING



Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church is invited to Membership Classes led by Pastor Roy. The class will run for two sessions, April 14th and April 21st following worship. New members will be received during the service on Sunday, April 28th. Feel free to come even if you're just exploring or interested. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Pastor Roy at 914-330-1789 if you have any questions.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Submitted by Chris McGregor

“The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

GET TOGETHER and join us on April 18-21, 2024 as we convene the Northeastern Jurisdiction United Women in Faith in Providence, Rhode Island! Come feel the energy and joy as hundreds of faith-filled sisters **GET TOGETHER** in person to worship, to renew, to celebrate and to make an impact! **We believe LOVE in action can change the world.**

Join us for: Engaging Speakers/ Spiritual Worship/Unique Workshops/Soul Care/Mini Ubuntu Experience/Legacy Banquet/Networking Opportunities!

John13:34 " I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another " (NRSV).

Lydia Smith will once again, be drumming and singing for the worship services.
Please, contact her for questions at 203-497-8277.

For hotel and registration info check out the websites: nejuwfaith.org and uwfaith.org

All women of the church are invited to join United Women in Faith. Here at MTMUMC, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We alternate noon and evening meetings to try to accommodate different schedules for the women of this church. Please come to whatever time works for you.

Mother Daughter Dinner Due to the Prime Timers Trip to Pennsylvania, we have changed the date of our Mother - Daughter Dinner. The new date is **Thursday May 9th at 6:15**. Please note that this is a Thursday evening as Dodd Hall is being used by another group on Tuesday. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for changing their meeting day so that we could still have our annual dinner. We are indeed a very busy church!

This is the schedule for the coming year: April 9, noon; May 9 6:15 PM Mother-Daughter Dinner; June 11, noon. Meetings are all held in Dodd Hall.

Christine McGregor Cjmcgregor50@hotmail.com Please send me your email address if you would like to be added to my email list and are not already receiving my updates.





United
Women
In Faith

155 Years of United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women)

Submitted by Becky Virgalla

In March of 1869, eight Methodist women in South Boston met to form the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. These pioneering women voted to send their first missionary to India. They also answered an appeal from missionaries for a medical woman, if such could be found. Shortly thereafter, Miss Isabella Thoburn (1840-1901) and Dr. Clara Swain (1834-1910) sailed from New York to India. Fundraising to send these women to India was not by public collection or through church funds, but by every woman laying aside 2 cents a week or one dollar a year. By 1871, there were 614 auxiliary units and over 26,000 members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Methodist Women pioneered all aspects of mission service. They were the first medical women medical missionaries in India. They opposed foot binding and female infanticide in China and introduced government legislation to abolish child marriages in India. In Africa, they sheltered girls fleeing forced marriages and rescued abandoned children. Methodist missionary women exposed sex trafficking by infiltrating brothels established in the late 1800s near lumber camps in Wisconsin and in barracks of the British Army.

In the United States, Methodist Women reached out to immigrants in crowded urban slums. They revived the ancient order of deaconesses as women consecrated to work among the poor. Deaconesses visited the poor in their homes, opened kindergartens and settlement houses, and even founded charity hospitals in cities.

The Methodist Women founded the first women's college in Asia, the Isabella Thoburn College in Luknow, India, named after its founder and the first missionary sent there. They also founded the largest women's college in Asia, Ewah Women's University in Korea. Both of these educational institutions still exist today. The Clara Swain Hospital, named after its first female doctor, was founded in the 1870s to provide medical care for women and children. Today, it is one of the oldest and largest Methodist Hospitals in India.

In 1879, on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (now known as United Women in Faith), stained glass windows were placed in the back of the sanctuary of the Tremont Street Church in South Boston to honor the eight women who first came together to organize the Society. In the 1940s, windows honoring their first two missionaries, Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain, were also placed in the church.

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155 Years of United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) Continued

Following World War II and the Korean War, United Methodist Women recognized the need for a place to work on behalf of peace. Ideally, it was to be situated near the newly formed United Nations. The only parcel of land available was directly across the street. In 1963, United Methodist Women dedicated their own 13-story building, naming it the **Church Center for the United Nations**. Decades later, this building still operates as a reminder to its mission of peacemaking. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the Women's Mission Organization of the United Methodist Church.

In 2022, we marked the beginning of a new era as United Women in Faith, We stand ready to not only continue our legacy but to forge courageous new paths.

From just eight women in 1869 Boston to nearly half a million women worldwide today, United Women in Faith continue to work to better the lives of women, youth and children.

CROP HUNGER WALK—

EVERY STEP AND EVERY DONATION ENDS HUNGER!

JOIN THE MARY TAYLOR GROUP AND LET'S WALK TOGETHER!

Submitted by Meghan Sengstacken



Christian Gregory and I are leading the MTMUMC Team for this year's CROP Walk and wanted to extend an invite to you all to join us! The walk helps to fight hunger locally, nationally, and internationally while emphasizing self-sustaining agricultural practices. 75% of the money collected will be used by Church World Services & the other 25% will remain here in the Greater Bridgeport area. 2.5% of this is allocated to our very own Beth-El Shelter! Join us in this fight against hunger.

This year's walk is May 5th at 1:30pm at United Church in Bridgeport. The walk is about 2.2 miles and will take place rain or shine. Similar to last year, we will meet up in the MTM church parking lot and car pool. We will let you know the details as we get closer to the date. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items to be donated to the Nourish Bridgeport cause!

See the SignUp Genius below for more information. If you need help registering, don't hesitate to reach out to Christian or I.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-48508843-crop>



MISSIONS



Submitted by Rachel Merva

Garden of Feedin' 2024 Season is Right around the Corner

The MTMUMC Missions Committee is renting a garden plot again this year in the Benson Crump Community Gardens, 624 North St. <https://milfordct.myrec.com/info/facilities/details.aspx?FacilityID=14523> for the 2024 season which opens on April 1st and runs through October 31st.

We will have six teams that are each responsible for tending the garden four different weeks throughout the main season (May-Oct) on a six-week rotation.



Please reach out to Rachel Merva (203-641-5088 / rmerva@optonline.net) or Leigh Bak (203-215-0470 / leighb619@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering to water and weed the garden, pick produce that's ripe and replant produce as needed. All supplies will be on hand at the garden.

Please take this opportunity to get outdoors, spend time in nature, and keep moving – all while growing nourishing food to share!

Volunteers are also needed for some pre-season set up to get the plot ready for the year on Sat. April 27th (tentative date).



Team volunteers are invited to a tour and walk through at the gardens on Saturday, April 20th (tentative date – time to be announced)

OTHER MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Our monthly **Community Supper** is always on the fourth Thursday of the month, starting at 2PM (for volunteers) running till 7:30 p.m.—dinner is served at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please contact Rachel Merva if you'd like to volunteer.



Purple Pantry Boxes: get in the rotation to fill the box any day of the week except for Wednesday. See Shelly Lapadula to sign up or call her at 203-258-2777.





CARING MINISTRY
PASTOR ADELINE

Caregivers Report

Hello to you who are Jesus' hands and feet, I met with our Caregivers who having researched the cost and the time needed to get the Stephen Ministries it is decided to postpone the initiation of the Stephen Ministries. Given the need for resources of times and expenses, we can meet needs as they arise with our willing caregivers, and with the availability of counseling resources here in town we are readily able to make referrals.

In the meantime, there are needs that can be met within our congregation. Shopping, Rides, Communion visits, Friendly visits, Meal delivery, to name a few. Needs will be met as they arise, ie: spiritual support by way of visits to deliver devotionals.

If you are aware of a need, or have a need yourself, do not hesitate to call Adeline Hazzard 203-736-4450 or the church office 203-874-1982.

Adeline attends to communion calls concentrating especially on those who do not attend church or where absent on the Sunday of Communion.

Thank you to those who are reaching out to our congregants with visits, meals and rides as needed and requested. I love you for it and God smiles upon you with abundant blessing.

Daily Prayer,

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13

In His Service,

Pastor Adeline Hazzard

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES ~ FUN & FOOD!

We have permission from the Recreation Department to be at Eisenhower Park (725 North Street, Milford) for a few hours from **Noon to 2pm on Sunday April 28th**. Pray with me for good weather!



This event is for Youth, Families and anyone who loves the Earth. We will be helping the Earth by cleaning up, learning about our environment, have fun activities and of course food. Hot dogs and Burgers will be available for lunch, lovingly provided by our own Barronlee.

Please RSVP by April 22 on actual Earth Day to Pastor Adeline 203-736-4450 or the church office at 203-874-1982. There will also be a sign up on line.



PRIME TIMERS

Submitted by Helene Dellert



Our mission is to enhance the spiritual and social lives of adults (55 and older) through fun and fellowship.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

WHAT: CHEF BARRONLEE GRASSO'S ITALIAN DINNER - MAMMA MIA!!!
We're in for a TREAT as Barron has offered to cook for us!
and Surprise Entertainment

WHEN: FRIDAY – APRIL 26 – 6 to 8 PM

WHERE: DODD HALL

Please call Helene at 203-878-8801 to confirm your attendance.



WE HAVE ESTABLISHED **MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERINGS** FOR PRIME TIMERS!

MEN MEET on the 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH at 12 noon – APRIL 10th.
THEY'VE DECIDED TO ALWAYS MEET at the KIMBERLY RESTAURANT.
Please confirm your attendance with Helene.

WOMEN MEET on the 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH at 12 noon – APRIL 17th.
April's luncheon location to be announced.
Please confirm your attendance with Helene.

DOWNTOWN CABARET – On Saturday, April 6th, thirty-three Prime Timers will be attending the “One Hot Night” show - a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond.

SOMETHING NEW

Requests have been made to create a QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB – preferably light reading – perhaps something seasonal. Please contact Helene if you are interested in joining. Also – we are looking for someone to lead this group.

“I’d Rather be Coloring”

Come Join us!

Thursday April 18, 2024 3-5pm

Supplies provided in Dodd Hall



Always fun.



2024 FAIR ON THE GREEN



St. Patrick's Day THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Milford St. Patrick's Day Fair presence. Whether you marched in the parade, baked, handed out candy and information cards, or served free refreshments to parade-goers, you helped Mary Taylor light up the Milford community!

Friday, June 7, 2024

11am – 6pm

Saturday, June 8, 2024

10am – 5pm

Area	Coordinator(s)
Bake Table	Maryann Petremont
Beverages	
Burrito Booth	Amanda Pitre / Susan Pitre
Co-Chairs	Cathy Cono / Lisa Gloates
Entertainment / A/V	Lydia Smith / Rachel Merva
Food & Supplies	Linda Gregory / Craig Thompson / Jeff Brockett (deliveries)
Funnel Cakes	Sheryl Hollyday / Shelly Lapadula
Grill	Barronlee Grasso
Health Department	Chris Paton
Hospitality	Meghan (Fri/Sat) & Nancy Sengstacken (Sat) / Vera Clark (TBD)
Kids Activities	
Kitchen Prep	
Laura's Treasure Trove	Bev Downing / Jane Ayers
Legal	Chris Carveth / Greg D'Andrea
Non-Profit Partners	Leigh Bak / Rachel Merva
Parking	Mark McAvoy
Plant Sale	Maria Macri / Leigh Bak
Publicity	Monica Stebbins
Set Up / Tear Down	
Strawberry Shortcake	
Treasurer	Hayley Lapadula / Missy Hackett
Vendor	Kat Bennette / Michelle Craig

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Our Fair is treasured by our vendors, volunteers, and community members for our hospitality, fellowship, and high quality. Feel free to reach our coordinators or co-chairs with any questions!

Mon 4/8 7pm – Fair Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87289244131>
- Meeting ID: 872 8924 4131
- Join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 87289244131#

Mon 5/6 7pm – Fair Area Leaders Meeting (ZOOM)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84564011749>
- Meeting ID: 845 6401 1749
- Join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 84564011749#

Mon 5/20 7pm – Fair Committee Mtg (IN PERSON)

Fair Co-Chairs

Cathy Cono spikkio@optonline.net 203-645-2362

Lisa Gloates lisagsings@yahoo.com 203-214-8970

Oh my, time for Spring Cleaning...



Please Keep Those Treasures Rolling In!!!

Laura's Treasure Trove



Donations accepted:

- Thursdays 9:30-12:30
- Sundays in April AFTER Worship until noon
- Or by appointment
Bev: 203-676-5581
Jane: 203-494-2415

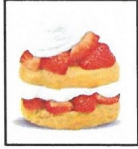
Thank you to those who have already donated this year.

We do NOT accept the following items:

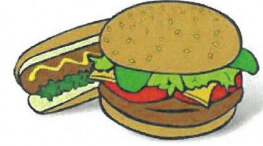
- Suitcases
- Pillows
- Stuffed animals
- Automotive parts
- Helmets
- Car seats
- Beds/mattresses
- Food
- Large furniture
- Hangers
- Large exercise equipment
- Books over 5 years old, musty or with writing in them
- Computer books
- Cookbooks
- Clothing, shoes, scarves, belts
- VHS tapes/records/cassette tapes
- Propane tanks of any size
- Computers/printers



2024 FAIR ON THE GREEN



VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Signups

Everyone can volunteer – help is needed before, during, and after the Fair. No experience is required. Don't miss the best fellowship opportunity of the year!

Volunteer sign-ups begin April 28 after worship in Dodd Hall and online at

<http://bit.ly/FOTG2024Signups>

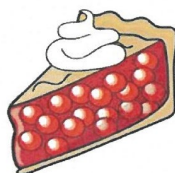
Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to go to the Volunteer sign-up page!



Bakers Needed!

Here's an opportunity to help the Fair from your own home! Make your favorite baked good to be sold at our bake table during the Fair. Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Pies, Scones, Cakes, Breads, Muffins! Please label, wrap for sale, and drop off in Dodd Hall any time after Thursday 6/6 3pm. Indicate allergens (i.e. nuts, gluten free, etc.).

Contact Maryann Petremont at mapetremont@yahoo.com or (203) 415-0544 with questions.



Calling all Gardeners!

Do you love to garden? Are your beds getting a bit crowded from perennials that are begging to be divided? Maybe you have "volunteer" trees or shrubs that came up in the wrong spot. If so, please dig, divide and pot them up in advance of the Fair on the Green Your cast offs are someone else's treasure! And what a green and easy way to make more "green" for our beloved church. The earlier you do it, the more time the plants will have to recover and look their best for the Fair on the Green.

Maybe houseplants are more your thing; we'll take them too. And while we're at it, ceramic pots, planters, trellises and the like would be welcomed also. Need plastic pots? Have questions?

Contact Leigh Bak (LeighB619@gmail.com) or Maria Macri (blinkydog12000@yahoo.com).



U.M. ARMY



Hi Friends!!! It's staying lighter later, and we are experiencing Spring-like weather outside. Makes me think that Summer is just around the corner. Time to make our Summer plans!!!!

Mary Taylor Memorial will be heading up to West Hartford, CT this year for U.M.ARM.Y. We hope you can join us. The information is below along with the link to register. Please register as soon as you can so that we can plan.

We will be planning a gathering of our group before we head off to help us better prepare for our trip. I hope you can join us!! If you have any questions, please contact me or Laura Perregaux.

Who??? Anyone graduated 6th grade and up are welcome to join!

What??? U.M. ARMY in West Hartford-A week-long mission trip

Where??? West Hartford UMC will be hosting us this year.

We stay at their church and launch our work teams from there throughout the week.

When??? Sunday, July 21-Saturday July 27

Why??? This is a great opportunity to serve together with your church, family or friends. Youth can earn 40 hours of consecutive community service.

Learn new skills and make new friends!

Link to register: <https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/4427/>

Once you click "submit" once, the system will ask you to review. Once you review, click "submit" again to be registered.

See you all there!!!!!!

Gina Grubbs

(914) 330-2599



DRAGONFLY MINISTRIES

Dragonfly Ministries is part of the Caregiving Ministry program for Mary Taylor Memorial UMC. This ministry is an individual healing service which would provide a combination of music, prayer, anointing and laying on of hands, and communion.

The individuals that are considered for this ministry are the homebound, hospice patient, hospital patient, pre and post-surgical patient, and or someone facing a difficult time in their life and need the presence of the God who loves, the Jesus who heals and the Holy Spirit who reveals the love and healing.

Mark Platt and a small group of church folk would come to provide a sacred place for love and healing.



If you would like a Dragonfly Service for yourself or recommend one for a loved one, call Adeline Hazzard 203-732-4450
Or call the church office 203-874-1982 to make arrangements for this ministry.

TRANSPORTATION AND CAREGIVER GUIDELINES

The Caregiving ministry of the Mary Taylor Memorial UMC provides transportation to members and others to worship on Sunday Mornings and other worship opportunities. Transport to other church events such as Community Dinners or committee meetings. This ministry is available for Medical Appointments as well.

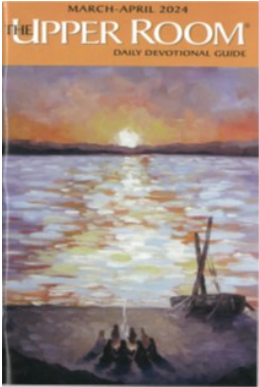


If you or a loved one needs a ride call Adeline Hazzard at the

Church 203-874-1982 or

Cell 203-736-4450

We ask that you give Adeline as much time as possible 24 hours is most helpful, of course if there needs to be an immediate need, we will do our best with God's help to serve our members.



MARCH/APRIL UPPER ROOM is available.

Copies are in the Sanctuary, or call the office at 203-874-1982 and I will drop one in the mail for you, or you may stop by and pick one up.

**DID YOU CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ??
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW SO WE CAN UPDATE
OUR DATA BASE. 203.874.1982 THANKS!**



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:

Wet and dry cat food and wet dog 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, or drop them by the office during the 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.

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Will administer Blood Pressure Screenings on the 3rd Sunday of each month
In the Sanctuary after service.**



Thanks to our blood pressure team:

Leigh Bak, Adeline Hazzard, Sheryl Hollyday, and Nancy Sengstacken





**ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS
are welcomed anytime.**



Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Mary Lou Kampert at the church office. A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. If you would like to place an order please contact Mary Lou at 203-874-1982 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net to arrange a suitable date.



A REMINDER ABOUT CARE BY THE PASTOR....

**CONTACT THE PASTOR—
for pastoral care needs, or if you just want to talk!
Reach out for yourself, or tell them that someone you know needs a call.**

**You can contact our pastor through the church office at
203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net, or
directly to Pastor Roy at 914.330.1789**



**OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



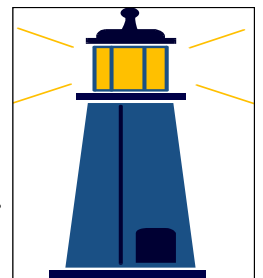
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC
THURSDAY, APRIL 25th at 5:30 P.M.**

If you can help, contact Rachel Merva at 203-641-5088



**MAY BEACON DEADLINE IS
MONDAY APRIL 15TH.**

**Please submit materials on or before this date to
mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or a hard copy to the church office.**





WE'D LIKE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY....



....but we can't if we don't have it in our database.

It is always possible that these special dates were previously provided us. If so, you have our apology for any oversight and our request to please try again. And whenever your special day is, may God who has blessed you with this milestone smile on you and your celebration.



Sincerely,

Mary Lou Kampert (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net; 203.874.1982, ext. 110)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

MTM CLUB 80 MEMBERS—are listed below in **bold**.

If your birthday is not listed and should be, or if there are other birthdays needing changing, please call the Office at 203-874-1982. Thank you!

- 1st Olivia D'Andrea
- Jamie Georgelos
- Charles Mebane II**
- Lisa Gloates
- Gail Sostilio
- 3rd John Doherty
- 4th Kyle Collins
- 7th Erin O'Shea
- Paige Librandi
- 8th Adeline Hazzard
- 9th Diana Cable
- 10th Maryann Petremont
- 11th Frederick Bennett Jr.
- Stacey Cronk
- 12th Susan Pitre
- 14th Rhonda Calogine
- Mark McAvoy

- 15th **Don Hastings**
- Vicki Woodard
- 19th Barbara Babcock
- 20th Andromeda Macri
- Mark Repetsky
- 22nd Brechin Morgan
- Alexander Liontas
- Samantha Sostilio
- Stephen Murzyn
- 23rd Christopher Krom
- 24th Carolyn Bennett
- 25th Samantha Bennett
- 26th Brian Gonsalves Jr.
- 27th Holly Firmender
- Justine Guckin
- 28th **Joan McDonough**
- 30th Michelle Clark



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