



The BEACON

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United Methodist Church*



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spiritual journey, you are welcome here!*

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Mother Susannah

Susannah Wesley often has been called “the mother of Methodism.” Though her sons John and Charles were the forces behind the Methodist movement in 18th Century England, Susannah taught them everything they knew. Literally.

She gave birth to nineteen children--ten of whom grew to adulthood—and home-schooled all of them, training them so well in Latin, Greek, religious studies and the classics that her boys were able to attend Oxford University at age sixteen.

Brilliant, devout, and practical, it was Susannah who put the method in Methodism. She ran her home like clockwork, putting her children to bed at exactly the same hour every evening, spending the fifth birthday of each child teaching them the entire alphabet and the next day beginning reading instruction with the first verse of the Bible, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Susannah was more than a mother, though. During the long periods when her husband Samuel, an Anglican priest and scholar, was away from home, Susannah virtually ran the local parish in Epworth. Though she was not allowed to conduct services in the church—a role limited to men—she often held Bible studies and meetings in the parsonage and made sure church affairs were in good order.

Samuel grew so concerned about Susannah’s influence among church members that he wrote her at one point to stop being so involved—to which Susannah curtly replied, “When you shall return, my efforts shall cease!”

On an occasion when he *was* at home, Samuel observed his wife disciplining one of the children and remarked, “I marvel at your patience! You have told that child the same thing twenty times!” Susannah replied, “Had I spoken the matter only nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor.”

It took an organized person to give her children the attention they needed. “I take as much time as I can every night with each child apart,” Susannah once wrote. “On Monday I talk with Molly; on Tuesday with Hetty; Wednesday with Nancy; Thursday with Jacky; Friday with Patty; Saturday with Charles; and Emily and Suky together on Sunday.” When her famous “Jacky” later struggled with a difficult situation, he wrote home, “Oh, Mother, what I’d give for a Thursday evening!”

These stories of a mother’s patient love remind me of how we are treated by our Creator. God knows us each by name and, slow as we are to learn, God never gives up on us. As busy as she is, God has time for each of us. God has invested a great deal in us—to much love and labor to be lost.

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

We all need a Thursday night, if not with mother, then with God. Like a child whose development is enhanced by the attention of our parents, our spirits develop through time spent with our divine Parent. A time to be alone together in quiet conversation and reflection about the course of our lives. A chance both to speak what is on our heart and to listen for wisdom and direction. When is your Thursday night?

So, here's to parents who give their kids "Thursday night" time, devoted solely to them. Here's to children who treasure it. And to the God who always has time for us.

Pastor Roy

WORSHIP THEMES FOR MAY

May 5th - The Vine and the Branches

May 12th - Mother's Day (Celebration of the Christian Family)

May 19th - Pentecost

May 26th - Sacrificial Love



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 7—May 12

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 our favorite hymns!

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 May "Cross" Trainers!!!!

We are in the midst of Spring and learning all about Jesus and the stories after Easter. We made Matzo Crackers and learned about the Easter story through a snack bag. We've played a trust game with treats and made The Empty Tomb Rolls. We have been busy learning and doing!

Next up we will be learning all about The Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are eight blessings taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to guide people to live a good life. They challenge us to be people of virtue, which is a firm attitude, mindset, or disposition to do good. We will be learning through video, cooking, science and art. Come join us!!!

We are always in need of teachers. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out. Thanks!!

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



CALLING ALL PRIME TIMERS ARTISTS AND ART WANNABES...

With Elizabeth Wright's instruction and guidance, you have the opportunity to let your "inner artist" surface. There are **TWO OPTIONS**:

- Join a Prime Timers Team to create a collage painting that will adorn our hallways and Dodd Hall.
- Create an individual "En Plein Air" work of art. This activity will take place outdoors – at the beach and/or other outdoor locations.

Please contact Helene at 203-522-1931 to register or for additional information.





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.

May 14 –May 16 – A group of Prime Timers and guests will be traveling to Lancaster, PA to see **Sight & Sound's biblical theatre production of DANIEL**. From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life on stage!

There are still a few seats available on our tour bus.
If interested, please call Helene Dellert at 203-878-8801 for more information.



MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

MEN - WEDNESDAY – MAY 8TH - 12 NOON at the **KIMBERLY RESTAURANT**
(Men meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.)
Please confirm your attendance with Helene.

WOMEN – WEDNESDAY – MAY 15TH - 12 NOON at the **BRIDGEHOUSE RESTAURANT**
(Women meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.)
Please confirm your attendance with Helene.



QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB – We've received requests to form a Quarterly Book Club - preferably light reading – perhaps something seasonal. Please contact Helene if you are interested in joining. To date, several Prime Timers have responded...looking for more.

HAPPY FEET WALKING GROUP – This group meets every Wednesday at 9 A.M.
Please contact Maryann Petremont at mapetremont@yahoo.com for details.





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.

We just keep on plugging on. I thought we had a good supply of shawls and we could actually share some with other agencies, but all of a sudden, the need arose and we couldn't share our supply.

We have made 1350 shawls in our years. Right now we have less than 25 on hand. I can't believe how quickly they go!

Change in date for our next meeting:

We will meet TUESDAY, MAY 7th 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.

CROP HUNGER WALK—MAY 5TH

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 me or Christian.

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



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.”

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.



All women are daughters and all women had mothers so:
all women are invited to our
Mother-Daughter Dinner Potluck,
(Dessert will be provided)

Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. in Dodd Hall

Our guest will be Lauren Cust, a beekeeper who will share her work and experiences with us. We hope you will be able to join us! Invite friends and family! All ages welcome!



Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th. **This will be our last meeting until September.**

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.



PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Eileen Murphy



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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ~ Leigh Bak



Milford's Juneteenth Celebration Saturday June 15th (at Mary Taylor and on the Green)

Here are two opportunities to support this important event:

- Join the Planning Committee (contact Leigh Bak at LeighB619@gmail.com)
- Join in the fun at the Juneteenth FUNdraiser on **Thursday May 16th** at the Firehouse Gallery.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE SAND

Women's Weekend May 31 - June 2, 2024

Men's Weekend June 7 - 9, 2024

Could you use a spiritual boost, a weekend of connection, prayer, insightful talks, small group discussions, and joyful music? Footsteps in the Sand is a Christian Renewal Weekend crafted to do just that. The Weekend is designed to help you draw closer to Jesus and feel inspired and empowered to come back to our church with renewed energy and enthusiasm to serve God.

Footsteps in the Sand is a community of Christians from a number of churches in this area. The mission of Footsteps in the Sand is to develop leaders for the local church and encourage Christian action.

This non-denominational community has been holding retreats for over 40 years and more than 4,000 people in the Fairfield County area have attended, including over forty members of MTMUMC.

Footsteps Weekends are conducted by a team of 21 volunteers including two clergy. Pastor Roy, Helene Dellert and Eileen Doyle are serving on the women's weekend this spring! This community has produced over 200 weekends, and with that experience they have been able to craft these retreats so that those who attend the Weekend come back feeling renewed and energized to follow Jesus.

If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity to focus on your Christian walk, we invite you to contact Pastor Roy, Eileen, Helene or Beth O'Brien. The website footsteps-sand.org also has information and registration.



MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva

All In for Milford Monthly Gathering is always the FIRST Thursday of the month, with a rotation on venue. MTMUMC is an alliance member of All In for Milford, which seeks to live in a community where everyone has a place to live, food to eat, a seat at the table and voice in what matters to them. With a mailing list of over 500 people, All In for Milford brings neighbors together to share stories, learn from each other and advocate! Please see the website at www.allinformilford.org for the latest news and information about the May gathering, which will be on Thurs. May 2nd!

Planning & Zoning Meeting on Tues, May 7th at 7PM on Housing: Please come to support All In for Milford as they share a presentation on affordable housing in Milford. Rachel Merva will be a panelist. Come and learn about what challenges and opportunities Milford has with housing! Reach out to Rachel for more information.



The **Great Give** offers non-profits in our community the chance to pool resources for fundraising over a 36-hour period of time each May. Please support local non-profits by clicking the link and participating individually this year. MTMUMC Missions will donate to various causes thanks to the generosity of our congregation! See link for more details:

https://www.thegreatgive.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwiYOx8hC5ARIsAlvdH52O3Jhkuqf8OeTCEfN6yv6ywwFulb3xgafrn7dIXUWNhfMFabQjNQcaAmdnEALw_wcB

Community Gardens Plot: Come and join the **Garden of Feedin'** for the 2024 season! You will be on a team with others responsible for six different weeks throughout the entire season, raising produce to share with our neighbors and growing flowers to brighten peoples days! Get out in the sunshine and spread a little love around with plants! See Rachel Merva or Leigh Bak if you'd like to join, or call the church office! **PLANTING DAY FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS TENTATIVELY SET FOR MAY 18TH FROM 9AM-12PM** AT THE GARDENS, 624 North St. in Milford (near Eisenhower Park).

Community Supper is always the FOURTH Thursday of the month, with dinner service from 5:30PM-6:30PM. We have helpers shopping, prepping, cooking, serving, eating and delivering meals, and cleaning up each month. We have a prayer table, a free table, an art table and live entertainment some months. We ask for speakers to join us on a variety of topics. If you'd like to be involved, please reach out to Rachel Merva or the church office to be connected! See you there!

Missions Meeting: Our monthly Missions meeting will be held in person on Monday evening just after the prayer time in Wesley Center. Please join us from 7:15PM-8:30PM where we can plan and strategize about the mission and outreach programs we are involved in.

Purple Pantry Boxes: Church members should bring in the following items during the month of May for the Purple Pantry Boxes: tuna and fruit cups/cans.



**CARING MINISTRY
PASTOR ADELINE**

Caregivers Report May 2024

Hello to you who are Jesus' hands and feet,

Marcia and I are meeting with Rev. Bill Pfohl early in May, he has had a successful and meaningful Stephen Ministry in His church and is happy to meet with us to talk about it's initiation here at Mary Taylor. More to follow.

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 prayers.

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,

Where God guides, He provides.

In His Service,

Pastor Adeline Hazzard



"I'd Rather be Coloring"

Come Join us!

Thursday May 16, 2024 3-5pm

Supplies provided in Dodd Hall



Always fun.



Laura's Treasure Trove

263 People

Hey, what are you donating to "Laura's" ?

LT

Don and I can donate that 1962 vintage crystal bowl... the wedding gift from Aunt Mildred!

MH



I can bring some jewelry I haven't worn in years.

RG

Oh, I have a broken gold bracelet that I never bothered to fix...

BD



I have a whole garage full of vintage items I can comb through!

CM

What about the air fryer I haven't used that's still in the box?!

JA



We should look around the house for treasures to donate.

LD

We better start our Spring cleaning as soon as possible!!!

CD



"LAURA'S TREASURE TROVE" DONATION TIMES:
Sundays in May - after Worship until 12:00 noon.

Thursdays from 9:30-12:30

or call Bev 203-676-5581 & Jane 203-494-2415 for appt.



2024 FAIR ON THE GREEN



Volunteer Sign-ups / T-Shirt Swap!

Bring your extra Mary Taylor/Mission t-shirts to Dodd Hall when you sign up to volunteer. Help provide t-shirts to our new volunteers! Dodd Hall after worship 4/28 – 6/2 (except Mother's Day)

Friday, June 7, 2024

11am – 6pm

Saturday, June 8, 2024

10am – 5pm

Area	Coordinator(s)
Bake Table	Maryann Petremont
Beverages	Noel Fino / Lisa Sobolewski
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 (Sat)	Julia Sweet
Kitchen Prep	Bev Dean
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	Paul Downing (setup)
Strawberry Shortcake	Beth O'Brien / Eileen McHugh
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 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 lisagings@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 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 Sunday after worship in Dodd Hall (except Mother's Day)

and online at <https://bit.ly/FOTGNewSignup2024>

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 (blinkydogg12000@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.



MAY/JUNE 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.**



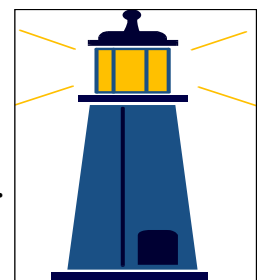
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC
THURSDAY, MAY 23RD at 5:30 P.M.**

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



**JUNE BEACON DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY MAY 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)



MAY 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 Marie Marczak
Aiyana Diwan
- 2nd Ryan Dennis
Amanda Pitre
Chris Steele
- 5th Bill Cermignani
- 6th Aaliyah Gonsalves
- 7th Allison Bennett
Matteo Cono
Caleb Woodard
- 9th Miriam D'Andrea
- 10th Michael Davis
- 12th **Dolores Bonisch**
- 13th Nick Brown
- 14th Kelly O'Hara
- 15th Mary Repetsky
- 16th Nancy Bennett



- 16th Eric Fino
- 17th Mark Petremont
- 18th Jason Williston
Chet McDonough
- 19th David Ellison
Arjun Diwan
- 22nd Eric Pitts
Adam Dilulio
- 23rd Joanne Platt
- 24th Catherine Meszaros
Lisa Darak-Druck
- 25th Lexi Winkelman
- 26th Amy Bennett
- 27th Marg Malehorn
- 28th Laurie Nichols
- 29th **Bob Volgmuth**



May
BIRTHDAYS



MAY 2024 CALENDAR

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
9:00 AM Sunday Morning Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service - New Members received 11:15 AM Laura's Treasure Trove- Donations accepted-after service till noon 12:00 PM Earth Day Celebration - Eisenhower Park- Pastor Adeline	6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study-Library 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troup #1 - Chris Paton-Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Scripture Study via Zoom-Nathan Williams	9:00 AM Happy Feet Walking Group - MT Parking lot 6:40 PM Bells rehearsal- Dodd Hall 7:45 PM Adult Choir rehearsal	9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:30 7:00 PM All in for Milford-Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage		>
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