

The BEACON

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Beacon Editor*



*Mary Taylor Memorial
United Methodist Church*



SEPTEMBER 2024

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spiritual journey, you are welcome here!*

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September 2024 Pastor's Column *Getting through the storm*



What an incredible summer! It seems like we have all been on one wild ride over these last few months. I think we can all agree that this has been a very difficult season. Personally, it has been a very challenging – a summer full of ups and downs, moving forward and back. It has been enough to give me a sense of “whiplash.”

There have been so many events in the life of the congregation this summer, helping us to deepen and lean into God and one another. There have been wonderful times – like celebrating graduations, new jobs, new opportunities, and the celebration of new life for not only newborns, but for those making it through operations, procedures, illnesses, and other hard times. Birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, and other celebrations have truly made this summer special. And together, we have shared our thanks and praise with God.

We have had more than our share of difficult times too – our own personal “storms” if you will - sickness, pain, loss of jobs, loss of opportunities, and the loss of loved ones. During these times, we have been there for one another, and most importantly, leaned into God for strength, guidance, comfort, and peace during these difficult times. That does not come without struggle of course. It is with your prayers that we get through these hard times – together. It helps to have others to lean into, doesn't it? It can even help us find light in the darkness.

I have a sign in my office that reads “Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain. Trusting God, loving God, following God - that is the meaning and the center of our very lives.

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

Gina and I were discussing the devastation from the recent storms and fires. We have had our own experience here with Hurricane Sandy several years back. So many came to help for many years, sending support, aid, tangible necessities, and countless rebuilding teams. And thank God for our community, reaching out to one another, checking in and caring. With God and with one another, we have made it through all the “storms” of this summer. God carries us through the storms of life. We are alive, and even though things are different, we will be alright. And we know God makes a way even when it seems impossible. There is always Hope! There is always Love! Thank God!

The storms have moved on. The sky has cleared, and as I write this article, the weather is good here. As we enter this new season together, let us always remember to keep God in the center of our lives, to be thankful for what we have. Let us be thankful for our faith in God and the blessing of the community we have here at MTMUMC. We have so much to celebrate, and so much that God has planned for us. I look forward to our journey - together.

Faithfully,
Pastor Roy



Worship Themes:

September 1 - Gentleness

September 8 - Self-Control

September 15 - Kick-Off Sunday

September 22 - The Good Life

September 29 - Healing



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

Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

A new book study will start on Sunday September 15th

In this study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today. He considers practical steps for overcoming these fears, and reflects upon fear in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we don't need to live in fear. We can live with courage and hope.

6:00 p.m. MONDAY EVENING PRAYER CIRCLE

Led by 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: 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 -
Bible Study will start on Tuesday, September 17th.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:00am, Pastor Roy will lead a study on **the Gospel of Luke**. This is also known as the “Gospel of the Poor,” written for a financially poor, Gentile community. Luke has such a strong message of hope and healing for those struggling to survive. And in these difficult times, what a wonderful book to study together. Come and hear the promise of Jesus for you and for me! We will begin with a time of prayer followed by our study and sharing together. Everyone is invited; bring a friend! See you Tuesdays! *Pastor Roy*

7:00 p.m. TUESDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Led by Nathan Williams via Zoom
Scripture Study will start on Tuesday, September 17th

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.

Come to the Australian Bee Gees Concert and support the Beth-El Center

Enjoy the greatest hits from the music of the Brothers Gibb with **The Australian Bee Gees** – a Bee Gees tribute band coming to the **Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Milford on Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 7-9PM!**

Don't miss the hits "More Than A Woman," "Night Fever," and more -- all to **support the Beth-El Center!**



Purchase your tickets today!



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.

Our schedule for the upcoming year will be: Sept. 10, noon; Oct. 8, 7PM; Nov. 12, noon; Dec. 10, Christmas Party Potluck 6:15; Jan.7, noon; Feb.11, noon; March11, 7PM; April 8, noon; May 12 Mother Daughter Dinner Potluck, 6:15; June 10, noon. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 10 at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

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 Linda Sheehan

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, September 27, 2024 at 7:00p.m.

Paul Downing has graciously agreed to host a Meditation hour as part of Parish Health and Wellness. We can all use some calming in our lives. The public is also welcome so please bring a friend or two. We will meet in Dodd Hall.

Linda Sheehan and Eileen Murphy

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE:

I am happy to welcome Eileen Murphy as Co Chair of the committee. We welcome all suggestions for future programs.

Please contact Linda Sheehan at linda.lsheelan@gmail.com, 475-414-3187 and/or Eileen Murphy @ eileenmary68@aol.com, 203-809-0188 for further information.



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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry was founded by Janet Bristow and Victoria Gala at the Hartford Seminary. They felt shawls had been a source of comfort for years. To continue that in a more formal way became their goal. This has grown to be a service practiced world-wide.

Our summer break is over and we have to get back to work. Because we had a good supply of shawls we made it through the hot weather without a shortage.

We will kick off the new season on September 12th. As always we invite anyone interested to join us. We have supplies and will give help as needed.

Our next meeting is September 12 at 7pm in the Wesley Center Library

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.

CHOIR RETURNS

On Wednesday, September 11th.

BELLS REHEARSAL: 6:40 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:45 p.m.

If you would like to join, see Rick Riccardi for a warm welcome.



**“I’d Rather be Coloring”
Come Join us!**

**Thursday September 19, 2024 3-5pm
Supplies provided in Dodd Hall**





MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva

All In for Milford's monthly gathering will take place on Thursday September 5th. Doors open at 6pm with light snacks and the program will be about transportation. See the flyer and reach out to Leigh Bak with any questions.

MTMUMC will host a forum on Monday September 30th at 7pm titled "Beyond the Pews: Transforming Church Properties for Community Impact" where we invite others from the broader Methodist churches in CT as well as other faith communities, and neighbors. Stay tuned for a flyer and more information!

Our monthly Missions & Outreach Committee meeting will take place in person on Monday Sept 9th at 715pm in person on the second floor of Wesley center. All are welcome to join and share ideas, energy and feedback!

Hunger Action Month is September! Stay tuned for ways we can get involved!

CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND FOOD



ALL IN FOR MILFORD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
COMMUNITY GATHERING

6:30-8:30PM
REFRESHMENTS 6-6:30PM

FIREHOUSE GALLERY
81 NAUGATUCK AVE

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION CENTERED ON
TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY
WITHIN OUR CITY!



AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE
STORIES OF OUR NEAREST
NEIGHBORS AND CONNECT WITH
NEW FACES!

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

SO WE CAN PLAN FOOD AND
REFRESHMENTS, PLEASE RSVP AT
WWW.ALLFORMILFORD.ORG/GATHERING



ALL IN FOR MILFORD IS AN ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORS,
COMMUNITY LEADERS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT
WORKS TOGETHER THROUGH ORGANIZING, EDUCATION, AND
POLICY WORK TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE IN
MILFORD TO HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO LIVE WELL TOGETHER.

WE STRIVE TO MAKE MILFORD A CITY WHERE EVERYONE HAS
A PLACE TO LIVE AND FOOD TO EAT: WHERE EVERYONE'S
VOICE IS HEARD, AND WE ALL CAN THRIVE!

Questions?

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Sarah Bromley: (203) 246-0706



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:** LET'S BEGIN OUR THIRD YEAR WITH DINNER & GAMES!
 ENTREES WILL BE COOKED BY CHEF BARRONLEE GRASSO
 SIDES & DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY ATTENDEES
- AND:** GAMES WITH PASTOR ADELINE
 (Skip Bo, Yahtzee, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Farkle, Rummy...)
- WHEN:** FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 20 - 6 to 8 PM
- WHERE:** DODD HALL



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

MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

MEN - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11 - 12 NOON at THE BRIDGEPORT FLYER

(Men meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.)

Please confirm your attendance with Jerry at 203-878-8801.

WOMEN - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 - 12 NOON at the BRIDGE HOUSE RESTAURANT

Please confirm your attendance with Helene at 203-878-8801

PLEASE NOTE: For the months of October, November and December the Women's Luncheons will be held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**. Please mark your calendars for October 2, November 6 and December 4th.

HAPPY FEET WALKING GROUP - Walkers meet every Wednesday at 9:15 A.M.



Please contact Maryann Petremont at mapetremont@yahoo.com or at 203-415-0544 for meeting location.

BOOK CLUB - STAY TUNED! DETAILS WILL APPEAR IN THE OCTOBER BEACON.



MILFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT Milford Senior Series

This series will be presented by a variety of healthcare experts in the field of geriatrics.



Healthy Aging

Independence while Aging

August 15, 2024 1-2pm

Presented by: Dr.Saeeda Qadri and Melissa Hanson, APRN

Location: Milford Senior Center
9 Jepson Dr, Milford, CT 06460

Caregiver Support

Caregiver Distress Programs and Support

November 21, 2024 1-2pm

Presented by: Patricia Soos, Agency on Aging

Location: Milford Senior Center
9 Jepson Dr, Milford, CT 06460

Healthy Homes

Injury Prevention

September 19, 2024 1-2pm

Presented by: Jason Bresky, Injury Prevention Coordinator for Bridgeport Hospital

Location: Milford Public Library
57 New Haven Ave, Milford, CT 06460

Staying Connected

Community-based Services for Older Adults

January 16, 2025 1-2pm

Presented by: Mollie Gadarowski, Agency on Aging

Location: Milford Public Library
57 New Haven Ave, Milford, CT 06460

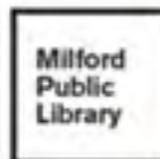
The Next Step

Advanced Care Planning and Hospice

October 17, 2024 1-2pm

Presented by: Marissa Lavin, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

Location: Milford Senior Center
9 Jepson Dr, Milford, CT 06460



This is brought to you in partnership with Milford Health Department, Bridgeport Hospital Milford Campus, Milford Senior Center, Milford Public Library, and Agency on Aging of South Central CT.

Working together for a healthier community



CARING MINISTRY Submitted by Adeline Hazzard

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Programs are gearing up for the Fall Season, please mark your calendars for these special Youth and Family activities.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 ROAD RALLY

Time to be determined.



There will be a driver and a team of 3 to complete the instructions given as you complete each task. This will be a fun and exiting activity, there will be prizes and of course food.

Join us for this 1st annual Road Rally as we explore our town and work as a team to complete your Rally.



OCTOBER 27, 2024 TRUNK OR TREAT 12 TO 3PM

Costumes, Trunk or Treat, Games, Pumpkin Carving, and Prizes. This activity is for all ages come and have fun with our church family. There will be food to sustain the fun.



NOVEMBER 24, 2024 MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a program for all ages to celebrate, create, learn, love and have fun in a multi generational way.



DECEMBER 15, 2024 CHRISTMAS

Caroling to our Shut ins with a fellowship time afterwards with rib warming food.

There will be a Ginger Bread House Challenge as well date and time to be determined.



The Mission Committee is currently collecting warmer clothing and footwear to provide to members of our community during our Community Suppers each month. There is a box labeled for the donations near the entrance to Dodd Hall.

Please contact Maryann Petremont or O'Brien if you have any questions. Thank you.



DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, we will be collecting tuna, **peanut butter and canned baked beans** for the Purple Pantry. There is a collection bin in the back of the Sanctuary and in Wesley Center. If you would like to help with the Purple Pantry, please call Shelley Lapadula at 203-258-2777 or email her at m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG during Sunday service.
Are you new? Have we met?

The name tags are at the entrances to the church. If you don't have one, please call the office at 203-874-1982 or see Holly Firmender so that we can make one for you. Thanks!



NEW: FITNESS CLASS FOR OLDER ADULTS
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
10AM IN DODD HALL

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
on Monday September 2nd
In Observance of the
Labor Day Holiday





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Submitted by Cathy Cono

Hartford Art Show / Permanent Exhibit Featuring Joyce McAvoy

<https://medicine.yale.edu/center-for-medical-education/news-article/prch-dmhas-launch-art-show-and-book-expression-and-recovery/>

On May 21, Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health (PRCH) and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) launched the art show and book entitled "Expression & Recovery". The art in the book was created by people in recovery from across 12 service-providing organizations in Connecticut. Many of the pieces in the book form a permanent exhibition at the DMHAS Office of the Commissioner in Hartford, giving dimension and color to the daily lives of the people who will view them now and into the future. The beautiful artwork "Rainbow Parrots of Love" was painted by our own Joyce McAvoy and is featured in both the book and the exhibit. Joyce and her husband Mark attended the May art show where Joyce was honored for her contribution.



Joyce E. McAvoy
"Rainbow Parrots of Love"
2024

The behavioral health community has always known that the creative process is a pathway to healing. Art significantly enriches the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Art allows a glimpse into the perspective of the artist while the engagement in the creative process benefits the creator by building self-esteem and self-awareness, cultivating emotional resilience, promoting insight, enhancing social skills, and reducing distress. The DMHAS Office of the Commissioner expresses its gratitude for this permanent display of art, hung throughout its offices, as an inspiration and enhancement to their work, surrounding them with the tangible proof of the many pathways to recovery.

At Mary Taylor, we have seen firsthand the powerful impact of art and creativity through the many activities of our art ministry and the installation of beautiful pieces of art throughout our campus. Many have developed their skills and learned new ways of expressing their creativity. Others have paused and smiled at the beauty and uniqueness of these creations. Scripture (1 Peter 4:10-11) reminds us "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received...so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ." God is most certainly glorified through artistic expression, and we are blessed with many talented artists among us!

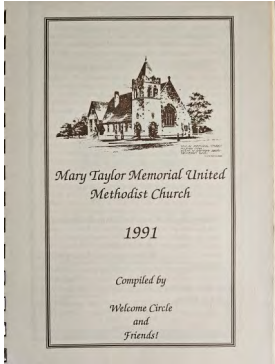
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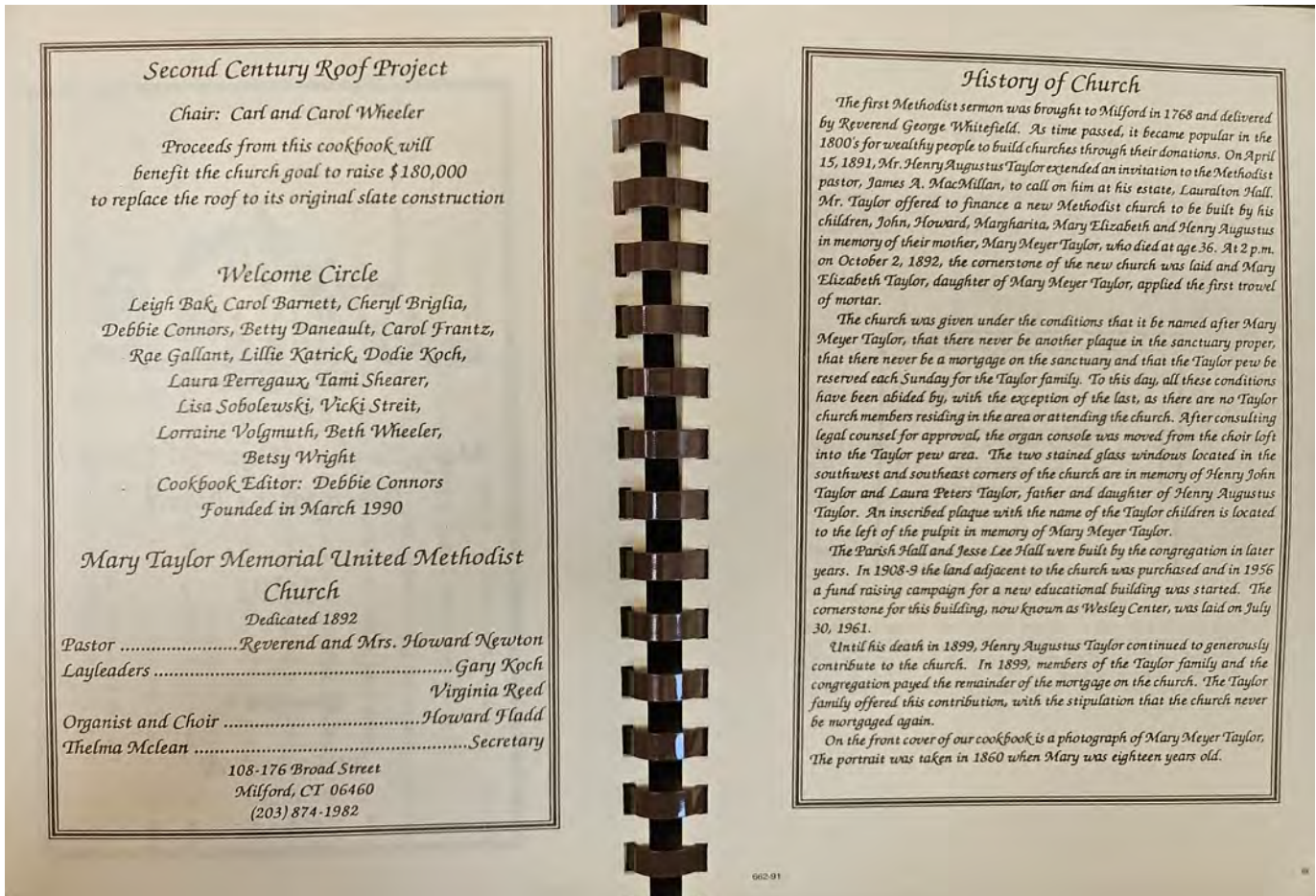
Submitted by Cathy Cono

Mary Taylor History Moment



I recently stumbled upon the 1991 Mary Taylor Cookbook which was published as a fundraiser toward the \$180,000 goal of the "Second Century Roof Project" to replace the roof to its original slate construction. This ambitious project was chaired by Carl and **Carol Wheeler**, edited by Debbie Connors, and coordinated with help from members of the "Welcome Circle" (current members in bold): **Leigh Bak**, **Carol Barnett**, **Cheryl Briglia**, **Debbie Connors**, **Betty Daneault**, **Carol Frantz**, **Rae Gallant**, **Lillie Katrick**, **Dodie Koch**, **Laura**

Perregaux, **Tami Shearer**, **Lisa Sobolewski**, **Vicki Streit**, **Lorraine Volgmuth**, **Beth Wheeler**, and **Elizabeth Wright**. The cookbook is filled with fantastic recipes and Mary Taylor history. Looking for your ideas for what fun activities we can do with this cookbook! Meanwhile enjoy the photos and learn some of the fascinating history of our church and namesake Mary Meyer Taylor!



Second Century Roof Project

Chair: Carl and Carol Wheeler

Proceeds from this cookbook will benefit the church goal to raise \$180,000 to replace the roof to its original slate construction

Welcome Circle

Leigh Bak, Carol Barnett, Cheryl Briglia, Debbie Connors, Betty Daneault, Carol Frantz, Rae Gallant, Lillie Katrick, Dodie Koch, Laura Perregaux, Tami Shearer, Lisa Sobolewski, Vicki Streit, Lorraine Volgmuth, Beth Wheeler, Betsy Wright

Cookbook Editor: Debbie Connors
Founded in March 1990

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Dedicated 1892

Pastor Reverend and Mrs. Howard Newton
Layleaders Gary Koch
Virginia Reed
Organist and Choir Howard Pladd
Thelma Mclean Secretary

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History of Church

The first Methodist sermon was brought to Milford in 1768 and delivered by Reverend George Whitefield. As time passed, it became popular in the 1800's for wealthy people to build churches through their donations. On April 15, 1891, Mr. Henry Augustus Taylor extended an invitation to the Methodist pastor, James A. MacMillan, to call on him at his estate, Lauralton Hall. Mr. Taylor offered to finance a new Methodist church to be built by his children, John, Howard, Margarita, Mary Elizabeth and Henry Augustus in memory of their mother, Mary Meyer Taylor, who died at age 36. At 2 p.m. on October 2, 1892, the cornerstone of the new church was laid and Mary Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Mary Meyer Taylor, applied the first trowel of mortar.

The church was given under the conditions that it be named after Mary Meyer Taylor, that there never be another plaque in the sanctuary proper, that there never be a mortgage on the sanctuary and that the Taylor pew be reserved each Sunday for the Taylor family. To this day, all these conditions have been abided by, with the exception of the last, as there are no Taylor church members residing in the area or attending the church. After consulting legal counsel for approval, the organ console was moved from the choir loft into the Taylor pew area. The two stained glass windows located in the southwest and southeast corners of the church are in memory of Henry John Taylor and Laura Peters Taylor, father and daughter of Henry Augustus Taylor. An inscribed plaque with the name of the Taylor children is located to the left of the pulpit in memory of Mary Meyer Taylor.

The Parish Hall and Jesse Lee Hall were built by the congregation in later years. In 1908-9 the land adjacent to the church was purchased and in 1956 a fund raising campaign for a new educational building was started. The cornerstone for this building, now known as Wesley Center, was laid on July 30, 1961.

Until his death in 1899, Henry Augustus Taylor continued to generously contribute to the church. In 1899, members of the Taylor family and the congregation paid the remainder of the mortgage on the church. The Taylor family offered this contribution, with the stipulation that the church never be mortgaged again.

On the front cover of our cookbook is a photograph of Mary Meyer Taylor. The portrait was taken in 1860 when Mary was eighteen years old.



Laura's Treasure Trove

HALF PRICE SALE THIS FALL!

INCLUDING JEWELRY AND CHRISTMAS DECOR

DETAILS TO COME

Notice: "Laura's" will **NOT** be taking donations
until February 2025 (Date TBD.)

🌸 We **DO** accept jewelry donations all year. 🌸
To donate jewelry, please contact:

Bev Downing 203-676-5581 or Jane Ayers 203-494-2415.



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 203-736-4450

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 203-877-4554 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.



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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, Anne Marie Levesque 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.**



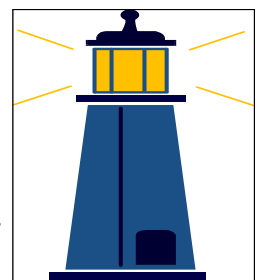
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH at 5:30 P.M.**

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



**OCTOBER BEACON DEADLINE IS
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 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)



SEPTEMBER 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!

- 4th Alison Pitts
- 6th Tom Baker
- 8th Jane Ayers
- 10th Stacey Riccardi
- 11th Beth O'Brien
- 14th Alexandria Darak
Roy Grubbs
- 15th Scott Clark
Gina Grubbs
- 17th Jacqueline Paton
Wolfgang Stebbins
Jason Howard
- 20th Ian Griffin
- 21st Gwyneth D'Andrea
Chris Edwards
Kathleen Bacon
Carol Sahutsky

- 22nd Michael Firmender
Lisa Sobolewski
Nancy Cicarella
- 23rd Debbie Leum
Christopher Hulse
Ruth Starcher
- 24th Barronlee Grasso
Nathan Williams
- 25th Barbara Repetsky





SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
9:30 AM Worship Service	Labor Day Holiday-the Office is closed today 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall	9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall	6:00 PM All in for Milford-Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage	The Office is closed - Summer hours 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall	
8 9:30 AM Worship Service	9 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:15 PM Missions meeting-Library	10 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 12:00 PM United Women in Faith meeting - Dodd Hall 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troup #1 - Chris Paton-Dodd Hall	11 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 12:00 PM Prime Timers Men's Monthly Luncheon - Bridgeport Flyer restaurant 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	12 Church Council Meeting - details to follow 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library	13 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall	14
15 October Beacon Deadline today 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service-Kick Off Sunday 11:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary 7:00 PM Benefit for Beth-El Center Australian Bee Gees concert	16 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 6:00 PM Historical Society meeting - Dodd Hall	17 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	18 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 12:00 PM Prime Timers Women's Monthly Luncheon-Restaurant to be determined 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	19 3:00 PM Coloring - Dodd Hall	20 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 6:00 PM PrimeTimers-Dodd Hal	21
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29 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service	30 5:00 PM Affordable Housing Forum - Dodd Hall 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:30 PM Foundation meeting - Library	1 9:30 AM Blood Drive - Dodd Hall 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	2 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	3 7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage	4 10:00 AM Fitness Class for Older Adults-Dodd Hall	5

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