



# The BEACON

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## October 2024 Newsletter – Pastor’s Column

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September 29, 2016

There is a lot in this world that tries to separate us, create division, and break down our connection with one another. Today, there are broken relationships in our community, in our nation, and all around the world. This goes against our very nature.

Jesus does not want us to live divided from one another. In John 15, Jesus shares the image of the vine and the branches. He explains that we, the branches, only bear fruit if we stay connected to the vine. In fact, it is the Vine that connects us all to God’s grace and transforming love.

\*On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating [World Communion Sunday](#). It began as World-Wide Communion Sunday at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

“The term [Holy Communion](#) invites us to focus...on the holiness of our communion with God and one another,” states [This Holy Mystery](#), The United Methodist Church’s official statement on the sacrament. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday. The global celebration occurs on the first Sunday in October.

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### From the Pastor ~ Continued

Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Some will receive cubes of bread. Some will tear from a common loaf. Some will receive a wafer. Some will drink from a common chalice. Some will dip a piece of bread into the cup. Some will have **individual glasses**. Some will use wine; **some juice**. Some will offer both. Pastors will lead a variety of liturgies, in many languages. Clergy will dress traditionally, formally, and casually. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Come to church this World Communion Sunday (Oct. 6) prepared to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. As you receive the bread and cup, remember that you are part of the Church Universal, united in Christ across time and space. \*

Come throughout the month to offer your thanks and praise for the endless blessings given to you and me, and to commit ourselves to the connection we have to Christ and one another. Together, we are the Body of Christ living in unity and love.

God bless you,  
*Pastor Roy*

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### Worship Themes for October:

October 6th - World Communion Sunday

October 13th - The Gift of Time

October 20th - Using our Gifts

3PM Annual Charge Conference at MTM

October 27th - Sharing our Treasure



### 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, October 6th and October 13th following worship.** New members will be received during the service on Sunday, October 20th. Feel free to attend the class to find out more about Methodist Beliefs, our church, and connecting with our community. Come even if you're just exploring. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Pastor Roy with any questions.

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

Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

A new book study started on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

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 .





## 7:00 p.m. **THURSDAY** EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Led by Nathan Williams via Zoom

Dial into Zoom each Thursday 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.

## 10:00 a.m. **FRIDAY** MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Roy in the Wesley Center Library -

Beginning on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

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## PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Linda Sheehan & Eileen Murphy

It has been suggested that volunteers with the monthly Community Suppers be trained in Mental Health First Aid. It's designed to teach people how to recognize and respond to someone having a mental health or substance use challenge or crisis, and give them the resources they need to connect them to appropriate professional health. The course is an 8 hour course with a few options:

1. A full day's training.
2. Two sessions of 4 hours each within a 2 week time frame
3. a Blended model which requires 2 hours of online pre-work and a 6 hour in person session

Class size is between 10-30. Training and materials covered by Bridges' training grant.

Feedback on this proposed training would be greatly appreciated so we can move forward with setting some dates.

Please contact Linda Sheehan at 475-414-3187; [Linda.Isheehan@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.Isheehan@gmail.com) or Eileen Murphy at 203-809-0188; [eileenmary68@aol.com](mailto:eileenmary68@aol.com) for more information.

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## 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.

**We will be having a special guest at our Oct.8th, 7P.M. Meeting.** Rachel Schippiani, Coordinator of Community Education and Volunteer Programs at The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services will be coming to talk to us. All church members are invited to attend. The Umbrella Center is supported by both our UW in Faith unit as well as our Missions Committee. There will be a very brief business meeting for members after our speaker for election of officers.

**Our very popular Second Sunday Soup Sales will be starting again in October.** Containers are \$5. each and will be sold after church.



**The annual meeting of the New York Conference of United Women in Faith will be held on Oct. 26th in White Plains. Cost is \$25 with lunch provided.** Please speak to me if you are interested in attending. It's always nice to have an opportunity to be with other women in our conference. This is the first in person meeting since Covid. We will be carpooling.

**Our schedule for the upcoming year will be:** 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, October 8th at 7pm in Dodd Hall. Snacks and beverages will be provided.**

Christine McGregor [Cjmcgregor50@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

### **A message from the UW in Faith Nominating Committee**

**The 2025 United Women in Faith nominating committee hereby places the following names into nomination:**

For the office of President : Christine McGregor

For the office of Vice President: Becky Virgalla

For the office of Recording Secretary: Helene Dellert

For the office of Treasurer: Lisa Sobolewski

The nominating committee has confirmed that all nominees have agreed to serve for one term, and it is with sincere appreciation for their commitment to the purpose of the United Women in Faith that we present their names.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Doyle, Sandra Short, Joan Zauner



## 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.

**1400 Shawls and Counting!! 14 Years and Counting!!**

October 2001 was the beginning of our Ministry. Judy Griggs brought the idea to us. She was not able to continue because she became ill and was the first recipient of a prayer shawl from us! We are a small group, but very dedicated to the “cause”.

We are always happy to see the shawls disappearing because that means someone is being comforted and blessed, so do not hesitate to ask for one.

If you are interested in joining us, we will be meeting **October 10th at 7pm in the Wesley Center Library**. We are willing to help you learn.

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.**

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

**Thursday October 17, 2024 3-5pm  
Supplies provided in Dodd Hall**



**Always fun.**





## MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva

**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. Our next meeting is **Mon. Oct. 7th**.

**All In for Milford Monthly Gathering** is happening on **Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** this month in Dodd Hall. Doors open at 6PM with refreshments and the program runs from 6:30-8PM. This month's topic features the business community speed round! Learn about small businesses in Milford and what employers and employees need! 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](http://www.allinformilford.org) for the latest news and information about the monthly gathering, which will be on **Thurs. Oct. 10th!**

**Community Supper** is happening this month on the **FOURTH Thursday (OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup>)** for a regular meal with dinner service from 5:30PM-6:30PM and **FIFTH Thursday (OCT. 31<sup>st</sup>)** as a **grab and go meal only**. We have helpers shopping, prepping, cooking, serving, eating and delivering meals, and cleaning up each month. We have a prayer table, a free 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 see the sign up genius here: [Community Supper Volunteers: Community Suppers 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) or please reach out to Rachel Merva or the church office! See you there!

**Purple Pantry Boxes:** Volunteers are needed for shopping, building the bags and stocking the box! If you are interested, please see the sign up genius here: [old MTMUMC 2: Purple Pantry Box \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) or contact Michelle Lapadula. Church members should bring in the following items during the month of **October for the Purple Pantry Boxes: cereal and boxed milk.**

**Outreach to MRHP residents:** Several months ago, The City of Milford Health Department sent out a food survey to gain knowledge about community use of local food assistance resources and how community providers can work together to address challenges faced by the community (see results below). One takeaway of this survey was that residents in the Milford Redevelopment Housing Partnership (MRHP) communities do not always know about income-based food resources. As a result, the Missions team and All In for Milford are teaming up to mail the food resource guide to these residents. We will gather at **6:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 3rd in Dodd Hall** for a fun pizza work party handwriting and stuffing over 400 envelopes. Please join us – many hands make light work! Please see the Milford Food Resource Guide and the food survey in this issue of the Beacon.



## MISSIONS Continued

Click the links below to see the results of the survey and for the Food Resource Guide.

*Food Survey Results* [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l-9flwkb2KTFopvcGTCgc64CrDs5A52J/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l-9flwkb2KTFopvcGTCgc64CrDs5A52J/view?usp=drive_link)

*Food Resource Guide:* Click on the link below or pick up a copy in the sanctuary or on the outside door of Wesley Center.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QD9-ViPrshbT6YW3Lu10aZFLveDf85G/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QD9-ViPrshbT6YW3Lu10aZFLveDf85G/view?usp=drive_link)



# ALL IN FOR MILFORD

INVITES YOU TO OUR OCTOBER COMMUNITY GATHERING

## SUPPORTING BUSINESSES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024  
6:00-8:30 PM

HOSTED BY: FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
34 WEST MAIN STREET | MILFORD, CT 06460

**ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN US!**

This month we will be joined by **local** and **regional businesses** to **learn** about the **opportunities** and **challenges** we **share**, and how we can **work together** to support each other and make the city we love a community where **everyone** has a **place to live** and **food to eat**; where everyone's **voice is heard**, and **we all can thrive!**

**So we can plan food and refreshments, please RSVP at**  
[www.allinformilford.org/gathering](http://www.allinformilford.org/gathering)

All In for Milford is an **alliance** of **neighbors**, **community leaders** and **local organizations** that strives 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!**







# Laura's Treasure Trove



**Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024**

**9:00am - 2:00pm**

**ALL ITEMS WILL BE 1/2 PRICE!**

**Including Jewelry, Halloween & Christmas Decor**

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**Notice:** "Laura's" will NOT be taking donations until Feb. 2025 (Date TBD.)  
We DO take jewelry donations all year. To donate jewelry, please contact:  
Bev Downing 203-676-5581 or Jane Ayers 203-494-2415.

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## 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.



**WHAT:** CHEF BARRONLEE GRASSO'S DINNER – MAMMA MIA!!  
and SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT

**WHEN:** FRIDAY – OCTOBER 18 – 6 to 8 PM

**WHERE:** DODD HALL

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



## LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

**WOMEN** – Wednesday October 2 – 12 NOON – at Riverview Bistro.

Please confirm your attendance with Lisa Sampson at 203-816-7175.

**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 4.

**MEN** - Wednesday October 9 - 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.



## INTRODUCING...READERS RENDEZVOUS!

We are delighted to announce the start of our book club that will meet quarterly! Readers Rendezvous is a book club for all Prime Timers.

Lisa Sobolewski will host our first meeting at her home – 183 West Rutland Rd. on Thursday - November 21 - at 10:00 AM.

November's book selection is Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. To register and for more information, please call or text Lisa at 203-530-9478.

**HAPPY FEET WALKING GROUP** – Walkers meet every Wednesday at 9:15 AM. For details, please contact Mary Ann Petremont at [mapetremont@yahoo.com](mailto:mapetremont@yahoo.com) or at 203-415-0544.



**SAVE THESE DATES:** By popular demand, we will attend the Sight & Sound production of Noah and tour Amish Country in Lancaster, PA on May 6, 7 & 8, 2025!



## CARING MINISTRY Submitted by Adeline Hazzard

Each month I bring communion and visit 10 to 12 older members. Unfortunately we have lost Maureen this past month.

The community Garden has been providing flowers to bring to my visits, and Jennie Littrell provides seasonal pretties for them as well. Because of the offerings I am always welcomed with smiles. So I thank those who cultivate the flowers in the community Garden and Jennie for her thoughtfulness.



Some of our caregivers have been randomly visiting with Jane Vink. Jane has actually verbalized that she would welcome a visit or car ride to break up her long days. Gladys Hulse and Carol Sattler are being visited by volunteers. These visits are also so appreciated by me as when I visit with others I am with them for a good amount of time and it is sometimes difficult to get to everyone. There are caregivers that I try to offer support to as I see them in church. There are times that I am requested for pastoral care.

While there has been some exploration to initiate Stephen Ministries it is very clear that now is not the time. It is on the shelf for now.

Caregiving is a spiritual task that includes prayer, communion and fellowship. May God Bless all our visits with grace and mercy.

In His Service, Pastor Adeline Hazzard

Pastor Adeline Hazzard

Home: 860-238-7850

Cell: 203-736-4450

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.



## TRUNK OR TREAT AT MTM PARKING LOT OCTOBER 27TH

12—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!



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 Beth O'Brien if you have any questions. Thank you.



**DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

we will be collecting cereal and boxed milk 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.



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2024**

A 5K Walk/Run for the hungry & homeless in our community to benefit the Beth-El Center of Milford

**13TH ANNUAL MILFORD TRICK OR TROT**

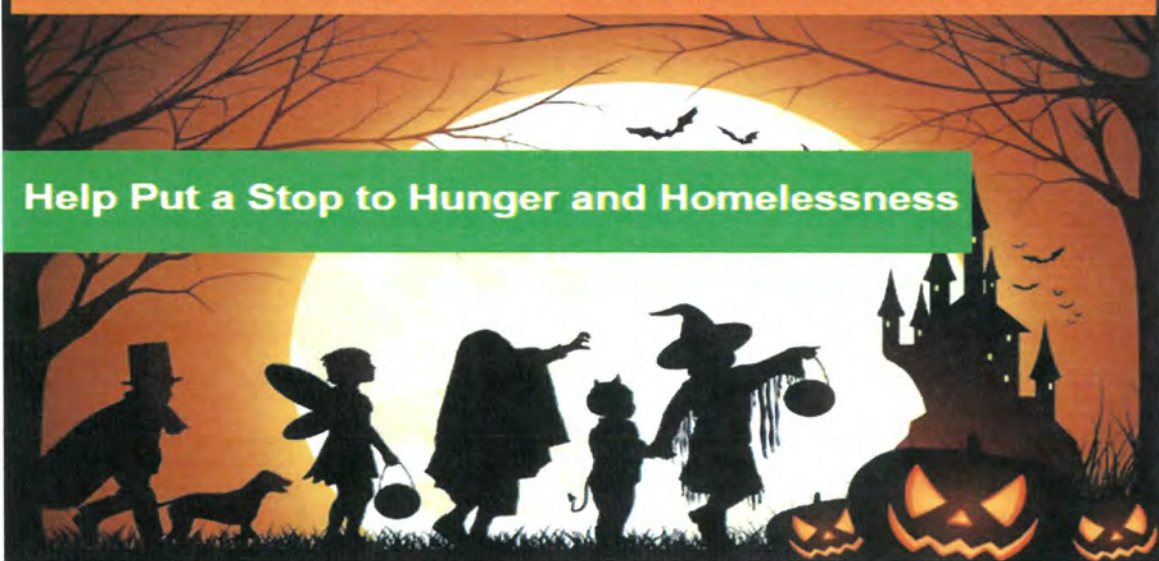
Lucky 13!

**5K WALK/RUN**

Saturday, October 26, 2024

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Help Put a Stop to Hunger and Homelessness



**5K RUN/WALK**



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Submitted by Leigh Bak

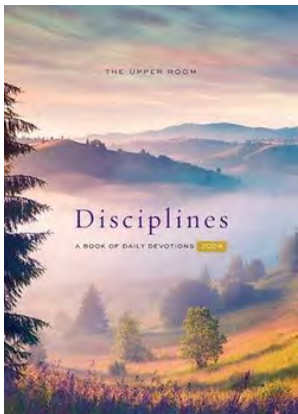
### Welcome Home....

Do you remember your first “adult” apartment or home? Chances are, you “borrowed” (or were handed down) housewares, furniture, dishes and appliances from your family and friends. Maybe it wasn’t fancy, but it was “yours”.

A small (but growing) group of us who are affiliated with Beth El Center are seeking to help re-home people as they leave the shelter and community of Beth El. Maybe you have a place in this exciting ministry that we have named *“Welcome Home Ministries”!*

- Perhaps you have items (housewares, furniture, appliances, televisions, etc.) that are still in good shape but are no longer needed by you or your family. Rather than sending items to the landfill, think about a neighbor who might benefit. Read and respond to time sensitive email messages, about neighbors in need of particular items.
- Do you own a truck or SUV? Maybe you (or your vehicle) could be part of a team that collects and/or delivers items to those in need.
- Do you have a little spare space for “holding” donated items that will be needed soon? Or maybe you have a thought about a storage area within the Milford or surrounding community.
- Perhaps you are called to be a part of our core team.

If you identify with any of these suggestions, please call Leigh Bak (203-215-0470). Let’s talk about how you can make a real difference in the life of a person or family!



### UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE

Orders are being taken for the 2025 Upper Room Discipline. The Discipline is a daily devotional based upon the lectionary. Church services at Mary Taylor can be based upon the lectionary readings. If you read the Discipline you could be preparing for the Sunday message each week. Don Hastings is taking orders.

The cost is \$10 for the regular or large print.

Note: The bi-monthly Upper Room Daily Readings found in the back of the Church are NOT the Upper Room Discipline. That publication is not based on the lectionary.

See Don after church or call him at 203-885-3948 to place your order.



## 🎃 HALLOWEEN PARADE 🎃

### At the Benson Crump Community Gardens



There are so many benefits of our church having the *Garden of Feedin'* plot at the **Benson Crump Memorial Community Gardens**.

- ♥ We grow organic vegetables, herbs and flowers for ourselves and others.
- ♥ We benefit from the PAR (Plant a Row for the Hungry) plots with produce we share at church, in the Milford community and at our monthly Community Dinners.
- ♥ We get to commune with nature, grow pollinator plants to support food production (nothing grows without pollination) and make friends with our Milford neighbors.



This month, we get to join in the fun of our annual **Halloween Parade at the Gardens** (624 North Street) on **Friday, October 18th, from 3:30 to 6:00pm**.

This annual celebration is for our gardeners and their families, and

**YOU are a part of our family!**

So put on your **costume** and **gather the kids and grands** for **Trick or Treating through the plots**.

Joining us again this year is Farmer Clark from **Mapleview Farm** for **Wagon Rides** and Susan Patrick, owner of the **Walnut Beach Creamery** with her amazing ice cream truck.

There will be a **selfie station** for pics to be taken with all our scarecrows and great music for dancing The Monster Mash with **DJ Alan**. Contact Leigh Bak (203-215-0470) with questions.

**Don't miss it!**

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## STEWARDSHIP: FAITH, LOVE, ACTION!

Submitted by Cathy Cono

Our faith teaches us that love is at the heart of God's hopes, dreams, and plans for our lives. We love our church. We love our community. We love one another. And we are urged to take action to show God's love to the world. Choosing to give our time, talents, and financial resources is a powerful way we take action for God. This year's stewardship theme "Faith, Love, Action" focuses simply on how we demonstrate our faith and our love through our actions.

During worship in October, we will be inspired by hearing from members of our community. We will identify actions we can take to respond to God and learn about how the gifts we give are the fuel for Mary Taylor programs, services, and ministries. We will bring you behind the scenes and shine a light on our giving, our programs, and the exciting role you play in God's greater plan.

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## 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

**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!





**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



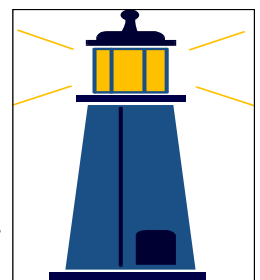
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 at 5:30 P.M. AND  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 at 5:30 P.M. GRAB & GO**

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



**NOVEMBER BEACON DEADLINE IS  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15TH**

**Please submit materials on or before this date to  
[mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net); 203.874.1982, ext. 110)



### OCTOBER 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 Kristi Chevett
- 2nd **Gladys Hulse**  
Sarah Brockett  
Kalia Collins  
James Connor  
**Lee Littrell**
- 3rd **Judy Russell**  
Jeffrey Briglia
- 5th Callie Merva  
Elise Pitts
- 6th Eric Hackett
- 7th Amanda Repetsky  
Mya Perregaux
- 8th Cathy Cono  
Elizabeth Wright
- 10th Chris Paton
- 11th John Leum
- 12th Mark Platt

- 12th Mariah Griffin
- 15th Sandra Meraviglia  
Phyllis Pinckney
- 18th Rachel Liontas
- 19th Clayton Seelgen
- 21st Elizabeth Repetsky  
Lisa Sampson
- 22nd Wendy Beyer
- 23rd Cassandra Bennett  
Monica Stebbins
- 25th Peter Liontas
- 27th Danielle Wilson
- 28th Eileen Craig  
**Maryanne Benoit**
- 29th Stephen Murzyn Jr.
- 30th Susan Matthews  
**Virginia Steele**





### OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service	5:00 PM Affordable Housing Forum - Dodd Hall 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:30 PM Foundation meeting - Library	9:30 AM Blood Drive - Dodd Hall	9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 12:00 PM Prime Timers Women's Monthly Luncheon 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	6:30 PM Missions meeting-Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom 7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage	10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	
6 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service	7 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:15 PM Missions meeting-Library	8 7:00 PM United Women in Faith evening meeting - Dodd Hall	9 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 12:00 PM Prime Timers Men's Monthly Luncheon - Bridgeport Flyer restaurant 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	10 6:00 PM All in for Milford-1st UCC 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	11 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	12 9:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - 1/2 Price Sale
13 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Soup Sale - Dodd Hall	14 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	15 November Beacon Deadline	16 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	17 3:00 PM Coloring - Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	18 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library 3:30 PM Halloween Parade at Benson Crump Community Gardens 6:00 PM Prime Timers-Dodd Hal	19
20 Joint Church Conference - Campus 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary	21 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	22	23 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	24 5:30 PM Community Supper - Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	25 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	26 8:00 AM 13th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 9:00 AM United Women in Faith Conference - White Plains
27 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Trunk or Treat - MT Parking lot	28 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	29 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	30 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	31 5:30 PM Community Supper Grab & Go 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	1 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	2 7:00 AM Rise Against Hunger-Dodd Hall

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