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November 2024 Newsletter – Pastor’s Column

The Benefits of Giving

I saw a report on one of those morning news shows given by the science editor. His big news was that giving is good for our health. “I guess science is catching up with the Bible,” he told the anchor person.

He went on to make two points: (1) The act of giving causes the body to release endorphins, those natural feel-good chemicals; (2) people who are consistent givers live longer lives.

It’s good to have the authority of science to back up the truths our parents taught us. Still, the lessons I learned at home and in Sunday School focused on aspects of giving other than self-interest. I wasn’t taught to give to secure some personal benefit, but rather as a response to all the good that had already been done for me. I wasn’t shown how to be generous in order to help myself, but because it would help someone else.

Our scientist-reporter mentioned one other important thing. Studies show that the benefits of giving are not derived from occasional good deeds, writing a check to a charity or donating a meal to a soup kitchen. The key to a long and happy life is consistent caring, demonstrated in persistent deeds of love and kindness. True givers are in it for the long haul, not isolating their giving to a season or a closed set of people. They live generous lives, taking their cues from God, the first and most generous giver of all.

We are now entering the “Commitment Campaign” time in our church. On Consecration Sunday, November 17, we will be asked not for a one-time contribution, but to make a commitment for an entire year. Last year’s efforts brought a very generous response and helped us throughout the year. More and more of us are seeing that stewardship is not just about dropping a check in the offering plate, but is a commitment to a way of life that lives in harmony with God’s gracious nature and loving purposes for the world.

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

We are now poised for significant growth at Mary Taylor. We are reaching out to the community and new people continue to join us. Many of you are “fishing” now, asking others to come to church and hear the Good News that the Light of Christ is still burning bright here on Earth and especially here at church. We are hoping to begin new ministries this year, such as another worship opportunity and working with and serving those in need in our community in new ways.

We would not be at this point without the sacrificial giving of a very generous congregation. Even in these tight financial times, we have decided that we want to grow---spiritually and numerically—and we are backing it up with our resources.

As you approach the call to give this year, I ask that you think about not only the church’s needs but also your own. Giving is good for the soul. A generous heart is a healthy heart. And, though you may not necessarily live a longer life, it will be a better and more fulfilling one. That is the wonderful irony of the Gospel: Givers end up being the biggest receivers of all.

Faithfully,
Pastor Roy

NOVEMBER WORSHIP THEMES



- Nov. 3 - Laity Sunday
- Nov. 10 - All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 17 - Commitment Sunday
- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Sunday
(3pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service)



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FROM THE STAFF:

ROY, RICK, MARY LOU & JAMES



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

Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

A new book study: Sunday October 20—November 17th

This study is based on Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths — "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say."*

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 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 Fridays! *Pastor Roy*

"CROSS" TRAINING

We are GRATEFUL! October was a great time for us! We hope you all had a great time at our Trunk or Treat and came out for our great festivities. "Cross" Training is going strong, and we are heading into the holiday season, starting off with Thanksgiving. We've been busy learning about the first five books in the Bible. We've learned that God DOES keep promises and that we are forgiven for our sins. "Cross" Training is heading into November learning about Leviticus, then moving forward to learn more about Jesus' birth.

We also have a lot of fun events coming up so stay tuned. We will be having our first Messy Church in November, and we can't wait!! Messy church is an inter-generational service that takes a new approach to church. We will sing together, learn together, worship together and share a meal together. Stay tuned for details on the great event!!!

We are also planning our December which promises to be fun, and spirit filled. Whether it is our Christmas Pageant, our Gingerbread House Challenge, Cookie Walk, or Caroling, there are a lot of opportunities for our church families to enjoy. We hope to see you there!!!! Our "Cross" Training is open to all so please invite friends and family to join us during our 10am service.

Have a great November!!

Gina Grubbs

"Cross" Training Coordinator



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 Second Sunday Soup Sales will be held on Nov. 10th. Containers are \$5. each and will be sold after church.



Our very popular Christmas Cookie Walk Dec. 7th chaired by Rachel Merva and Sheryl Holliday. (see article). Please save the date for our Christmas Party and Potluck Tuesday Dec. 10th at 6:15p.m.

Officers for 2024-2025 were elected at our October meeting. President: Christine McGregor, Vice-President: Becky Virgalla, Recording Secretary: Helene Dellert, Treasurer: Lisa Sobolewski. Our next meeting will be held Nov. 12th at noon in Dodd Hall.

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



CARING MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 15th—MESSY CHURCH!

6-8 p.m. in Dodd Hall

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

DECEMBER 15th—CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Caroling to our Shut-ins from 2-4 p.m. with a fellowship time afterwards in Dodd Hall with rib warming food!



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



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!!

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. We have 20 waiting to help someone.

If you are interested in joining us, we will be meeting **Thursday, November 14 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.

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.lsheehan@gmail.com or Eileen Murphy at 203-809-0188; eileenmary68@aol.com for more information.



MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva

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Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event on Sat. November 2nd!

Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. Through a global network

based in the U.S. and with six international offices, the organization provides immediate nourishment for those facing hunger today and implements sustainable solutions that will lift entire communities for years to come. Rise Against Hunger has facilitated volunteer meal packaging of more than 600 million meals to be distributed to countries around the world.

Please join us on **Saturday, November 2nd at 9AM** to package 10,000 meals in about 2 hours with our fellow neighbors. Here is the link to register: [Home page for Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Events \(salesforce-sites.com\)](https://salesforce-sites.com). For more information, please contact the church office or Maryann Petremont. Help is needed for setup at 8AM also. If you can come early, please let Rachel Merva know.

All In for Milford Monthly Gathering is happening on **Nov. 7th** this month, location TBD. Doors open at 6PM with refreshments and the program runs from 6:30-8PM. Last month we learned 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 for the latest news and information about the monthly gathering, which will be on **Thurs. Nov. 7th!**

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. Nov. 11th (note, 2nd Monday, not first due to vacation).**

Community Supper is happening this month on THANKSGIVING DAY (**Nov. 28th**) for in person dinner service only from 5:00PM-6:00PM that features a festive turkey dinner hosted by Laura and Richie Perregaux! In order to offset costs, the following food items will be accepted for donation: See link here to **donate food items:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-52407814-community> If you'd like to **be involved in the supper**, please see the sign up genius here: [Community Supper Volunteers: Community Suppers 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-52407814-community) or please reach out to 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://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-52407814-community) or contact Michelle Lapadula. Church members should bring in the following items during the month of November for the Purple Pantry Boxes: **Turkey dinner staples that are shelf stable, such as cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned gravy & vegetables, instant potatoes and canned apples/pumpkin.**

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MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva

Coat Drive: We will collect new or gently used coats, warm clothing and socks for men, women and children during the month of November. Please bring donations to the bin in Dodd Hall. We will support our local and regional community with these donations, including our community supper attendees and Bridgeport Rescue Mission.



Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week occurs from Nov. 17-23rd this year. MTMUMC will support this week by providing the congregation with empty bags and packing lists for food collection of Thanksgiving meal items after church on Nov. 17th. All bags will be returned to the church **on Nov. 24th** and will be used to fill the Purple Pantry Box for those in need.

Please contact the church office if you'd like a Thanksgiving bag delivered to you or someone in need. Please speak to Rachel Merva if you'd like to help!

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church Invites you to attend

THANKS GIVING COMMUNITY SUPPER



28 NOVEMBER

Complimentary Dinner
Served 5:00-6:00PM

176 S. Broad St, Milford

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

CALL CHURCH OFFICE 203-874-1982

FOR ANY QUESTIONS



MISSIONS Continued

With your generous donations the Mission Committee fills tables of free items for members of our community during our Community Suppers. The items can be placed in the box labeled Community Supper near the entrance to Dodd Hall. We are currently collecting oral care items, shampoo and conditioner, fall and winter clothing and footwear (especially for men), hats, scarves, gloves and blankets. Please contact Maryann Petremont or Beth O'Brien if you have any questions. Thank you.

TEAM Toys 4 Kids 2024 Holiday Toy Drive: We will have a box in Dodd Hall to collect toys for TEAM, Inc.'s toy drive that serves about 1,200 families each year in the region. We are collecting toys for children age range 0-18 months and pre-teen girls **from now till December 11th**. For more information, please visit www.teaminc.org/toys4kids

If you'd like to volunteer to work in the Toy Store setting up for families to shop, please see the link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MagicMakers2024>

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND BAKER SUPPORTERS!!!



It's that time of year again!!! The United Women in Faith will host the annual **Cookie Walk¹** on **Saturday, December 7th at 9AM**. We need bakers to contribute cookies of all shapes and sizes. If you want to buddy up with a fellow baker in the church, we will pair you up. If you don't bake but would like to donate money or ingredients for your favorite cookie recipe, we will find you a ghost baker!!! If you are a savvy shopper and can grab ingredients for the team, we will send you with a list!!!



There's something for everyone!! If you want to get started early, we have freezers at church to store your fabulous cookie creations (**freeze starting Nov. 17th**). Please reach out to Sheryl Hollyday (203-376-6658) or Rachel Merva (text or call 203-641-5088), this year's cookie walk co-captains for further information or to let us know how you would like to help! The cookie walk is one of our Mary Taylor holiday traditions and provides mission support to several organizations at a critical time of year. **Thank you for your support!**

The Cookie Walk event invites guests to purchase an empty container (different sizes depending on how many cookies you want to buy) then you walk around the cookie tables and have your box filled by a church volunteer with the cookies you select. All cookies are homemade by our fabulous Mary Taylor bakers and are labeled for your reference. A trimming station will be available if you'd like to have festive ribbon to tie around the box. Refreshments will be served, and other snacks and holiday décor are available for purchase.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Leigh Bak, Community Outreach Coordinator

You've likely been hearing a lot this month about the new community-focused effort known as "**Welcome Home Ministries**"! A small (but growing) group of us who are affiliated with Beth El Center are seeking to help people as they leave the shelter and community of Beth El Center and settle into new, stable housing. Maybe you can see yourself having a place in this exciting new ministry!

- 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. Maybe you already pay for monthly storage space that is not 100% filled and could hold a few items for a week or a month for the Welcome Home Ministries.
- Perhaps you are called to be a part of our core team. Are you organized and have "database savvy"? We are looking for someone to help us organize an on-line inventory of items (with pics) that are being offered so we can match them with people who are moving into their new space.

If you identify with *any* of these suggestions or just want to explore this a little further, please call me (203-215-0470). Let's talk about how you can make a *real difference* in the life of a person or family! And if you know you want "in", here is the link to sign-up:

<https://forms.gle/dTEFwCnzRbtQipdD6> The questions in the form are mostly focused on your availability (and/or vehicle availability) to assist with a move for a resident of Beth El Center to stable independent housing, but you can always indicate an interest in making a donation or volunteering your time in another way as we grow this ministry.

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OUTREACH Continued

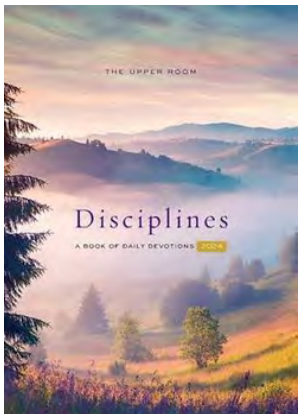
Over the past three years, several of us from Mary Taylor Memorial partnered with other faith communities to help re-settle two refugee families through **Milford's Way**.

- Abdul and Israr are two Afghan brothers who were separated from their family as Kabul fell to the Taliban on August 15th, 2021. in August 2021.
- Momath and Astou and their two young daughters Ayssatou and Yacine are a family who came to the US seeking asylum from persecution in Senegal.

Both families are thriving and were able to fully support themselves in record time. More importantly, they learned that the US was a place where they were welcomed with open arms and much love and support.

Milford's Way is planning a **Halal-based Celebratory Brunch** (food supplied by the Sanctuary Kitchen of New Haven (Cityseed) where Astou works) at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on **Sunday, November 17th at 11:45am**. There will be no charge for this event, although any donations to Milford's Way will be gratefully accepted to further this welcoming ministry. Please **RSVP** to LeighB619@gmail.com.

And finally, even though the football season is still young, it's time to start planning for our biggest and best ever **SOUPer Bowl of Caring** event! Our initial planning meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday November 12th at 7 PM** via Zoom, so click this link to join in the fun and FUNdraising! [SOUPer Bowl of Caring Planning Kick-Off](#)



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.



PRIME TIMERS

Submitted by Helene Dellert

Our mission is to enhance the spiritual and social lives



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

WHAT: A DELICIOUS POTLUCK DINNER by ALL OF YOU and a **TRAVELOGUE of NEW ZEALAND** presented by SANDY and BREC MORGAN

WHEN: FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 22 – 6 to 8 PM

WHERE: DODD HALL

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



LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

WOMEN – WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 6 – 12 NOON – at the BRIDGEPORT FLYER

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

MEN - WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 13 - 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.

READERS RENDEZVOUS - QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB

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.

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 Maryann Petremont at mapetremont@yahoo.com or at 203-415-0544.



FASCINATOR CLASS

Betsy Graham will be teaching us how to make **FESTIVE HOLIDAY FASCINATORS** on

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 3 – 6 PM - IN DODD HALL.



Betsy will shop for the basic supplies (headbands, holiday embellishments, etc.).

You may, however, incorporate your own decorations. The minimal cost of supplies (an estimated \$8 to \$10 or less) will be your only cost. In order for Betsy to prepare for this class, please **REGISTER with Helene at 203-878-8801 by NOVEMBER 15.** Light refreshments will be served.

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! Flyers will soon be available.



Notice to our Congregation



It's time to think about a Christmas Gift for our Staff

As in previous years, your Staff/Parish Relations Committee will be collecting monetary Christmas gifts for our staff.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, with "staff Christmas gift" in the memo. Cash should be placed in an envelope with your name on and "staff Christmas gift" on the envelope. Please place your gift in the offering vessels.

Any questions, please see Shelly Lapadula.

We will be collecting gifts until Sunday, December 8, 2024. At this joyous and giving time of the year, we thank you.

Shelly Lapadula, SPRC Chair

Laura's Treasure Trove

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who supported us by donating, purchasing, prepping and working the half price sale. It was a success!

Donations

We look forward to begin taking donations in FEBRUARY 2025!
Time to start uncluttering, sorting, cleaning,
and storing your donations for February!



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 NOVEMBER

we will be collecting Turkey Dinner staples that are shelf stable such as cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned gravy, vegetables, instant potatoes and canned apples/pumpkin 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.



ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – Sunday, November 10th

We will again remember the names of those dear to us at Mary Taylor Memorial Church who have died since the last All Saints. We will do our best to cull an accurate list of these names from our bulletins and funeral records. We welcome your help. Please email the office at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call Mary Lou at 203-874-1982 with the name of your loved one you wish to be remembered at your earliest convenience.

**"I'd Rather be Coloring"
Come Join us!
Thursday November 21, 2024 3-5pm
Supplies provided in Dodd Hall**





2024 Milford Interfaith Thanksgiving
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 24, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Food2Kids Backpack Filling,
Blessing Bag Assembly for Beth-El Center
Crafts, Games, Family Fun,
Music & Refreshments

4:15 p.m.

Worship "Living a Life of Thanks"
Story Telling, Prayer
Scripture & Music

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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.

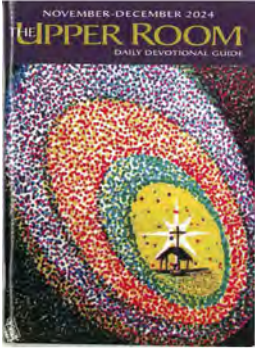


If you or a loved one needs a ride call Adeline Hazzard at the

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.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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 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.**



**THANKSGIVING
COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC**

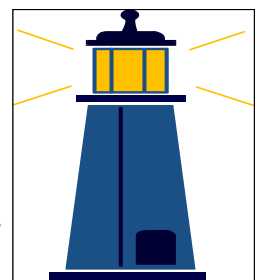
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH at 5:00 P.M.

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



**DECEMBER BEACON DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 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)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MTM CLUB 80 MEMBERS—are listed below in bold.

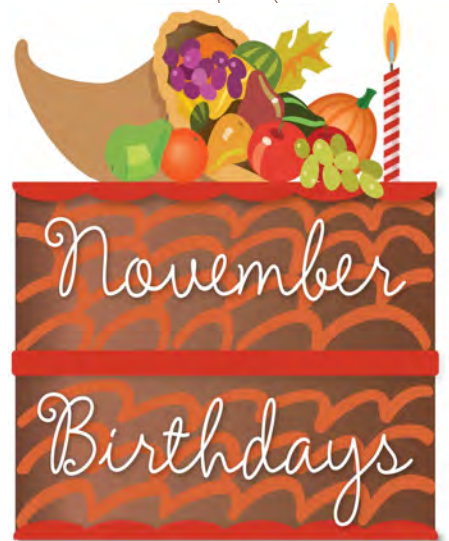


If your birthday is not listed and should be, or if there are other birthdays needing changing, please call the Office at 203-874-1982.

Thank you!

- 1st Linda Sheehan
- 3rd **Mary Lou Hastings**
Karen Eiler
- 4th Brayan Ramirez
- 7th Richard Prigge
- 9th David Eichner
- 10th Timothy Reardon
- 11th Beverly Downing
Jillian Doherty
- 12th Megan Leum
Carol Swarney
- 15th Nicholas Sostilio
- 16th Mark Hazzard
- 18th Zoe Browne
- 20th Anne Marie Levesque

- 21st Lindsay Sobolewski
- 22nd Marcia Winter
Becky Baker
- 24th **Bernie Wilhelm**
- 25th Richard McQueen
- 27th Blythe D'Andrea
- 29th Brian Gonsalves Sr.
- 30th Sandra Marren



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