



# The BEACON

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Beacon Editor*



*Mary Taylor Memorial  
United Methodist Church*



**FEBRUARY 2025**

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Pastor Adeline Hazzard, Caring/Youth Minister*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on your  
spiritual journey, you are welcome here!*

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**Loving One Another – in a “Different” way  
“Without contrariness there is no progression.”**

Abraham Lincoln did not write those words, but he could have. The sentiment expressed in them---that growth often comes by dealing with people and things that appear to oppose us---came to be one of the guiding principles in his life. We have heard of the idea through the book, *Team of Rivals*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, which tells of the way President Lincoln surrounded himself not with “yes” men but with those whose opinion often differed from his own. The book has been cited as an important influence upon other Presidents in forming their own government.

When asked why he did not replace one particular cabinet member who constantly opposed him, Lincoln responded, characteristically, with a story, “Some years ago,” he said, “I was passing a field where a farmer was trying to plow with a very old and decrepit horse. I noticed on the flank of the animal a big thistle that the wind had blown until it caught on the animal’s hair. I was about to pull it off when the farmer said, “Don’t you remove that thistle, Abe! If it wasn’t for that sticker, this old horse wouldn’t move an inch!”

Though today this farmer would probably be brought up on charges by the Humane Society, the truth of the story remains: We all have thistles in our lives that discomfort us. They may be physical problems, emotional challenges or even other people. Sometimes they cripple. Other times, though, these “stickers” keep us on our toes, alive and moving. For, “without contrariness there is no progression.”

Wouldn’t life be dull if everyone agreed with us all the time? And wouldn’t we be far poorer if we always got our way? (I know that some of us secretly would like to find out what it would be like to have everyone go along with us, but there’s not much of a chance of that happening anyway!)

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### From the Pastor ~ Continued

We need diversity of thought, difference of opinion, a spectrum of perspectives to grow our minds and deepen our souls. We are simply too limited and self-centered to live an abundant life without some contrariness to keep us honest.

I know that it can be annoying to be in a group with someone who is constantly raising questions or opposing us. But if we can look past the momentary challenge of dealing with that person and begin to see what they are saying, we may learn something new.

True, some people take delight in being contrarian. They just like to be different. So, why not acknowledge that fact and appreciate them for who they are? We don't always have to agree, but we can learn to respect and maybe even come to appreciate each other.

In this month when we celebrate love and express our feelings of affection for special people at least on one day, let's broaden our horizons about who fits into our circle of appreciation. Think about those to whom you may not send a Valentine's card, but who, though they may be one big burr under your saddle of your life, still make life fuller and richer just by being in it.

In the end, President Lincoln developed close personal relationships with many of the "thistles" who had surrounded him. By his forbearance of attitude and his openness of mind, a mutual respect grew among them. And he didn't sell himself short, either. Holding firm to his own convictions, he was able eventually to win most of them to his point of view.

It was not only a winning political strategy, but an exemplary way to treat others, especially others with whom we are not totally in sync. A way that Jesus would have us all walk, I think.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Roy

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

#### Epiphany Schedule:

#### Love Series:

Sunday, February 2nd – Made to Love; Holy Communion

Sunday, February 9th – Who to Love; "Soup-er Bowl Sunday" (Wear Jerseys)

Sunday, February 16th – Blessed by Love

Sunday, February 23rd – Called to Love

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**9:00 a.m. SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER & BOOK STUDY**  
Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

**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 -

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*



## 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.

**Note: Due to the Souper Bowl and Caring Event, our **Second Sunday Soup and Bake Sale will take place on Feb. 16th**, the 3rd Sunday in **Dodd Hall after the service**. **Soup containers are \$5; baked good as marked.****

This is the schedule for the coming year: February 11, noon; March 11 7PM; April 8, noon; **May 13 6:00 PM Mother-Daughter Dinner**; June 10, noon.

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.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Submitted by Leigh Bak

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church is once again putting the FUN in FUNdraising for the **SOUPer Bowl of Caring** on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM.

If you read your January Beacon newsletter, you know that our annual **SOUPer Bowl of Caring** event to **TACKLE HUNGER** in our community has taken on a new twist. Instead of a Tailgate Party (with prayers for warm and sunny weather in February), we are planning an indoor event in **Dodd Hall** on **Saturday February 8th** from **11 AM - 1 PM** with:

- **"Beat Bobette's" Soup Contest:** Gary and Lucas of Bobette's Soups are taking on our soup makers to see who really has the **BEST SOUP** in Milford. Tickets will be \$10 or 10 non-perishable food items per person. If you want to be one of our select soup makers, speak to Leigh Bak, Beth O'Brien or Sandy Morgan to sign up soon; the soup contest will be limited to 10 contestants, so don't delay!



Soup makers are asked to make 13 quarts of their favorite soup to allow an even playing field for the competition. If 13 quarts is too much, find a partner (to follow the same recipe) and collaborate to create the 13 quarts.

- **CANstruction competition:** Let your creative side come out as you and your team build a structure out of cans and boxes of non-perishable foods. There is no fee to enter this competition, but you're asked to bring the food items you'll need to assemble your structure. **Speak with Holly Firmender or Kaylyn Crawford for more details and to sign up your family or neighborhood team!**
- **Bake Sale:** Dawn and Janice Fino are teaming up to bring us a plethora of sweet treats, so watch for their requests for bakers and treat makers.

All proceeds and food donations will be shared with our 3 local charities: Milford Food Pantry, Purple Pantry Box and Beth El Center.

Many other volunteer positions are available; ticket sales, set up, publicity, serving, clean-up, etc. Please call (203-215-0470) or reply to me if you'd like to get involved!

~Leigh





# BEAT BOBETTE'S

## SOUP TASTING FUNDRAISER

**\$10 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR\***  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MILFORD FOOD BANK, PURPLE PANTRY BOX AND BETH EL CENTER COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Feb 8th, 11AM - 1PM

Mary Taylor Memorial  
United Methodist Church

176 S. Broad Street,  
Milford, CT 06461

We hope to see you there

**SAMPLE SOUPS FROM  
LOCAL SOUP MAKERS  
AND VOTE FOR THE BEST!**

\*Or TEN canned goods

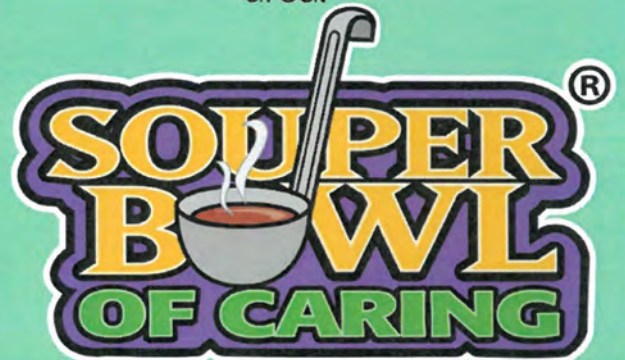


# CANNED GOODS SCULPTURE COMPETITION! BRING CANS TO ASSEMBLE AND WIN A PRIZE!! TEAMS FORMING NOW!!



**NO COST TO  
ENTER, JUST  
BRING CANS TO  
DONATE!**

To register your team,  
please contact the church  
office at 203-874-1982.  
Arrive by 9:45AM on Feb  
8th and you will be  
directed to your build  
area.



Feb 8th, 11AM - 1PM  
Mary Taylor Memorial  
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176 S. Broad Street,  
Milford, CT 06461

# BAKE SALE!!!



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MILFORD FOOD BANK, PURPLE PANTRY BOX  
AND BETH EL CENTER COMMUNITY KITCHEN**



## 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. Feb. 3rd**. These meetings are open to all. <https://mtm-umc.org/events/missions-outreach-meeting/2025-02-03>
- **All In for Milford Monthly Gathering: Thurs., Feb.6th.** Doors open at 6PM with refreshments and the program runs from 6:30-8PM. We are working on food insecurity, housing and transportation. Come and join the work! **(Place TBD)**
- **Community Supper is happening this month on Feb. 27th** for in person dinner service only from 5:30PM-6:30PM. 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://signupgenius.com)) or please reach out to the church office! See you there!
- **Purple Pantry Box** sign ups have been updated to include Fill the Box, Stocking & Inventory and Building the Bags. See the sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-48509060-purple#/> **The items needed for February are Peanut Butter and Canned Fruit.**
- **Souper Bowl of Caring** – see flyers
- Rachel Merva participated in a New York Annual Conference sponsored event on Jan. 15th in New Rochelle, NY entitled “**Using Church Property to Strengthen Church Ministry**”. See the article on the church website, and stay tuned as we discern how the use of our property embodies the mission of our church.
- **No Freeze Overflow Volunteer Training on Feb. 11th from 6-8PM in Dodd Hall.** Please join us for a No Freeze Program training course which is a requirement for anyone interested in volunteering for the overflow sleeping space in Dodd Hall this winter. Details on scheduling and commitment dates/times will be shared at this training. Advance registration is not required but would be helpful to know how many people to expect. You do not need to be a member of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church to attend the training or volunteer. It is open to everyone in the greater Milford community that wants to help. Please contact the church office at 203-874-1982 to RSVP.





## 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 small group kept on working on shawls over the holidays as always. Therefore, we have a full supply ready whenever you need one. It is really amazing that the need is always there.

We had a donation of shawls, scarves, mittens and hats given by the Teamster’s Union Retiree’s in memory of Jo Caruso who made many shawls for us.

If you are interested in joining us, we will be meeting  
**Thursday, February 13th 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.**

The Mission Committee is currently collecting **MEN’S** 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 FEBRUARY



we will be collecting **Peanut Butter and Canned Fruit** 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](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com).



### 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: DINNER PREPARED BY CHEF BARRONLEE GRASSO AND



 NAME THAT TUNE ENTERTAINMENT by RICK RICCARDI!

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST 6-8 pm

WHERE: DODD HALL Please RSVP to Helene at 203-878-8801.

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**—Wednesday, February 5th at Noon at the Bridgeport Flyer. Please confirm your attendance with Helene.  
(Women meet the 1st Wednesday of the month)

### READERS RENDEZVOUS—QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB



Linda Sheehan will host our second meeting at her condominium's clubhouse on Tuesday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m. March's book selection is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. For more information please call or text Linda at 475-414-3187.

### HAPPY FEET WALKING GROUP

Walkers meet every Wednesday at 9:15 AM. For details, please contact Maryann Petremont at [mapetremont@yahoo.com](mailto:mapetremont@yahoo.com) or at 203-415-0544.



### SIGHT & SOUND BIBLICAL THEATRE -

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! We are grateful to Eileen Murphy and Lisa Sampson—our group leaders for this year's trip. You may pick up a flyer in the sanctuary, or contact Helene for more information.



## Join the 2025 Fair on the Green Team!

Break out all your green attire and festive decorations! This year we will be representing Mary Taylor and the Fair on the **Green** at the **Milford St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>** handing out hot chocolate at our **Hospitality Stand**. We will not be marching this year. The parade starts at 1pm so invite friends and family to join us for some hot chocolate and refreshments while enjoying the parade. The more, the merrier! To help with hospitality, check out the sign-ups at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-54350498-mtmumc>



## Mark your calendar for the 2025 Fair on the Green!

Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 11am - 6pm and Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 10am - 5pm!

Our next coordinators meeting will be on Sunday March 2 after worship (12:00 noon - 1:00 pm) in Wesley Center. Joining the Fair team is a perfect way for newer members to get to know others and participate in the life of the church. There are countless ways to help. Your talents are needed! Check out our online volunteer sign-ups at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-54350501-mtmumc> or just point your camera at the QR code below.



To learn more, please speak to Cathy Cono, Lisa Gloates or Lisa Sampson or reach out to us by phone or email  
Cathy Cono at 203-645-2362 / [spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net)  
Lisa Gloates at 203-214-8970 [lisagsings@yahoo.com](mailto:lisagsings@yahoo.com)  
or Lisa Sampson at 203-816-7175 / [lisasampson@aol.com](mailto:lisasampson@aol.com).



# Laura's Treasure Trove

**FEBRUARY...  
is time to donate  
your "be♥loved" Treasures  
you no longer need to Laura's!**

**DONATE...**

**SUNDAY ♥  
after Worship  
until 12:00 noon**

**DONATE...**

**THURS. ♥  
9:30-12:00 noon**



**To make alternative donation arrangements  
or to donate jewelry, please call:**

**Jane 203-494-2415 or Bev 203-676-5581**

**Reminder, unfortunately we CANNOT accept the following items:**

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



## PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Eileen Murphy

Come and join us for an Easter Craft morning  
on Saturday April 5th, 10 –11:30 a.m. in Dodd Hall.

You too can make this adorable Easter Bunny! All materials will be supplied and there is no charge for the class.

Hot and cold beverages will be served, so come and have fun!

Please RSVP Eileen Murphy at 203-809-0188 if you will attend.



## FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

Submitted by Marcia Winter

Thank you to all who participated in the living Creche this year -in front and behind the scenes. We hope you enjoyed it!

So many great comments especially *“this is what Christmas really is -this made Christmas for me “* Coming from someone driving by who hopped out of his car to see it closer.

Love and Blessings to all in the new year! See you next year, from the Membership team.



## “I’d Rather be Coloring”

Come Join us!

**Friday** FEBRUARY 21, 2025 3-5pm

Supplies provided in Dodd Hall

Always fun. Note the different day!





## YOUTH AND FAMILY/CARING MINISTRIES

Pastor Adeline

Hello All—Let's talk about Messy Church.

Our intergenerational program from 1-99 was kicked off last month. It is an evening activity to encourage families with children to participate in a free, Christian themed, hands-on program that will include dinner, Worship, and Music.

We encourage adults to participate to be mentors to our young people. If you have talents like crafting, storytelling, singing, cooking and just know how to have fun. Talk to Pastor Adeline or Gina Grubbs.

We are planning this monthly event as an alternative to Sunday School as we know that some families need an alternative to Sunday Morning Service.

Please remember that all activities are for youth and adults together. Come join Us!

Save these Dates for upcoming events,

February 8, 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring

February 28, 2025 Messy Church "Love Rules" Luke 10:38-42

March 23, 2025 Game Day 2-4 pm in Dodd Hall

March 28, 2025 Messy Church "Lent" Mark1:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11. Luke 4:1-13.

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## CARING MINISTRY

Communion visits continue although I have lost a few, new needs arise as I attempt to address them even temporarily.

There are caregivers that I offer support to as I see them in church. I continue to address Pastoral needs as they arise.

The caring community has surrounded our friend Hector with rides and meals as he negotiates his treatments with Smilow Center in New Haven. I am pleased to report that his treatments and needs for rides to them have come to a reasonable occasional need for rides. While our prayers have been answered mightily, please keep him and his family in prayer.

With God's help and the awesome Christian love of the people of Mary Taylor UMC we are able to care for and tend to our brothers and sisters who are in need of attention and Christ's love. Please do not hesitate to let me know of someone who might need our ministry. I always say I would rather hear about it six times than not at all.

In His Service,

Pastor Adeline Hazzard

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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.

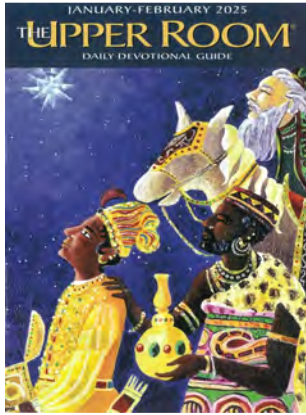


If you or a loved one needs a ride call Adeline Hazzard at the

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.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 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.



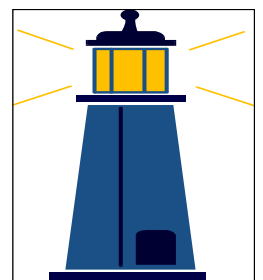
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC**  
THURSDAY, **FEBRUARY 27 at 5:30 P.M**

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



**MARCH BEACON DEADLINE IS**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 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)



**FEBRUARY 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!

- 3rd Missy Hackett
- 4th Dennis Brown  
Kat Bennette
- 7th Joshua Hackett
- 8th Stanley Boucher
- 9th **Carole Degnan**
- 10th Cheryl Griffin  
Anthony Calogine  
Leslie Higgins
- 11th Rachel Merva  
Julia Shamansky
- 13th **Elizabeth Dillon**  
Elizabeth Pierce
- 16th **Frank Bonisch**

- 16th Ryan Lapadula
- 17th Sara Levesque
- 18th John Merva
- 19th Brian Taylor  
Ayla Howard
- 20th Noah Brown  
Stephen Bak
- 21st Emily Bak
- 22nd Hortense Waul
- 23rd Kerline Poulard
- 25th Peter Kaminski II  
Danielle Kaminski
- 26th Alan Pierce  
Dennie Darak Jr.





# FEBRUARY CALENDAR 2025

Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thu 30	Fri 31	Sat 1
<p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p>	<p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting - Dodd Hall/Library</p>	<p>9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group</p> <p>6:00 PM Social Security Benefit Options &amp; Medicare Workshop - Dodd Hall</p> <p>6:40 PM NO Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:45 PM NO Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>5:30 PM Community Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Foundation meeting - Library</p>	<p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p> <p>5:30 PM Messy Church-Dodd Hall -Pastor Adeline</p>	<p>11:00 AM Memorial Service for Gladys Hunt</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open After Worship until Noon</p> <p>11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Soup Sale - Dodd Hall (date change this month)</p> <p>11:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group</p> <p>6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:30</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p> <p>3:00 PM Coloring - Dodd Hall</p> <p>6:00 PM Prime Timers-Dodd Hal</p>	<p>22</p>
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