

# The BEACON

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Mary Taylor Memorial  
United Methodist Church



MARCH 2025

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

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## Time to Breathe

Even though I don't fly very often, I still find myself paying only some attention to those safety instructions before take-off. It may be some combination of fear and fatalism that distracts me. What if I should be lucky enough to survive a crash, grab my floating seat cushion and make my way to the inflatable slide---then what? A plunge into the frigid ocean?

One part of the presentation does grab my attention, though. It's the time when they talk about the oxygen mask being released from the overhead compartment should the air pressure in the cabin fall too low. "Take the mask in hand and give a firm tug to the plastic tubing," the cabin attendant instructs. "Then place the mask over your mouth and nose and breathe normally." Ok, I think I can do that, though I'll probably fumble my way through.

But it's the next part that really strikes me. "If you are traveling with a child, put your oxygen mask on first, then place the mask on your child." Wait a second. Was I just told to put my mask on first? How counterintuitive is that for a parent? We all want to be sure our children are safe before we look after ourselves. Come to that, I know many mothers and fathers who would sacrifice their own life for that of their child.

But that is where the oxygen mask instructions serve as a useful reminder. Put simply, you must breathe first before you can help another to breathe. You won't be able to help your child or anyone else if you're passed out from lack of air.

That is true on a whole lot of levels. Pausing to take a few deep breaths before we tackle a difficult problem both focuses the mind and calms the nerves. If you are going to be any good to others, you've got to be good to yourself. You need to have something to give. If you spend all your time and energy on your kids or your job or shopping or any of those myriads of things that take up our time and attention, sooner or later you'll end up suffocating yourself.

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### From the Pastor ~ Continued

Lent is a time to catch our breath. A time to re-focus our priorities and get back in touch with what truly gives us life and health. A time, perhaps, to give up something, not to lose a few pounds or to gain spiritual brownie points, but rather to draw us closer to God. A time of quiet questioning and reflection, when we slow down, placing our lives more fully in God's care.

We are no good to others when we run out of breath, or when we are irritable, cranky, and preoccupied with a million details. We are no good to God when we are not spiritually fit.

I've said this before, but it always bears repeating: Self-care is not the same as being selfish. On a recent trip, I was reminded in many ways that our spiritual development takes time and effort. We need to go apart to be in touch with God and with ourselves. Spiritual self-care is a primary way that we fulfill Jesus' instruction to "love others as we love ourselves."

I invite you to take some time to breathe this Lent. Set aside a few minutes a day to re-connect with your soul through prayer, meditation, or devotional reading. Make a commitment to come to church, take part in a Lenten study or midweek program. You will find yourself refreshed and re-focused. And you'll be in a better place to help those who need you.

Faithfully,  
*Pastor Roy*

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

#### WORSHIP THEMES:

March 2 – Transfiguration; Holy Communion

Lent:

March 5 – Ash Wednesday 7:00pm service

March 9 – Lord's Prayer I - "Hallowed be Thy Name"

March 16 – Lord's Prayer II - "Thy Will be Done"

March 23 - Lord's Prayer III - "Give us this day our daily bread"

March 30 - Lord's Prayer IV - "Forgive"



**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*

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## 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. **Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. These meetings are open to all. <https://mtm-umc.org/events/missions-outreach-meeting/2025-02-03>

- **All In for Milford Monthly Gathering:** Thurs., **Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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: Firehouse Art Gallery, 81 Naugatuck Ave.)
  - **Community Supper** is happening this month on **Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>** for in person dinner and to go service 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#/  
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## 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.

I keep talking about how small and strong our ladies are. Well this will prove it. I keep track of each shawl made and who made them. Here are some results: Christen West 160, Fran Merva 104, Phoebe Repetsky 92. Talk about mighty! We appreciate all of the hard work done by everyone! Thank you!

If you are feeling mighty, join us, we will be meeting  
**Thursday, March 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 MARCH

we will be collecting **Protein Shakes and Bottled Water.** The collection bins are 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).





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Submitted by Leigh Bak  
Community Outreach Coordinator

### MARY TAYLOR'S NO FREEZE OVERFLOW SHELTER

As I write this, I am volunteering at our No Freeze Overflow Shelter in Dodd Hall. Seven grateful guests are resting easy, knowing that they (and their things) are safe and secure on this cold night. To stay awake, I visited with our guests (and my new friend/volunteer partner, Emma), read a few chapters of a book, (quietly) crafter an Easter garland and prayed for our guests tonight and for others who are on my heart.

Thank you, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC for supporting this effort to open our hearts and doors to our neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer for this heartwarming ministry that will run until the end of March, please contact me (203-215-0470 or LeighB619@gmail.com) or Kaylyn Crawford (917-946-4277 or laylynmiae@gmail.com) to learn how to get involved.

### GARDEN OF FEEDIN' AT THE BENSON-CRUMP MEMORIAL COMMUNITY GARDENS

Can you believe it? We are entering into our **5th season** with the **Garden of Feedin'!** The MTMUMC Missions Committee is again renting a 20 x 30 foot garden plot this year in the Benson Crump Community Gardens at 624 North St. Milford. Our season opens on April 1st and runs through October 31st. We will have six teams that are each responsible for tending the garden four different weeks throughout the main season (May-Oct) on a six-week rotation. Please reach out to Rachel Merva (203-641-5088 or rmerva@optonline.net) or Leigh Bak (203-215-0470 or leighb619@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering to plant vegetables and herbs, water and weed the garden, pick (and share) produce that's ripe and replant produce as needed. All supplies will be on hand at the garden, and you don't need to be a gardening expert to get involved. Please take this opportunity to get outdoors, spend time in nature, and be a "co-worker in creation" - all while growing nourishing food to share with our community!

### SOUPer BOWL OF CARING

If you missed it, you missed a great time and some really amazing soup! Our inaugural "**Beat Bobette's**" Soup Contest was a HUGE hit and raised close to \$3,000 and hundreds of boxes bags and cans of non-perishable food items to benefit the **Beth-El Center, Milford Food Pantry and the Purple Pantry Box.**

A HUGE Thank you to Gary Caulfield and the staff at Bobette's for their incredibly generous donation of not one, but TWO of their award-winning soups! And thank you to soup makers Debra Rih, Sandy Morgan, Kurt Daniello, Joanne Smith, Paul Downing, Barron Grasso and Adeline Hazzard. Sandy Morgan emerged the winner, narrowly beating out Bobette's, Kurt and Debra with her Tortellini Brado with Sausage & Spinach Soup. Woo Hoo, Sandy!!!

We added in a **CAN**struction contest this year too, with teams building structures out of boxes and cans of donated non-perishable food items. The winning sculpture was a Nike high-top, complete with the classic "swoosh" by Charlie Colby and Paige Leto.

Dawn and Janice Fino, along with Sheryl Hollyday, teamed up to offer a Bake Sale with professional grade cakes, cookies and other treats as well as Janice's award-winning Blueberry Pie. While the treats were *almost* too pretty to eat, we did anyway!

Watch for an encore next February as we seek to **TACKLE HUNGER** in the Milford Community!



## 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 are looking forward to our **March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7P.M.** Our guest speaker will be **Jeanne Malgioglio** the Area Coordinator of Binky Patrol Monroe/Trumbull CT chapter. She will be helping us to make Binky Blankets to be donated to those in need. **Please bring sharp scissors.** To learn about Binky Blanket go to [binkypatrol.org](http://binkypatrol.org) or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ctbinky>

Our last **Second Sunday Soup/Bake Sale** of the season will be **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to all our makers, bakers and eaters!



This is the schedule for the coming year: **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.

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## 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.





# Laura's Treasure Trove

## MARCH...



on over to Laura's  
to donate AND shop!!



Come and shop for your lucky  
**"Pot o' Gold!"**

**Donate & Shop**

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

**Donate & Shop**

**THURS.**  
9:30-12:00 noon



To make alternative donation arrangements  
or to donate jewelry anytime, please call:  
Jane 203-494-2415 or Bev 203-676-5581

Reminder, unfortunately we CANNOT accept the following items:

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

### ["I'd Rather be Coloring"](#)

Friday March 21, 2023 3-5pm  
**Come Join us!** Supplies provided in The Library  
Hot and Cold beverages.  
Always fun.







## FAIR ON THE GREEN

Submitted by Cathy Cono

### JOIN THE 2025 FAIR ON THE GREEN TEAM!

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 orange QR code.



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> or just point your camera at the green QR code.



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 or [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).





### 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: LUNCH COOKED BY CHEF BARRONLEE GRASSO**

**WHEN: SATURDAY – MARCH 22 – AT 12 NOON**

**WHERE: DODD HALL**

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

### LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

**WOMEN:** Wednesday, March 5 at Noon at the Riverview Bistro in Stratford.

**Women meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month.**

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

**MEN:** Wednesday March 12 at Noon. Location to be determined.

**Men meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.**

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

### 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 Lisa Sampson for more information.

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### PRIME TIMERS Continued

### SOMETHING NEW


Day trips have been the #1 request from our Prime Timers. As a result, we're delighted to offer the following day trip:

**WJAT:** The OZARK JUBILEE—direct from Branson, Missouri

**WHEN:** TUESDAY April 29th

**WHERE:** The Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

Please refer to the flyer for details. To confirm your reservation, call Helene at 203-878-8801 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.




The Prime Timers present .....

## Direct from Branson, Missouri

# “OZARK JUBILEE” and entire Band

### At The AQUA TURF CLUB, Plantsville, CT

## Tuesday April 29, 2025





Direct from BRANSON the OZARK JUBILEE features an all-star cast of Branson's top entertainers. This year the Ozark Jubilee presents the Branson Classic Country Show that salutes the music of the great Legends of Country Music. In addition, the Band of 15 members always honors Veterans! The Jubilee features Branson's funniest comedian and world class fiddler DOOFUS DOOLITTLE! Doof will have you rolling in the aisles with his unique brand of humor and you will be captivated by some of the best fiddle and world class violin music ever! Doofus has an all new line up of jokes and hilarious routines this year not to be missed!

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
- Delicious Luncheon at The Aqua Turf
- Afternoon of Music and Laughter with The **OZARK Jubilee Band** from Branson  
*(All 19 Band members travel from Branson!)*
- Meal Taxes and Gratuities
- Driver gratuity

## \$129 pp






Family Style Luncheon

**Roasted Loin of Pork  
&  
BAKED COD**

Salad, Penne, Rolls, Vegetable & Potato  
Scrumptious Dessert served with  
Coffee or Tea


**Arrive at 11:00am**  
**Lunch at NOON**  
**Show at 1:45pm**  
**Ends at 3:15pm**

**For Reservations call**  
**Helene Dellert**  
**(203) 878-8801**





**Bus Departs 10:00 am**  
*Mary Taylor Memorial United  
Methodist Church Parking Lot  
Milford, CT*







You are invited!



sharing fun  
being together  
meeting Jesus

Join us for some family fun!!!  
Friday, March 28th 5:30-7:30pm  
Families will travel through interactive stations  
and learn about "Easter"  
Through Skits, Music, Crafts and a  
Meal Together!!

RSVP no later than March 23rd  
adeline1019@yahoo.com  
ginamariegrubbs@gmail.com



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## Youth and Family Ministries March 2025

Hello all, Lets talk about Messy Church.

Our intergenerational program from 1-99 has kicked off with great joy and participation. 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.

Come join Us For “Lent” Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13

**Friday March 28, 2025 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Save these Dates for upcoming events,**

This monthly event as an alternative to Sunday School. Please remember that all activities are for youth and adults together.

April 25, 2025-Jesus is Alive-Matthew 28:1-15, Mark 16:1-18 and John 20:1-31

May 30, 2025- Fruits of the Spirit-Galatians 5:22-23

June 27,2025- The Lord’s Prayer Matthew 6:5-14

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### CARING MINISTRIES

Pastor Adeline

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.

While a lingering cold and bad weather have hindered some of my visiting schedule, they are on-going and well received.

The caring community continues to surrounded our friend Hector with rides for his treatments with Smilow Center in New Haven. His need for treatments and therefore needs for rides to them are for a new medical issue rendering him unable to drive. While our prayers have been answered mightily, please keep him and his family in prayer.

Please do not hesitate to let me know of anyone who might need our ministry. I always say I would rather hear about it six times than not at all.

Also, if you are able and available to give rides, especially during the day please let me know your help is always needed and appreciated.

Please pray for our shut ins. God knows who they are, each share the same longing. To be involved in their church family.

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# **UNITED IN MISSION MISSION TRIP THEME: "ROOTED"**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13-SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025**

**GREAT HILL UMC  
SEYMOUR, CT**

**AGES GRADUATED 5TH GRADE & UP\*\***

**\*\*YOUTH PARTICIPANTS GRADUATED 5TH GRADE MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**

**\$325pp**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**FEE INCLUDES:**

**MEALS**

**ROOM & BOARD (GREAT HILL UMC)**

**BUILDING SUPPLIES**

**ACTIVITIES & GIVEAWAYS**

**40 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

**REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND HELP SENIOR &  
LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS WITH MUCH  
NEEDED HOME REPAIRS!**

**COME JOIN US!**

**To Register Contact:**

**Gina Grubbs at [ginagrubbs@umarmy.org](mailto:ginagrubbs@umarmy.org) or  
Laura Perregaux at [misslmp2@yahoo.com](mailto:misslmp2@yahoo.com)**





### 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.

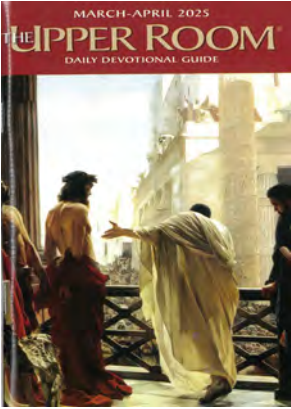


If you or a loved one needs a ride call Adeline Hazzard at the

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.



**MARCH/APRIL 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.



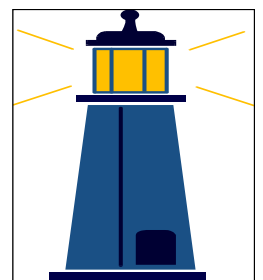
**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC**  
THURSDAY, **MARCH 27 at 5:30 P.M**

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



**APRIL BEACON DEADLINE IS**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 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)



### MARCH 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!

- 2nd Patrick Baransky
- 4th **Jane Vink**  
Eileen Doyle  
Gladys Nastu
- 6th Leslie Thompson
- 9th **Dennis Russell Sr.**
- 10th Tanner Georgelos
- 11th **Nita Prior**
- 12th Diane Brown
- 13th Elizabeth Serbyn  
Kelsey Cabral
- 14th Susan O'Shea  
Elizabeth Nunes
- 15th Tom Beyer  
Lori Seelgen



- 15th Tom Woodward
- 17th Benjamin Carter
- 18th **Caroline Koch**
- 19th William Tait
- 20th Dawn Fino  
Brenda Pineau  
Michelle Connor
- 22nd Kaylee Sostilio  
**Nancy Ann Kardos**
- 24th Alexia Petremont
- 26th **Frank Lloyd**  
Faith Wilson
- 29th Robert Hulak
- 30th Pemberly Brockett





# MARCH CALENDAR 2025

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28	Sat 1
<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>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</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>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:30</p> <p>5:30 PM Community Supper - Dodd Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p>	<p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p> <p>6:00 PM Messy Church-Dodd Hall</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Transfiguration Sunday Worship Service - Communion</p> <p>12:00 PM FOTG Area Coordinators meeting IN PERSON -Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p> <p>7:15 PM Missions meeting-Library</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group</p> <p>12:00 PM Prime Timers Women's Luncheon - Riverview Bistro</p> <p>6:40 PM NO Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>7:45 PM NO Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open 9:30 - 12:00</p> <p>6:00 PM All in for Milford -Firehouse Art Gallery 81 Naugatuck Ave.</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Time Change - spring ahead one hour</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Soup Sale - Dodd Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Readers Rendezvous Book Club - Linda Sheehan's clubhouse</p> <p>7:00 PM United Women in Faith evening meeting - Dodd Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group</p> <p>12:00 PM Prime Timers Men's Monthly Luncheon - Location to be determined</p> <p>6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open 9:30 - 12:00</p> <p>7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30 PM St. Patrick's Day Parade Hospitality Stand -</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p> <p>6:00 PM Historical Society meeting - Dodd Hall</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group</p> <p>6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM IANDS (International Assoc. of Near Death Studies)-Library</p> <p>7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open 9:30 - 12:00</p> <p>3:00 PM Coloring - Dodd Hall</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 I'd Rather Be Coloring - Library</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00 PM Prime Timers-Dodd Hall - Luncheon</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer &amp; Book Study - Library</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>2:00 PM Youth &amp; Family event/gameday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</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>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open 9:30 - 12:00</p> <p>5:30 PM Community Supper - Dodd Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer &amp; Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library</p> <p>5:30 PM Messy Church-Dodd Hall</p>	<p>29</p>
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