

The BEACON

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Beacon Editor*



*Mary Taylor Memorial
United Methodist Church*



APRIL 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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Doing Time



Charles Colson is a former aide to President Nixon who was imprisoned for his part in the Watergate affair. Subsequently, he began a prison ministry. Colson once visited Humaita Prison, in Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil. Formerly a government prison, Humaita is now operated by Prison Fellowship Brazil as an alternative prison, without armed guards or high-tech security. Instead, it is run on the Christian principles of love of God and respect for others.

Humaita has only two full-time staff. The 730 inmates serving time for everything from murder to robbery and drug-related crimes do the rest of the work. When Colson visited this prison, he found the inmates smiling--particularly the murderer who held the keys to the gates, who let him in. Wherever he walked, Colson saw men at peace. He saw clean living areas. He saw people working industriously. The walls were decorated with motivational sayings and Scripture. Humaita has an astonishing record. Its recidivism rate is 4 percent, compared to 75 percent in the rest of Brazil. How is that possible?

Colson saw the answer when his inmate-guide escorted him to the notorious cell once used for solitary punishment. The guide explained that now it houses only one inmate. As they reached the end of the long concrete corridor and he put the key into the lock, the inmate paused and asked, "Are you sure you want to go in?"

"Of course," Colson replied impatiently. "I've been in isolation cells all over the world." Slowly his inmate-guide swung open the massive door, and Colson saw the prisoner in that cell: a beautifully carved crucifix---Jesus hanging on the cross. "He's doing time for the rest of us," the guide said softly.

That may seem like a pretty brutal image, but we live in a pretty brutal world. A world not only where people do some bad things but too many people fail to do enough good things. A world of small slights and cruelties, of easy excuses and cold shoulders. To put it in traditional theological language: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

Whether we are the criminal on death row or the churchgoer who grows impatient or hostile over little things, we do not always do what love requires of us. Or what God asks of us. We need to be forgiven. Which is why we call the day Jesus died, Good. Not for him, but for us. His suffering brought our salvation: from thinking that we can live our lives for ourselves alone, from fearing that we must live our lives alone, from the consequences of our bad behavior, from ourselves.

We can walk into the room where he suffers alone, see him there and say, “He’s doing time for me.” He is there for each of us. For you. For me. For the world. I hope you’ll join us for the services of Holy Week to experience love at its most vulnerable and its most visible. There are no other worship times quite like these in our church. None other that communicate how an instrument of death has been turned into the symbol of life, and how the one who died there can transform our troubled, anxious spirits into channels of his peace.

*Faithfully,
Pastor Roy*

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

Worship Themes for April:

April 6 - Lord's Prayer V - For Thine is the Kingdom, Power & Glory



April 13 - Palm Sunday— Easter Egg Extravaganza following service

April 17 - Maundy Thursday (6:00 p.m. Supper; 7:00 p.m. Service)

April 18 - Good Friday—7:00 p.m. service

April 20 - Easter Sunday -
(6:30 a.m. at Walnut Beach; 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

April 27 - Doubting Thomas





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 .



Save the date and celebrate **Palm Sunday, April 13th** by enjoying homemade decorated sugar cookies for Easter, chocolate sprinkled popcorn and our infamous Smeeps. All proceeds raised will support our local UMARMY team.





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*

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.



"I'd Rather be Coloring"

Come Join us!

**Friday April 11th 3-5pm
Supplies provided in The Library
Hot and Cold beverages.
Always fun.**



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.

LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

WOMEN – WEDNESDAY – April 2nd – 12:30 P.M. (NEW TIME)
at Chip's Family Restaurant – 321 Boston Post Rd. in Orange.
Women meet on the 1st Wed. of the month.
Please confirm your attendance with Helene at 203-878-8801.

MEN - WEDNESDAY – April 9th - 12 NOON –
at the Blue Sky Diner – 273 Ferry Blvd. in Stratford.
Men meet on the 2nd Wed. of the month.
Please confirm your attendance with Jerry at 203-878-8801.



READERS RENDEZVOUS – QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB

Maryann Petremont will host our third meeting at her home on Tuesday, June 17th at 10:00 A.M. June's book selection is *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis. For additional information, please call or text Maryann at 203-415-0544.

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 EASTER BONNET AND SPRING FASCINATORS. She will provide the fascinator bases and we will customize them with our own embellishments. It's an opportunity to let your personality and style shine!

Friday – April 11th, 6 P.M. in Dodd Hall

Registration is necessary in order to plan and prepare. Light refreshments will be served.
Please call Helene at 203-878-8801 by APRIL 6th to confirm attendance.

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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 below 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*





Laura's Treasure Trove April...

brings *Showers* of donations to Laura's!

(we hope)



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



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 had a great meeting in March. We had 19 women who made **10 Binky Blankets** that will be going to children at a camp for children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We were joined by Jeanne Malgoglio who told us about the work of Binky Patrol Southern CT. Check out our pictures on their Facebook page!

If you are interested in making more Binky Blankets on your own or if you would like to get some material to put away to donate for us to make another time, material is on sale at Joann's while they are still open. Prices may differ when you receive this. As of 3/15:

The kits that we used reg. \$29.99 are 40% off, now \$18 to make one blanket.

Blizzard fleece reg. \$14.99/yd. Now 40% off \$9/yd. Buy 3 yards of a print and 3 yards of a solid. Each piece gets cut in half to make 2 blankets. These would cost \$27 each.

We are looking forward to our **Mother-Daughter Dinner on May 13**. Remember, we all had mothers and we are all daughters so **ALL WOMEN** are invited! This year we will be joined by **Honey Bunches of Notes**, an award winning quartet. They will be sharing lots of fun songs from different genres and eras. Check out their Facebook page. It will be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

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

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.





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.

We donated a number of shawls to the Smilow Cancer Center this month where they were warmly received, providing comfort, love and support for the patients and their families going through a most difficult time.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, we will be meeting

Thursday, April 10th at 7pm in the Wesley Center Library.

We are willing to help you learn.

Call Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643 for additional information.

Prayer shawls are always available after church on Sundays, see Joan Zauner, Phoebe Repetsky or Sue Reynolds, or during the week through the church office. 203-874-1982.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND YARN DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

The Mission Committee is currently collecting **MEN'S Spring** 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 APRIL



we will be collecting **CANNED PASTA AND PASTA**. 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.



Youth and Family Ministries Pastor Adeline

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 28: 1-15, Mark 16:1-18, Luke 24: 1-49 and John 20: 1-31

Friday April 25, 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.

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

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

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.

The caring community continues to surrounded our friend Hector with rides for his treatments with Smilow Center in New Haven through May, 2025. 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. He had surgery at the end of March, please pray for speedy and wholly recovery.

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.

In His Service,
Pastor Adeline Hazzard



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT EISENHOWER PARK

725 NORTH STREET, MILFORD

SUNDAY APRIL 27TH, NOON TO 2PM

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES, FUN AND FOOD!

This event is for Youth, Families ages 0-99, and anyone who loves the Earth. We will be helping the Earth by cleaning up, learning about our environment, fun activities and of course food.

We have permission from the Recreation Department to be at the Park for a few hours, pray with me for good weather. I look forward to seeing you there. We will be offering Lunch for our hard workers.

There will be a speaker to talk to us about Earth Day and an opportunity for fun and challenge.

Please RSVP through our online sign-up genius.

Please call Pastor Adeline with Questions 203-736-4450 cell

2025 EASTER FLOWERS

Please order your Easter Plants now. You may choose from Tulips or Daffodils. The cost will remain at \$10 per plant of your choice.

Please take yours home with you after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service.

If you wish in lieu of a plant, you may make a donation to our Memorial Gifts Fund. Please indicate your choice below.

The **FIRM** deadline is Friday April 4th

Checks should be made out to Mary Taylor Flower Fund or Mary Taylor Memorial Gifts depending on your choice. Thank you, Your Worship Committee.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



NAME: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____ IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____ IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

TULIPS _____ # DAFFODILS _____

MEMORIAL GIFT AMOUNT _____ TOTAL \$ _____ TOTAL # OF PLANTS ABOVE _____



MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva and Leigh Bak

Mary Taylor's No Freeze Overflow Shelter

Thank you, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC for supporting this effort to open our hearts and doors to our neighbors in need. Whether you took an overnight shift to ensure our guests warmth and safety, set-up or cleaned up from an overnight shift, prayed for this effort or flexed your church meeting or event schedule to accommodate the No Freeze Overflow Shelter, thank you for your part in the success of this vital ministry. We believe the coldest winter weather is behind us, and we are already strategizing how to get an earlier jump on providing a warm and safe place for people to sleep when next winter rolls around. With trained volunteers and a multi-faith community approach, we will be able to hit the ground running next winter.

GARDEN OF FEEDIN' 2024 SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

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 20X30 foot garden plot this year in the Benson Crump Community Gardens at 624 North St. 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 at (203-215-0470 or leighb619@gmail.com) if you are a returning gardener or if you are interested in joining in this fabulous ministry. It's easy! Are you ready to plant vegetables and herbs, water and weed the garden, pick (and share) produce that's ripe and replant produce as needed? Then this is for you! All supplies will be on hand at the garden, and you don't need to be a gardening expert to get involved.

New gardener orientation will be on Saturday April 5th at a time to be announced.

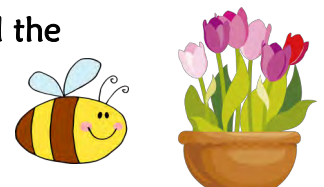
Please take this opportunity to get outdoors, spend time in nature, and be a "co-worker in creation" – all while growing nourishing food to share with our community!

On a related note, the Benson Crump Community Gardens will host two special events that you are welcome to enjoy:

Saturday April 12th 10 AM Seed Exchange and Honey Beekeeping Talk & Demonstration

Saturday April 19th (time to be announced) Easter Egg Hunt. Bring the kids and the grands!

Speak with Leigh Bak for details and to RSVP.





FAIR ON THE GREEN

Submitted by Cathy Cono

JOIN THE 2025 FAIR ON THE GREEN TEAM!

With the parade behind us and spring ahead, we are looking forward to our next big event. **Mark your calendar for the 2025 Fair on the Green Friday June 6th 11am - 6pm and Saturday June 7th 10am - 5pm!**

Our next Coordinators' meeting will be on Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm via Zoom and our Full Committee meeting will be on Monday May 19th at 7:00 pm in person. It's never too late to join the Fair team and it 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 .

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; Lisa Gloates at 203-214-8970 or lisagings@yahoo.com or Lisa Sampson at 203-816-7175 or lisasampson@aol.com.



EASTER "EGGSTRAVAGANZA"

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

AFTER CHURCH

EGG DECORATING

EASTER EGG HUNT

AND FOR THE OLDER FOLKS WHITE EGGS

FOR SALE

AT WHOLESALE PRICES!

COME JOIN US BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES.





U.M. ARMY NORTHEAST 2ND ANNUAL SWING FOR THE GREEN



GOLF OUTING & DINNER BENEFITING YOUTH MISSIONS

18 Holes of Golf
Lunch
Prizes and Local Craft Beer Tastings
19th Hole Cocktail Hour
Dinner
Silent Auction



Sponsorships available!



Lyman Orchards Golf Club
Middlefield, CT



Friday, May 16th, 2025

AT
1PM

GOLF & DINNER

\$155



COCKTAIL HOUR &
DINNER ONLY

\$65



UNITED IN MISSION ADULT MISSION DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP

U.M. ARMY IS COORDINATING A DISASTER RECOVERY
MISSION TRIP TO VERMONT!!

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF REPAIR AND REBUILD FOR OUR
FRIENDS IN THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

MAY 25-31, 2025
CABOT, VERMONT
THE TEAM WILL BE STAYING AT THE COVENANT HILLS
CAMPGROUND IN CABOT, VERMONT

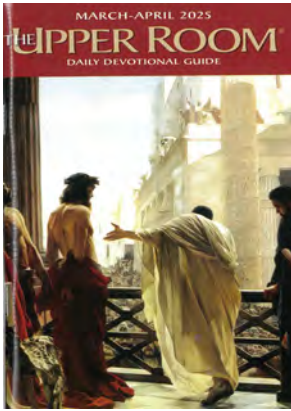
CONTACT GINAGRUBBS@UMARMY.ORG OR

TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP, GO TO:
UMARMY.ORG

TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.UMARMY.NET/REGISTRATION/SINGLE/NORTHEAST/](https://www.umarmy.net/registration/single/northeast/)

COST PER PARTICIPANT IS \$325 AND INCLUDES:

ROOM AND BOARD - BED
ON-SITE SHOWERS
ALL FOOD
12 WORSHIP SERVICES/DEVOTIONS
PRAYER JOURNEY
T-SHIRT
INSURANCE
TRIP COORDINATION
ALL PROJECT FUNDS



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 to arrange a suitable date.



A REMINDER ABOUT CARE BY THE PASTOR....

CONTACT THE PASTOR—

for pastoral care needs, or if you just want to talk!
Reach out for yourself, or tell them that someone you know needs a call.

You can contact our pastor through the church office at 203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net, or directly to Pastor Roy at 914.330.1789



OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



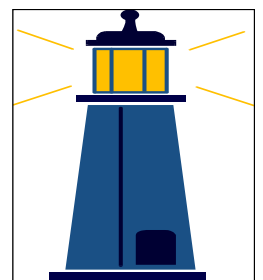
COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC
THURSDAY, **APRIL 24TH at 5:30 P.M**

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



MAY BEACON DEADLINE IS
TUESDAY APRIL 15TH

Please submit materials on or before this date to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or a hard copy to the church office.





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 on her cell at

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.



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)



APRIL 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 Olivia D'Andrea
- Jamie Georgelos
- Charles Mebane II**
- Lisa Gloates
- 3rd John Doherty
- Chelsa Edwards
- 4th Kimberly Chevett
- Kyle Collins
- Tasha Zayas
- 7th Erin O'Shea
- Paige Librandi
- 8th Adeline Hazard
- 9th Diana Cable
- 10th Maryann Petremont
- 11th Frederick Bennett Jr.
- Stacey Cronk
- 12th Susan Pitre
- 14th Rhona Calogine

- 14th Mark McAvoy
- 15th **Don Hastings**
- Vicki Woodard
- 16th Connie Henshaw
- 19th Barbara Babcock
- 20th Andromeda Macri
- Mark Repetsky
- 22nd Brechin Morgan
- Stephen Murzyn
- 23rd Christopher Krom
- 24th Carolyn Bennett
- 25th Samantha Bennett
- 26th Brian Gonsalves Jr.
- 27th Holly Firmender
- Justine Guckin
- 28th **Joan McDonough**
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