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The BEACON

*Mary Taylor Memorial
United Methodist Church*



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

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Unshakeable, Unremitting Love

One Easter at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., a woman named Diane told her story. It was a story of rebellion and attempted rejection, but also a tale of the power of unremitting love. Diane grew up in a good, loving home – family outings, birthday parties, softball games, dance classes, even church. But for some reason Diane never felt good about herself, especially when she reached adolescence. In high school the symptoms appeared: drugs, alcohol, staying out all night, lying and stealing.

The family was increasingly in crisis as they tried to reach out to Diane while at the same time attempting to maintain some stability in their life together, to hold on to the values that they believed in as a family. There were the rounds of counseling sessions, rehab for Diane, tough love, tears and prayers. But the more her parents reached out to her, the more rebellious Diane became.

Finally, she ran away from home. She started living the kind of life that she now says she doesn't even want to talk about. In her late twenties, things began to change. Diane talked about what had happened to her.

“At first, I felt my parents’ love was unnecessary. It was smothering love. Then as things got worse, I began to feel unlovable. I think I resented my parents because if I was unlovable, then I could do what I wanted, and it wouldn't matter. But as long as I knew I was loved, I wasn't free to do my thing. So I needed to destroy their love in order to be free. But they never stopped loving me. Even when I got arrested, and they refused to bail me out of jail, I could see the pain of love in their eyes. Now I realize how much I needed their love, and that it was their love and prayers that kept me alive all those years. What amazes me most of all is that my worst could not destroy their love for me.”

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From the Pastor ~ Continued

Easter operates on many levels—the rebirth of hope, the triumph of life over death, the opportunity to begin again, and again, and again.

But Easter also displays a God whose love for us is like a parent’s love for a prodigal child. Even if we reject God, God will never reject us, never turn away from us. Even when we do evil things, God, out of pure love, will find a way to make something good come from it. “What amazes me most of all is that my worst could not destroy their love for me.”

As Mother’s Day approaches, let us remember those whose love for us was never in question, no matter how far we roamed from home. And let us pledge to be bearers of this unshakeable love for others.

During this Resurrection season, let us remember the God whose love for us never diminishes, never wavers, never dies. And let us turn to this God to find what good can be born from the worst things we do.

Mother’s Day, Easter season, endless life—just imagine that God can feel about us the way we feel about our own children, and you begin to get a sense of just how far our loving Heavenly Parent will go for us. It’s really pretty amazing.

Pastor Roy

Worship Themes for May:

May 4 – Walk to Emmaus; Holy Communion

May 11 – Mother’s Day

May 18 – Love is All You Need

May 25 – Confirmation Sunday (Memorial Day Sunday)



**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*

THE WEEK OF MAY 12 IN MILFORD IS "RECOVERY WEEK."

The Milford Prevention Council (MPC) has asked MTMUMC to host an event on Wednesday, May 14th (3:00-6:00pm) on our campus.

Dodd Hall will be set up for Gambling Screening and the Gambling Resource Education van will be parked in front of the church on Broad Street.

All are welcome.

Invite a friend.

For more information, contact Paul Downing at 203-676-5582.

NATIONAL PREVENTION *WEEK*
A CELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITY

SAVE THE DATE
**MAY 11-17
2025**

mpc
Milford Prevention Council

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Responsible Play THE CT WAY

Gambling Awareness Event
Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
168 S. Broad Street, Milford
3-6pm

- Free Screening!
- Gamblers Anonymous!
- Resources!
- Giveaways!!
- CT Resource Van!
- Youth Activities!

Join Us!



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 ~

A DELICIOUS POTLUCK DINNER AND *JEOPARDY*

(We play by tables & not individually. Fun!)

FRIDAY MAY 30th - 6 to 8pm in Dodd Hall

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

LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

WOMEN – WEDNESDAY – May 7 – 12:30 P.M. (NEW TIME)

at the Bridge House—49 Bridgeport Ave. in Milford.

Women meet on the 1st Wed. of the month.

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

MEN - WEDNESDAY – May 14 - 12:30 (NEW TIME)

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.

A NEW POSSIBILITY...

Interest has been expressed in forming a MONTHLY DAYTIME GATHERING to play CARD GAMES and/or BOARD GAMES, especially Scrabble. To make this happen, we will need several committed players to start with. Your feedback is needed. Please contact Helene if you are interested.

NOTE:

We are wishing our Prime Timers Travelers safe travels and a memorable trip as they attend the Sight & Sound production of *Noah* and tour Amish Country in Lancaster, PA on May 6, 7, and 8!



United
Women
In Faith

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 **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: **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.



CROP Hunger Walk – It's our 51st!

Sunday, May 4, 2025

at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

**Beginning at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more info, call 203-375-1284 or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct

See Meghan Sengstacken (860-944-7180) or Christian Gregory (203-903-7268) for details.



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





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 last meeting saw TEN people attending! Two were new members. We always welcome anyone who wants to join us. Either to refresh your skills, or perhaps learn something new. We are always willing to help. Think about it.

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

Thursday, May 8 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 MAY

we will be collecting **CANNED FRUIT** and **CANNED VEGGIES**.

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

Messy Church

May 23, 2025 5:30-7:30pm

Dinner provided

The Holy Spirit- The Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

What happened at the first Pentecost is one of the key stories of the Christian faith. Pentecost is an important part of the church year, and gives us the opportunity to focus on the Holy Spirit.

For this Messy Church lessons we are concentrating on the fruits of the spirit. Thinking about the Holy Spirit reminds us of the mystery of our faith - that we can't see God but we believe he is real nonetheless. It's a chance to remember and perhaps experience the 'otherness' of God

CARING MINISTRIES

Pastor Adeline

Communion calls continue concentrating especially on those who are unable to attend church or where absent on the Sunday of Communion.

Needs met as they arise, ie: spiritual support by way of visits, to deliver devotionals, rides to medical appointments.

Please give Pastor Adeline at least 24 hour notice to provide for rides to medical appointments. Thank you to those who are reaching out to our congregants with visits, meals and rides as needed and requested. I love you for it and God smiles upon you with abundant blessing.

Daily Prayer,

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13.

In His Service, Pastor Adeline Hazzard



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



Come Join us!

Friday May 16, 3-5pm Always fun

Supplies provided in Dodd Hall Hot and Cold beverages.



MISSIONS

Submitted by Rachel Merva
May 2025

- **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. May 12th.** These meetings are open to all. <https://mtm-umc.org/events/missions-outreach-meeting/2025-02-03>
- **All In for Milford Monthly Gathering: Thurs., May 1st** 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 May 22nd** for in person dinner service only from 5:30PM-6:30PM. Since there are five Thursdays in May we will also have a grab and go meal served at the door between 530-630 on Thurs, May 29th 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) 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#
- **Garden of Feedin' at the Benson-Crump Memorial Community Gardens.**
We are entering into our 5th season with the Garden of Feedin'! The MTMUMC Missions Committee "and friends are again renting a 20X30 foot garden plot this year in the Benson Crump Community Gardens at 624 North St. Our season opened on April 1 st and will run 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 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.

Please take this opportunity to get outdoors, spend time in nature, and partner with us to become "co-workers in creation", all while growing nourishing food to share with our community!



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.



MTMUMC 2025 ENTERTAINMENT - FAIR ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY JUNE 6th, 2025

11:00am – THE ECLEKTICS (Cover songs of the 60s and 70s)

1:00pm – ELANA ZABARI (Local singer/songwriter)

2:30pm – TBA

4:00pm – PARKERS TANGENT (Original art rock and blues)

SATURDAY JUNE 7th, 2025

10:00am – HERMAN AND COMPANY (High energy classic rock)

1:00pm – CAROL FARRELL SCHOOL OF DANCE (Local studio)

3:00pm – THE SOMEWHERE BAND (Classic rock and pop)



[ALL ENTERTAINMENT IS ON FACEBOOK]



“May the joy of donating be with you!”

(Through May 29th)



Laura's Treasure Trove

DONATIONS:

SUNDAY after Worship until 12:00 noon & **THURS.** 9:30-12:00 noon

Or call: Jane 203-494-2415 or Bev 203-676-5581

2025 FAIR ON THE GREEN



Volunteer Sign-ups / T-Shirt Swap!

Bring your extra Mary Taylor/Mission T-Shirts to
Dodd Hall when you sign up to volunteer.

Help provide T-Shirts to our new volunteers!

Dodd Hall after worship 4/27 – 6/1
(except Mother's Day)

Friday, June 6, 2025

11am – 6pm

Saturday, June 7, 2025

10am – 5pm

YOU ARE NEEDED!

As June quickly approaches, please mark your calendars for the 2025 Fair on the Green. If you haven't already, please consider joining the Fair team. There are countless ways to help. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of fellowship. Your talents are needed and greatly appreciated. To learn more, speak with our Tri-Chairs below!

Mon 5/5 7pm – Fair Area Leaders Meeting (ZOOM)

- Meeting Link will be sent via email

Mon 5/19 7pm – Fair Committee Mtg (IN PERSON)

- Location at church to be announced

Fair Tri-Chairs

Cathy Cono spikkio@optonline.net 203-645-2362

Lisa Gloates lisagsings@yahoo.com 203-214-8970

Lisa Sampson lisasampson@aol.com 203-816-7175



2025 FAIR ON THE GREEN



Volunteer Signups

Everyone can volunteer – help is needed before, during, and after the Fair. No experience is required. Don't miss the best fellowship opportunity of the year!

Volunteer sign-ups Sunday after worship in Dodd Hall (except Mother's Day)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-54350501-mtmumc>

Scan this QR code with
your phone's camera
to go to the Volunteer
sign-up page!



Bakers Needed!

Here's an opportunity to help the Fair from your own home! Make your favorite baked good to be sold at our bake table during the Fair. Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Pies, Scones, Cakes, Breads, Muffins! Please wrap for sale and drop off in Dodd Hall any time after Thursday 6/5 3pm. **All items MUST be labeled with ingredients** and indicate allergens (i.e. nuts, gluten free, etc.). Contact Maryann Petremont at mapetremont@yahoo.com or (203) 415-0544 with questions.



Calling all Gardeners!

Do you love to garden? Are your beds getting a bit crowded from perennials that are begging to be divided? Maybe you have "volunteer" trees or shrubs that came up in the wrong spot. If so, please dig, divide and pot them up in advance of the Fair on the Green Your cast offs are someone else's treasure! And what a green and easy way to make more "green" for our beloved church. The earlier you do it, the more time the plants will have to recover and look their best for the Fair on the Green.

Maybe houseplants are more your thing; we'll take them too. And while we're at it, ceramic pots, planters, trellises and the like would be welcomed also. Need plastic pots? Have questions?

Contact Leigh Bak (LeighB619@gmail.com) or Maria Macri (blinkydogg12000@yahoo.com).



Footsteps in the Sand



Christian Renewal Weekend

Women's Weekend May 30 - June 1, 2025

Men's Weekend May 16 - May 18, 2025

Could you use a spiritual boost? Footsteps in the Sand is a Christian Renewal Weekend crafted to do just that. These Weekends are designed to help you draw closer to Jesus and feel inspired and empowered to come back to our church with renewed energy and enthusiasm to serve our Lord.

Footsteps in the Sand is a community of Christians, from a number of churches in this area, that seeks to bring people closer to Christ. Our mission is to develop leaders for the local church and encourage Christian action.

This non-denominational community has been holding retreats for over 40 years and more than 4,000 people in the Fairfield County area have attended, including many people from our Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church.

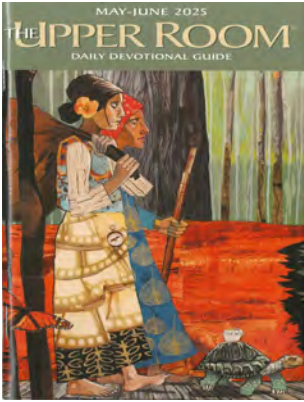
Footsteps Weekends are conducted by a team of 21 volunteers including two clergy. Pastor Adeline and Beth O'Brien will be serving on the upcoming Women's weekend. This community has produced over 200 weekends, and with that experience they have been able to craft these retreats so that those who attend the Weekend come back feeling renewed and energized to work with their pastor in serving their church.

If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity to focus on your Christian walk, we invite you to contact Beth O'Brien at 203-877-8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or talk to her here at church. You can also go to the website 'Footsteps-Sand.org' for more information.

Thank you to Jessica Karjanis and Calf Pen Meadow Elementary School for their generous donation of cereal to our Purple Pantry inventory!

The school collected cereal boxes this spring for a "Cereal Domino Challenge" community service project, which benefited the Milford Food Bank and the central Purple Pantry organization. They were also able to share some cereal with us!





MAY/JUNE 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.



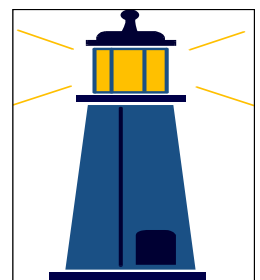
COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC THURSDAY, MAY 22ND at 5:30 P.M

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



JUNE BEACON DEADLINE IS THURSDAY MAY 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)

**MAY 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 Marie Marczak
2nd Ryan Dennis
Amanda Pitre
Chris Steele
4th Judith Parodie
6th Aaliyah Gonsalves
7th Allison Bennett
Matteo Cono
Caleb Woodard
9th Miriam D'Andrea
10th Michael Davis
12th **Dollie Bonisch**
13th Nick Brown
14th Kelly O'Hara
15th Mary Repetsky
16th Nancy Bennett
17th Mark Petremont
18th Jason Williston

18th **Chester McDonough**
19th David Ellison
21st Jim Rich
22nd Eric Pitts
Adam Dilulio
23rd Joanne Platt
24th Lisa Darak-Druck
25th Lexi Winkelman
26th Amy Bennett
27th Marg Malehorn
28th Laurie Nichols
29th **Bob Volgmuth**



May
BIRTHDAYS



MAY CALENDAR 2025

Sun 27 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open after service 12:00 PM Earth Day Event - Pastor Adeline	Mon 28 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	Tue 29 10:00 AM Prime Timers Day Trip - Ozark Jubilee 7:00 PM Church Council meeting - Dodd Hall	Wed 30 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	Thu 1 12:00 PM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:00 6:00 PM All in for Milford TBD 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom 7:00 PM Trustees meeting - Parsonage	Fri 2 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	Sat 3 9:00 AM West Hartford UMC - District Conference
4 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open after service 1:30 PM CROP Hunger Walk UCC Bridgeport	5 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:00 PM FOTG Area Coordinators ZOOM meeting	6 Sight and Sound Biblical Theatre presents NOAH - Trip May 6,7,8	7 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 12:30 PM Prime Timers Women's Monthly Luncheon-Bridgehouse restaurant 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	8 12:00 PM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:00 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	9 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library	10 11:00 AM Flo Berrien Memorial Service
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18 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open after service 11:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary	19 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:00 PM FOTG Full Committee IN PERSON - Dodd Hall	20	21 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 6:40 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:00 PM IANDS (International Assoc. of Near Death Studies)-Library 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	22 12:00 PM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:00 5:30 PM Community Supper - Dodd Hall 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	23 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study - Pastor Roy-Library 5:30 PM Messy Church-Dodd Hall 5:30 pm	24
25 9:00 AM Prayer & Book Study - Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Laura's Treasure Trove - Open after service	26 6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	27	28 9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group	29 12:00 PM Laura's Treasure Trove 9:30 - 12:00 5:30 PM Grab & Go Community supper 7:00 PM Scripture Study with Nathan Willaims via Zoom	30 Footsteps in the Sand-Womens Christian Renewal Weekend - 6:00 PM Prime Timers-Dodd Hal Potluck	31

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