



The BEACON

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*Mary Taylor Memorial
United Methodist Church*



March 2026

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spiritual journey, you are welcome here!*

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Looking Like Jesus: A Story for Lent



Stan was a successful executive who worked long hours. For years, he had resisted giving control of his life to God. He and his wife were at opposite ends of the religious spectrum, she a devout believer, he an unbeliever. Daily she prayed for Stan to become a Christian, but the prayers seemingly were never answered. Stan had no time for God.

When his wife got cancer and faced surgery, Stan had nowhere to turn. In the waiting room of the hospital, he saw a nurse with a black cross on her forehead. "What's that for?" he asked. She explained that she was a Christian and that she had just come from Ash Wednesday services at her church. "We Christians are on a Lenten journey to remember the importance of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection," she said. "Ashes are for remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross."

Stan sat quietly for a long time as he waited for news from the doctor about his wife's surgery. Then he remembered a prayer he had been taught as a child. "Our Father in heaven," he began. He stopped praying and realized how foolish he had been by living in this world as if that's all there is. He had built up treasures on earth but had no treasures in heaven. In prayer, he turned as much of himself over to Jesus Christ as he understood.

At the time he didn't know much, but he experienced an awakening. Gradually a sense of peace came over him. When Stan's wife was released from the hospital with the encouraging news that the surgery had removed the cancerous tumor, Stan surprised her by saying that he wanted to start attending church with her. There he found a hospitable Christian community and a pastor whose preaching he liked. Stan started on a faith journey.

One day, while shaving, he looked in the mirror and said, "I'm not the man I ought to be. Dear God, I've started this spiritual journey, but I'm still a long way from what I ought to be. Today let me be more Christ-like in my actions."

By the time he said good-bye to his family, Stan was running late to catch his train into the city. He ran as he got to the platform. Suddenly, he felt a bump. His briefcase had hit something.

Stan looked back as he ran. There on the train platform he saw a little girl who was bending down picking up pieces of a puzzle that were scattered everywhere. He shouted over his shoulder, "Sorry, little girl. I'm sorry I bumped you."



From the Pastor ~ Continued

Then he stopped running. He turned and quietly walked back to the little girl. “Sorry,” he repeated, bending one knee down on the platform. “I was in too much of a hurry. I didn’t see you.” The “All aboard” call was heard, but Stan kept working on the scattered puzzle pieces. The train pulled away from the station.

When Stan and the little girl finished their job of getting all the pieces back in the box, he said, “There, we got them all.” As he turned to walk away, the little girl called to him, “Mister.” Stan stopped and looked down at her. “Mister,” she repeated, “are you Jesus?”
Not a bad person to be confused with. Not a bad way to spend our time, putting the pieces of our lives and those around us back together again. Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. By giving ourselves to his way, we may end up looking a little like him, too.

Pastor Roy

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP THEMES

March 1 – 2nd Sunday of Lent; Nicodemus Visits Jesus; Communion

March 8 – 3rd Sunday of Lent; The Woman at the Well

March 15 – 4th Sunday of Lent; The Blind Can See

March 22 – 5th Sunday of Lent; The Raising of Lazarus

Holy Week:

March 29 – Palm Sunday (Processional)

April 2 – Maundy Thursday; Dinner; Communion; Strip the Sanctuary

April 3 – Good Friday; Journey to the Cross

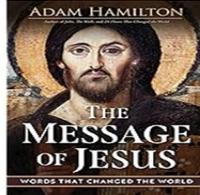
April 5 – Easter Sunday (6:15 Sunrise/Beach; 10:00 Sanctuary); Communion



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

Led by Kerline Poulard in the Wesley Center Library

All are welcome!



6:00 pm 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

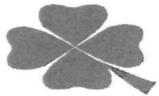
Dial into Zoom each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for an exploration of the week's **lectionary** scripture readings. Join Nathan Williams for a deep dive into the history, text, and context of the week's readings as we find connections between the scriptures and our lives. Everyone is invited.

10:00 a.m. FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Roy in the Wesley Center Library—
The study will explore II Samuel. All are Welcome!

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



United
Women
In Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

~ submitted by Leigh Bak & Linda Sheehan

The purpose of **United Women in Faith** is *to 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.*

If you want to learn more about what YOU (and WE) can do, please speak with Leigh, Becky Virgalla or Christine McGregor, or better yet, come to our next meeting which is our **Pledge Service** on **Tuesday March 10th at 7 PM in Dodd Hall**. We alternate meetings between 12 noon and 7 PM to accommodate members who are not available in the daytime, and encourage carpooling for those who don't like to drive in the evening hours so they can join us for our evening meetings. The Pledge Service is an opportunity to consider your commitment (financial as well as the offering of other "gifts") to multiple concerns that United Women in Faith supports throughout the year.

The larger organization of United Women in Faith encourages a **Reading Program** for members with a focus on books that address some of our common concerns. Contact Leigh for a copy of the 2026 Reading List and/or if you would like to help coordinate a Reading Program for our unit of United Women in Faith.

UWiF Member Linda Sheehan recently read one of the books on the Reading List entitled "**The Personal Librarian**" by **Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray** and shared the following:

Belle daCosta Greene was an attractive Black American who chose to live her life as White, adopting a Portuguese identity to have a better life in a racist society. This allowed her access to elite circles and to secure a position as curator to J. P. Morgan's personal library. Still, she faced discrimination in a male-dominated world.

She was very successful at curating a prestigious collection of rare manuscripts and artwork for many years, yet her life was not without its difficulties.

This is a well-written and very enjoyable book about a remarkable, successful woman.

Save the Dates

Sunday 3.29.26 United Women in Faith (last names beginning with N-Z) hosts **Fellowship Time** after morning worship.

Binky Blanket Event Saturday 4.18.26 10 AM – 1 PM in Dodd Hall

This is an open, intergenerational event.

Further details to come. **Christine McGregor** is the contact person for this event.

United Women in Faith Retreat at Nichols UMC in Trumbull 4.25.26 9 AM – 1 PM

Further information will be shared closer to the event. **Becky Virgalla** is our contact for this event.





Parish Health & Wellness

Medical equipment loaned for free.

submitted by: Leigh Bak, APRN, Chair of MTMUMC's Parish Health & Wellness Team

Every now and then, a member of our congregation asks for help with finding a wheelchair, shower chair or similar medical or assistive equipment for themselves, a family member or friend in need. The **Emma Davis Medical Equipment Ministry** is a long-standing outreach of First UCC Milford that has offered compassionate service for decades. Named for Emma Davis, a church member remembered for her deep care for neighbors in need, the ministry began in 1968 when the Deacons felt called to continue her legacy. Since then, church members have collected, repaired, and distributed used medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches—providing them free of charge across the state. Today, the ministry is overseen by the Board of Christian Outreach and is sustained by more than a dozen dedicated volunteers. Each year, over 500 pieces of equipment were shared with people in need.

If You Need Medical Equipment: The Emma Davis Ministry lends and receives medical equipment by **appointment only**.

To borrow or return equipment: Call **860.453.5993** and leave a message with your request, including your name and return telephone number. A volunteer from the ministry will return your call within 24 hours.

If you have medical equipment to donate: The ministry also accepts donations of medical equipment which is in good working order and thoroughly cleaned. Wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, shower chairs, canes, crutches and commodes are all accepted. They cannot accommodate donation of reclining chairs or hospital beds, but don't hesitate to reach out to me for suggestions of where those items can be donated.

Pick-up and drop-off takes place at 46 West Main Street in the parking lot of First UCC Milford. Please note that the sheds are not staffed, so you must have an appointment to meet a volunteer which can easily be arranged by calling 860.453.5993 and leaving a message with your request, name and return phone number.





Messy Church
"I Am the Light of the World"
Theme: To explore the theme of light,
both actual light and symbolic light.
John 8:12-20



You're Missing God in All This

¹² Jesus once again addressed them: "I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in."
¹³ The Pharisees objected, "All we have is your word on this. We need more than this to go on."

Friday March 27th 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Pastor Adeline 203-736-4450 or sign-up genius by 03/25/2026.

"I'd" Rather Be Coloring
March 13, 2026 3pm—5pm Wesley Center Library





CAREGIVERS REPORT Submitted by Pastor Adeline Hazzard

Caregivers are a vital part of the Mary Taylor UMC ministry. We provide transportation for several members who needed rides to Doctor visits, chemo treatments, day surgeries and friendly visits. Without the dedication of our volunteers all these activities would not be possible. I Thank each and everyone of you who so readily say yes when the need arises.

Communion Visits are provided to those who are shut in or homebound, in a facility or request them because of short term illnesses. These members are unable to worship in person on Sunday Mornings. A time of fellowship a discussion of how God works in our lives and the Lord's Prayer is always offered.

I also want to let anyone know who might be able to take advantage of this special outreach we have tablets to lend to those who may be recuperating at home, or in rehab. They are set up to watch our service on Sunday mornings. Internet is required. Please let me know if you know someone who might be able to take advantage of this offering in which we are so richly blessed.

This caregiving ministry is a blessing not only to those who are provided care and prayer but also for those who are delivering the care and prayer and sacred space for the Holy Spirit to be among us.

My thanks to those who readily volunteer to offer friendly visits, rides, and spiritual support. May God Bless You as you endeavor to do his work in the world that needs light, love, grace, and mercy.

If you or a loved one is in need of our caregiving ministry, please contact Adeline Hazzard 203-736-4450 or the church office at 203-874-1982.

Peace and Blessings,
Adeline

Phone Buddy Program

LONELINESS IS A KILLER AND CONNECTION IS THE KEY.

We would like to introduce a new program at Mary Taylor UMC, as an extension of the Caring Ministries. We are looking for individuals willing to commit 20 minutes per week to a Phone Buddy Friend.

Please let us know if you are interested in being a Phone Buddy o a shut in or someone who would enjoy a pleasant conversation. Please let us know if you would like a Phone Buddy.





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If this is interesting to you please join us on March 8th, 2026 after church, bring your coffee to the library in the Wesley Center, 2nd floor.

Please Contact:

Adeline Hazzard 203-736-4450 text or call

Eileen Murphy 203-809-0188 preferred text or phonecall..



Let's stay
connected



If you haven't been to one of the craft events held in Dodd Hall, we want to encourage you to come and bring a friend. In 2025, three events were held and more than \$920.00 was donated from the profits along with non perishable food items for The Purple Pantry. Eileen Murphy's idea for fun and fellowship has turned into a monthly event. Eileen and I would like to thank all who have come to share their time and efforts with us. **Save the date of March 19th, 6:00pm-8:00pm for our Easter craft night.** Details of the craft to follow. Thank you, Sheryl Hollyday and Eileen Murphy.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

By Barb Wicks

"When there are no words, a prayer shawl speaks volumes."

Janet Bristow, co-founder of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The sun is setting later in the day, but there is still a chill in the air. Evenings by the fire, watching TV with your furry friend nestled up close, chatting with family and friends who live far away... However you spend time when you have no other obligations, creating a Prayer Shawl for someone you may or may not know, is not only therapeutic, but brings you closer to the Lord and brings you peace.

January and February brought much snow, unbearably cold temperatures, pipes, and elevated heating bills!! But the members of our Prayer Shawl ministry kept warm by making **16** more prayer shawls along with multiple Pocket Prayer Shawls and Squares to take along with you every day.

We were blessed with two very generous donations which will allow us to purchase more yarn and supplies to continue creating these wonderful works of art. Our tally of prayer shawls is nearly **1,700!!** We encourage you to participate even if you don't know how to knit or crochet... There is always someone willing to share their knowledge. All are welcome... Please come and join us. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 PM in the Wesley Center Library**. For additional information or if you need a prayer shawl, please reach out to Barb Wicks at (203) 994-4669 or BarbWicks66@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL AND YARN DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED



Shawl

MINISTRY



March

BOOK Early!



The Prime Timers present ...

St. Patrick's Day 2026!

"An IRISH Country Celebration"

with Dee Reilly and her entire band!!

at the lovely Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Slainte!



"An Irish Country Celebration" featuring internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter, Deirdre Reilly, is an upbeat show featuring classic Irish songs, traditional Country tunes, world class Irish dancers, and Dees spectacular band. The show takes you on a musical journey through songs, stories and the lilt of Irish laughter. Deirdre Reilly is known for her powerful voice and dynamic stage presence and is a hit with audiences of all ages. Dee has performed with everyone on the IRELAND music circuit including Andy Cooney, Ronan Tynan, The Gatlin Brothers and many more! Put on your GREEN and come celebrate!

Package Includes:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
- Delicious luncheon at the Log Cabin
- Matinee Irish Country show featuring Deirdre Reilly and her talented Band
- The NYC Dance School Irish Step Dancers
- Meal Taxes and Gratuities
- Driver Gratuity



Family Style Luncheon

Corned Beef

AND

Baked Scrod

Rolls & Butter
Vegetable & Potato

Dessert - Coffee & Tea

\$133 PER PERSON

Final Payment Due:
February 15, 2026

For Reservations call
Helene Dellert
(203) 878-8801

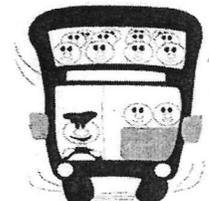


Irish Dancer



Bus Departs 9:15 am
Mary Taylor Memorial United
Methodist Church Parking Lot
Milford, CT

Returns at approx. 4:45pm





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.

THE GAME GURUS.

POSTPONED:-(

Please contact Linda Sheehan at 203-283-5362 for more information.

READERS RENDEZVOUS – QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB

Madam Secretary by Stephanie day

will be discussed at our next meeting

hosted by Linda Sheehan and Lisa Sobolewski

Tuesday - May 19th – at 10:30 A.M. in DODD HALLI.



Please call or text Lisa Sobolewski at 203-530-9478 to confirm your attendance and/or for more information.

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.



LUNCH BUNCH

WOMEN: 12:30 P.M. – Wednesday - March 4th, 12:30 pm at Stonebridge

MEN: 12:30 P.M.—Wednesday—March 11th, 12:30 pm at Cracker Barrel

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

SAVE the DATE: SUNDAY AFTERNOON - JUNE 14 2026



WE HAVE RESERVED 24 SEATS at the DOWNTOWN CABARET to see CHORUS LINE. OUR GROUP RATE is \$37.88 per ticket!

Please contact Helene, if you are interested in attending.



PRIME TIMERS Continued



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...

A SATURDAY LUNCHEON - MARCH 21 - 12:30 in DODD HALL.

EILEEN McHUGH and DAVID SILVA WILL PRESENT a TRAVELOGUE of the THREE WEEKS THEY SPENT in IRELAND!

A BAKED POTATO BAR and DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.

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



DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

We will be collecting **CANNED FRUITS 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.

TRANSPORTATION & 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 Pastor 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 is an immediate need, we will do our best with God's help to serve our members.





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. 2nd**. These meetings are open to all.

<https://mtm-umc.org/events/missions-outreach-meeting/2025-02-03>

All In for Milford Community Gathering: Thurs., **Mar. 24th**. 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: Trinity Lutheran Church)

Community Supper is happening this month on **Mar. 26th** for in person dinner service only from 5:30PM-6:30PM. If you'd like to be involved in the supper, please see the sign up genius here: [Community Supper Volunteers: Community Suppers 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) or please reach out to the church office! See you there!

Purple Pantry Box sign ups have been updated to include Fill the Box, Stocking & Inventory and Building the Bags. See the sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAE2EA6FA7-48509060-purple#/> [see Helene for items to collect]

Mary Taylor's No Freeze Overflow Shelter: No Freeze Overflow continues through the end of March. Please reach out to Kaylyn Crawford (917-946-4277 or kaylynmiae@gmail.com) to learn how you can get involved.



Garden of Feedin': We will once again be renting a 20X30 foot garden plot this year in the Benson Crump Community Gardens at 624 North St. Our season opens on April 1 st and runs through October 31 st. 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 "Beat Bobette's" Soup Contest was a HUGE hit and raised over \$2,800 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 their award-winning soup! And thank you to all of our 8 other soup makers!



Beginning April 6th, we will be collecting blankets and warmer weather clothing and foot wear. Contact Beth O'Brien with any questions about the Free Table Ministry.
203 877-8668



ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS
are welcomed anytime.



Flowers are **\$35**, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Ann Marie Levesque 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 Ann Marie 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



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



COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC
THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH 5:30 P.M. IN DODD HALL



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



March BEACON DEADLINE IS
MONDAY March 16th

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





Your **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**♥ invites you to

MAKE A NEW FRIEND!

Back by demand: “New Friends” at MTMUMC. This program will begin on Sunday, March 8. If you sign up to participate, we will assign you a “New Friend” (you will keep this person’s name to yourself until the last week) to whom you’ll give a small gift each Sunday for three weeks, March 8, March 15, and March 22. You will also be receiving a gift each Sunday from your (yet unknown) New Friend. Gifts may be homemade, such as cookies, a poem, or a card. You can also give something you own that is meaningful. Your gifts can also be a small, purchased token gift (under \$10 please, and slightly more significant for the last Sunday). Gifts should be left in Dodd Hall before the worship service, and your gift claimed after the service. On the final Sunday, March 22, we will have a special New Friends luncheon where your “New Friend” will be revealed.

The New Friends program is a great way for adults, youth, and children in the church to get to know each other. If you are going to be away one of the first two Sundays, you can still participate. Just remember to bring two gifts for your New Friend the previous week. We do ask that you only participate if you are able to be present for the New Friends luncheon on Sunday, March 22. The luncheon will be catered by the church. If you and/or your children would like to participate, please sign up beginning March 1, but no later than March 3. You can email or text the information to Debra Rich, Susan Pitre or Holly Firmender at the email addresses below. You can also place your completed sign-up form in the box in the church narthex, or bring them to the church office. By March 5, you will receive the information on your New Friend you will be giving to, so you will know who it is and what that person’s interests are. You are encouraged to casually seek them out at church and by chance have conversation!

Lasting and meaningful relationships were formed as a result of the prior New Friends event at Mary Taylor. Help to make it just as successful this time!

Debra Rich 203-864-5978 hikermama72@hotmail.com
Susan Pitre 203-435-7031 soupytrus@yahoo.com
Holly Firmender 203-530-2621 holly.firmender@gmail.com
MTMUMC 203-874-1982 mtmumc@sbcglobal.net
(AnnMarie Levesque)

Dates: March 1-3 Sign up
March 8, 15, 22 Bring a secret little gift for your friend
March 22 Luncheon to reveal your new friendships!



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,

Ann Marie Levesque (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net; 203.874.1982, ext. 110)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is not listed and should be, please call the office at 203-874-1982



- 1st Frances Merva
Steve Wasko
- 2nd Patrick Baransky
- 4th Jane Vink
Eileen Doyle
- 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
Brandon Edo
Lori Seelgen
Tom Woodard

- 17th Benjamin Carter
- 18th Carolyn Koch
- 19th William Tait
- 20th Dawn Fino
Brenda Pineau
Michelle Connor
- 21st Justin Edo
- 22nd Kaylee Sostilio
- 24th Alexa Petremont
- 26th Frank Lloyd
Faith Wilson
Debra Rich
- 29th Robert Hulak
- 30th Pemberly Brockett



March 2026



FEB 2026							APR 2026						
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Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
9:00 AM Sunday Morning Prayer & Book Study-the Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Ann May / Birthday party	6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel 7:00 PM Missions meeting-Library		9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 12:30 PM Prime Timers Women's Monthly Luncheon-Stonebridge 6:40 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	7:00 PM Thursday Evening Scripture Study - via Zoom	10:00 AM Friday Morning Prayer & Bible Study - Library	
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9:00 AM Sunday Morning Prayer & Book Study-the Library 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Phone Buddy (Library) 11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Soup Sale - Dodd Hall	6:00 PM Prayer Circle-Chapel	9:15 AM Prime Timers trip - Holyoke, MA 7:00 PM United Women in Faith meeting - Dodd Hall	9:15 AM Happy Feet Walking Group 12:30 PM Prime Timers Men's Monthly Luncheon - Cracker Barrel 6:40 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library 7:00 PM Thursday Evening Scripture Study - via Zoom	10:00 AM Friday Morning Prayer & Bible Study - Library 3:00 PM Coloring - Library	
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