

# The BEACON

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

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## "Are we ~~there~~ OPEN yet?!"

Of course, that's a trick question! We've *never* closed! Not for one day during this pandemic has MTMUMC being closed. The buildings? Closed! The church? Stayed open!

But now, after a year plus of pandemic, with numbers of COVID-19 cases down, the vaccine available and being received, the state loosening up restrictions, and "Spring Fever" in the air, many are asking:

## "Will Mary Taylor Memorial be reopening soon?"



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### Here are some of the answers inquiring minds want to know!

- **Wesley Center and Dodd Hall** are now open to small groups on a **case by case basis** (call the office for instructions/permission). At this point 12 Step groups are back up and running and a few small groups have already begun to meet in person. When you ask for your group, feel optimistic! We want to say "YES!"
  - (1) For ease of cleaning schedule, public meetings will be held on the first floor of Wesley Center and MTMUMC meetings will be held on the second floor.
  - (2) Every effort must be made for a ZOOM option for those who cannot attend/choose not to attend in person who previously attended on ZOOM.
- **Food Ministries** are now opened up to people of all ages. Those who wish to participate in Golden Hills meals every other month, or in MTMUMC's monthly community (take out) meal, please coordinate with the leaders of these ministries. *The only limit will be the number of preparers & servers at each event.* We strongly encourage people to have their vaccinations prior to participating.
- **Outdoors-Parking Lot Meetings are available!** Until we get used to what makes sense, permission will be granted on a case by case basis, but feel optimistic when you call! UMW is currently utilizing this option.
- **In-Person Worship opportunities will open up beginning April 18.** We are still working out the details, and will get information out to you as it becomes available. There are a lot of moving parts! **ZOOM worship will continue indefinitely as an ongoing worship offering.**

### Here's what we need to remember until we reach "herd immunity" (hopefully) in the Fall:

- 🧑‍🦯 Masks must be worn at all times
- 🧑‍🦯 Physical distancing will continue to be required
- 🧑‍🦯 No singing in meetings or worship
- 🧑‍🦯 No food or drink in meetings; no Fellowship Time after worship
- 🧑‍🦯 Hand sanitizing measures required
- 🧑‍🦯 Person-by-Person attendance tracking (may still require reservations)
- 🧑‍🦯 Limit of 50 in-person worship on Sunday morning and other worship events
- 🧑‍🦯 Bucket-loads of patience, kindness and good humor

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Pastor's letter continued

**Our yearning to be together is great, but it can't outpace our caution during the pandemic.**

You've done so fantastically up till now! Just a little bit more and we'll be there! It will be a new "there." Things won't be the same as they "used to be." But it will be good. It will be blessed. It will be filled with God's grace. The page will turn on history. And, we will be good for it -- and even better than just good -- because we are going through this *together* -- the Body of Christ in the little city with a big heart (and *everyone* who calls MTMUMC "my church" wherever you may be)!

Blessings on the journey,

*Pastor Kristina*



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**EACH WEEK AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UMC ONLINE**

**Noon Everyday: ZOOM ZOOM at Noon**, a half hour of fellowship and prayer.

Meeting ID: 142 990 949

Password: 729806

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://zoom.us/j/142990949?pwd=bHJsToNSa3MvajZ4eHAraTMoVWIndz09>

**Every Monday, 7:00 pm, Healing and Wholeness Service**, a service of liturgy, scripture, anointing, and prayer.

Meeting ID: 568 138 318

Password: 852504

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://zoom.us/j/568138318?pwd=MS9kbolzZmpnTndEYm10UIZoTEZGZz09>

**Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Community Worship Service**

Webinar ID: 941 448 482

Click here to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/941448482>

**You may use the links above** to access any of these meetings, or go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click on "join a meeting," and enter the meeting ID and password. **You may also dial into any of these events by telephone, using the meeting ID and password. The phone number is: (646) 876-9923.**

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## Worship Services, April 2021

These services will be available on ZOOM, unless otherwise noted.

Please watch your email, our website (<https://www.mtm-umc.org/>) and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MTMUMC>) for the links.

April 1

### Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

- A service in which we enter into the Last Supper of Jesus.
- Lectionary texts are Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-36; and John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

April 2

### Good Friday, A Service of Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.

- A service in which we enter into the Passion of Christ.
- The readings will come from the gospel according to John, chapters 18-19.

April 4

### Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m. AT WALNUT BEACH

- "When the Sabbath was over...very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, the women went to the tomb." (Mark 16:1-2)
- Join us as we wait with excitement (and drumming!) for sunrise on the third day after the crucifixion of Jesus. **Christ is risen!**



### Easter Celebration Service, 10:00 a.m.

- Pastor Karen will bring the Resurrection message.
- We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. Please prepare bread or a cracker, and a cup or glass of juice, at your home for each person.
- The lectionary scriptures are Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; and Mark 16:1-8.



April 11

### The Second Sunday of Easter, 10:00 a.m.

- Pastor Kristina will bring the message.
- Lectionary texts are Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; and John 20:19-31.

April 18

### The Third Sunday of Easter, 10:00 a.m.

- Pastor Karen will bring the message.
- Lectionary texts are Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; and Luke 24:36b-48.

April 25

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter, 10:00 a.m.

- Pastor Kristina will bring the message.
- Lectionary texts are Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18.

**STAY TUNED! We're working on options for in-person worship April 18 and 25!**

**(Masks and social distancing will be required, no singing, limit 50 people.)**





## “Restore Our Earth” this Earth Day

Submitted by SEAK Member Leigh Bak



What comes to mind when you think of Earth Day? A day set aside for learning about taking care of the Earth and all her resources? Drum circles and dancing? Tree hugging? A nice hike in the woods? All of these are great ideas, but until Earth Day becomes EVERY DAY, we are really missing the mark.

The theme for Earth Day 2021 is “Restore Our Earth”. And why do we need to restore her? Because the majority of humankind thinks about Earth Day only on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, one day a year, rather than every time we turn on a light (or a house full of them), brush our teeth, water our lawn, grocery shop, wash our dishes, go to work, print a document, travel for vacation, etc., etc. Until more of us think *regularly* about our impact on our environment, it’s going to be really hard to restore the earth.

But don’t be overwhelmed. There are things each of us can do every day, that when they become habits (and especially if we encourage others (like family, friends and neighbors) to adopt them as habits), can have a big impact. Things like:

- Don’t let the water run when you brush your teeth (gallons of water saved!)
- Make coffee in a French press or drip coffee maker, or if you use a single-cup brew system, use a refillable pod rather than purchased “K-cups” (you’ll save both money AND the environment)
- Buy food locally so you know where it’s from and how it’s been grown; take your own reusable bags to purchase your foods, and buy only what you need
- Join a CSA (Community Sustained Agriculture); sorry, but you’re too late to subscribe to Rivercrest Farm’s CSA this season
- Plant a garden or join one of our Community Garden Teams (see Rachel Merva’s article in this issue of the Beacon)
- Compost food waste like coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peels (if you don’t eat them) and use the rich compost to nourish your garden or container soil; even if you don’t garden, composting is good as it helps to restore soil and keeps more “stuff” out of the landfills
- Plant native perennials in your yard to encourage pollinators to visit your garden, and definitely avoid pesticides that harm bees and other pollinators
- Celebrate “Meatless Monday” (or Tuesday, or Wednesday) at least once a week to curb carbon emissions from the livestock industry
- Turn off the lights and turn down the thermostat; a sweater works great!
- Walk when you’re only going a short distance or have multiple stops in the same vicinity
- Give up on having the greenest lawn in the neighborhood; the environment will benefit, as will your mental health!

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## Restore Our Earth *Continued*

- If you have to cut down a tree, plant two (or more) to replace the lost benefits and provide a new place birds and other critters to re-settle
- Re-consider purchases of bottled water, soda and seltzer, and when you *do* purchase these items, be sure to recycle the empties
- Recycle as *much* as you can; single stream recycling makes this SO easy!
- Post items with life left in them as “free” or “curb alert” on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, etc. rather than filling more landfills.
- Donate clothing, household items, unneeded items that are still in good shape to Laura’s Treasure Trove (soon!), ReStore, Savers, Goodwill, etc.
- Save money *and* the environment by purchasing others ‘ gently used furniture, housewares, clothing, etc. from some of the above places
- Enjoy communing with nature; the more you enjoy it, the more motivated you’ll be to preserve and restore our environment!

These are just a few ideas to get you started or keep you going. I’m sure you all have your own, so share your tips in a future Beacon article or in conversations with your church family (perhaps during Fellowship Time).



You can find more ideas about Earth Day 2021 at [EarthDay.org](https://www.earthday.org) .

Click here for the press release about Earth Day 2021 [EARTHDAY.ORG](https://www.earthday.org) and [Global Partners Unite For Three Parallel Climate Summits](#) and find more ways to take action on this list of [51 Ways to Restore Our Earth](#) .

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## SEAK

Join our SEAK Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at 6pm.

We will be discussing our experiences taking the Implicit Association Tests and what we learned about ourselves as we were taking the tests.

[IMPLICIT ASSOCIATION TESTS \(IAT\)](#) <--- link!

These tests were developed by Project Implicit, whose goal is to educate the public about hidden biases. These tests explore implicit attitudes and beliefs that we are likely unwilling or unable to report. If you are interested, take three of these tests before our next meeting including Race IAT (black-white) and then two more of your choosing. Challenge yourself though -- if it's a test topic that makes you feel nervous, do that one! If you feel compelled to take more than three, go wild!

If you have any questions please contact Sarah O'Brien at [sarahobrien484@gmail.com](mailto:sarahobrien484@gmail.com).

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### Camp Faith Formation

Come learn and grow with us as we explore our faith!



Our goal is to empower our children, youth, and young adults to grow in their faith, learn about God's Love and the love of their church and community, and to strengthen their spiritual journey for life.

#### Holy Week Worship

Please join us for worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at 10:00am, and don't miss Camp Faith Formation at 11:30am.

To get our Camp Faith Formation Zoom Link please call the church office or email **Wendy Hoffmann (Camp Director)** at [wendy\\_hoffmann84@aol.com](mailto:wendy_hoffmann84@aol.com)

#### Holy Week Goodie Bags

All Campers received a bag full of goodies to celebrate Holy Week.

Campers received age appropriate scripture to read, worksheets, and religious crafts to help them grow in their faith.

#### Thank You!

We would like to thank the Fino Family for donating Easter candy for the goodie bags this year!

The Fino Family has supported our youth in this way for many years.

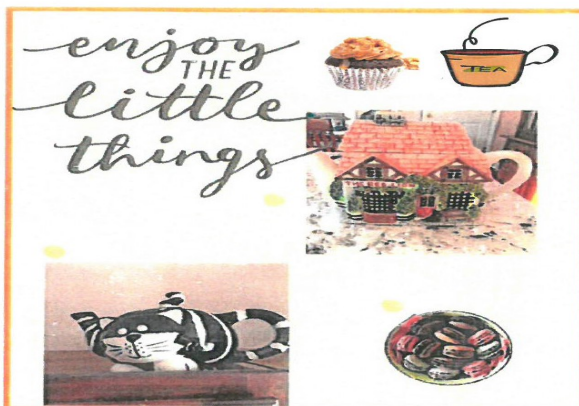
Thank you Fino Family! Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

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## **Please Join Us for a Virtual Tea Party**

*During these unsettled and troubling times, let us virtually come together to share tranquil moments over our favorite cup of tea!*

**Saturday, April 17th  
2:00 p.m.**



Drink from your favorite teapot and cup (china or paper) ☕

Indulge in a sweet (homemade or store bought) 🍰

Bring a story, a recipe, a 😊.

Brighten your day, and someone else's as well, by logging onto this gathering!

We will post the Zoom information several days before the Tea Party.

#### **Thoughts:**

Linda Sheehan, 203-283-5362, [Linda.Isheehan@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.Isheehan@gmail.com)

Holly Firmender, 203-530-2621, [Holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:Holly.firmender@gmail.com)

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Beacon Article – April 2021

# Missions News



## Our Year of Food Continues!

The MTMUMC Missions Committee is renting a **garden plot** in the Benson Crump Community Gardens, 624 North St. <https://milfordct.myrec.com/info/facilities/details.aspx?FacilityID=14523> for the 2021 season which opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to a very generous donation from **Rivercrest Farm**, our crops will include onions, kale, cucumbers, tomatoes, summer squash, strawberries, frying peppers and bok choy. This produce will be planted, grown, harvested and shared with our church and our neighbors in need.

This program is part of the NYAC 100 Church Challenge, which supports the global United Methodist Church Abundant Health Initiative to create local Health Ministries of “Body, Mind, and Spirit”.

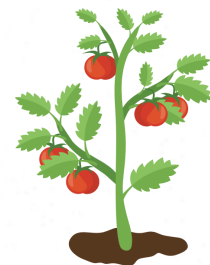
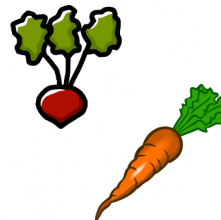
<https://www.nyac.com/abundanthealth>

We 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 / [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net)) or Leigh Bak (203-215-0470 / [leighb619@gmail.com](mailto:leighb619@gmail.com)) if you are interested in volunteering to water and weed the garden, pick produce that’s ripe and replant produce as needed. All supplies will be on hand at the garden. There is ample parking, and our plot is conveniently located right next to a picnic table and not far from the facilities/Port-a-Potty”.

Please take this opportunity to get outdoors, spend time in nature, and keep moving – all while growing nourishing food to share!

List of donations still needed – please reach out to Rachel if you can provide any of the below:

- Seeds for zinnias, carrots, beets
- Fence posts (8)
- Shepherd Hook
- Fabric clips (2 bags of 50)
- Wind Chime
- Compost/Fertilizer
- 50- or 75-foot garden hose and nozzle
- Tomato fence
- Small gardening box with lid



Volunteers are also needed for some pre-season set up to get the plot ready for the year.

**Team Leaders and other team volunteers are invited to a tour and walk through at the gardens on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.**



## Missions continued

### Recap on other Food-related Missions News:

From Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, MTMUMC volunteers participated in TWO supper prep events at Golden Hill UMC, TWO community suppers, THREE food box distribution events, FOUR cooperative parish essential worker thank you lunches, a soup making and delivery fundraiser that donated funds to feed 150 people, and an Italian themed meal train for those in our church connection. We also provided 35 meal kits to the Beth El residents at Motel 6 to cut down on disposable serving ware. **And we are not even half way through our Missions Year of Food!** Thanks be to God for the following **THIRTY-SIX DISCIPLES** who spread God's love by contributing their time and energy to collectively serve over 2,000 people in our community in just about 75 days.

And if your name isn't on this list and you want to learn more, please reach out to anyone below to find out what they did and how you can help!

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| • Lydia Smith                          | • Lee Littrell                  | • Eileen Doyle         |
| • Sue & Tee O'Shea                     | • Sheryl Hollyday               | • Stacey Cronk         |
| • Barronlee Grasso &<br>Justine Guckin | • Nancy Bennett                 | • Cathy & Matteo Cono  |
| • Andy Thomas                          | • Sandy Morgan                  | • Marcia & Greg Winter |
| • Marie Caro                           | • Leigh Bak                     | • Edie Reichard        |
| • Rachel, Joe and Callie<br>Merva      | • Paul Downing                  | • Sarah O'Brien        |
| • Liz Dillon                           | • Chris Carveth                 | • Pastor Kristina      |
| • Zack Scott                           | • Holly & Marshall<br>Firmender | • Helene Dellert       |
| • Elizabeth Serbyn                     | • Joan Zauner                   | • Deb Dubien           |
| • Stacey Riccardi                      | • Wendy Hoffmann                |                        |

## LAURA'S TREASURE TROVE

We really miss you and can't wait to see you again!

Alternative events in lieu of our annual Fair on the Green in 2021 are being reviewed by our Fair Committee and Trustees.

We would love to take in donations right now but we just don't have the space. When we closed down operations in March 2020, we were already at full capacity because of your generous donations. We are hoping to find a way to open up some more room to receive additional donations as soon as possible and will keep you posted.

We know some of you have held your donations for a long time and we really appreciate it. Please stay tuned!







## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*“The organized unit of United Methodist Women 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.”*

### SOUP SALE

**Our soup sale was very successful, We raised \$715 !**

Thank you to Sue O'Shea, Rachel Merva and all our soup makers: Liz Dillon, Leigh Bak, Linda Sheehan, Maryann Petremont, Elizabeth Wright, Sandy Morgan, Holly Firmender, Barbara Berglund and Christine McGregor. Thank you also to all our Soup Eaters!

### APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Weather permitting, we will meet in the church parking lot. Bring your own chair. We will gather masked and socially distanced. All women of the church are invited. We hope to see you there! If the weather doesn't cooperate we will change to a Zoom meeting.

### PLEDGES

Please continue to send your pledges to Deb Dubien. More information can be found in her article, “Why Should I Join United Methodist Women” on the next page.

### UMW DATES FOR 2021:

April 13th-noon

Sept. 14th-noon

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

May 11th -7PM

Oct. 12-7PM

**Note: If we are back in church, this will be our Potluck and Christmas Party at 6:15!**

June 8th-noon

Nov. 9th-noon

When we are back on church property, noon meetings are held in the Gunn Library and evening meetings in Dodd Hall.

**Don't Forget:** Check out “Faith Talks” on the UMW website. These are 1 hour, monthly conversations that explore “themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action”.

*Christine McGregor and Deb Dubien*





## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Continued



### Mission Giving Pledge Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

For the coming year, I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to be paid: ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ other

**UMW MEMBER:** Please fill out and return this card to your unit treasurer.

As a member of United Methodist Women, I celebrate and commit to supporting United Methodist Women's local, national and global outreach.

**Mission Giving Makes Mission Happen!**



### Why should I join United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. As a member you can take advantage of many opportunities, including the following: • Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats. •

Hands-on mission in local communities. • Mission education experiences. • Leadership development and training opportunities. • Supporting work with women, children and youth. • Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world. • Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth. • Engagement in racial justice issues

We are faith, hope and love in action.

**FAITH** Thousands of women participate in our reading programs and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

**HOPE** Our national mission institutions empower women, care for children, educate and equip youth, care for the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

**LOVE** Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and 121 programs taking place in 110 countries.



**ACTION** United Methodist Women members' voices are heard around the world as they call for justice on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, health care and the environment.

During the month of March, the UMW unit of Mary Taylor Memorial UMC receives its pledge/commitments for the coming year. Would you please consider filling out the Mission Giving Pledge Card to join United Methodist Women in service and/or monetary support.

Please return the card to: Debbie Dubien, 329 Rock Lane, Milford, CT 06460. If you pledge a monetary amount, you can return it with the card or make installments over the year. Checks should be made out to UMW (not the church).

Thank you for your continued support, Acting Treasurer, Debbie Dubien



## PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Submitted by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN

### WHO WILL SPEAK FOR YOU?

**National Health Care Decision Making Day** is celebrated yearly on April 16th. The day is recognized as a time to encourage people to understand the importance of something called Advance Care Planning. Advance care planning is putting your wishes into writing regarding your health care choices for a time when you are sick.

#### TYPES OF DOCUMENTS

Two of the documents involved in this are known in medical circles as a Health Care Agent form and a Living will. A health care agent form is different from a power of attorney form in some ways, but the idea is similar. Basically, it is asking someone you trust to carry out your expressed instructions should you be in a position that you cannot speak for yourself.

#### SITUATIONS INVOLVED

What might some of these situations be? People with dementia, which is a chronic and progressive disease will come to a time, when they cannot fully understand what their choices for their health care plans are. In this situation, a health care agent (HCA) would speak for them. What if you were in a terrible car accident and were hospitalized in an ICU and because of your injuries, you could not speak? Your HCA would be asked to work with the medical team to guide your care. In some cases, it may be about planning your care after the hospital stay, such as going to a short-term rehab. In others, you may require 24/7 care, would this be in a nursing home or perhaps in your home with privately paid help? It can be very overwhelming for those who have been given the title of HCA. It is even more overwhelming for the HCA if there has never been a discussion about what you want, and what you would not want. What if the medical team was recommending a high-risk surgery for someone with heart disease or starting dialysis for someone who have kidneys that have failed? If you had a stroke and could not eat by mouth anymore, would you want a feeding tube placed? Lots of things to think about, right? These are not pleasant situations but, it is important to plan and to pick someone as your healthcare agent who will advocate for you and your choices regarding your health.

#### DESIGNATED PERSON

In asking your family member or friend to be your healthcare agent, you should ask to have a conversation with them to make sure they know they are your designated person. If you do not have a written health care agent designated, by state of Connecticut law, there is an order that is followed for decision making if you are unable. First it would be your spouse. Next your adult children. Now, if you have more than one child, then by state law they are all considered equal in their decision-making abilities on your behalf. Unless they all agree, then this can cause problems. Think about who you want, then put it in writing. If you are single or a widower and have no children, then it would go to your siblings. What if they are older than you are, and not in the best of health themselves? What about a trusted friend? In my opinion your ability to pick your own is much better than not having one and having to allow the hospital to apply for conservatorship of person to ask a court appointed attorney to make decisions for you.

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### Parish Health and Wellness continued

If you would like a copy of the state of Connecticut health care forms, please use the link below.

You will need two witnesses to sign along with you. The person that you pick as your HCA should not be one of your witnesses. You do not need to see a lawyer to complete these forms. Once you have your form completed, you should make copies and share them with your family members and most importantly your health care agent. The next appointment you have at your doctor's office, you should bring a copy for their office records. If you are admitted to a hospital, then a copy should be provided to them as well, so they know who to contact if you are someday unable to speak for yourself.

If you do not have a printer, please call the church office and ask Mary Lou to mail you a copy. If you would like to talk further about this, please let me know.

<https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Health-Issues/Connecticuts-Living-Will-Laws>

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### BEYOND THE BOX BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

WE WILL BEGIN THESE STUDIES AGAIN ON APRIL 13 AND 14.

(Periodically we do topical or seasonal studies during these time slots.)



On Tuesday night (7 PM) and Wednesday morning (10AM), we look “beyond the box” of the assigned lectionary readings for each week. We dive into the history, text, and context, as we find connections between the scriptures and, most importantly, connections to our lives.

### HERE ARE THE LINKS:

**Tuesday evening**, with Pastor Karen, at 7:00 p.m.:

Meeting ID: 868 4733 1627, Password: 479721

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86847331627?pwd=UjBem5pcm1DL0JYZVBqR0ZXR0N4dz09>

**Wednesday morning**, with Pastor Karen, at 10:00 a.m.:

Meeting ID: 818 3955 9084, Passcode: 139430

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81839559084?pwd=S05ybzdWZHRDeEQyUWZOb21WbIRVdz09>

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

By Joan Zauner

*"When there are no words, a prayer shawl speaks volumes."*  
Janet Bristow, co-founder of the prayer shawl ministry.



### PRAYER SHAWLS ARE AVAILABLE—

Just because our group has not been meeting, does not mean there are no shawls. It has been a difficult time for all, but sometimes a shawl to wrap around you can be a comfort.

If you know of someone who would like a shawl, please call the church office at 203-874-1982 and we will help you receive one.



## FAIR ON THE GREEN UPDATE

Dear Mary Taylor Community ~

As previously communicated, our annual Fair On The Green will not be held on the traditional first Friday/Saturday in June due to COVID restrictions and in the spirit of safety for all.

Our alternative plan for dates in early September has not panned out due to other events in the Milford area which would compete for our vendors presence.

Therefore, your Fair Committee in consultation with Trustees and Parish Wellness, will be considering another alternative event on the church campus. The question is the size and scope to be offered. In any case, we know there will not be any type of food operations other than the possibility of a take-away option (e.g. Signature Strawberry shortcake). Of course ALL safety protocols will be required.

So for now we ask for your patience, prayers, and understanding while we navigate through this in 2021.

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact your Fair Co-Chair persons,

Cathy Cono. (203) 645-2362; [spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net)

Paul Downing (203-676-5582); [paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)





## NEW INSTRUCTIONS

### ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS are welcomed anytime.



Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Mary Lou Kampert at the church office. A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. If you would like to place an order please contact Mary Lou at 203-874-1982 or [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) to arrange a suitable date.



### A REMINDER ABOUT CARE BY THE PASTORS....

**CONTACT THE PASTORS**—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 reach them through the church office at 203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net), or directly at: Pastor Karen: 203-313-3045; [karen.eiler@nyac-umc.com](mailto:karen.eiler@nyac-umc.com)  
Pastor Kristina: 516-901-2216; [revkristina@yahoo.com](mailto:revkristina@yahoo.com) or



### OFFICE HOURS

9AM TO 2PM **MONDAY—FRIDAY**



### COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC

We are recruiting help now for

**Thursday, April 22nd**

**any portion of 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE The Community Supper will be served as “to go” meals.**



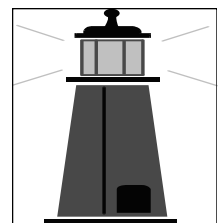
### MAY “BEACON” DEADLINE IS

**Thursday, April 15th**

Please submit materials on or before this date to

**[mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)**

**or a hard copy to the church office.**





**WE'D LIKE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY....**

....but we can't if we don't have it in our database.

It is always possible that these special dates were previously provided us.  
If so, you have our apology for any oversight and our request to please try again.  
And whenever your special day is, may God who has blessed you with this  
milestone smile on you and your celebration.



Sincerely,

Mary Lou Kampert ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net); 203.874.1982, ext. 110)

**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  
Lisa Gloates  
**Charles Mebane II**  
Gail Sostilio  
3rd John Doherty  
4th Kimberly Chevett  
Kyle Collins  
**Shirley Whelan**  
7th Paige Librandi  
Erin O'Shea  
8th Corinne Macdonald  
9th Diana Cable  
10th Maryann Petremont  
11th Frederick Bennett  
Stacey Cronk  
12th Susan Pitre

14th Rhonda Calogine  
Mark McAvoy  
15th **Don Hastings**  
Vicki Woodard  
17th **Irene Smith**  
19th Barbara Babcock  
**Thomas Griggs Sr.**  
20th Andromeda Macri  
Mark Repetsky  
21st Premila Arnold  
22nd Brechin Morgan  
Stephen Murzyn  
Samantha Sostilio  
23rd Christopher Krom  
25th Samantha Bennett  
26th Brian Gonsalves Jr.

27th Elliott Carter  
Holly Firmender  
Justine Guckin  
28th **Joan McDonough**  
30th Michelle Clark



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