MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street Milford, Connecticut 06460

Phone: 203.874.1982 FAX: 203.877.8973

Order of Worship 10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

"Where E'er You Walk" PRELUDE

G.F. Handel

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

THE VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE: Sat. Feb. 10, 2018 Steve Wasko or John Leum

"Great Is the Lord" INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111, vss. 1-3, 9, CEB (ed.)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the

upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures

forever.

Leader: God sent redemption to the people; God commanded the covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name.

*HYMN #127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison)

The Book of Common Prayer, 1928

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael J. O'Donnell, USA, 20th cent.

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal p. 39

Elliott Joseph Carter, son of Benjamin and Jacquelyn (The setting for the Apostles' Creed is Hymnal #881.)

Godparents: Carrie Acampora, Torie Smith and Craig Randi

Sponsors: *Holly and Scott Firmender*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Bible p.174 (LP, OT p.218)

People: Thanks be to God. Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

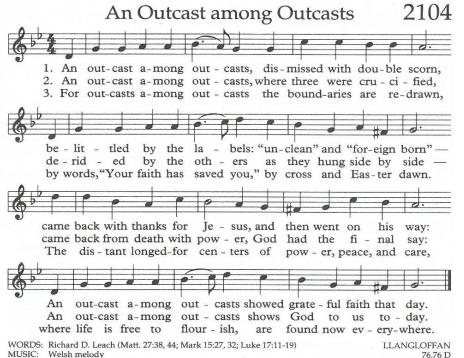
Bible p.910 (LP, NT p.43)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*HYMN #2104

"An Outcast Among Outcasts"

Llangloffan



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SERMON

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: And also with you.

(Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: "Glory Be To God" D. York

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: "All Things Come of Thee" Hymnal #588

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #67 "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" St. Anthony's Chorale

(Let the anointers come forward during the hymn.)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

Each last Sunday of the month all are invited to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice of God's love is a mysterious, caring expression of Christ's promise "I will be with you always." Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*HYMN #173 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Ratisbon

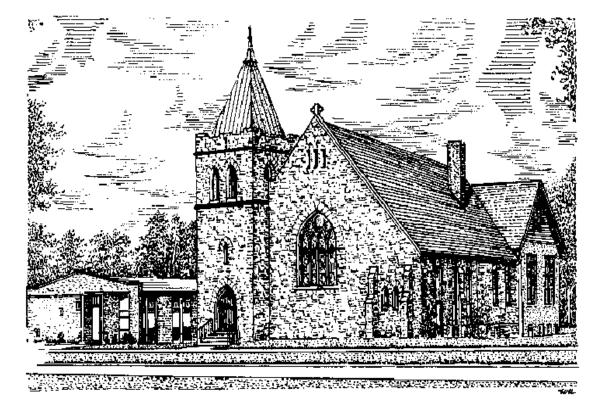
*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BELL TOLLS – Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus

*POSTLUDE "Voluntary on Cwm Rhondda" P. Manz

 $(During\ the\ postlude\ you\ may\ leave\ following\ the\ pastor\ or\ remain\ seated.)$

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836 Current building dedicated: 1893 Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969 Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 2018



when we're inside the 10-yard line."

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Grace Notes
January 28, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Football season is nearly over. Nearly. But not quite.

For the devotees and die-hard fans, the end comes next Sunday with excitement and passion for the "Holy Grail" of Super Bowl 52 as the Philadelphia Eagles try to make history by winning their first ever Super Bowl against the defending champion New England Patriots.

For those seeking entertainment, there are the commercials (most being aired without previews this year) and the snacks.

For those whose teams did not make next Sunday's extravaganza, the Pro Bowl features "the best of the best" NFL players this afternoon at 3 p.m. on ESPN.

For the disinterested, it's only 8 days until "normal" life (without football) resumes.

Yet for all of us, next Sunday is "SOUPER Bowl of Caring" Sunday. It started* as a simple prayer in 1990 by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." The prayer caught fire among the youth of that church with the idea to unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned goods to be sent directly to a local feeding program of their choice. 22 Columbia churches participated that first year, sending \$5,700 to area non-profits.

Since then, \$90,000,000 has been sent – 1 can and \$1 at a time - to soup kitchens, food banks and non-profits that feed people across the country. So if you can offer a can or dried good or a financial gift next Sunday to help "those who are without a bowl of soup to eat", please do. Your gifts will be directed to the local feeding work of Milford's Beth-El Center.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

*www.souperbowl.org

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Kelly O'Hara **Liturgist:** Barbara Ann Griggs

Cross Bearer: Josh Carr Greeters: Bev Dean and Joan Zauner

Bible Bearer: Barbara Repetsky **Acolytes:** Nate Carr

Intercessor: Pastor Vink

Anointers: Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Mark Platt and Steve Wasko.

A MISSONS CROSS HAS BEEN PLACED in honor of Joan Zauner's birthday today.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of our daughter, Robin Sattler, who died on January 30th three years ago, given by Bob and Carole Sattler.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 6 and 7 12

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn. Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u> (1928), <u>The United Methodist Book of Worship</u> (1992), <u>The United Methodist Hymnal</u> (1989), and <u>The Faith We Sing</u> (2000).

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

MISSION NEWS

BETH-EL SHELTER SUPPLIES COLLECTION concludes at month's end. Items needed:

Kitchen and Paper Supplies: Paper towels, hot/cold cups (6oz or 8 oz), 8 oz bowls, tall kitchen garbage bags (13 gal), paper placemats, paper napkins, food storage bags (gallon, sandwich and snack size), plastic wrap, heavy duty aluminum foil, toilet paper, facial tissue and large heavy duty garbage bags (55 gallon).

Cleaning Supplies: Anti-bacterial household cleaners such as Lysol/Pine-Sol, bleach (gallon), kitchen wipes, glass cleaner, dish detergent, liquid dishwasher detergent; scouring pads, sponges.

Other Items: Hand soap, feminine hygiene products, band aids, gauze, medical tape, surgical masks, Vinyl (no latex) powder-free gloves (s, m, l) and hand sanitizer.

Please leave items in the marked box at the rear of Dodd Hall.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MISSIONS FAIR: *Sunday, April 15th.* If you know of a group that does great work locally, please contact Maryann Petremont at 203-877-0612, majoratemont@yahoo.com or Lorraine Carr at 203-931-0516, carrain@yahoo.com.

SOCKS 4 SENIORS: Eileen Potkay, LPN on our Parish Health and Wellness Team will be collecting new and gently used (any color or length) ADULT size socks for seniors in need living in local Nursing Homes.



This is our 3rd Annual Sock collection and there IS a need right here in Milford. **The collection will run until March 18, 2018.** There will be a box in Dodd Hall to leave your donations. To learn more, see Eileen after worship or contact her at 203-809-0188 or Eileenmary68@aol.com. If you would like to leave a monetary donation, Stacey Riccardi will be happy to shop for you. Contact her at 203-562-6508 or stacey.riccardi@comcast.net.

<u>U.M. ARMY MISSION WEEKS</u>: (A home repair and improvement mission of the UM Church)

Young Adult Program: <u>June 3-9</u> Long Island – Participants must be 1 year beyond high school

Mixed Age Program: *July 8-14* Forestville, CT – Participants must have completed 7th grade or older.

As always, do not hesitate to email or text me with questions. Friends of MTMUMC are welcome to join us. Cost is \$300 per youth and there are some scholarship funds available for members. Please contact me for information.

This is the first year that there will be no High School week, I am not certain if space will be limited because of that so please, reply to get your name on our group roster.

Here is the link for more information about U.M. ARMY http://ne.umarmy.org/

Blessings,

Stacy Meszaros (203.414.9235)

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

Sunday, January 28	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School Jamboree Time - Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Wesley Center
	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Baptism of Elliott Joseph Carter - Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Caring Ministry – Wesley Center, 1st Floor
	3:30 p.m.	GEUMC Worship – Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	"GUTS" Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge
Monday, January 29	7:00 p.m.	Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel
Tuesday, January 30	5:45 p.m.	Confirmation class – Gunn Library
	$7:00 \ p.m.$	Disciple 4- Egan Room
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library
Wednesday, January 31	10:00 a.m.	Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library
		Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
Thursday, February 1	6:00 p.m.	Security Task Force meeting – Wesley Center - Egan Room
	6:30 p.m.	Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center-Gunn Library
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center- Egan Room
Friday, February 2	10:00 a.m.	Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
Saturday, February 3	6:45 a.m.	Annual Ski Trip-return time 6:40 p.m. Shelly Lapadula contact
	9:00 a.m.	Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel
Sunday, February 4	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School Jamboree Time - Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Wesley Center
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall
	11:30 a.m.	"Souper Bowl" Sunday luncheon sponsored by the Men's Club
	3:30 p.m.	GEUMC Worship – Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	"GUTS" Youth Group meeting – Parsonage
Monday, February 5	6:00 p.m.	Membership and Evangelism meeting-Wesley Center
	7:00 p.m.	Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel
Tuesday, February 6	5:45 p.m.	Confirmation class – Gunn Library
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 4- Egan Room
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 a.m.	Adult Study: Christianity and Islam – Gunn Library
	6:40/7:45 p.m.	Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
Thursday, February 8	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1st floor
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting-Gunn Library
Friday, February 9	10:00 a.m.	Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Game Night at the Parsonage-Pastor Dani contact
Saturday February 10	9:00 a.m.	Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	CODA 12 Step – Wesley Center 1st floor

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by the United Methodist Women A-M. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Men's Club (Souper Bowl Sunday).

CARING MINISTRIES TEAM LEADERS meet <u>at 11:30 a.m.</u> in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. Any member of any of the Caring Ministries teams (Healing and Wholeness, Visitation, Prayer Shawl, Transportation and Parish Health and Wellness) is welcome to attend.

WOULD YOU LIKE A HYMNAL? We have recently replaced approximately 40 hymnals that have varying degrees on disrepair. The hymnals are in Dodd Hall and available for the taking *through next Sunday*. Please help yourself if you'd like to own a United Methodist Hymnal. We thank the Worship Committee and Kelly O'Hara for completing this replacement project.

AN OPIOID PREVENTION BENEFIT FUNDRAISER in the form of a "Yogathon" will be held <u>today from 1:15 – 4:30 p.m.</u> at Tranquility Spa, 88 Noble Avenue, Milford. All proceeds from the Yogathon will benefit Milford Prevention Council to educate, intervene and prevent opioid addiction. Tickets may be purchased at https://yogathonforprevention.evenbrite.com. See the flyers on the bulletin boards in Dodd Hall for additional information.

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) -- is the new name for the Youth Group. We meet today, January 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st floor. Each week we will have a discussion topic and a different topic leader. Come join us for the Youth Group! All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome (friends, too)! Today's topic "How Many Removed?" led by Shelly Lapadula. This is the second topic in our Family Relationships series. Permission slips for the Ski Trip and for the Super Bowl Pre-game party will be distributed, along with the February Calendar.

TODAY IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE BUTTERNUT SKI TRIP. The trip is *this Saturday*, *Feb.* 3rd. See Shelly Lapadula to register and details under "This Week."

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES from our *November 16th*, *2017* meeting were approved on January 18 and are available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

THE FEBRUARY "BEACON" was mailed Wednesday. Extra copies in the Narthex.

OUR NEW LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE HERE! <u>Please ask an usher for one.</u> Please note that both Old (OT) and New (NT) Testaments begin with page 1 (the regular pew Bibles have continuous numbering). Large Print Bible page references in the liturgy will be marked as "LP" and then "OT" or "NT" and the page number.

A FEW EXTRA "UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES" ARE STILL AVAILABLE from Don Hastings. This daily devotional follows the Lectionary, the scripture readings used most Sundays at our church. Each devotional has a scripture, reflection and prayer: a 10 minute daily discipline worth the investment. Cost is \$10 and scholarship help is available. See Don today.

IT'S FLU SEASON. Please help yourself to the hand-sanitizer in the Dodd Hall window wells.

THIS WEEK

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

ANNUAL SKI TRIP, sponsored by the G.U.T.S Youth program will be <u>this Saturday</u>, <u>February 3rd</u>. This is a church-wide event; friends and families are also invited. We will meet at the church and leave by 6:45 a.m. for Mount Butternut, Great Barrington, MA. Expected return time is 6:40 p.m.; pack a lunch or bring money to purchase food at the lodge, some light snacks will be provided. Cost is \$40 per person; <u>helmets are required</u>. Equipment rentals are available. For more information and to RSVP, speak with Shelly Lapadula <u>today</u>, <u>Jan. 28</u>.

DISTRICT RESOURCE DAYS: <u>Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. – Noon</u> at Simsbury (CT) UMC and <u>Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 – 5 p.m.</u> at Stratford UMC, 2600 Main Street. See enclosed flier.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 4

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting B). The message "And There He Prayed" will be based on Psalm 147 and Mark 1:29-39. We will recognize our young men in the Boy Scout program. Our Black History Moment will be presented by Pastor Brian on Bishop Roy C. Nichols.

"SOUPER BOWL" SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON will follow worship next week, hosted annually by our Men's Club. They and our youth will be collecting money and canned goods for the "Souper Bowl of Caring," alleviating hunger as part of a national initiative. Your gifts will go to support Milford's Beth-El Center.

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) -- is the new name for the Youth Group. *We meet next Sunday, February, 4 - 5:30 p.m.* at the parsonage for Super Bowl Pregame party. There will be snacks and games. Permission slips required! Contact person: Pastor Dani Levine (danielle.levine@mail.com).

COMING SOON:

Growing Up Together Spiritually (G.U.T.S) will be hosting a **Youth Game Night** on *Friday, February 9th, 6 - 8 p.m.* at the parsonage: 47 Commodore Place, Milford. All youth, *grades 6-12* are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Permission slips are required and currently available, with an invite for friends. For more information, contact person is Pastor Dani Levine (danielle.levine@mail.com). Thank you, Dani.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

Your comments to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee concerning skills and aptitudes of our new pastor, as well as missional priorities for our church, are welcomed. Please contact any of these individuals on Sunday or by phone or e-mail (contacts may be obtained through the Church Office): Edie Reichard, Chair; Tom Beyer, Chris Carveth, Stacey Cronk, Eileen Doyle, Shelly Lapadula, Kelly O'Hara, Jim Page, Alison Pitts, Becky Virgalla and Ethan Weed.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are *due by noon Wednesday* for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **February openings are** *NEXT SUNDAY*, **February 4**TH **and February 25th.**

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat 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. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each 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.

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: Pastor Brian Bodt: brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office 10 am -1 p.m., Mon. – Thurs. Pastor Hal Vink: 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com. Pastor Dani Levine: 203.927.9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.com.

"FIX IT BOX" is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and Recovery from Codependency (CODA) WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 21

Total worship attendance all services: 183; Jan.21: 160; GEUMC: 10; Jan.22 Healing and Wholeness: 13; Jan. 24 Taize: 9 Total Offerings for Jan.21: \$7,518.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 108; Sunday School: 27; "G.U.T.S" (youth group): 8; Confirmation: 7, Disciple 4: 9; Christianity and Islam: Tues:11; Wed:12; "Beacon" volunteers, Jan. 24: 6; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 19; Office Volunteers: 2; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.