

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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*

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

PRELUDE “Angelus” F. Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

INTROIT “He Is Exalted”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wind howls on the mountain peak. People: *There is no place to hide.*

Leader: There we see the glory of God. People: *And his Son shining like the sun!*

Leader: Let this mighty and miraculous moment inspire glory, honor and praise.

All: *For the transfigured Son is the redeemer of Israel and Savior of the world!*

*HYMN #176 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Majesty, worship his majesty, on the mountain where God’s holy splendor arrays

Majesty, mystery eternally, there with the law and prophets all, Jesus displays

his high call: beloved Son of God forever. Holy Voice, commanding all, “Listen to him.”

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison) “Transfiguration” Hymnal #259

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, O holy God, that at times we don’t like holiness or mystery.

We’d rather have you be straight forward and no-nonsense. But you have told us that our ways are not your ways. Help us remember that you alone are God. Forgive our presumption and arrogance and fill us with a desire to hunger after you. We ask all this in the name of the One who reveals you most truly, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 50:1-6 Hymnal p.783

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:3-12 Bible p.1052

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 Bible p.919

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

*HYMN #258 “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair” Wareham

THE SERMON “The End of Ordinary Time” Dr. Bodt

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal #881

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

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.)

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT “Bishop James Varick” Jamie Georgelos

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Trust in the Lord” G.F. Handel

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” rear cover

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #703

CHORUS: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. (twice)

*VERSE: If you get to heaven before I do, coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I’m coming, too, coming for to carry me home. (CHORUS)*

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

*POSTLUDE “Toccatina” C. Simone

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire;
 flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,
Fine
 send forth your word, — Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

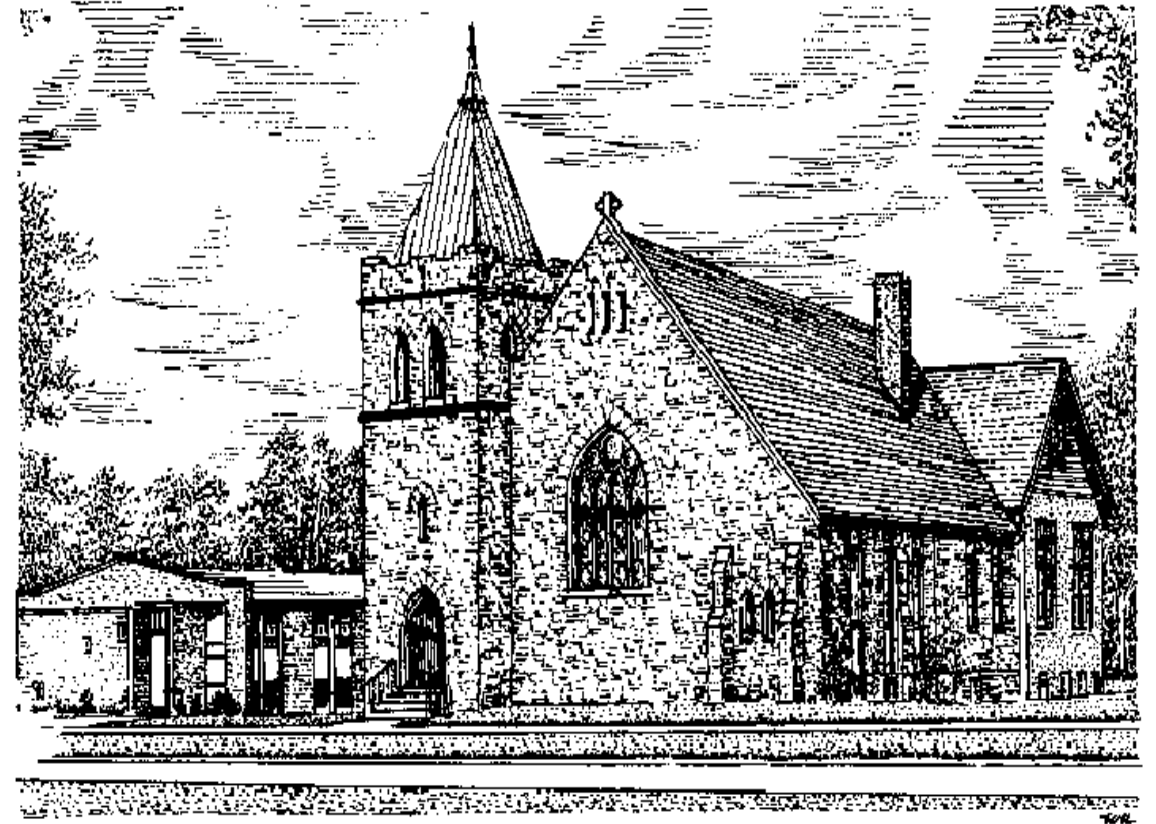
in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

D.C.

Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 2015

Grace Notes
February 15, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Transfiguration is not so much a mystery to be solved as one at which to marvel. The glory of God is revealed in many ways. Not all of them can be interpreted by rational explanation alone.

The recent death of Kayla Mueller grieves all of us. An altruistic American serving as a Syrian aid worker, she was captured by ISIS 18 months ago. She was quoted as saying that people see God in many places, among them in nature and in the faces of others. But she found God in suffering. Her involvement in the Middle East was not an isolated episode but the evolution of a life committed to relieving suffering.

One cannot help but think of our Lord and his suffering. This is not to glorify avoidable suffering, but it is to say that many of the same forces—politics, nation-states and unimaginable cruelty—were present in Jesus' sacrifice.

My heart breaks for Kayla's family. My heart swells with pride at her idealism. My heart stands convicted at the ways I too often "play it safe."

On this Transfiguration Sunday, standing on the cusp of Lent, how will we allow our lives to be touched and used that we might stand in awe at the glory of God?

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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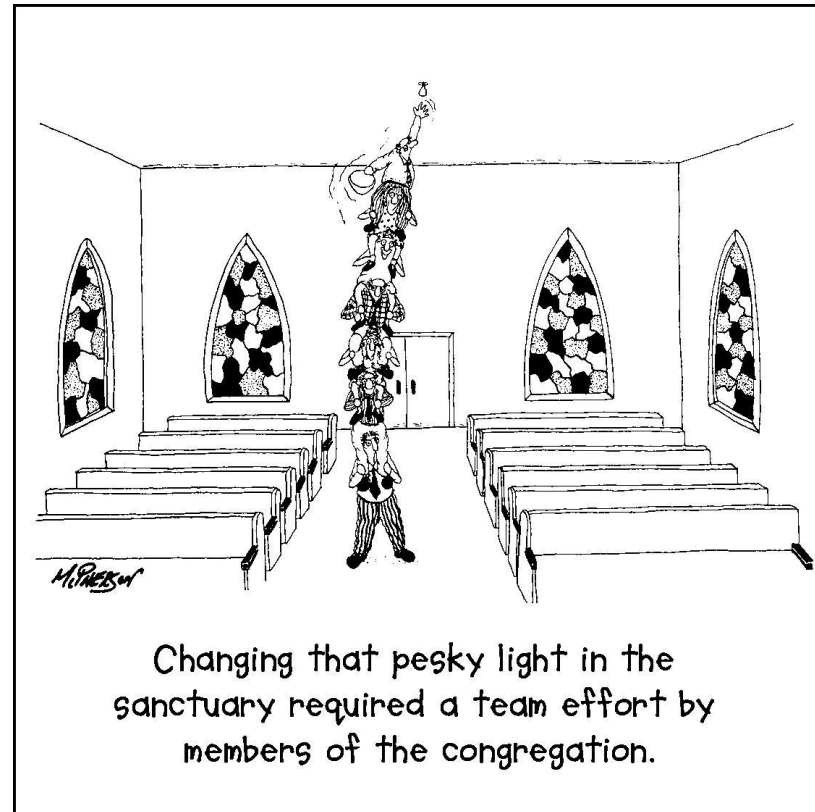
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Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi



Changing that pesky light in the sanctuary required a team effort by members of the congregation.

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Deb Dubien and Barbara Macisco

Acolytes – Shannon and Bryan Thompson

Cross Bearer – Jamie Georgelos

Liturgist – Joanne Platt

Bible Bearers – Addyson and Paige Perregaux

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Joanne Platt.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Don and Mary Lou Hastings wedding anniversary; and in memory of Fred Mathews, loving father, Thelma Mathews, loving mother, and Beverly Stayman, awesome sister, given by Linda Mathews Birnbaum.

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

TODAY'S LITURGY is taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Call to Worship, Unison Confession and 2nd verse of the hymn "Majesty" were written by the pastor.

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

CHILD CARE for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, February 15

BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing-Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary

Monday, February 16

President's Day – Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall

5:30 p.m. Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion – Sanctuary

Noon Ash Wednesday Taize worship and Holy Communion- Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove

Friday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers-Gunn Library

Saturday, February 21

6:45 a.m. MYF Ski Trip-Butternut Mountain-Shelly Lapadula contact

Sunday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 1st Session – Pastor's study

9:00a.m. Lenten Fasting Covenant Group 2nd Session – Pastor's study

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Program/Classroom Tour-Sunday School Office

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time and Soup Sale – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries Meeting- Wesley Center 1st floor

Monday, February 23

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 a.m. Host Community Forum – Dodd Hall

5:30 p.m. Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor

Wednesday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

12:00 p.m. Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Cradle Roll Meeting – Pastor's Study

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 26

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism Meeting – Wesley Center

Friday, February 27

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers

Saturday, February 28

2:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism Game Day- Dodd Hall

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

MYF is going skiing



Attention all MYF skiers and snow boarders – join us for a day of fun on the slopes at Ski Butternut, **Saturday, February 21, 2015.** We will leave Mary Taylor 6:45 a.m., and return by 6:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome – lessons are available.

- Costs are as follows: Lift Ticket \$40.00
- Rental \$25.00
- Lessons \$20.00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Helmets \$10.00 – while supply lasts

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.

Chaperones and Drivers are needed. MYF Family members are welcome to join us. The MYF Team will provide snacks and water. Bring your helmets and extra cash for lunch, cocoa or a snack. Contact person is Shelly Lapadula 203-874-4466 or e-mail m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com. Payment is due on the 21st – Cash Please

Please be sure to let Shelly know you are planning to attend so we will be certain to have enough drivers!
Hope to see you there. The MYF Team

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 17TH 5:30 P.M.
DODD HALL
MEN’S CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER



NEXT SUNDAY

UMW SOUP SALE 11:00 A.M.
DODD HALL



Chili, Split Pea with Ham,
Technicolor, Cabbage/Kielbasa
Pint \$4.00 Quart \$8.00

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence with us. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the United Methodist Women. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is the Membership and Evangelism Committee.

MARCH “BEACON” DEADLINE is **today** with articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS are offered **today** after worship in the sanctuary by Bob Virgalla, E.M.T. and a member of our Health and Wellness team.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ADULT LENTEN STUDY: “RENEGADE GOSPEL” by **Mike Slaughter** study will be on **Tues./Wed., Feb. 24/25 through March 31/April 1.** **Who was Jesus, really?** Wasn’t the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all pre-conceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn’t joining his movement have meant throwing in with a rebel? Doesn’t it still? **This is a study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus.** Pastors Brian and Hal will co-lead the sessions. **See one of them to register.** Each session includes a DVD presentation by the author. Cost of book, \$10.00. Please order your copy through Pastor Hal or church office.

LENTEN FASTING COVENANT GROUP: As in 2014, I will offer two sessions of a Lenten fasting covenant group on the Sundays of Lent (**Feb. 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**). **One, particularly but not exclusively for Sunday School teachers, will be from 8:30 – 9 a.m. The second will be from 9 – 9:30 a.m.** Both meet in the Gunn Library. If you are interested in experiencing this particular Lenten discipline by participating in this covenant group, please let me know.
Pastor Brian (203.895.3753; brian.bodt@yahoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE: “Friends and Family Sunday” is a month from today, **Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m.** Who would you like to invite to worship with you from among your friends and family?

BRUCE LONG’S NEW ADDRESS is in care of his daughter, Kim Baransky at 3406 North Pointe Boulevard, Little River, SC, 29566 or call him through Kim at 843-492-1717. A house tele phone number will be provided when available.

MILFORD HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: An orientation session is this **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 9 am – 12:30 p.m.** in Auditorium C at the hospital, 300 Seaside Avenue, Milford. For more information about a weekly commitment of two to four hours, please contact Volunteer Services at 203.876.4062 or to register for the orientation.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

TOMORROW the Church Office will be closed in observance of President's Day.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: on February 17th at 5:30 p.m. for a celebration in honor of Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras! The Men's Club will be serving up the traditional pancake supper with all the trimmings. We'll also have crafts and games for the kids. You won't want to miss the fun of the "king cake" and this relaxing evening of fellowship before we move into the solemn time of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. The 7 a.m. service will be a 30 minute service to accommodate those who prefer an early service. Noon service will be an inaugural "Taize" ("TAY-zay") worship that we will offer each Wednesday at Noon during Lent. The 7:30 p.m. service will be use Communion Setting IV and include music by the Adult Choir. The readings are Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 and the message entitled "When You Fast."

CHURCH COUNCIL meets Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. **Reports** are due to Paul Downing (paul.downing@snet.net) by close of business tomorrow, Feb. 16. **Action items** have the same deadline to Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubenslazier.com) or Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com).

SKI TRIP THIS SATURDAY: See the detailed article near the rear of this issue.

NEXT SUNDAY

LENT I – The readings of Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15 frame the message "A Rainbow Covenant." Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn. After worship there will be a Soup Sale in Dodd Hall (see the details in this issue) and the Caring Ministries team will meet in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

2015 ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS are now being received by Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED! Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

LITURGISTS WANTED: Serving as a liturgist is a different way to worship on Sunday – needed are former liturgists and first time liturgists, confirmands, young adults, and long-time members. All that is required is love of God. Contact Priscilla James at 203-874-2742.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOME VISITATION by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

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

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com: 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

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

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous 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 FEBRUARY 8th:

Total worship attendance all services: 166 (Feb. 8th, 166; Healing and Wholeness, Feb.9th cancelled), Total Offering (minus "Lift Us Up) for Feb.8th: \$5,522.00; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts: \$513.33. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$288.66; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 215 (Office Volunteers 3; Sunday School: 40; Disciple 3: 10, Confirmation: 8; UMW Winter Gathering: 7; UMW Noon: 12, UMW 6pm: 15; Valentine's Dinner Dance: 81; Adult Bible Study Tuesday cancelled; Adult Bible Study Wed. 14; Bell Choir 7: Adult Choir: 15; Total persons received on profession of faith: 3; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *Important! Small Groups – please contact the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net / 203.874.1982) with your attendance.