

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street  
Milford, Connecticut 06460

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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*

PRELUDE “Voluntary in F” D. Hegarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
(*Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.*)

A “LIFT US UP” CAMPAIGN REPORT Tom Beyer and Rachel Merva

INTROIT “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” Bell Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147:1-6 Hymnal p.859

\*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

THE COLLECT (*seated, in unison*)

*Almighty and everlasting God, who can banish all affliction both of soul and body, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, we confess that at times we are swept up in the tide of our generation. We fail to be your holy people set apart for divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We speak in your name without letting go of our glories, without nourishing our souls, without trusting in your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS AND SCOUTING  
Let us pray: *O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks—*

*for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;  
for study and work, to build character;  
for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;  
for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.*

*Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts,*

*the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 40: 21-31 Bible p.654  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 9:16-23 Bible p.1044  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39 Bible p.911  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #2151 “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” rear cover

THE SERMON “The Power to Heal” Dr. Bodt

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Hymnal p.33-35 and 38  
*New members and their [sponsors] are*  
**Beth Ann Artz** [Kelly O’Hara], **Joyce Haig** [Florence Berrien] and **Marlene Handshy** [Joan Zauner].

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.*)

MISSION MINUTE “The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport” Byron Crosdale

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Anthem: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” arr. by A. Sherman  
\*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee, O Lord” Hymnal #588

\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

\*THE BENEDICTION  
\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666  
“*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.*”

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

\*POSTLUDE “Jubilance” R. Haan  
(*During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.*)

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

GRACE

# 2151 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1. I'm so glad,  
 2. Sa-tan had me bound,  
 3. When I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me,

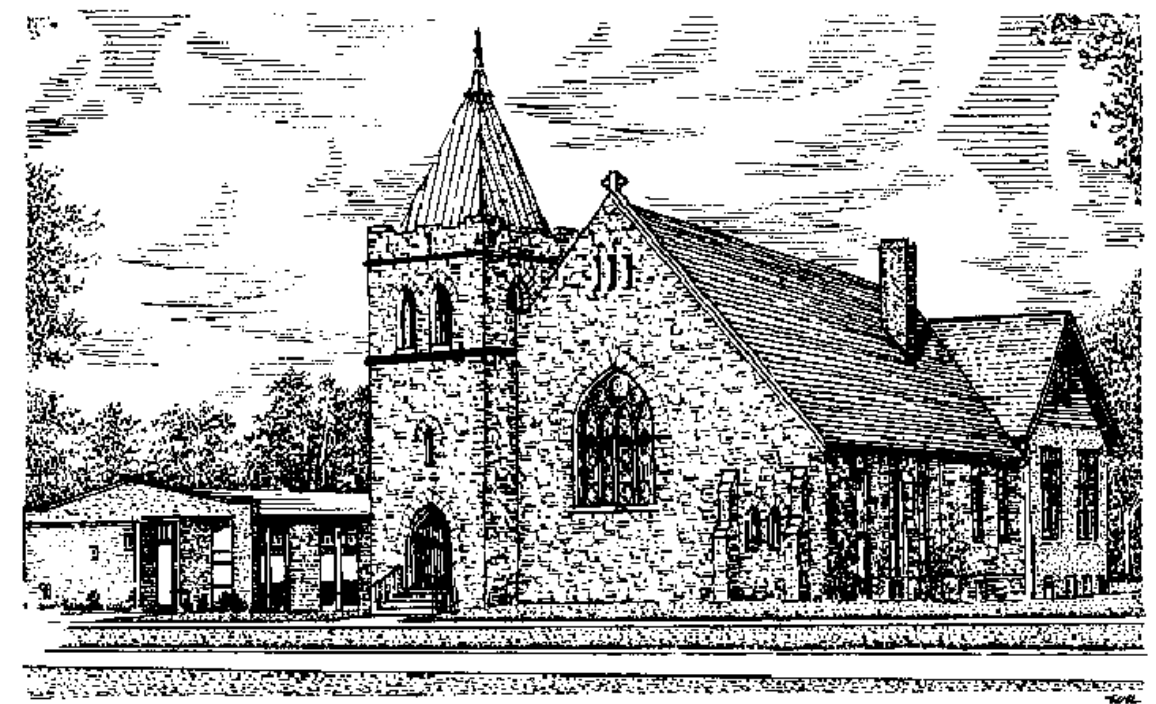
I'm so glad,  
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 when I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me,

I'm so glad,  
 Sa-tan had me bound,  
 when I was in trou-ble, } Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing

glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.

WORDS: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual

I'M SO GLAD  
Irregular



## 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.*

**EPIPHANY V**

**February 8, 2015**



## BEE MINE

Won't you be mine for Valentine's Day...sound familiar? Again this year, Missions is offering an opportunity for **alternative gift giving** for Valentine's Day. Why not purchase a gift of **HONEY BEES** to help sweeten a family's financial future?

A honey bee **gift donation to Heifer International** includes a bee package, hive, box and bee-keeper training for those families supported by Heifer. Sometimes it is the smallest gift that makes the biggest difference.

SO....consider honoring your honey with this sweet alternative gift... (no need to buy candy – everyone's on a diet anyway!)

See the Missions Committee representative on **February 1 or 8** in Dodd Hall to place your **alternative gift order and receive an honor card to send or give to your Valentine.**

Cost: \$30.00 (same as that big box of candy)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 P.M. DODD HALL**  
**MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER**



*Grace Notes*  
*February 8, 2015*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*My new member class and I got teased last week as we had our last new member session in my office. I suppose we were a bit louder and more raucous than we intended because a church member slipped a note under my door—all in fun—which said “Are you supposed to be having this much fun in here?”*

*It is good to laugh and be happy in church, isn't it? The Bible calls it “joy.”*

*We are happy for a number of celebrations and recognitions today:*

- *Mr. Byron Crosdale, Finance Director of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, speaking of its mission of “leveraging hope, changing lives.” He is a personal friend as well as a former parishioner and colleague. He'll be around during Fellowship Time to speak with you, too.*
- *Our Scouts in the various Scouting programs.*
- *Our “Lift Us Up” campaign status.*
- *Our new members and their sponsors.*

*There is an old quip that says “The problem with too many Christians is that they don't look redeemed. May the new life we have been given in Christ Jesus radiate from our hearts and shine from our faces. May we be infected with the joy of vital mission and service.*

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

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Ministers	All the People of God
Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros
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Sexton	Bruce Rumford
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck

Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Nick Bettencourt

**Acolytes** – Stefano Cono and Amanda Repetsky

**Liturgist** – Joan Zauner

**Greeters** – Carol and Roger Swarney

**Cross Bearer** – Scott Clark

**Bible Bearer** – Mary Repetsky

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Joan Zauner.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Carol Hubbell's birthday, given by Susan Pitre and family; and in loving memory of Patrick Natlo, given by his wife Marilyn.

**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), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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~

<i>Sunday, February 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Scout Sunday and Reception of New Members - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Electronic Giving Seminar – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Scouts Interfaith Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>District Resource Day-Wethersfield</i>
<i>Monday, February 9</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cradle Roll meeting – Pastor's Office</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 10</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UMW Noon Meeting-Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UMW Evening Pot-luck at Joan Zauner's; 14 Lucius Court, Milford</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible study – Wesley Center, Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible study – Wesley Center, Gunn Library</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>NO Praisemakers rehearsal – Next rehearsal is February 25th</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, February 12</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry - Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting-Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, February 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
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<i>Sunday, February 15</i>	<b>BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY</b>	
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal Hymn Singing-Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Monday, February 16</i>	<i>President's Day – Church Office Closed</i>	
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 17</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 18</i>	<i>7:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Taize worship and Holy Communion- Sanctuary</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Thursday, February 19</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council Meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove</i>
<i>Friday, February 20</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, February 21</i>	<i>6:45 a.m.</i>	<i>MYF Ski Trip-Butternut Mountain-Shelly Lapadula contact</i>

# 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](mailto: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



## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**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 Staff -Parish Relations Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is the United Methodist Women.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING IS HERE!** Mary Taylor Memorial UMC has joined the age of electronic giving! Please consider remaining for the seminar **today** after worship in the sanctuary to learn about it. Many members have expressed an interest in this, and now WE can give our offerings electronically using Credit or Debit Cards, a Mobile App, Direct Deposits, or ACH Processing (Automated Clearing House also called Electronic Funds Transfer - ETF).

**WE CELEBRATE OUR "LIFT US UP!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFTS TODAY.** If you have not yet made a gift please see the table in Dodd Hall or either of the co-chairs. This campaign funds handicapped accessible renovations to Wesley Center. For more information please speak with co-chairs Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; [tom.beyer@cort.com](mailto:tom.beyer@cort.com)) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net)).

**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.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

## THIS WEEK

**UMW DOUBLE-HEADER: this Tuesday, February 10:**

**12 Noon in Wesley Center**

**6:00 p.m. Pot-luck at Joan Zauner’s**

**Bring lunch and enjoy the fellowship.**

**14 Lucius Court, Milford 203-283-5643**

Both services will be a pledge service. We support our Connecticut District UMW with this money. With our Cookie Walk and Soup Sales, we support other missions—local and country wide.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY** – Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “The End of Ordinary Time” will be based on II Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9. After worship blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary.

**MARCH “BEACON” DEADLINE** is next Sunday, with articles to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office.

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15th

**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 18<sup>TH</sup>:** 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.”

## ON-GOING MINISTRIES

**LENTEN FASTING COVENANT GROUP:** As in 2014, I will again 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](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com))

**2015 ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS** are now being received by Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 1st:**

Total worship attendance all services: 161 (Feb. 1st, 161; Healing and Wholeness, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: cancelled) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up) for Feb. 1st: \$6,231.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: \$1036.33. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 119 (Office Volunteers 3; Sunday School: 41; Disciple 3: 10, Confirmation: 8; Adult Bible Study Tuesday cancelled; Gay-Straight Alliance: 12; Stewardship: 9; Adult Bible Study Wed.:13; Bell Choir 10: Adult Choir:13; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Important! Small Groups – please contact the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) / 203.874.1982) with your attendance.