

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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*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.*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION May 15, 2016

Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” D. Hegarty

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer” Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from a prayer by Don Saliers
(Led by Lillia Downing)

Leader: God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day.

People: *Thank you for the gifts of light and strength by the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Accept us with our gifts to be living praise to your love.

People: *Let us be witnesses to these things throughout all the earth!*

*HYMN #539 “O Spirit of the Living God” Forest Green

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison) Hymnal #542

God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of passion and power, we confess that at times our passions and lust for power resist your Holy Spirit and its gifts of love, kindness and peace. Send again your Spirit into our hearts, to rule and direct us by your holy will. When we err, grant us humility to make amends, for your Name’s sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE Romans 8:14-17 Hymnal p.1030

(Read by Olivia Kingston)

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

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-21 Bible p.992

(Read by Nathaniel Carr, Amanda Repetsky and Elizabeth Kim)

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

*THE GOSPEL John 14:8-17 Bible p.983

(Read by Nathaniel Carr)

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

*HYMN #347 “Spirit Song” Spirit Song

TESTAMONIES Amanda Repetsky and Joshua Carr

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: “Fill Me, Lord” Graham/Nix
(The Adult Choir; Barbara Repetsky, soloist)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #334 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Sweet, Sweet Spirit

THE SERMON “The Grace of Daily Obligation” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #331 “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us” For the Bread
(During the hymn the confirmands and sponsors come forward.)

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION Hymnal p.33

(The recitation of the Apostles’ Creed is Hymnal #881.)

Confirmand

Sponsor

Allison Danielle Bennett
Joshua David Carr
Nathaniel James Carr
Lillia S. Downing
Elizabeth Yireh Kim
Olivia Rose Kingston
Amanda Ruth Repetsky

Susan O'Shea
Paul Downing
Rich Perregaux
Lorraine Carr
Leigh Bak
Cathy Cono
Rachel Merva

*HYMN #152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Forest Green

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Hymnal #898

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

POSTLUDE "Calypso on 'He Leadeth Me'" Bell Choir
(Please remain seated during the postlude.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

reaffirms baptismal vows by youth who have reached the "age of consent," typically 13 years old. Through Confirmation youth become full members of Christ's Church and of the United Methodist Church.

The seven youth confirmed today have studied together since September, learning about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit; the history and doctrine of the Church; and the history and beliefs of the United Methodist Church. They have memorized the Apostles' Creed, Psalm 23, John 3:16-17, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer; and participated in at least one other aspect of church life. Many serve as altar servers and liturgists.

During the ritual, the confirmands proceed from the Communion rail to the kneeler where they will be confirmed. They wear a red flower, the color of the Holy Spirit. They are presented with a confirmation certificate and their offering envelopes; and an inscribed Bible at a later time.

Sponsors and, most significantly, their parents, guardians and immediate family have supported these youth. Please greet them all in Dodd Hall after worship where the Men's Club provides a cake in their honor.

	BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY	
<i>Sunday, May 15</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
PENTECOST/ CONFIRMATION	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood Pressure Screening-Sanctuary</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Chiropractic Presentation-Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, May 16</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 17</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 18</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Trash and Treasures open today until 3 p.m.</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Taize Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 19</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Trash and Treasures open today 9 am-2 pm</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>D’Ambrose/Conte wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Church Council meeting –Dodd Hall alcove</i>
	8:30 p.m.	<i>Taize Worship – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, May 20</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, May 21</i>	5:00 p.m.	<i>Melissa D’Ambrose/Marco Conte wedding – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, May 22</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
PEACE WITH JUSTICE	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Ally101 Workshop & Luncheon – Dodd Hall</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting – Wesley Center Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, May 23</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 24</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 25</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Trash and Treasures open today until 3 p.m.</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 26</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Trash and Treasures open today 9 am-2 pm</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, May 27</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>

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Grace Notes
May 15, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Pentecost was a Jewish agricultural festival 50 days after Passover until the experience of the disciples after that first Easter. That power that Christ promised (Luke 24:49) comes mightily on the disciples and nothing is the same again.

This is a time when we need, more than ever, godly power. Disputes in the church and in the world challenge us to reconsider “core values” (as the social scientists like to say). Pentecost makes it clear that all the people of the known world were there, hearing in their own languages the wonderful works of God. The diverse community of the New Testament church is a testament (pun intended) to God’s power of inclusion and welcome.

As seven of our young people are confirmed today, then enter a very different world from the one many of us know and inherited. Let us listen to their voices, too, for in them we also find the diversity of expression of God’s message. I recently visited someone, not a member of our church, who said, “What’s different about your church is that you welcome young people.” While that may not be the only difference, it is an important gift that we cultivate, the fruits of which are evident today as these young adults are confirmed “in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Liturgist – 2016 Confirmands

Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula

Greeters – Maureen Groves and Frieda Pope

Acolytes – Mateo Cono and Lucas Greifzu

Bible Bearer – Natalie Rendon

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Reverend Bodt and the Confirmands.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Charlene Riccardi's birthday on May 13.

Love, Rick, Stacey, Jason, Jennifer, Aiden and Madison.

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

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.

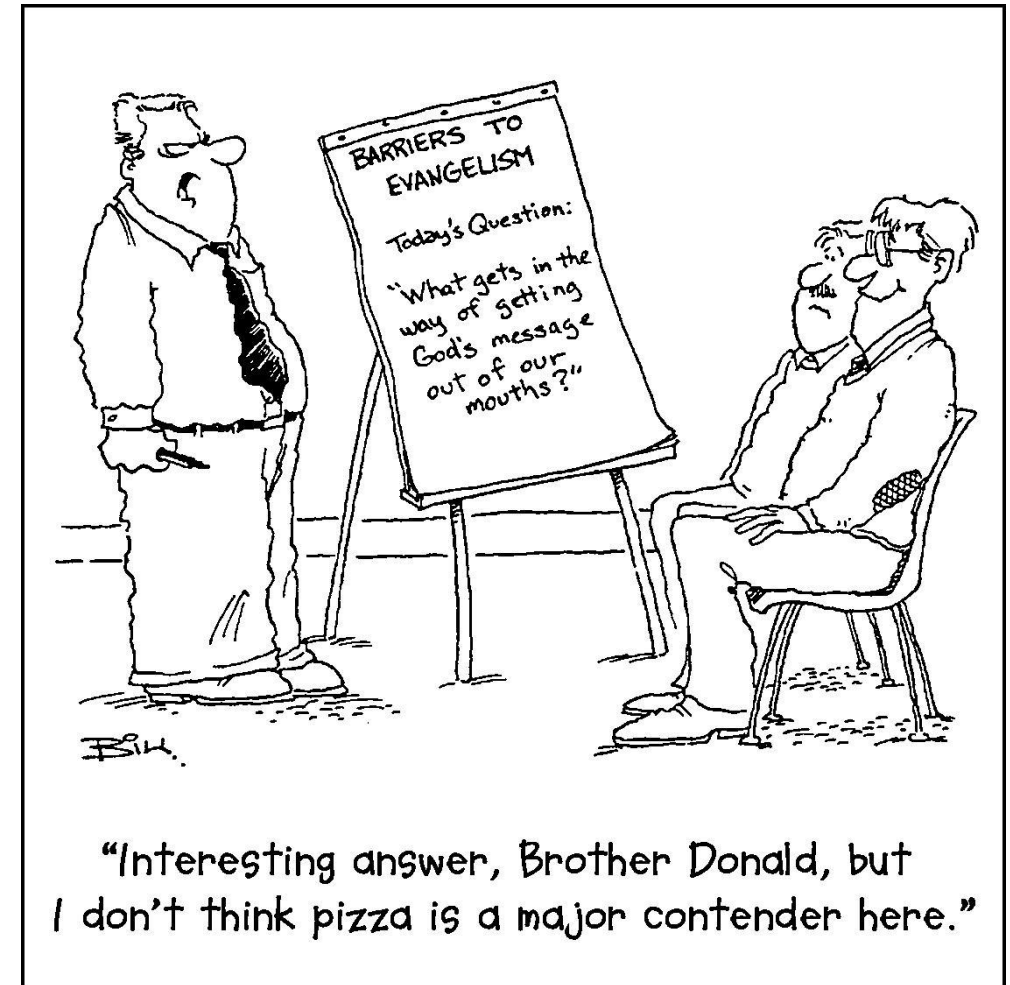
PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession 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.

TODAY'S LITURGY is taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer in the Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal), 1928.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS may be given to Pastor Brian to be spoken. "Same day" notices will receive special attention. **Please read our printed notices.** Leaders are encouraged to continue to submit printed notices to the church office. Activities and events needing extended coverage will be planned in advance and included as part of the liturgy as has been done for some time. The goal of this change is an enhanced worship experience for all.



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

MICHAELA'S GARDEN PROJECT SEEDS FOR THE PETIT FAMILY FOUNDATION ~

My friend Bill Petit started the Petit Family Foundation nine years ago to honor the memory of his beautiful wife Jennifer and daughters Hayley & Michaela. All of the "Petit Girls" were active members of the Cheshire United Methodist Church, and Jennifer was the daughter of Richard A. Hawke, a United Methodist Pastor and former District Superintendent in the Pittsburgh area.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised by the foundation to support:

- scholarships for young people in the sciences
- those who suffer from chronic diseases
- victims of violence

Every spring, I sell 4 O'Clock seeds from **Michaela's Garden Project** to support the **Petit Family Foundation**. Each packet of seeds is only \$5 (more if you like), but the impact your purchase has is so much greater. I'll have seeds available **after worship today** during Fellowship Time.

Leigh Bak

CONFERENCE OFFICE RENOVATIONS

As reported on page 5 of the May "Beacon," our regional ("Conference") United Methodist offices in White Plains, NY are being renovated. The 50+ year old building is having long-deferred maintenance and environmental issues addressed.

If you would like to know more about this project, please let me know and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet with you. I serve as Vice-President of the Conference Board of Trustees. You may reach me, as always, at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.895.3753.

If you would like to make a gift toward this project, please make it payable to "MTMUMC" and put "NYAC Reno" in the memo section. We currently have commitments for \$12,600 from MTMUMC members towards this project. My intent is that we will send commitments received to the Conference as a single gift prior to June 1st, although construction will continue through the summer and gifts after that date will be welcomed.

Pastor Brian Bodt

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted today by the Finance Committee. Next Sunday will be hosted by the United Methodist Women.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be offered by Brenda Pineau, R.N., after worship, in the sanctuary.

HEALTH KIT DONATIONS: We annually collect items for health kits that are forwarded to people in need by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). If you have purchased items, please leave them in the collection box in Dodd Hall. If you are willing to make a financial gift, please make it payable to "MTMUMC" and put "Health Kits" in the memo. You may place it in the offering or give it to Stacey Riccardi or any member of the Missions Committee.

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM hosts Dr. Paterna, a chiropractic physician, **today at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center.** Dr. Paterna will make a brief presentation in the Wesley Center on the benefits of chiropractic care and adjustments. **The team is also looking for new members** interested in health and health care as a spiritual ministry. Please speak with Eileen Potkay, Coordinator, at 203.809.0811

THE JUNE "BEACON" DEADLINE is **today**. Please hard copy to the church office or submit materials to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

FAIR ON THE GREEN UPDATE: see the enclosed insert.

ALLY 101 WORKSHOP: A **sign up table** is in Dodd Hall, staffed today by **Judy Darak** for the training event **next Sunday** on how to combat bullying. Please see the enclosed flier for details.

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL SIGN-UPS: Only three left: **June 26th, July 17th and September 4th**! Summer Punch Bowl is our summer version of Fellowship Time. We host it outside (weather permitting) after 9:30 a.m. summer worship in a simple format: iced tea or lemonade or punch plus some cookies or small treat after worship. **You can sign up today** on the clipboard on the serving table at Fellowship Time. To learn more, contact Sandy Morgan (203.874.4374; sgmorgan@aol.com) or Holly Firmender (203.530.2621; holly.firmender@gmail.com).

PASTOR HAL AND JANE VINK are celebrating Pentecost today at the confirmation of their grandson in Londonderry, New Hampshire. They will return in time for Pastor Hal's classes on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

NAME TAGS MAY BE ORDERED by signing the clipboard at the serving station at Fellowship Time. **Please return name tags to the baskets in the foyer or Dodd Hall.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

TAIZÉ WORSHIP, a contemplative 30 minute experience of music, scripture and prayer, is offered in the sanctuary on the third Wednesday, May 18th at noon and the third Thursday, May 19th at 8:30 p.m. of each month.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m., Dodd Hall alcove. Written committee reports are due to Joanne Platt by tomorrow, May 16 at jocbs@aol.com. Agenda items are due by the same date to Council Chair Shelly Lapadula at m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or to Pastor Brian at brian.bodt@yahoo.com.

NEXT SUNDAY

TRINITY/HERITAGE/PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY: Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15 are the basis of the message “New Kid on the Block.” Our Mission Minute speakers will be Mark and Joanne Platt. We will receive a special offering for “Peace with Justice Sunday,” one of six United Methodist special offerings.

MYF MEETS 4-6 PM IN WESLEY CENTER: Fair Prep, Food, & Fun. Calling all MYFers, come join the church-wide all hands effort to get ready for our annual Fair on the Green. Let's do our part! But wait there's more...some fun activities. Bring a friend and win a prize.

“TRASH AND TREASURES” NEW INFO

New dates for shopping and donating are:

Wednesdays, May 18 and May 25, 11 am to 3 pm

Thursday May 19, 9 am to 2 pm, and

FRIDAY, May 27, 9 am to 2 pm.

We would like to have all donations by May 27 to give us time to clean, price, place and *rest* before the big fair. Our clothing area is full except for girls clothing. Our children's book area is a little sparse this year. Sturdy bags with corded handles (not Trader Joe's bags) will be greatly appreciated. Also needed are different sized plastic bags that hold linens, sheets, blankets, etc. We cannot accept any more Christmas or Easter items and no coffee mugs. **PLEASE** remember to **RECYCLE** hazardous items as well as items not fit for sale.

NOW YOU CAN HELP BOTH TRASH AND TREASURE AND HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE AND FURNITURE BANK in Orange at the same time. If you have an item that may be too big for Trash and Treasure to handle, call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952, who will explain how we, Mary Taylor, can get money from Helping Hands from any gently used donation you make to them.

MILFORD HOSPITAL is looking for **afternoon and evening volunteers** to commit to one 3 ½ hour shift per week. The greatest need is for volunteers in the gift shop, information desk, emergency department and the walk in center on Post Road. Orientation will be Thursday, May 26th from 9 am - noon at the hospital. For information or to register call 203-876-4062.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact 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 on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

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. Also wet and dry dog food 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.

“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.

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION is proceeding well. More details are in the May issue of the “Beacon.” Questions may be addressed to Chris Paton, project manager, at 203.874.9390 or Rachel Merva, Trustee President, at 203.641.5088.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR May 8th:

Total worship attendance all services: 188; May 8th: 177; May 9th: 11; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for May 8th: \$6,077.75; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$414.34; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$132.82; Engaged in Small Groups: 152; Confirmation: 16; Adult Bible Study Tues:7; Wed:10; No Sunday School; Golden Hill dinner: 12; Trash & Treasures: 17; UMW Mother/Daughter banquet: 67; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 13; 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.