

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*

PRELUDE “O Lord Most Holy” F. Abt

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Holy, Holy”

*CALL TO WORSHIP I John 4:12, 18a, 21

L: No one has ever seen God;

P: *If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

L: There is no fear in love,

P: *but perfect love casts out fear.*

L: The commandment we have from God is this:

P: *those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP THIS GOD OF LOVE.

*HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy” Nicaea

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) Hymnal #76

Holy God, you have given us grace, by the confession of faith of your holy church, to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see in your eternal glory One God, now and forever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of perfect love, we confess the obvious: we are not perfect. Help us, descendants of the Wesleyan revival, to understand anew that the perfection we find in you is not doing everything right, but doing every right thing. We confess that we have not always sought the higher plain and the “right thing” of love, justice and mercy. We ask anew that you shape us to be perfect in love, through the Lord of Love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 8 Hymnal p.743, R.1

HYMN #126 (*seated*) “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Mit freuden zart

THE EPISTLE Romans 5:1-5 Bible p.1027
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL John 16:12-15 Bible p.984
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN #57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon

THE SERMON “New Kid on the Block” Dr. Bodt

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.*)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Mark and Joanne Platt

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, *including the special offering for
Peace with Justice Sunday*

Offertory Anthem: “Holy, Holy, Holy” Heber/Phillips

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #422 “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love” Azmon

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” 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 “Voluntary on ‘Nicaea’” L. Smith
(*During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.*)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



FAIR ON THE GREEN UPDATE

The fair is *Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th*, all day.

SEE CHRISTINE OR EDIE AT THE TABLE IN DODD HALL:

TEE SHIRTS

Some are in – more have been ordered.

SIGN UP TO SERVE

The various Fair activities at scheduled times.

PARKING PASSES

These are for people with limited mobility only. Sign up at the table.

TAKE A FLIER FOR YOUR CAR

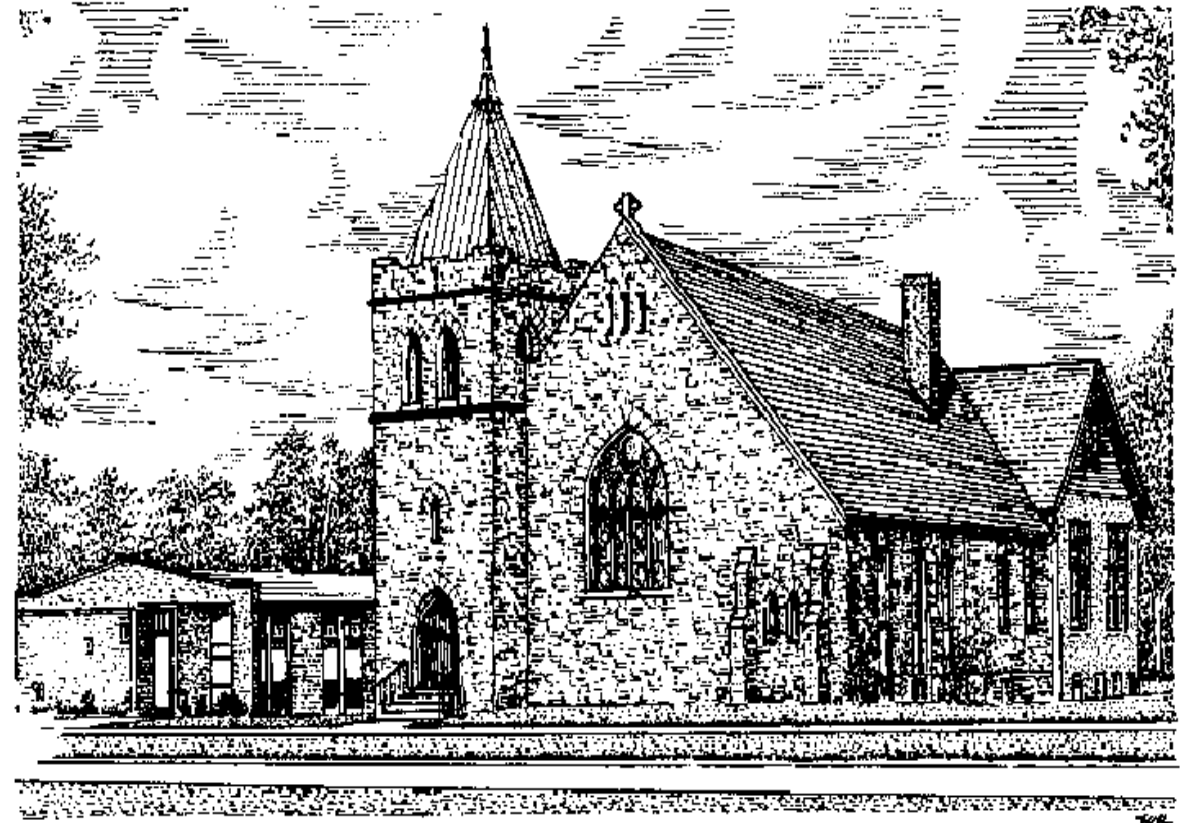
Or office bulletin board. Or work lounge. Or....
These are also available at the table in Dodd Hall.

LAWN SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN LARGE TRAFFIC AREAS

CREATE A THEME BASKET

It's not too late to make a Theme Basket for the Fair on the Green! Just fill a basket with new items valued at \$25 or more; shop sales and our "Trash and Treasures" thrift store. Drop off your completed basket to Mary Lou during church office hours (9am-2pm, Monday through Friday) or after worship, or leave it in Dodd Hall and we will wrap it for you. Be sure to include a tag listing the contents. All baskets will be priced at \$25. Be creative! And thank you in advance for filling a basket. Be sure to go to the Fair and buy one for yourself!

Edie Reichard (203.882.0683)
Christine Volgmuth (203.710.9835)
Co-Chairs of Fair Operations



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.*

TRINITY SUNDAY
ALDERSDATE SUNDAY
May 22, 2016

COMING SOON

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM is looking for new members interested in health and health care as a spiritual ministry. You are invited to join The Health and Wellness Team for a luncheon and "Meet and Greet" on **June 12, 2016 at 11:30 after worship** in Wesley Center. Please RSVP Eileen Potkay, Coordinator, at 203.809.0188 by June 10th.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES on **June 13, 15 and 20** to prepare persons wishing to join our church on **Sunday, June 26th**; and **2017 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** will be held on **Sunday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m.** for eligible youth entering 8th grade or older.

Details are in letters sent to potential attendees and in the June "Beacon" being mailed this week. If we missed you, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753/ brian.bodt@yahoo.com.)

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, May 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
<i>PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Ally101 Workshop & Luncheon – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting – Wesley Center Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, May 23</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 24</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Trash and Treasures open today until 3 p.m.</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 26</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Trash and Treasures open today 9 am-2 pm</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UMARMY – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, May 27</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, May 28</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Leonard Wilhelm memorial worship – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, May 29</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
<i>MEMORIAL SUNDAY</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Visitation Ministry – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
<i>Monday, May 30</i>	<i>Church office is closed in observance of Memorial Day</i>	
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, June 2</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, June 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>
<i>Saturday, June 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>

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Grace Notes

May 22, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

As Christian communities go, Methodism is relatively new. American Methodism is just 250 years old this year. Our Sunday School will observe this anniversary in the worship they plan for Christian Education Sunday, June 12.

Today's theme is the anniversary of the conversion of the Rev. John Wesley on May 24, 1738 and the launch of the Methodist movement. At a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, John Wesley claimed for himself what billions of Christians have claimed through the ages: the grace of a forgiving, pardoning God whose love overcomes all barriers.

Since this is familiar material to me (and many of you) there is not a print copy. I extend a special thanks to Frank Bonisch for videoing the message. We are in the process of determining how to load it to the website. Watch for it at www.mtm-umc.org.

These are challenging times for the United Methodist Church, and they may get worse before they get better. Yet I am unrepentantly positive about our legacy of grace and how God will use it to redeem us, our world and this church we love. Let that grace empower us to live the love and change we want to see in the world, in the church, and in ourselves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Greeters – Becky and Bob Virgalla

Liturgist – The Rev. Dr. Judith Bennett

Acolytes – Josh Carr and Lucas Greifzu

Cross Bearer – Nate Carr

Videographer – Frank Bonisch

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Reverends Bodt and Bennett.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are for a Happy 1st Birthday to Eric Pitts given by Grandma; and in memory of Oakley Weyant, given by Jeanette Acton.

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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The Prayer of Confession was written by the Pastor.

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. There is no print copy of today's message, but we hope soon to load it to our website 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 is an enhanced worship experience for all.



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

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted by the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday will be hosted by Membership and Evangelism.

ALLY 101 WORKSHOP on how to combat bullying is today in Dodd Hall at 11:30 a.m. The event will begin with a lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert followed by an interactive workshop. Please see the enclosed flier for details.

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.

UNCLAIMED SERVING DISHES are on the table in the Dodd Hall alcove. Please see if one is yours and claim it. Dishes remaining next Sunday will be donated to Trash and Treasures.

LAST DAY FOR HEALTH KIT DONATIONS: Items for health kits 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.

FAIR ON THE GREEN UPDATE: see rear cover of the liturgy.

SUPPORT U.M. ARMY - Terrycloth Towels with the U.M. ARMY Logo are available for purchase at \$20. Please let Stacy Meszaros know if you are interested by text ([203 414 9235](tel:2034149235)) or e-mail: stacymesz@gmail.com or. **Orders will be placed on June 15th.** These towels make a great gift for our camp attendees as they are almost beach towel size.

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).

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

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: this Thursday, May 26th, 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. We welcome help anytime between 2 – 6:30 p.m. Dick and Diana Cable are our hosts this month. Contact them (203.878.9002) or Deb Dubien (203.877.4959) to assist.

UMARMY meeting this Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Dodd Hall.

MILFORD HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION is this Thursday, May 26th, 9 am – noon at the hospital on Seaside Avenue. They need **afternoon and evening volunteers** to commit to one 3 ½ hour shift per week, with greatest need in the gift shop, information desk, emergency department and the walk in center on Post Road. Call 203-876-4062.

LEONARD WILHELM MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m. in the sanctuary with reception following in Dodd Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/MEMORIAL DAY

“When (Your) God Doesn’t Show” is the message based on I Kings 18:20-39 and Luke 7:1-10. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. After worship, the Visitation Team meets in the Wesley Center.

“TRASH AND TREASURES” NEW INFO

New dates for shopping and donating are:

Wednesday, May 25, 11 am to 3 pm

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, coffee mugs or picture frames.**

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.

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 15th:

Total worship attendance all services: 215; May 15th: 196; May 16th: 6; May 18th: 13 (Taize). Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for May 15th: \$6,769.30; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$769.52; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$430.18; Engaged in Small Groups: 85 Sunday School 38; Adult Bible Study Tues: 12; Wed: 8; Trash & Treasures: 10; Adult Choir: 14; Office Volunteers: 3; 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.