

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 “Meditation on ‘Melita’” R. Wilson

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

INTROIT “How Great Is Our God”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:5-6 (edited)

L: For the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

P: *Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God’s sanctuary.*

\*HYMN #717 “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” Traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated)

*O God, we bless you for the remembrance of this day when, by your providence and by the might of your arm, you make wars to cease. Accept our praise and gratitude as we remember all who fought and died that we might live. Make us more worthy of their sacrifice. Help us follow more closely in the steps of Christ that we may at last stand with these honored ones in your presence, world without end. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Based on Matthew 5:45 and 20:26

*God of all nations, we confess the national arrogance, fear of foreigners, pride and power that leads to the wars we decry and the absence of peace. Grant that we might understand anew that you “send the rain upon the just and the unjust.” Help us work for a better world with the humility of knowing neither we nor our nation always have the answers. Help us to remember the lesson Jesus first taught the disciples, that true greatness is found in service; through the same Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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COMMISSIONING OF “UM ARMY” VOLUNTEERS

**Pastor:** All who take the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by Christ’s example. *Mirian D’Andrea, Paul Downing, Hayley Lapadula and Laura Perregaux* leave today to work with United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY). As they prepare for this departure, we pray God’s blessings on them and those they serve.

BLESSING (prayed by all) *O God, we ask you to bestow your Spirit on these ambassadors of this church in ministry with the people of Amityville, Long Island, where this UMARMY*

*cohort will serve. As we dedicate them to service in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask that this prayer unite us with them in their work and that you may richly bless their labor; in the name of the carpenter’s son from Galilee, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #99 “My Tribute” My Tribute

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES I Kings 18:20-39 Bible p.321

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

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 7: 1-10 Bible p.940

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

\*HYMN #2191 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” rear cover

THE SERMON “When (Your) God Doesn’t Show” 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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Blessings” L. Story

Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee” Hymnal #588

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #186 “Alleluia” Alleluia

(Let the ushers and acolytes retire and the anointers come forward.)

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 as we sing hymns 475, 397, 467, and 707. 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 #437 “This Is My Song” Finlandia

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” Hymnal #897

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

\*POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” A. Campra

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save 2191

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the wind and waves sub -  
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os  
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

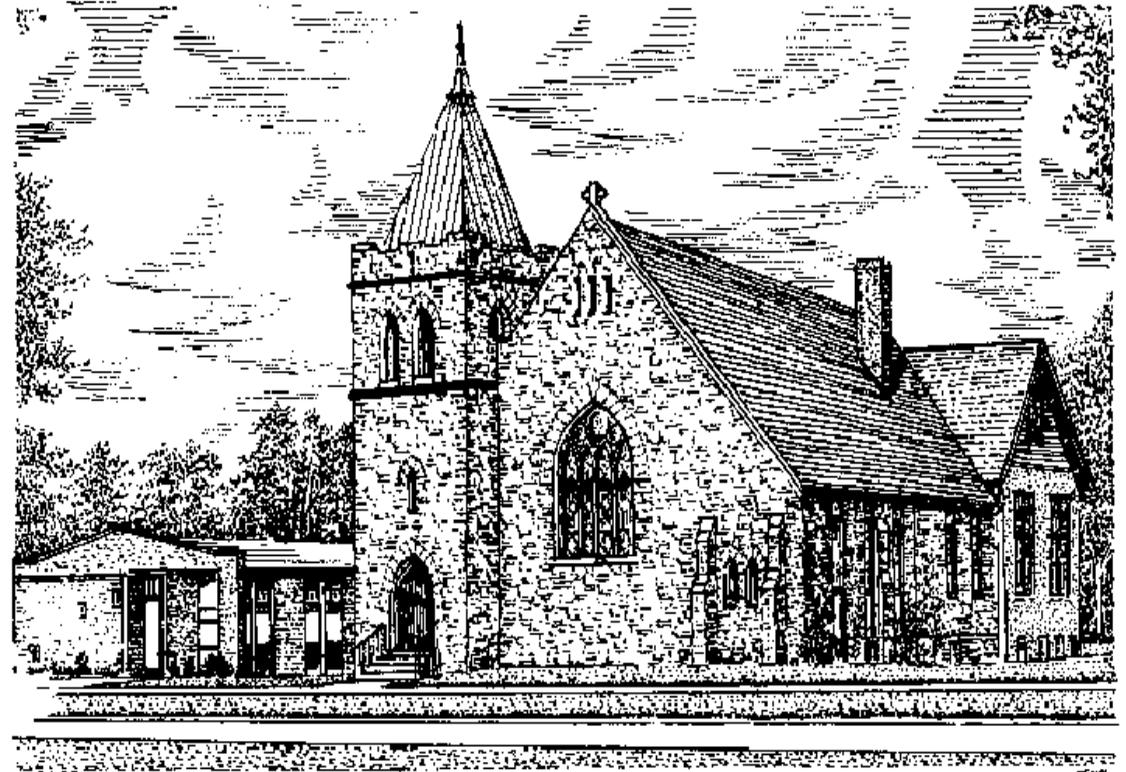
rest - less wave, who bid the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 wild and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we  
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

WORDS: William Whiting (Gen. 1:2; Job 38:8-11; Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-35)  
MUSIC: John B. Dykes

MELITA  
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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.*

**PENTECOST II**  
**MEMORIAL SUNDAY**  
 May 29, 2016

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~**

<i>Sunday, May 29</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
<b>MEMORIAL SUNDAY</b>	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m. City of Milford Memorial Day parade</i>
<i>Monday, May 30</i>	<i>Church office is closed in observance of Memorial Day</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, June 2</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Strawberry preparation – Dodd Hall kitchen</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m. Set up for Fair on the Green</i>
<i>Friday, June 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>
<i>Saturday, June 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>
<i>Sunday, June 5</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. UMARMY Orientation – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, June 6</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 7</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. UMW Installation of officers &amp; Pot Luck Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 8</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. New York Annual Conference</i>
<i>Thursday, June 9</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. New York Annual Conference</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
<i>Friday, June 10</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. New York Annual Conference</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, June 11</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. New York Annual Conference</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m. Tres Dias Secuela-Sanctuary, Dodd Hall &amp; Wesley Center</i>

Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

*Grace Notes  
May 29, 2016*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*I Kings 18:20-39 is an epic battle in what at first appears to be an incredibly imbalanced face-off: 450 prophets of Ba’al versus one lonely prophet of Israel’s God. It made me think of other stand-offs where the victor was surprising: Colonial militia over British regulars at Concord, MA (1775), (Confederate) Army of Northern Virginia over the (Federal) Army of the Potomac in the Peninsula Campaign (1862), Royal Air Force over the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain (1940), US Navy over Imperial Japan at the Battle of Midway (1942), to name just a few.*

*Religious battles have their own moral complexities which are too involved to unpack here. Suffice it to say that the “shadow side” of many expressions of religious fervor is, in essence, “if you don’t agree with me I get to kill you.”*

*What is clear in Elijah’s stand-off with the prophets of the Canaanite fertility god Ba’al is that the people are indecisive. When Elijah asked them how long they’d go limping along with two different opinions, they said nothing. When asked if they wanted to watch Elijah and the Ba’al prophets duke it out, they said, “That’s a great idea.”*

*Too often we are non-committal and then wonder why it appears to us that our God doesn’t show up. Funny how that works. “When (Your) God Doesn’t Show” is a message that looks at our commitment as a lens that magnifies our perception of God’s commitment. Do you see what I see?*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Stacey Riccardi

**Liturgist** – Priscilla James

**Cross Bearer** – Ryan Lapadula

**Intercessor** – Mark Platt

**Healing Anointers** – Pastor Hal, Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings and Sandy Morgan.

**Greeters** – Carol Degnan and Mary Lou Kampert

**Acolytes** – Stefano and Matteo Cono

**Bible Bearer** – Paige Perregaux

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Reverend Bodt and Priscilla James.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of my brother Len, given by his brother, Bernie Wilhelm; and in memory of Betty Lawrence, given by Bob Lawrence.

**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 Faith We Sing (2000). The Prayer of the Day was adapted from a Memorial Day prayer in The Book of Worship (1964). 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](http://www.mtm-umc.org). Last Sunday's message is available as a video on the church website.



## FAIR ON THE GREEN

JUNE 3 & 4, 2016

**CATCH THE SPIRIT!!!** The *Fair on the Green* is days away! Whether you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, new to our *Fair*, or a tried-and-true volunteer, you're sure to enjoy much fun and fellowship when you give your time to this important fund raiser for our General Fund. Please be on the lookout for **volunteer sign-up sheets** in Dodd Hall this month and sign up for the area where you would like to help out. **DON'T MISS THE SIGN UP SHEETS IN DODD HALL!**

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thursday, June 2ND- 5:30 P.M. Please mark your calendar with a big reminder to "come on down" to help with set-up for the *Fair*. We especially need folks with strong backs and people willing to clean the tables and coolers with Bleach - wear work clothes!

**STRAWBERRY PREP** will be Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Dodd Hall. Please come and help us prepare the strawberries for our delicious strawberry shortcake!



## CALLING ALL BAKERS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### FAIR ON THE GREEN JUNE 3 & 4

**WE NEED ALL OF OUR CHURCH BAKERS TO DONATE TO OUR BAKED GOODS TABLE FOR THE FAIR ON THE GREEN.**

All baked goods are welcomed! Some of our best sellers are homemade pies, bread and finger food baked goods such as cookies, brownies and bar cookies.

**WE NEED A LIST OF ALL INGREDIENTS.** If your item is made from scratch, please provide a list of ingredients with your donation. If your item is made from a box or package, please cut out the ingredient label and include it with your donation.

Our baked goods table is all profit! We usually raise \$1,000 from our many generous donations.



## **FAIR ON THE GREEN UPDATE**

The fair is **Friday and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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**

## **TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted by Membership and Evangelism. Next Sunday will be hosted by the 2016 Confirmation Class.

**"FAIR ON THE GREEN" FINAL CALL FOR SIGN-UPS** at the table in Dodd Hall. Please see the rear pages of this publication where small efforts make a BIG difference! Many thanks!

**NO VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM MEETING TODAY.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW** in observance of Memorial Day.

**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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>!** 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](mailto:sgmorgan@aol.com)) or Holly Firmender (203.530.2621; [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**PASTOR BRIAN** will be leaving after Fellowship Time to see his father in Maryland (USN, 1942-45) for Memorial Day and an early 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration (June 4). Pastor will return late Tuesday or early Wednesday. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Dennis Darak, Staff-Parish Relations Chair, at 203.988.3554.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY, June 5**

**PENTECOST III** - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting A). The message "Lousy Pastoral Care" will be based on I Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146 and Luke 7:11-17.

### **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.

## COMING SOON Continued

**NEW MEMBERS CLASSES** on **June 13, 15 and 20** to prepare persons wishing to join our church on **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**; and **2017 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** will be held on **Sunday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m.** for eligible youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older. **Details** are in letters sent to potential attendees and in the June “Beacon” mailed last week. If we missed you, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753/ [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com).)

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** **Sunday, June 19, 10 a.m. worship.** If you have a graduate, please send their **name, name of the school degree conferred (if any) and potential future plans to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)** not later than **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**, or call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982.

## CONFERENCE OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Our regional (“Conference”) United Methodist offices in White Plains, NY are being renovated, addressing long-deferred maintenance and environmental issues for the 50+ year old building. Our church will give a gift toward this project, comprised of gifts from individual/couple MTMUMC members and friends and a “match” gift by our Church Council up to \$15,000.

We currently have \$13,100 committed in member gifts. We hope to complete this gift prior to the beginning of Annual Conference on June 8, although gifts after that date will be welcomed. 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. 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](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.895.3753.   
*Pastor Brian Bodt*

## MAY 30-JUNE 4 IS “FAIR ON THE GREEN” WEEK

**THE TRASH AND TREASURES** team wishes to thank everyone for their very generous donations. We have just two days left to prep for the Fair on the Green sale so we will not be open for shopping until 9 am on Friday, June 3. See you Friday!

**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](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 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 22nd:**

Total worship attendance all services: 162; May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 152; May 23<sup>rd</sup>: 7; May 19<sup>th</sup>: 3 (Taize). Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for May 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$6,170.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$611.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 163 Sunday School 38; Adult Bible Study Tues: 8; Wed: 11; Ally Workshop: 59; MYF meeting: 10; Trash & Treasures: 11; Adult Choir:16; Office Volunteers: 10; Total persons received on profession of faith: 7; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Small Groups – please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.