

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**168 South Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460**

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, mod. Based on Ephesians 4)

Leader: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

People: ***We are one body of Christ, united in God.***

Leader: Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

People: ***There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.***

Leader: We are God’s children, parts of Christ’s purpose.

People: ***We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.***

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!.

*HYMN #66 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

OPENING PRAYER (unison) (AWA 2009, mod. Based on Ephesians 4)

God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our lives. Encourage us to bravely step forth as pastors and teachers, prophets and heaters, evangelists and leaders. Dwell in our hearts, that we may serve in humility. Build us up in love, that we may grow in our knowledge and love of you. Speak your truth to our lives, that we may lead lives worthy of your calling. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Led By Love, mod.)

We, who are tossed about in a sea of competing images and priorities, are summoned before God to be drawn back to a life centered by faith. Let us call upon God’s mercy and forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION (prayed by all) (AWA 2009, mod. Based on Ephesians 4)

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. For those times that we have failed to do all the good we can, and for those times that we have done actual harm, forgive us. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God redeems us. Forgiveness is ours to receive and to share and the gift of grace we have received grows larger in our lives as we extend it to friends and strangers we meet. Be at peace; we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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PSALTER Psalm 130 UMH848

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 Bible p. 1066 (LP, NT p.236)

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift...

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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

*THE GOSPEL Mark 6:6b-13 Bible p.915 (LP, NT p.49)

6 ^{6b}Then (Jesus) went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

*HYMN #569 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (verses 1,3) MESSAGE

THE SERMON

“We Got It Easy!”

Rev. Hansen

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. People: *And also with you.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

Special music by Barbara Repetsky

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #399

“Take My Life, And Let It Be”

MESSIAH

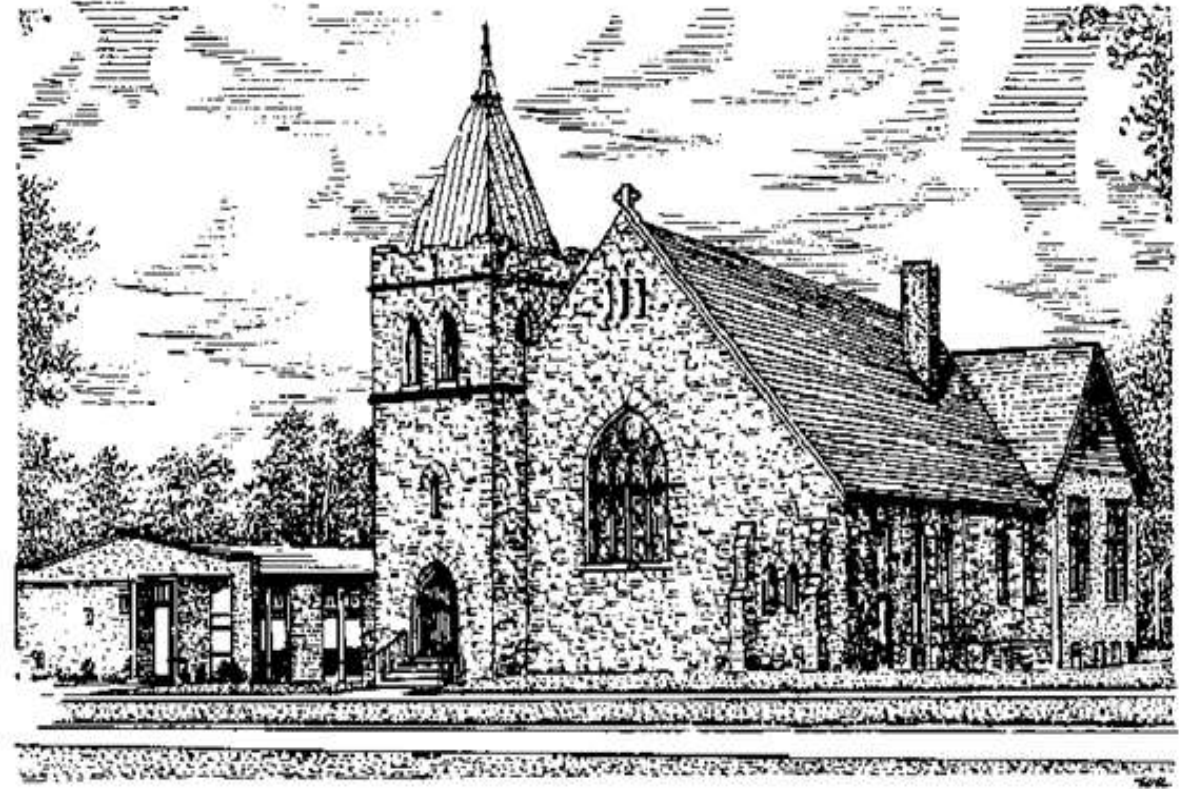
*THE BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016

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

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 12, 2018

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS

are planned for more conversational times to meet and get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and her spouse Leslie Reyman!



Join a group now! Scheduled dates are below. Please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733 if you'd like to attend one of these meetings. Sign-up sheets are also available in Dodd Hall.

Saturday July 21st	11:00 am	Judy and Dennis Darak 21 Kay Avenue
Tuesday July 24th	7:00 pm	Joan Zauner 14 Lucius Court
Thursday July 26th	7:00 pm	Sue O'Shea 11 Gulfview Court
Saturday July 28th	7:00 pm	Sandy Morgan 39 Orland St.
Tuesday July 31st	7:00 pm	Leigh Bak 15 Seaside Court
Thursday August 2nd	7:00 pm	Anne Bolin & Virginia McNair 109 Hillside Ave.
Saturday August 4th	11:00 am	Marcia Winter & Greg D'Andrea 77 Cedarhurst Lane
Wednesday August 8th	7:00 pm	Andromeda Macri & Kristen Campbell 534 Oronoque Road
Friday August 10th	7:00 pm	Eileen and Dave Doyle 14 Andover Street
Tuesday August 14th	7:00 pm	Tom & Barbara Griggs 277 Great Oak Rd., Orange
Wednesday August 15th	7:00 pm	Bev & Paul Downing 187 Third Avenue

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Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach Pastor	Dani Levine
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cynthia Dodd
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes *August 12, 2018*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church Community,

BE COMPLETELY
HUMBLE
 &
GENTLE
 BE
PATIENT
 BEARING WITH
 ONE ANOTHER
IN LOVE



The first image above is words of instruction for the early church in Ephesus, struggling to coalesce as a community. The second image is words of instruction that Jesus gave to his original twelve disciples when he sent them out two by two to preach a change of heart and life. Who do you think had the easier instruction? Which instruction would you rather follow?

Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen
Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Ethan Weed

Greeters: Nita Prior and Ken Hawkins

Liturgist: Lisa Gloates

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 51st wedding anniversary today with thankfulness and praise, given by Jennie and Lee Littrell; and in loving memory of Lisa Cannon Wolf and Judy Cannon on their birthday, given by Stacey Cronk.

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

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

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. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The Faith We Sing (2000), and as noted in the bulletin.

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

GIRLS AND BOYS VILLAGE



We are collecting school supplies for GIRLS AND BOYS VILLAGE - July 29th through August 19th! If you do not wish to purchase supplies, you may make out a check to Mary Taylor Missions with B&G Village school supplies in the memo.

THE LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED ARE:

3 X 5 Index cards – colors or white
22" X 28" Poster board – colors or white
Small inexpensive calculators
Rubber 12" rulers – NO PLASTIC – MUST BE RUBBER
One inch 3 ring binders and about 10 3" binders
Woodcase pencils #2 yellow barrel - LOTS !
Tri-write pencils #2 yellow barrel - LOTS !
Binder Clips – both medium and large size
24LB Colored paper – canary– peppermint green – red
3" carton sealing tape
¾" Scotch tape – LOTS !
Facial tissues
Large Paper clips
8-1/2 X 11 clipboards
4X6 Post It notes
Composition books
Colored pencils – LOTS !

Lots of these things can be purchased at the Dollar Stores.

Blessings! Maryann Petremont and Lorraine Carr Co-Chairs



TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, August 12</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Girls and Boys Village school supplies collection in Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 13</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Richard Hoyt funeral - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 14</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 15</i>		<i>Cottage Meeting – Griggs residence 277 Great Oak Rd., Orange</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
<i>Thursday, August 16</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting – Downing residence 187 Third Ave., Milford</i>
<i>Saturday, August 18</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Sunday, August 19</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Oyster Festival – Steve Wasko and John Leum contacts</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Outside Tent/Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary – Karen Doherty RN</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Annual Youth trip to Brownstone Park – Shelly Lapadula contact</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 20</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 21</i>		<i>Chalk the Walk Day</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 22</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Stewardship meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 23</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00p.m.</i>	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon”)

Saturday, August 18th: Milford Oyster Festival, downtown Milford

Sunday, August 19th: Youth Trip to Brownstone, leaving right after worship

FROM TRASH AND TREASURES:

Would the person who donated the Xbox 360 Rock Band 2 Drum Pad set please contact Dolly Bonisch at 203-783-9952. It is missing the CD and we don't know if it is in working condition, therefore, don't know how to price it for the Oyster Festival. Thank you.

ALSO: Trash and Treasures needs a strong young person/persons to carry heavy items on Friday August 17th for about 2 hours in the morning. If you can assist, please call Dolly at 203-783-9952.

TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL is hosted today by Gay/Straight Alliance. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and is located in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. Next Sunday’s hosts are Susan Pitre and Vilma Rendon.

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

BEACON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We could use several more volunteers to help on a monthly basis with assembly and mailing of our monthly “Beacon” newsletter. We usually meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Center. Our long time volunteers, Gladys Hulse and Bev Lebel are “retiring” after many years of service in helping our Beacon get out the door and into your homes. A big “thank you” to them! Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you are interested in joining the team.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES: The office is on summer hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9 am – 2 pm, and closed Fridays.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 19th

PENTECOST 13 - Rev. Kristina Hansen will preach the sermon “A Word to the Wise” based on Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20 and 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14. After worship blood pressure screenings by Karen Doherty, RN, will follow in the Sanctuary. The GUTS annual youth Brownstone trip will leave after worship.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS are planned for more conversational times to meet and get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and her spouse Leslie Reyman. (See schedule on back cover of the Grace Notes).

Join a group now! Please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733 if you'd like to attend one of these meetings. Sign-up sheets are also available in Dodd Hall.



THE RED CROSS has issued a call for blood donors. They are asking for types A, B and O to fill the gap and prevent a summer shortage. Sign on to redcrossblood.org for the local blood mobile listings in our area.

Sue O'Shea's office is holding a blood drive on Wednesday, August 22nd, 9am-2pm at RE/MAX's Training room – lower level; 105 Technology Dr., Trumbull, CT. You can schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or sign up online.

THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION... ... hosts a Prayer Time weekly *Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 8 pm*, via Conference Call. Contact person is Pastor Ximena Varas, Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com. Join us for a time of prayer for our country and immigrant brothers and sisters. Call-in number: 641-715-3580; 780-843#

CONNECTICUT HOSPICE, INC. is recruiting transportation volunteers to drive homecare patients to and from doctor's appointments or to take families without cars to visit their loved ones at the inpatient hospice in Branford. Please call volunteer services at 203-315-7510 for more information.

MERCY LEARNING CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS- Since 1987, Mercy Learning Center has provided basic literacy and life skills training to low income women in the Greater Bridgeport area. MLC is open Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m to 5:00p.m. The Center is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as basic adult reading and math in its small group tutoring program. The commitment is twice per week for two hours. No experience necessary. Training and materials are provided.

New Tutor Training Dates: Monday, August 27th, Friday September 14th; Friday, September 28th. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided). Please contact Lynn Gabriel or Erica Hoffman to register for a training session at 203-334-6699. Mercy Learning Center is located at 637 Park Ave., Bridgeport, CT.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are *due by noon Tuesday* for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net)*. Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **September is open for altar flower orders.**

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 and 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. 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 Kristina Hansen:** **NEW!** revkristina@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** dani.m.levine@gmail.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 115 or 203.927.9077 cell.

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

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) 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 August 5th

Total worship attendance all services:158; Aug.5: 123; GEUMC: 25; Aug.6: Healing and Wholeness:10; Total Offerings for Aug.5: \$4,697.55; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 9; Trash & Treasures:7; 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.