

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

(Based on Psalm 19:7,8,10.)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes,**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**People: sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*HYMN #61 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

(*Chalice Worship*163)

*Eternal God, we thank you for this house of prayer in which you bless your family on its pilgrimage. Help us to worship you in spirit and truth; that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our imaginations purified by your beauty, our hearts opened to your love, our wills surrendered to your purpose; and may all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory, praise, and honor to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(*Led By Love*, B, mod.)

God has called us – not to a set of beliefs – but to a relationship of trust. We are drawn to the Spirit whose will for us is life at its fullest, attuned to all that is good and true. We are embraced by the gospel of peace. Let us confess now when we have looked elsewhere for our guidance and fulfillment outside of God’s grace.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION

(*CW305 mod.*)

*Merciful God, forgive us our sins: those we commit knowingly, and those we do without perception of how we have hurt others. Open our hearts to hear your truth, to understand our failure, and to reach a new level of wisdom, that in all we do and say, we may bring glory to your name and love and compassion to our neighbor. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(*Rev. Mindi, rev-o-lution.org*, mod)

Leader: There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is nothing we can do that will keep us from God. We are a forgiven people. The chains of guilt and shame have been broken and we are free – free to go and share the Good News!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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PSALTER

Psalm 19:7-14

(See Insert)

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

**15** <sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup> He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.<sup>[a]</sup> And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Footnotes:

a. [Matthew 15:14](#) Other ancient authorities lack *of the blind*

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\*HYMN #452

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (verses 1-3)

THE SERMON

Yikes! What Did I Say???

Rev. Hansen

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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:

“Until All Are Fed”

McFarland/ Morris

*Lydia Smith, soloist*

\*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #402

“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*God of glory, we give you thanks*

*for this feast of your goodness and grace.*

*Send us out to share the bread of life*

*with all – and all means all – who hunger for your love;*

*through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.*

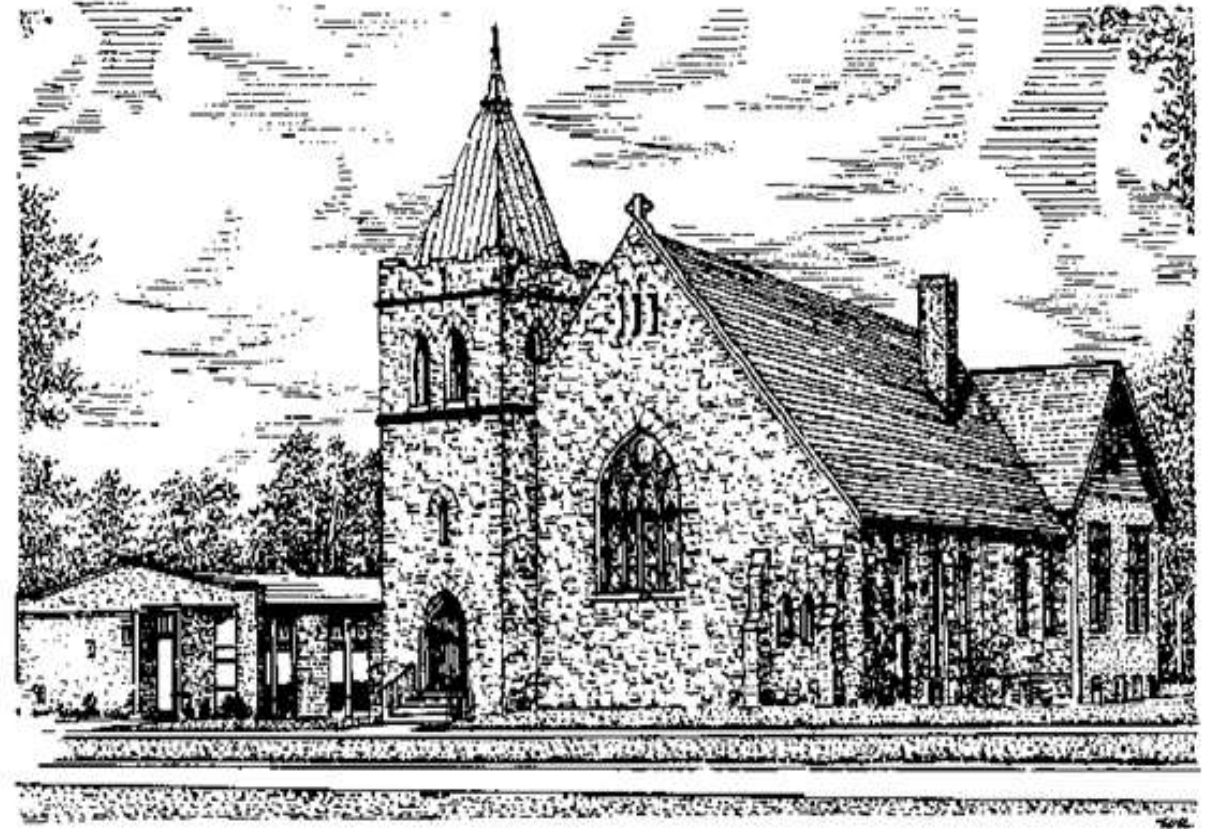
\*THE BENEDICTION

\*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*

*Nested Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016-2018*

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

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 2, 2018**


GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AND CANTICO NUEVO CHOIR PRESENT

# MANOS

## INDOCUMENTADAS

### UNDOCUMENTED HANDS

#### A Biblical Cantata on Immigration



Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.  
Leviticus 19:34

Saturday, September 8th, 2018 • 7 PM  
Golden Hill United Methodist Church  
210 Elm St. Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Suggested donation \$10

PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE MCGREGOR at 203-530-4304 if you would like to car pool.

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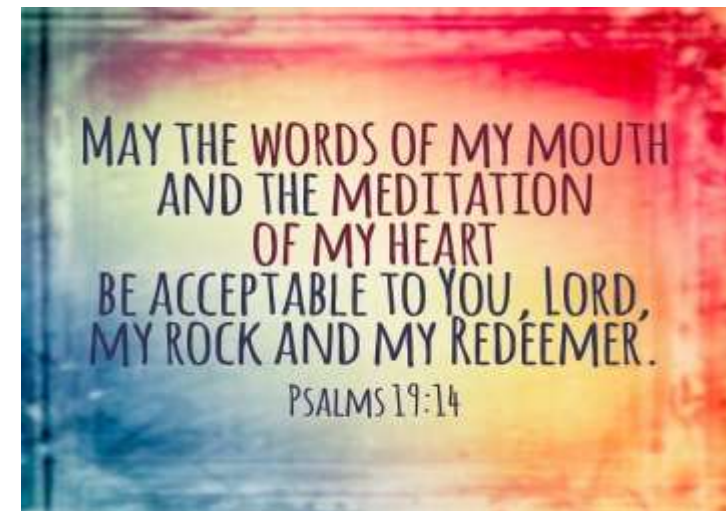
#### *Grace Notes*

*September 2, 2018*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church Community,

In a culture where purity rituals regarding what one eats are extremely important, Jesus suggested that it is not what goes *into* the mouth that defiles, but what comes *out* of the mouth. This is the scripture passage we will consider in our message this week.

Do our words have an effect on others? Does what we say to others throughout our days, throughout our lives, matter? I don't suspect you need much time to come to the answer, "YES! Of course they do!" Words can build up and words can break down. What are you doing with your words these days?



Blessings on the journey,

*Pastor Kristina*

**Rev. Kristina Hansen, Pastor**



## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Ethan Weed

**Greeters:** Sandra Marren and Diana Titus

**Liturgist:** Barbara Repetsky

**Communion Stewards:** Dawn Bettencourt and Barbara Berglund

**Communion Celebrants:** Pastor Kristina Hansen, Pastor Dani Levine, Barbara Repetsky and Co-Lay Leader Beth O'Brien.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are to the Glory of God and in memory of John McGregor, given by Christine McGregor.

**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](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## TWO NEW STUDIES TO CHOOSE FROM:

**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A UNITED METHODIST** will begin September 18-19<sup>th</sup> at **7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening and 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning** presented by Pastor Kristina. There are no study materials required for this **5 week program**. See Pastor Kristina if you are interested or call the office to register. Please designate which session you would attend.

**BIBLE STUDY ENTITLED JESUS IN THE GOSPELS** will also begin September 18 -19<sup>th</sup> **7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening and 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning** if there is enough interest. It is a **30 week program** written by Reverend Leander Keck, who is known to some members of the congregation. Each session will be 90 minutes as per previous Tuesday - Wednesday studies. Study materials are part of the program. See Don Hastings or Sandy Morgan if you are interested or call the office to register. Please designate which session you would attend.



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

<i>Sunday, September 2</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary- Our LAST summer 9:30a.m. service</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, September 3</i>		<i>The Office is closed in observance of Labor Day</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 5</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Golden Hill community Supper</i>
	<i>6:40/7:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, September 6</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, September 7</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, September 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group-Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, September 9</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Jamboree – Chapel</i>
<i>Rally Day</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship- Sanctuary-Blessing of the Backpacks</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Hour – Ice Cream Social – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, September 10</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 11</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>UMW meeting – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
<i>Thursday, September 12</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting-Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, September 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due today</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Trash and Treasures Tag Sale – 9am – 2pm</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course- North UMC, 1205 Albany Ave. Hartford, 9-3pm</i>



**TODAY**

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** is hosted today by the Downing family. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and is located in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. Next Sunday’s host is the Sunday School with an Ice Cream Social in Dodd Hall.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Center. **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:** Our summer office hours are over. Starting this week we will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**CHOIRS RESUME, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6:40 p.m. (Bell) and 7:45 p.m. (Adult).**

**NEXT WEEK**

**ON RALLY DAY - BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** - Bring your “going back to school” backpack to be blessed by Pastor Kristina. **Please note we are returning to our 10am Sunday service hours.**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** with an Ice Cream Social in Dodd Hall.

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### **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](mailto: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: Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>; Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **HEAR YE, HEAR YE!**

**There will be a MONSTER TRASH AND TREASURES Tag Sale on**

**Saturday, September 15th from 9:00 to 2:00.**

**Most items will be on sale for half price!**

**Be sure not to miss it!**



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

**DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS.** *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto: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 9, 23, 30 and October 7, 14 and 28 are 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Kristina Hansen: NEW!** [revkristina@yahoo.com](mailto:revkristina@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** [dani.m.levine@gmail.com](mailto: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 26th**

Total worship attendance all services:135; Aug. 26: 125; Aug.27: Healing and Wholeness:10; Total Offerings for Aug.26: \$4,366.51; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 78; Trash & Treasures: 6; MTMUMC Community Dinner: 61; Office Volunteers: 11; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.