

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 “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. by H. DeCou

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)*

INTROIT “Our Father’s World” Bell Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wind howls on the mountain peak. People: ***There is no place to hide.***

Leader: There we see the glory of God. People: ***And his Son shining like the sun!***

Leader: Let this mighty and miraculous moment inspire glory, honor and praise.

All: ***For the transfigured Son is the redeemer of Israel and Savior of the world!***

\*HYMN #185 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Transfiguration” Hymnal #259

***Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess to you, O holy God, that at times we don’t like holiness or mystery. We’d rather have you be straight forward and no-nonsense. But you have told us that our ways are not your ways. Help us remember that you alone are God. Forgive our presumption and arrogance and fill us with a desire to hunger after you. We ask all this in the name of the One who reveals you most truly, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS AND SCOUTING

Let us pray: ***O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.***

***We lift to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks—  
for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;  
for study and work, to build character;***

***for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;***

***for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.***

***Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.***

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 34:29-35 Bible p.80

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

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 9:28-43a Bible p.944

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

\*HYMN #173 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Ratisbon

THE SERMON “Your God is Too Small” Dr. Bodt

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church is a community growing in God’s grace and love. We are committed to following Christ’s teaching and example by heeding his call to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, preach the good news, teach our children and youth, and visit the sick, homebound and imprisoned. We recognize and celebrate the diversity of God’s creation and God’s gifts. As disciples of our Lord, we publicly acknowledge, welcome and support people of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ages, nationalities, ethnicities, abilities and socio-economic situations. Our welcome knows no boundaries. Called by the Holy Spirit to share a ministry that reflects God’s love and justice, we embrace and honor all who participate in the ministries and leadership of our church.***

**The Mission Statement of Mary**

**Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: ***Hear our prayer.***

\*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: “With This Bread, With This Wine” Medema/Mozart

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11

***(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)***

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

**\*THE COMMUNION**

*(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the distribution we will sing hymns #258, 188, 617 and 623.)*

**PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS** *(unison)*

*Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord's table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" insert

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

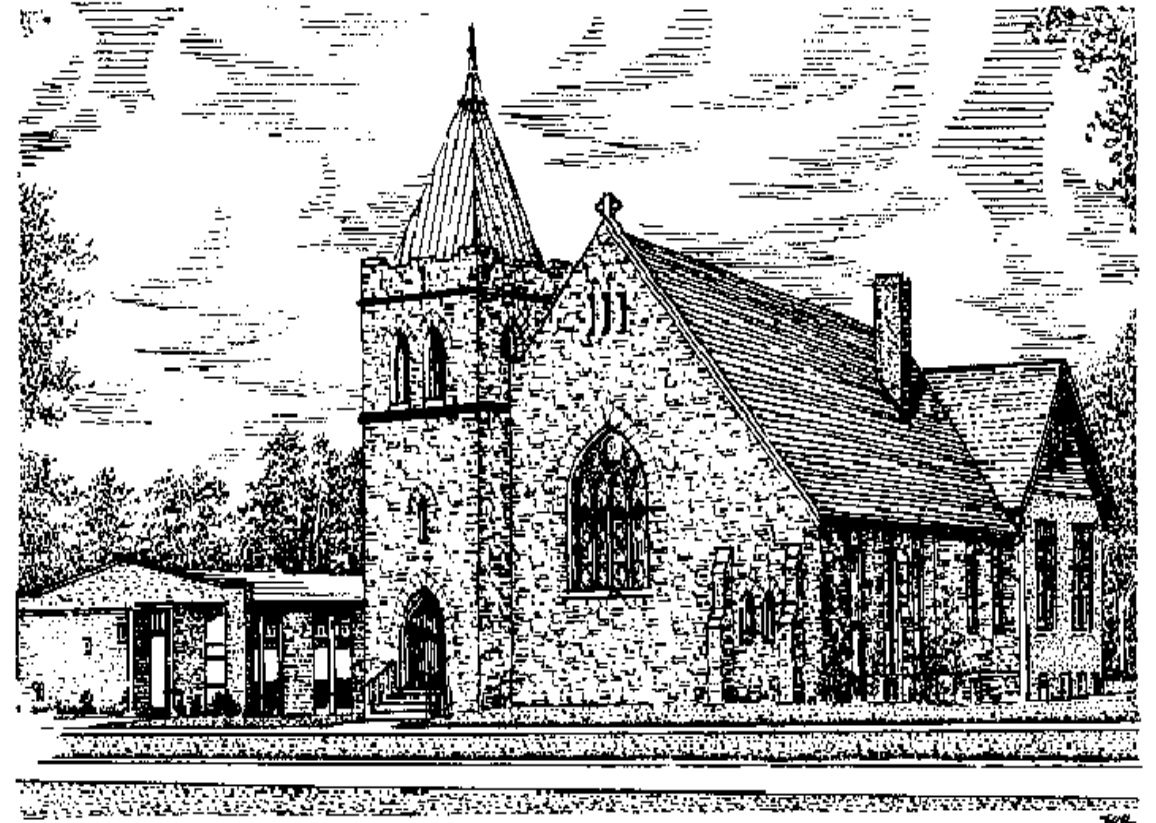
\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

*"We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground."*

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

POSTLUDE "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Bell Choir  
*(Please remain seated during the postlude.)*

**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*

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

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**February 7, 2016**

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

**TRANSFIGURATION /BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion - Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall  
11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon sponsored by the Men’s Club-  
Everyone is welcome  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel  
12:00 p.m. United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center  
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall – everyone is welcome  
(Confirmation Class attends supper with mentors)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes - Sanctuary  
Noon Taize worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes –  
Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes and Adult Choir –  
Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Egan Room  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Wesley Center

5:30 p.m. Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance-Dodd Hall –  
R.S.V.P. Jim Repetsky 203-530-4557

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time/ Soup and Baked Goods – Dodd Hall  
Church Office is Closed in observance of President’s Day  
BEACON Information Due Today

6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting- Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Adult Lenten Study – Gunn Library – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Adult Lenten Study – Gunn Library – Wesley Center  
Noon Taize worship– Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Pastoral Effectiveness Group – Gunn Library  
5:30 p.m. Praisemakers Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall  
7:00 p.m. Endowment Committee meeting – Gunn Library  
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library  
8:30 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Wesley Center

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Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt  
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink  
Outreach Pastor Rachel Duncan  
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

**Grace Notes  
February 7, 2016**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*There is an old question that is a litmus test for living our faith: “If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”*

*In response to my story last week encountering a young mother at Trader Joe’s (happy to re-tell it if you couldn’t be with us) one of our people told me their parking lot story. This past week they parked next to a couple who had just exited their car and were walking into the same store as our member. As our member exited their car, they noticed a \$10 bill on the ground near the first car. They followed the couple and inquired “Did you lose anything?”*

*“My money!” was the immediate reply. “Did you find my \$10?” The two were happily reunited and the joyful stranger said “Bless you! God bless you.”*

*Today’s scriptures encounter the Living God on mountaintops. If we haven’t been on a mountaintop lately and don’t have plans to do so soon, look for Godly encounters in parking lots, on the roads, in stores, home and (let’s hope) church. You will surely be blessed.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

**Pastor Brian Bodt**

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – David Doyle

**Liturgist** – Bob Virgalla

**Acolytes** – Josh Carr and Lucas Greifzu

**Communion stewards:** Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Dawn Bettencourt

**Communion celebrants:** Pastors Brian and Hal, Leigh Bak and Bob Virgalla.

**Greeters** – Dolly and Frank Bonisch

**Cross Bearer** – Nate Carr

**Bible Bearer** – Mary Repetsky

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt and Bob Virgalla.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Kaylyn's birthday on February 10 and safe travels for her trip to Australia February 17-26; and a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday to Carol Hubbell, given by her children and grandchildren.

**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. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000). 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).

## LENTEN STUDY, 2016

Our 2016 Lenten study will be John: The Gospel of Light and Life written by Adam Hamilton. The six week study, taught by Pastors Brian Bodt and Hal Vink, will follow our typical Tuesday evening/Wednesday morning format. Students will attend one session or the other but be able to "switch" sessions if schedule conflicts arise. The dates and times of the classes are:

**Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., February 16 and 23 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Pastor Brian, teaching.**

**Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., February 17 and 24 and March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Pastor Hal, teaching.**

**Please register no later than Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with:**

- Pastor Hal: [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com) or 203.878.8977
- Pastor Brian: [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11
- Mary Lou Kampert: [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10

Quoting from the study description: *"The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four Gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the Gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." (John 20:31) "You'll follow the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus...and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament."*

Typical of studies by Rev. Hamilton, a video component is part of the curriculum.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton is Senior Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the leading congregations of the United Methodist Church; and author of many studies.

**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted today by Mark and Joanne Platt and next Sunday by the Finance Committee.

**“SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING LUNCHEON** is hosted by the Men’s Club. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. February 6th is "Souper Bowl" Sunday. That's right, Souper not Super. If this is new to you, please check out the Souper Bowl of Caring website at <https://souperbowl.org>.

Each year, the Mary Taylor community of faith unites with this national event to raise awareness of hunger. Anyone can participate:

1. Bringing canned goods or other non-perishable food to church on Sunday, February 6th.
2. Making a financial contribution (checks payable to "MTMUMC" with "Food" in the memo section) Proceeds benefit the Connecticut Food Bank. Thank you for your support and generosity. **Extended Deadline: The week of February 7 you may leave your donations in the church office.**

**CONFIRMATION REMINDERS:**

- Deadline today to let Pastor Brian know if confirmands, mentors and/or parents will attend the March 12 trip to New York City.
- Tuesday’s class is to attend the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and meet with mentors.
- Memory work can be recited before or after Tuesday’s class; before or after worship; and at other times by appointment.

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

**THIS WEEK**

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER:** On February 9th at 5:30 p.m. in honor of Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras, the Men’s Club will be serving up the traditional pancake supper with all the trimmings. *Shrove* is the past tense of *shrive*, which means “to gain absolution of sins by confession and repentance.” The making of pancakes became a tradition in western European countries as a way to use up eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday.

There is no charge for the dinner and everyone is welcome. This is a family friendly event, with games & crafts for the kids, and foods that the whole family will enjoy. And no one wants to miss the chance to be the one who finds the baby in their piece of “King Cake”! Speak with Holly Firmender if you have an activity you’d like to prepare and share for the evening at [holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.com) or 203-530-2621c.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes (optional) will be offered at 7 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. The 7 a.m. service will be a brief (30 minute) spoken service for those on the way to work. The Noon service will use our “Taize” format that we have offered monthly since last September. (*We will offer Taize each Wednesday Noon during Lent.*) The 7:30 p.m. service will use Communion Setting IV and include music by the Adult Choir. The readings are Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 and the message entitled “Coming Clean.”

**VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE** on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall R.S.V.P. to Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 if you will attend.

**PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL** will be on vacation Feb. 12-16. He will return Tuesday, Feb. 16th in time for Confirmation and the Lenten study on John. For pastoral needs or emergencies please contact Leigh Bak at 203.215.0470. She will reach one of the pastors on call.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**LENT I** – The message “What Is Love?” will be based on 1 Corinthians 13 and other selected passages. Our preacher will be Pastor Rachel Duncan. Our Mission Minute will be presented by Maryann Petremont on the Mission and Ministry Fair on March 6th. After worship, our United Methodist Women will offer its “Second Sunday Soup Sale” during Fellowship Time.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**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.

**SOCKS FOR SENIORS:** Eileen Potkay, L.P.N., Parish Health and Wellness Convener, is collecting new and gently used socks (any size and color, **matched pairs only**) for seniors in long-term care center or nursing home. **Please leave donations in the box in Dodd Hall through Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** or contact Eileen at 203.809.0188 or [eileenmary68@aol.com](mailto:eileenmary68@aol.com).

**THE LITERACY CENTER** is looking for volunteer tutors to assist basic literacy and ESL students. No previous teaching experience is required. Tutor training will be held in Milford on February 3, 10, 17, 6-8:00 p.m. and in Stratford on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6-8:00 p.m. Call 203-878-4800 to schedule your orientation meeting. For information visit [www.lvsct.org](http://www.lvsct.org).

**THE WOODMONT LIBRARY** is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are low tech as the Library is not on computer and strictly pen and paper check in and out of books. If you have 2 hours a day or two hours a week to help out, please call the library at 203-874-5675. The library is located at 16 Dixon Street, at the Fannie Beach Recreational Center, next to the Literacy Center. Hours are M, T, W, F 10-12 & 2-4pm, Thurs. 10-12 & 6:30-8:30p.m.

### OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

**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.**

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

**Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 11 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).

**Pastor Rachel Duncan:** 203.874.1982 or [rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.e.duncan@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.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE:** Pastor Brian will consult with leaders as needed and agree on plans for worship, Sunday School, and other activities. **Weather-related closings will be posted on church voice mail, Yahoo e-mail group, and WTNH (Channel 8).**

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 31st:**

Total worship attendance all services: 179; January 31st: 168; February 1st: 11; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for January 31st: \$6,925.50; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$15,745.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,622.51; Engaged in Small Groups: 166 (Office Volunteers: 3; Sunday School 43; Confirmation class: 8; MTMUMC Dinner: 11 helpers; 34 guests; GSA Movie Night (Jan. 29): 28; Trash & Treasures: 3; GSA meeting (Feb. 2): 6; Stewardship meeting (Feb.3): 6; Praisemaker’s: 0; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 14;). 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.