

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 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” J. Denton

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Purify My Heart”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 51

Leader: Let me hear joy and celebration again.

People: *O God, hide your face from my sins, wipe away all my guilty deeds.*

Leader: Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me.

People: *Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.*

ALL: *Let us worship God.*

\*HYMN #325 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” In Babilone

THE COLLECT *(seated, unison)*

*O God, whose gracious love has paid our debt of sin: grant that we may live no more unto ourselves but unto you, that being freed from the slavery of wickedness and death, we may discover the freedom you promise in Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign, one God forever. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 31:31-34 Bible p.721

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33 and 19:23-30 Bible pp.980 and 988  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #256 “We Would See Jesus” Cushman

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 Bob Virgalla, E.M.T.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Agnus Dei” arr. by R. Mauldin

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #294 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Martyrdom

THE MESSAGE “Tetelestai” presented by Dr. Bodt

*(A monologue written by George Halitzka.)*

\*HYMN #165 “Hallelujah! What a Savior” What a Savior

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #294, verse 5

*“But drops of tears can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe.*

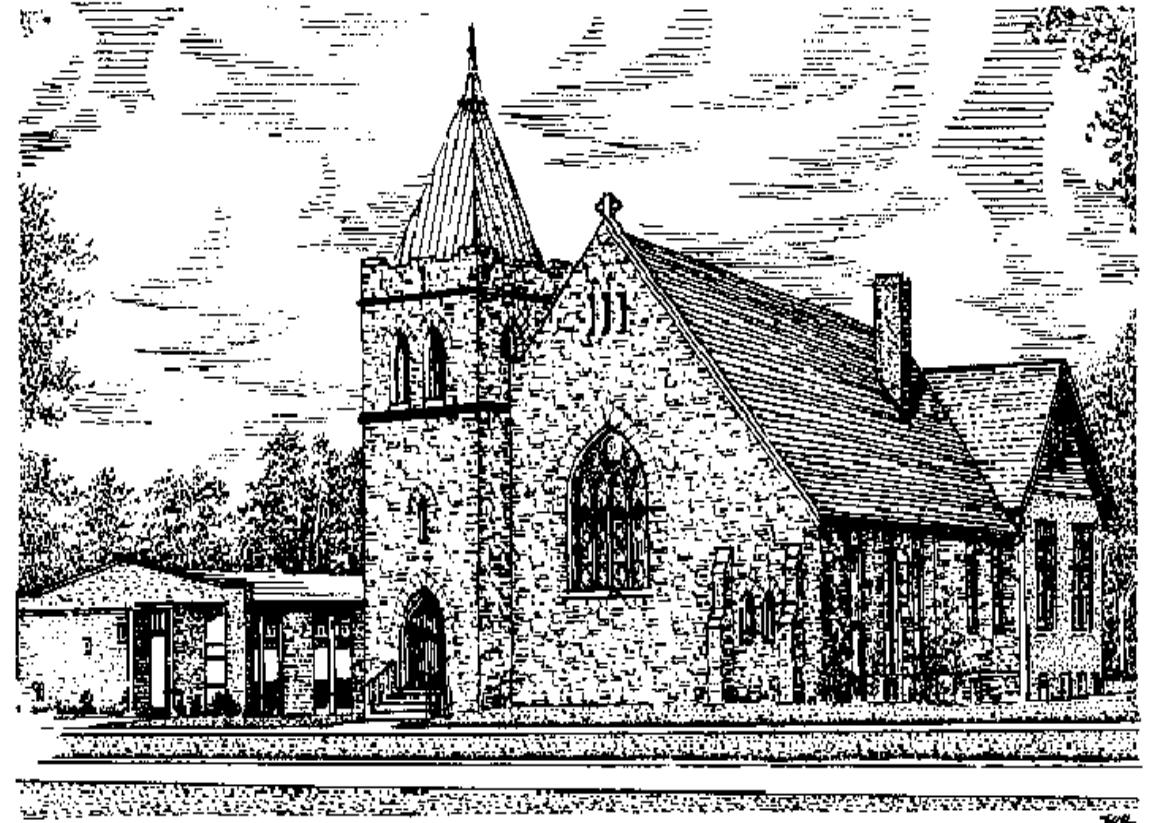
*Here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘tis all that I can do.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “Voluntary in C Minor” A. Foote

*(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*

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

**PASSION SUNDAY  
LENT V  
March 22, 2015**



GREGORY NISSEN  
Executive Director  
BETH ANN GRAF  
Chair, Gov. Board

Dear Congregants:

Kingswood and Quinipet Camps are now open for registrations and reservations for family and youth camping 2015!

**Awesome Facts about our Camps:**

1. Camp runs Sunday to Saturday so mom and dad don't need to take time off work to drop kids off.
2. Both Kingswood and Quinipet are 2.5 Hours from NYC in opposite directions.
3. Your church may offer scholarships, and if they don't, we do.
4. Our programs are 'no joke' awesome! From outdoor camping to wake boarding and everything in between.
5. Our Camps are a judgment free zone - you come as you are!
6. We have 60 years of history behind our success.
7. Between Kingswood and Quinipet, 650 kids attended camp last year (2014).
8. Kingswood and Quinipet each have a family camp opportunity for all to experience.

Kingswood has *deluxe camping* with cabin tents and all the gear you would need. Bring your sleeping bags and food. Come for a weekend or a week. Perhaps you have an RV? We offer weekly rentals for up to 32'ft rigs.

Quinipet has a week-long family camp event hosted by Rev. Sue Klein and company. Start your summer off right with the week of June 28th thru July 4th! Make it home for the fireworks!

**See you this summer!**

[www.nyaccamps.org](http://www.nyaccamps.org)

Grace Notes  
March 22, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*In today's Gospel (John 12:20-33) we find Jesus moving inexorably toward his death. On this Passion Sunday we understand Christ's sacrificial death as the meaning of "passion." While some curious Greeks come to see Jesus, he speaks of himself and his life as a grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies before it can grow and bear fruit.*

*Here is a story about a God who wins victories, not through the conventional means of power and glory, but through suffering and death. Christians are those who live our lives in light of that story. What the world regarded as tragedy—the triumph of evil—Christians believe is God's great victory over sin and death. Knowing this challenges us to consider the "defeats" of our lives quite differently than we otherwise might have.*

*One other thought: when Jesus says from the cross, "It is finished," he is using a term which means "Your debt is paid in full," as you will hear in this morning's drama.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

*P.S. The new, fuel-filled candles on the Communion table and placed in service today are the completion of an enhancement to worship discussed for some time. They have been donated in loving memory of Betty Jean Diefenbach Lawrence.*

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Nicole Ellerbeck

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Acolytes** – Olivia D’Andrea and Sarah O’Brien

**Liturgist** – Jamie Georgelos

**Greeters** – Fran and Callie Merva

**Cross Bearer** – Callie Merva

**Bible Bearer** – Addyson Perregaux

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Jamie Georgelos.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are to Honey, with a grateful heart.

**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

**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) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Collect was written by the pastor.

**SERMON COPIES** from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

**CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

**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.

## SOUP SALE TODAY

There will be a soup sale today in Dodd Hall after service.

All proceeds will be donated to the Lift Us Up campaign.

They go fast, so buy first - coffee, second.

**\$5.00 per pint**

**\$10.00 per quart**



## HOLY WEEK AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH

**March 29**

**PALM SUNDAY:** Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m., Worship at 10 a.m.  
*See details under “Next Sunday.”*

**April 1, Noon**

**HOLY WEDNESDAY:** Taize meditative worship, Pastor Hal, preaching

**April 2: 7:30 p.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** A simple setting of the Lord’s Supper will include (optional) foot washing based on John 13:1-17 and 31b-35 with Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 and I Corinthians 11:23-26. The worship will end with a stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

**April 3**

**Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Our second annual Community Good Friday service will be at our church, sponsored by the Milford Clergy Association and based on the “Seven Last Words” of Christ, with “Were You There” by Barbara Repetsky.

**1:30 – 3 p.m.**

The sanctuary stays open for prayer with prayer guides and readings available to complete the traditional three hours of Jesus’ crucifixion.

**7:30 p.m.**

A service of Tenebrae (“shadows”) will use a scripted reading of the Passion from Mark’s Gospel (14:1 – 15:47) as we consider the “wondrous love” that “bears the dreadful curse for my soul.” Additional readings will be Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 and Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12. Music will be by the Adult Choir and a harp and vocal duet by Mary Lou Kampert and Barbara Repetsky on “Wondrous Love.”

**April 5**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY**

*Please remember to bring a flower to place in the wire-mesh cross in front of the church. Watch as the resurrection blooms as morning unfolds!*

7:00 a.m.

Dawn service of Resurrection at Gulf Beach, planned and led by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast by the Men’s Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.

8:30 a.m.

Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. The message “The Great Equalizer” will be based on Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8.

10:00 a.m.

Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs, with same texts and message as 8:30 a.m. **No Sunday School on Easter Day.**

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, March 22</i>	8:30/9 a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Groups – Gunn Library</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>LENT V Worship–Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>“Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign Committee – Egan Room</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>MYF- Easter Sunrise Service planning – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, March 23</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 24</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 25</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Office volunteers mail April “Beacon” – Egan Room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper-Bridgeport</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, March 26</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper- Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, March 27</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, March 28</i>	1:00 p.m.	<i>Fund Raiser-Lift Us Up campaign –Dodd Hall - Beth O’Brien</i>
<i>Sunday, March 29</i>	8:30/9 a.m.	<i>Lenten Fasting Covenant Groups – Gunn Library</i>
<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Easter egg hunt – church grounds</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday worship–Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Visitation Ministry meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, March 30</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 31</i>		<i>NO Confirmation class: students expected at one mid-week worship</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Taize Service – Sanctuary</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, April 2</i>	7:30 p.m.	<i>Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, April 3</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	Noon	<i>Community Good Friday worship – Sanctuary</i>
	1:30 pm.	<i>Sanctuary remains open for prayer</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae worship – Sanctuary</i>

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God’s presence with us. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is Gay Straight Alliance Committee.

**MYF EASTER TREATS ARE AVAILABLE IN DODD HALL.** Support our Methodist Youth Fellowship as they support our “Lift Us Up” capital campaign.

**LOVELY EASTER ITEMS TODAY** are sold by **Trash and Treasures** in Dodd Hall. Low prices! High quality! Merchandise won't last long so shop even before you have your coffee!!

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FINAL DEADLINE IS TODAY.** Please use the enclosed form. The cost is \$10 each for an Easter lily, tulips, or daffodils. **This is a firm deadline.**

**THE “LIFT US UP” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** meets after worship in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**MYF WILL MEET FROM 4-6 P.M. IN DODD HALL.** We will meet for Easter Sunrise Service Planning/Practice. The Sunrise service is April 5, at 7 a.m. on Gulf Beach and is about 20 minutes in duration. We need your input and participation to make this annual event a success. Dawn Bettencourt is the lead contact at [stevedawn@optonline.net](mailto:stevedawn@optonline.net).

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

**THIS WEEK**

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** meet **Wednesday, March 25, 9 a.m.** in the Egan Room (Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) to mail the April “Beacon.”

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT** we offer Taizé (pronounced TAY-zay) worship in the sanctuary at noon. This contemplative worship has distinctive music and significant time for silent and spoken prayer. **Services are typically 45 minutes and continue until April 1.**

**AN OPEN MEETING OF THE GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE** is this Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in the Gunn Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wesley Center. All are welcome.

**GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY SUPPER NEEDS YOU this Wednesday, March 25, 2:30 -5 p.m.** we prepare the food (others serve and clean up) at Golden Hill U.M. Church, 210 Elm St., Bridgeport. Can you help? Please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan at 203.268.8850 or [maryannej@charter.net](mailto:maryannej@charter.net).

MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER is this Thursday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. We seek volunteers for our fourth Thursday supper at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959. Needed tasks include *Shopping and set-up, prep and cooking; serving; and clean-up.*

**A CLASS FOR LADIES:** Beth O'Brien will be teaching a class to raise funds for the "Lift Us Up" campaign. It will be held in Dodd Hall on this Saturday, March 28, 1:00-3:00. The time will begin with centering breath work followed by gentle stretching and strengthening. The second part of the class will be a time of dance followed by relaxation. All you need to bring is a yoga mat or blanket to lay on and a donation to the campaign. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach Beth at 203-877-8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net).

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### **PALM SUNDAY:**

**At 9:00 a.m.** an Easter egg hunt for the children, organized by the Fino family, occurs during the Sunday School hour.

**At 10 a.m.** our worship begins this festive service with the children's joyful, triumphant Palm Sunday. The monologue "Triumphal Entry" will be based on Mark 11:1-11. Healing anointing will be offered. After worship the Visitation Ministry team will meet in the Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

### ON-GOING MINISTRIES

**ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS** may be placed with 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 one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

**ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED!** Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

**LITURGISTS WANTED:** Serving as a liturgist is a different way to worship on Sunday – needed are former liturgists and first time liturgists, confirmands, young adults, and long-time members. All that is required is love of God. Contact Priscilla James at 203-874-2742.

#### **MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS NEEDED, SUNDAY APRIL**

**12TH.** Are you willing to host a group of the most fabulous youth for a course in our Progressive Dinner???

**We need four (or 5) host homes: one for appetizers, two (or 3) for the main course, one for dessert.**

Please see Shelly Lapadula (or contact at 203-874-4466 or [m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com)) if you are able to host one of the courses.



### OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**HOME VISITATION** by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

**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 & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** Wet and dry cat food is still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** **Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com): 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

**"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

#### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR March 15th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 217(Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>: 188; Healing and Wholeness, Mar.16<sup>th</sup>: 6; Taize worship, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>: 23. Total Offering (minus "Lift Us Up) for Mar 15: \$6,037.95; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts from Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>: \$572.50 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 225 (Office Volunteers 10; Sunday School: 46; Fasting Covenant Groups: 6 [8:30 am] and 3 [9 am]; Missions: 7; Board of Trustees: 9; Confirmation: 17, Disciple 3: 13; Adult Bible Study, Tuesday: 7; Adult Bible Study Wed.: 12; Men's Club dinner: 64; Praisemakers: 4; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 17). 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)/203.874.1982) with your attendance.