

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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

A WORD OF WELCOME ON GROUNDBREAKING SUNDAY

Tom Beyer, “Lift Us Up” Co-Chair

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124:8 and 127:1

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: ***Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.***

ALL: ***LET US WORSHIP GOD.***

*HYMN #546 “The Church’s One Foundation” Aurelia

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near: be present with us, gathered together here to set apart this ground upon which we stand to the honor and glory of your great name. Let your Spirit descend upon your church in this place and fill with your love all who shall seek your face that all may be welcome without delay. This we pray in the peace and power of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

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THE PSALTER Psalm 23 Hymnal #137, Response #2

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4:5-12 Bible p.994
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

*HYMN #529 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

THE EPISTLE I John 3:16-24 Bible p.1111
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

*THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18 Bible p.978
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*HYMN #381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Bradbury

THE SERMON

“I Have Other Sheep”

Dr. Bodt

*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: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. by J. Schrader

Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

AN INVITATION TO HEALING ANOINTING

*Our church observes this ritual every last Sunday of the month.
You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as 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.
HYMNS (seated, as needed) #136, 128, 407 and 474.*

*HYMN #559 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” insert
(Following the cross bearer, acolytes and Bible bearer, we recess to the south end of Wesley Center.)

*BREAKING OF GROUND

Comments from Superintendent Kieffer and Mayor Blake

Pastor: To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation, I now direct that ground be broken for handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center of the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. The responsibility and the privilege rest upon us to cause an edifice to be transformed that welcomes all people without delay, that is devoted to the worship and study of almighty God and to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(Each dignitary turning the earth is noted.)

That our Wesley Center be a place where all children shall find access to the love and grace of God, growing in goodness and in favor with God and all people, ***we break this ground today.***
(The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer, Superintendent, Connecticut District)

That our Wesley Center be a place where youth shall find continued inspiration in prayer and service, ***we break this ground today.***
(The Honorable Benjamin Blake, Mayor of Milford)

That our Wesley Center be a place where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away, ***we break this ground today.***

(Rachel Merva, President, Board of Trustees)

That our Wesley Center be a place where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the Living Word, and the Sacraments so celebrated that all life shall become sacramental, *we break this ground today.*

(Bill Petremont, Chair, Building Committee)

That our Wesley Center be a place where we truly live our creed, that people of all abilities are welcome, *we break this ground today.*

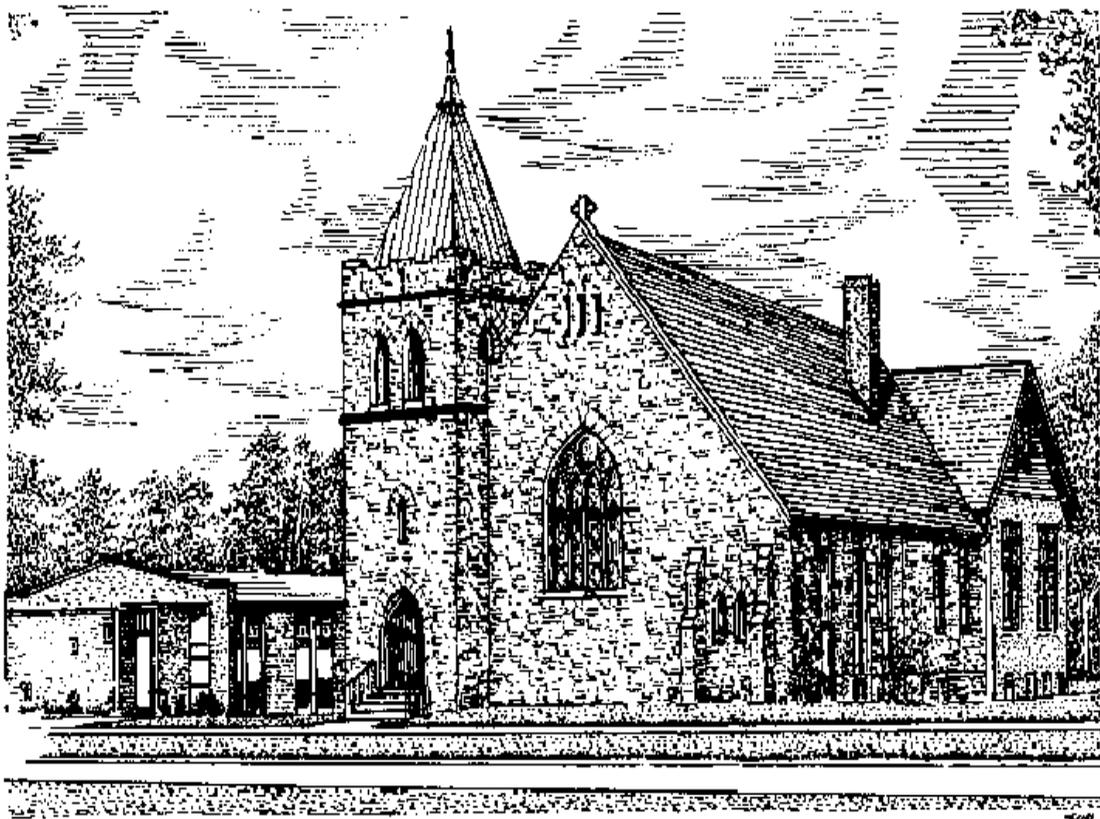
(Alexander Babbidge, General Contractor)

That our Wesley Center be a place where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christ-like love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord, *we break this ground today.*

(Ray Oliver, Architect)

That our Wesley Center be a place from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all peoples, *we break this ground today.*

(The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor)



Lord God, your name is holy everywhere. Grant us your blessing in this place that the work now begun will, by your grace, continue to its completion, in the name of Christ Jesus who taught us to pray, “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 BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” insert

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

*At the conclusion of the groundbreaking, everyone is invited to
Dodd Hall (the rear portion of the sanctuary building)
for a light luncheon and time of fellowship.*

*Today’s order of worship is based on
“A Service for the Breaking of Ground for a Church Building”
found in The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).*

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.*

**EASTER IV
GROUNDBREAKING SUNDAY
April 26, 2015**

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _



_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _



_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
Irregular

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Grace Notes
GROUNDBREAKING SUNDAY

April 26, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

We are blessed today as we observe the ceremonial groundbreaking for the handicapped accessible renovations to our Wesley Center. Our congregation has long considered such a project. Hard work by many over a long time prepared us to receive your approval to proceed last August. Now the day is here!

To "name names" is risky but certainly Bill Petremont and the Building Committee; Rachel Merva, Tom Beyer and the "Lift Us Up" capital campaign committee; and Rachel and the Board of Trustees should all be heralded. There is no limit to what we can do if we don't care who gets the credit!

We thank all who contributed to the organization of this special ceremony and extend a special welcome to our dignitaries and guests who are with us today.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Brian

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AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Joanne and Mark Platt

Cross Bearer – Kayleigh Patterson

Acolytes – Julianna Patterson and Devon Weed

Liturgist – Ethan Weed

Bible Bearer – Mary Repetsky

Healing Anointers – Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Laura Perregaux, Mark Platt, and Pastor Hal Vink.

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Ethan Weed.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in celebration of Holly Firmender's birthday tomorrow, April 27th. Love from Susan and Amanda Pitre.

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.

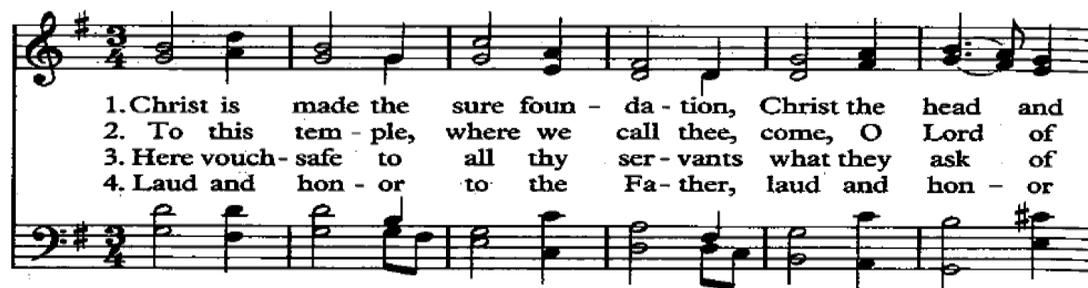
PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers 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) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church. **SERMON COPIES** from Holy Week are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



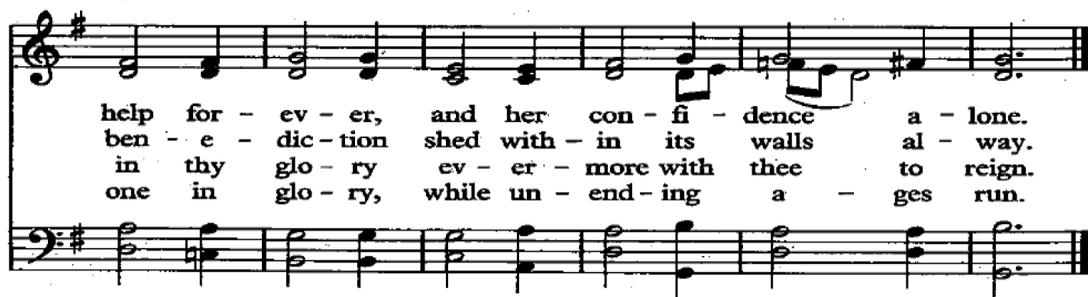
1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day! With thy faith - ful lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear thy peo - ple as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one; one in might and



help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

WORDS: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
(Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)

MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins. 1842

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~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, April 26</i>	<i>GIFTS AND TALENTS form is due today</i>
<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Chapel Service - Wesley Center</i>
<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship–Sanctuary</i>
<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Ground Breaking Ceremony – south end of Wesley Center</i>
<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time and reception – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>District Conference, Stratford UMC, 2600 Main Street</i>
<i>Monday, April 27</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, April 28</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Stewardship meeting-Wesley Center-Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 29</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, May 1</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>
<i>Sunday, May 3</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School –Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time– Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Fair on the Green meeting – 1st Floor, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, May 4</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. New Members class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 5</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter Banquet – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 6</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teacher’s meeting- Sunday School office</i>
<i>Thursday, May 7</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Pastors/Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Missions meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, May 8</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers - Gunn Library</i>



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

“LIFT US UP” CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING will conclude worship at the south end of the Wesley Center. Afterwards, a reception will be held in Dodd Hall.

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is Membership and Evangelism. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week’s Fellowship Time host is Gay/Straight Alliance.

SOUP SALE (last of the season): Today following morning worship. They will have taco soup, chicken noodle, pasta fagioli, turkey chili, split pea with ham, and surprise soup. They sell out fast so get yours before you get your coffee!

OUR CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE is today Sunday, April 26th, 2-4 p.m. at Stratford UM Church, 2600 Main Street. Conference musician is Rick Riccardi and our Praisemakers will sing!

GIFTS & TALENTS: Please turn in your completed checklists today, Sunday, April 26th. You may put them in the marked basket on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or give them to Dave or Eileen Doyle. If you've misplaced the one you were given in February or March, there are additional copies on that back table or in the office. Remember - *Gifts and talents, gifts and talents, It's important to provide a balance. Serving Christ together brings rewards beyond all measure.* (Sung to the tune of "Love & Marriage.")

A CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS: The final class has been rescheduled for Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. We meet in the Pastor’s study, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. While it is too late to join this class, please express your interest to Pastor Brian (203.874.1982, ext. 11) or the church office (ext. 10) if you wish to know more about joining the church.

“IMAGINE NO MALARIA,” a United Methodist initiative in partnership with other agencies (including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) provides mosquito netting that saves lives. Our New York Conference goal is \$1.5 million. To contribute please use the special envelopes in the sanctuary pews or the “other” line of your offering envelopes.

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2015 DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE provides toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia. Please leave your donations in the FOA box in Dodd Hall. If you wish to make a monetary gift, please mark your check or envelope “FOA.”

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK



TRASH AND TREASURE BARGAIN OF THE WEEK:
Ladies of the Round Table(s).....Dress up your formal table with an unbelievable beautifully crocheted table cloth. We were lucky enough to get two donated, one is 56" round, the other 88" round. These are both in immaculate condition and can be found on the tables down the middle of our main room. While you're looking, how about a beautiful vase to accentuate your table setting! Please

check with Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before dropping off large items. Space and muscles are limited. **Please do not donate:** TV's, computers, old printers, mattresses, baby car seats and helmets of any kind, old computer books, obsolete editions of educational books.

No food items please! Please place donations in the area where the cashiers sit during our sale. The other tables are only for items tested and priced for sale. **Thank you in advance for donating items that are clean and not in need of repair.**

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER V - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Setting A, our regular sung setting. Pastor Hal Vink will preach the message "Twisted Truth" based on John 15:1-8. All **"Fair on the Green" participants**—past, present and "yet to come"—should wear their orange t-shirts (if you don't have one, a FOTG shirt of another color will do; or contact Christine Volgmuth at 203-710-9835 or Edie Reichard at 203-882-0683 to get one). After worship, the Fair on the Green committee will meet: all welcome!

COMING SOON

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET: Save the date: **Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. You need not have a biological daughter to attend this event. Women are welcome to "adopt" other women as their "daughters" for this special occasion. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share. Our entertainment will be magician James Lang.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS may be placed with Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or 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.

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: 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. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, 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 April 19th:

Total worship attendance all services: 171; Apr. 19: 166; Healing and Wholeness, Apr. 20th: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for Apr. 19th: \$5,546.02; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$1,513.38 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$8,815.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 92 (Office Volunteers 3; "Trash and Treasures" workers: 9; Sunday School: 32; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 16 ; Disciple 3: 13; No Confirmation; GSA: 10) 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 /203.874.1982) with your attendance.