

# MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street  
Milford, Connecticut 06460

Phone: 203.874.1982  
FAX: 203.877.8973

## Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

*Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.*

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Proverbs 17:22

L: A cheerful heart is a good medicine

*P: But a downcast spirit dries up the bones.*

***ALL: LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD, A GOD OF JOY AND LOVE!***

\*HYMN #303

“The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

°°°

COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER (*seated, unison*)

Hymnal #321

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

“The Clown’s Prayer,” adapted

*Lord, sometimes we stumble through this life. Forgive our indifference that makes us blind to the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Forgive us those times that we have dispensed more gloom than happiness; more tears than laughter; more despair than cheer. Help us to receive again Jesus’ promise “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” In his name we pray. Amen.*

*(Let all confess in silence.)*

WORDS OF PARDON

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-8

Bible p.1117

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Bible p.989

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #317 (vss. 1, 6-9)

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

O filii et filiae

THE SERMON

“Are You Joking?”

Dr. Bodt

\*HYMN #315

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

St. Kevin

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Hymnal #881

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.)*

CAMPING SUNDAY PRESENTATION

Marcia Winter and friends

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

(The Adult Choir)

\*Presentation:

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #94

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Hymnal p. 9-11

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 grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come.*

*After the celebrants, ushers and choir commune, the ushers will direct you forward to the serving stations. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated in your pew please notify an usher.)*

\*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: # 314, 322, 306, 318

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 #322

“Up from the Grace He Arose”

Christ Arose

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “In the Garden” Hymnal #314, vs. 3

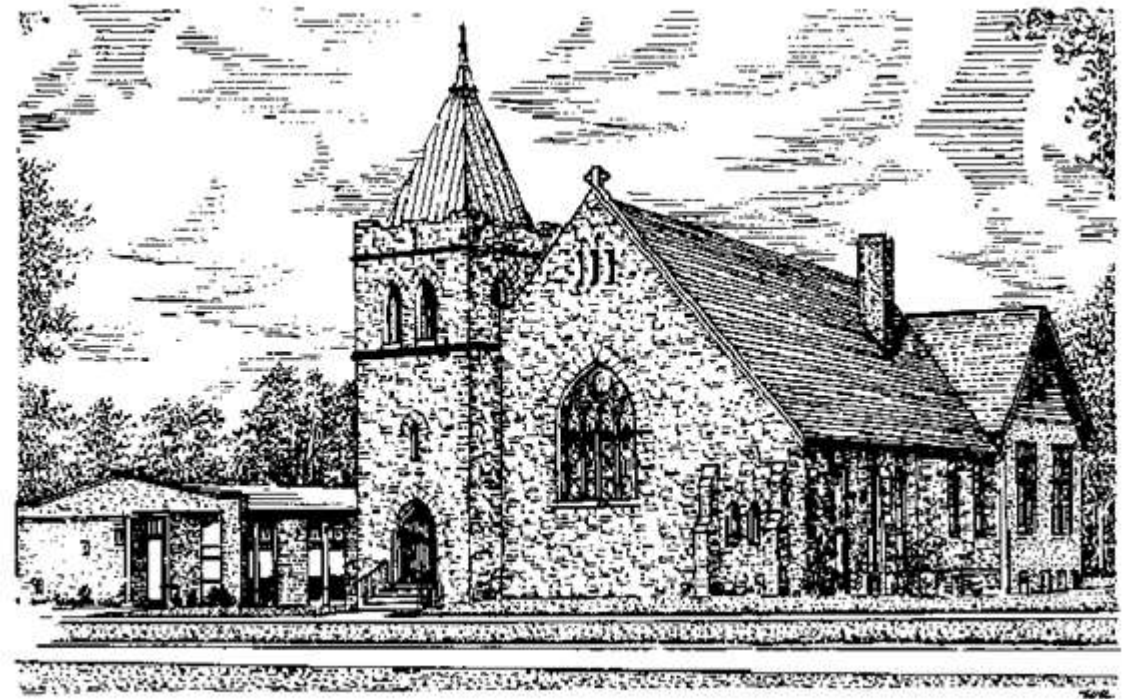
*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of owe his voice to me is calling.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

\*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: 1843

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 II**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

April 7, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Grace Notes

April 7, 2013

Sunday, April 7  
EASTER II

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. – New members class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center  
11:30 a.m. – “Fair on the Green” meeting – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> fl.  
1:00 p.m. – Girl Scout “God and Church” class – Egan Room  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center  
5–8 p.m. MYF Progressive Dinner

Monday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, April 9

Noon United Methodist Women – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center  
6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women potluck at  
Sue O’Shea’s home, 11 Gulfview, Milford

7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove

Thursday, April 11

Sunday, April 14

EASTER III

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – New members class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center

4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, April 15

“Beacon” information due

7:00 p.m. Healing and Wholeness Service

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 a.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center

NO SPRC this month

Saturday, April 20

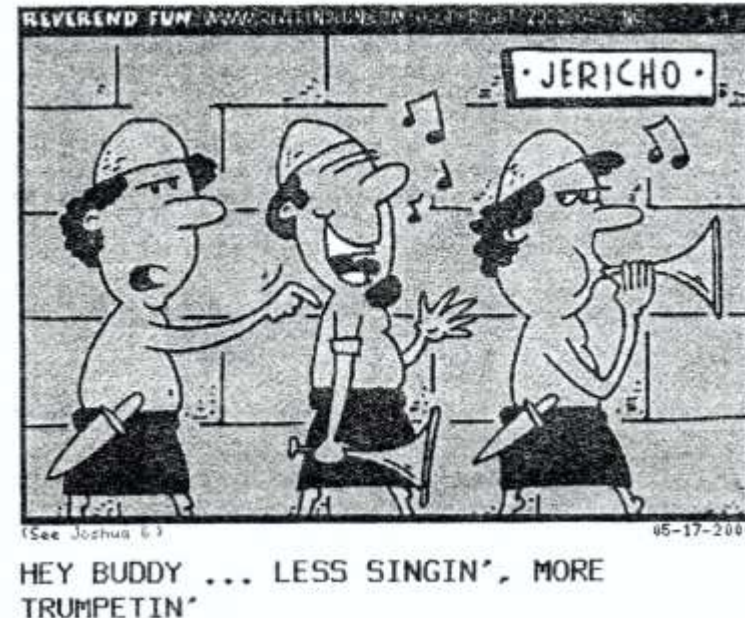
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Connecticut District United Methodist Women

“Spring Gathering” Annual Meeting at MTMUMC

3:00 p.m. Greene-Leaf wedding - Chapel

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Another (if you were here last week) cartoon:



An ancient custom observes the Sunday after Easter as “Bright Sunday.” Early theologians like Augustine, Gregory of Myssa and John Chrysostom mused that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. The joy of this day was called “risus paschalis” – the Easter laugh – of God’s surprising victory in Christ’s resurrection.

One wag has said “The reason angels can fly is that they take themselves lightly.” May we live, love and laugh in the delightful joy that God has the last word, a word of victory over adversity.

Joyfully,

Pastor Brian

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – John Henry

**Greeters** – Iris Peckham and Diana Titus

**Cross Bearer** – Callie Merva

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

**Liturgist** – Cathy Cono

**Bible Bearer** –

**Communion Stewards:** Dawn Bettencourt and Deb Dubien

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Cathy Cono at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given by a special friend to the glory of God.

**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 will 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. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

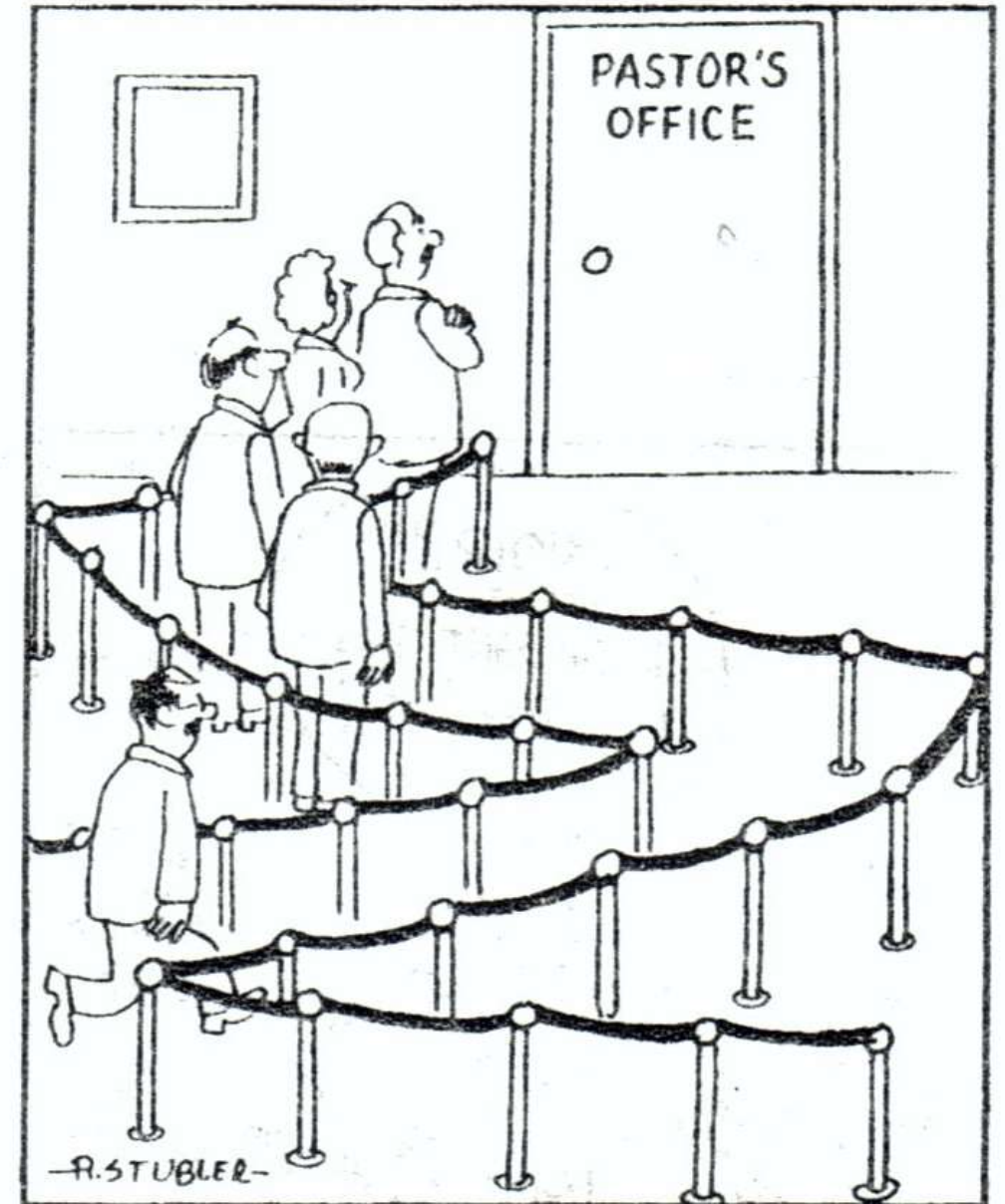
**TODAY’S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

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

**SERMON COPIES** from Good Friday and Easter are in the rear of the church and on the web at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org). There were no manuscripts Palm Sunday or Maundy Thursday, which featured drama in telling the Holy Week story.

**CHILD CARE:** *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *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 a parent or guardian.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
©Richard Stubler  
Reprinted with permission



## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY



from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
©Jonny Hawkins  
Reprinted with permission

- **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 HOUR** follows worship in Dodd Hall. Please join us for beverages and something to nosh. Today's hosts are the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday's hosts are the Missions Committee. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **"FAIR ON THE GREEN" MEETING** immediately follows worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Wesley Center. **PLEASE ATTEND**, or contact Head of Operations Eileen Doyle ([ddoyle51@aol.com](mailto:ddoyle51@aol.com) or 203.878.9049) to let her know of your interest. **This is a major undertaking but everyone taking a part makes the work easy and fun! Please support this effort.**
- **NEW MEMBER CLASSES START TODAY** and continue on April 14 and 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Pastor's study, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Wesley Center. We will get to know one another (today), the history of Methodism (Apr. 14) and the opportunities for mission and service at MTMUMC (Apr. 21). You may attend these sessions to learn and inquire without making a commitment to join. **New members will be received on Sunday, April 28 at 10 a.m.** Need more info? Please speak with Pastor Brian.
- **MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER DEPARTS PROMPTLY AT 5 P.M. FROM THE CHURCH LOT.** Thanks to the Cables (appetizer), Perregaux' and Morgans (entrée) and Bennett's (dessert) for hosting us. **IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO DRIVE** please speak with Leigh Bak after worship or call [203.877.4807](tel:203.877.4807). **PARENTS: PERMISSION SLIPS ARE MANDATORY AND PICK-UP** is at 8 p.m. at the Bennett's, 26 High Street, Milford.
- **OUR CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION FUND** is concluded, raising \$6,388 to exceed our \$5,700 goal. Thanks to all. A time of re-dedication will be planned. **The windows are installed and finishing work is nearly complete. View them on the Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.**
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**

## THIS WEEK

**LAST CALL TO JOIN THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY “JOB”:** There is more to the story of Job than the first and last chapters, for the chapters in between mirror our own life struggles. This study enables you to enter the story yourselves and experience the trials of life through the eyes of Job. **Tuesdays through May 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.** and **Wednesdays through May 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m.** in the church library, Wesley Center. See Pastor Vink (203-878-8977 or [vinkhaljane@yahoo.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com)). The cost for the book is \$10.00.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** have two opportunities this Tuesday. **At Noon** they meet in the Wesley Center (please bring a bag lunch) and will complete plans to host the District April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and begin plans for the Mother-Daughter banquet. **At 6:30 p.m.** a pot-luck supper and fellowship will be offered, especially for those who cannot make daytime meetings, at the home of Sue O’Shea, 11 Gulfview. Come! To learn more, contact President Joan Zauner at [jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com) or 203.283.5643.

“**PRAISEMAKERS**” choir for children grades 1-5 continues **Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.** in Dodd Hall, preparing now for Mother’s Day, May 12. For more information contact Barbara Repetsky (203.931.4363/[mrmrsr97@aol.com](mailto:mrmrsr97@aol.com)), Judy Darak (203.874.5881/[wingridrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wingridrs@sbcglobal.net)) or Dr. Riccardi ([riccardir1@southernct.edu](mailto:riccardir1@southernct.edu)/ 203.506.7270).

## NEXT SUNDAY

**EASTER III** – “Seeing Things Real” is the sermon by Pastor Vink based on Acts 9:1-20 and John 21:1-19. Our Mission Minute will be on UMARMY adult volunteers. We will receive a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday. Following worship, the second new member class will be held in the Wesley Center.

## COMING SOON

**MAY “BEACON” DEADLINE** is **Monday, April 15.** Please submit articles on or before this date to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office.

**CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK IS DUE APRIL 21.** Confirmands may recite to mentors or Pastor Brian. Callie Merva is our first student to complete this assignment.

**WANT TO SAVE ON NEXT YEAR’S TAXES?** Come and meet the Rev. Richard Deam on April 21 who will hold an introductory seminar after worship on required minimum distributions (RMD’s). No products will be sold. Richard’s integrity and effectiveness has served many, including the Rev. Hal and Jane Vink. Details were provided in the April “Beacon.”

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS** are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers” to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). *\*A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

**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** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or [vinkhaljane@yahoo.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

**WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY.** Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

## **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARCH 31:**

Total worship attendance all services: 734 (Maundy Thursday, 100; Good Friday prayer vigil, 45; Good Friday evening, 107; Easter Sunrise, 100; Easter 8:30, 139; Easter 10 a.m., 235; Monday, April 1, 8); Total Offering: \$13,006.00 (all services); Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$794.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 32; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*

## MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Website:** [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org) [www.facebook.com/MTMUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MTMUMC)

**E-mail:** [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert