

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 “Come Ye Blessed” R. Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

AN INVITATION TO SIGN THE “COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE”

Olivia D’Andrea, Callie Merva and Sarah O’Brien

INTROIT “Holy, Holy”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is none other than the House of God.

**People:** *And this is the gate of Heaven.*

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD, WHO IS ABOVE ALL YET IN ALL.**

\*HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy” Nicaea

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Trinity Sunday” Hymnal #76

***Holy God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the faith of your holy church, to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see in your eternal glory One God, now and forever. Amen.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Janet Weller, England, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.

***All-merciful, tender God: you have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons, aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others. We ask you to forgive us, and by the gentle touch of your Spirit help us to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service to all. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.33

*(The recitation of the Apostles’ Creed is Hymnal #881.)*

***Faith Ann Wilson,  
daughter of Kimberly and David, Jr.***

**Godparents:** Melissa Cooper and Michael Field **Sponsor:** Laura Perregaux

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6:1-8 Bible p.622

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

\*HYMN #582 “Whom Shall I Send?” Deus tuorum militum

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:12-18 Bible p.1030

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

THE SERMON ”Your Spiritual Genealogy” Dr. Bodt

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 Dennis Brown

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Go Ye Into All the World” Price, Besig

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

A RITUAL OF HEALING ANOINTING

*On the last Sunday of the month all are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for oneself 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 ancient Church practice 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*) #331, 184, 372 and 88.

\*HYMN #593 “Here I Am, Lord” Stacey Riccardi, signer

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Spirit of the Living God” Hymnal #393

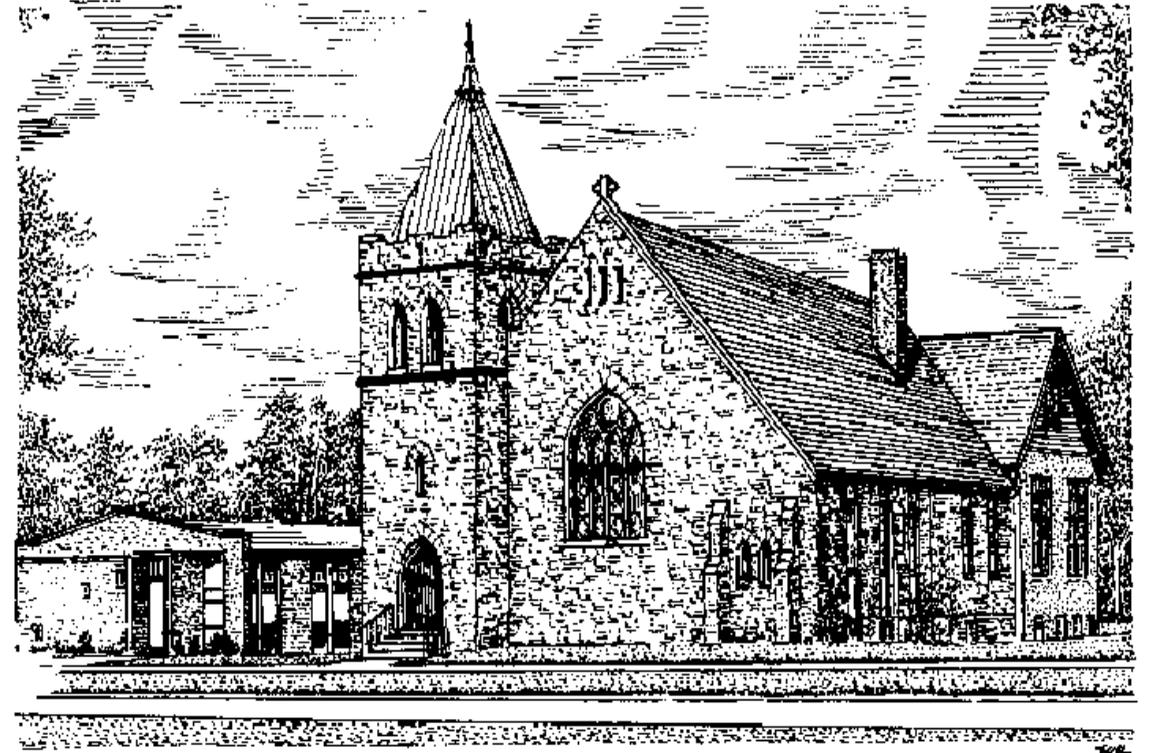
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

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

\*POSTLUDE “Praise Everlasting” D. Paxton

*(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.*

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**May 31, 2015**



## FAIR ON THE GREEN

JUNE 5 & 6, 2015

**CATCH THE SPIRIT!!!** The *Fair on the Green* is days away! Whether you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, new to our *Fair*, or a tried-and-true volunteer, you're sure to enjoy much fun and fellowship when you give your time to this important fund raiser for our General Fund. Please be on the lookout for **volunteer sign-up sheets** in Dodd Hall this month and sign up for the area where you would like to help out. **DON'T MISS THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON MAY 31st!**

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thursday, June 4th- 5:00 P.M. Please mark your calendar with a big ★ as a reminder to "come on down" to help with set-up for the *Fair*. We especially need folks with strong backs and people willing to clean the tables and coolers with Bleach - wear work clothes!

## Grace Notes May 31, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*"In the year that King Uzziah died..." was a pivotal moment for the Hebrew people (today's reading from Isaiah 6:1-8). In that year when everything seemed to be changing (or even falling apart), Isaiah heard a call from God and responded.*

*This time of year reminds us that even celebratory events are change-moments that can leave us feeling unsure as well as joyful. Last week's Confirmation, today's baptism, this week's Fair on the Green, graduations, soon-ending Sunday School (June 14): all of these are wonderful moments within which is embedded the unspoken question "What's next?"*

*Perhaps you are like me in that I do not always view change as opportunity. Isaiah and Romans (8:12-18) declare that change, even in crisis and suffering, open us to the powerful spirit of God, especially when we remember (as a Wednesday morning Bible study member said and Romans affirms) that we are "children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."*

*What gifts might this season of change offer us if we have faith to see them?*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

*P.S. We often pray for healing and it is good to know when it happens. Carol Koch was in worship last Sunday after recovering from surgery and shared this note: "Thank you Pastor Brian and all my church family for your many visits, prayers and calls during my recuperation." I'm sure all here today join me in saying "You're welcome...praise God...Amen!"*

### MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
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Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Tanner Georgelos

**Greeters** – Pat Jaser and Bob Lawrence

**Cross Bearer** – Callie Merva

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

**Liturgist** – Christine Volgmuth

**Bible Bearer** – Carolyn Hollyday

**Healing anointers** – Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, Laura Perregaux, and Mark Platt

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Christine Volgmuth.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are 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

**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 previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org). **LAST SUNDAY’S CONFIRMATION SERMON**, “Your Sons and Daughters,” is available.

## ~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, May 31</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship and Sacrament of Baptism–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time–Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>“Fair on the Green” meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Visitation Ministry-1<sup>st</sup> floor, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>MYF Scavenger Hunt – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, June 1</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“WHY?” Adult Bible Study – Wesley Center – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 3</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Building Committee meeting-Wesley Center - Egan Room</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“WHY?” Adult Bible Study – Wesley Center – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, June 4</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green set up- Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, June 5</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 6</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>CT District Basic lay Servant Ministry Course, New Milford, CT</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fair on the Green – Church campus</i>
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<i>Sunday, June 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time–Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Planning meeting – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 9</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>UMW meeting/Potluck in Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 10</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
<i>Thursday, June 11</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
<i>Friday, June 12</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 13</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>

## YOU'RE INVITED...

to become a Lay Signer of the Covenant of Conscience. Being a Lay Signer means you believe all God's children, regardless of sexual orientation, should be given the privilege and honor to be married in our sanctuary by our Pastor.

As you may know, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC is a Congregational Signer of the Covenant of Conscience. HOWEVER, our work is NOT DONE! One action that we all can take is to become a LAY SIGNER of the Covenant of Conscience. Letting our voices be heard is especially important now with the New York Annual Conference just days away when the subject of Marriage Equality will definitely be a topic of discussion.

To sign, please go to the MIND (Methodists In New Directions) Web site at <http://www.mindny.org/mind-initiatives/marriage-initiative/covenant-of-conscience/> and click on the link "To add your name."

Thank you ~ Eileen Doyle, Gay/Straight Alliance Co-chair

### **FAIR ON THE GREEN REMINDER: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A THEME BASKET OR CRAFT FOR THE FAIR ON THE GREEN!**

Just fill a basket with new items valued at \$25 or more; you do not need to spend \$25, but the value should be at least that amount. Bring your completed basket to church and I will wrap it for you. Be sure to include a tag listing the contents. All baskets will be priced at \$25. Be creative! And thank you, in advance, for filling a basket. Now go to the Fair and pick one out for yourself!

If you are making a gift basket that can be priced at \$25, or a craft to sell at the craft table for the **Fair on the Green**, you may leave it in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor High School classroom in Wesley Center.

For additional information, please contact Becky Virgalla (baskets) at 203-788-2889 or Maria Macri (craft table) at 203-876-9786.



## **ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the Education Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week's Fellowship Time host is the Finance Committee.

**FAIR ON THE GREEN MEETING TODAY: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 11:15 am, Wesley Center.** There will be a short Fair on the Green meeting on how to identify counterfeit bills. Grab your coffee and come on over – 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Wesley Center.



**TRASH AND TREASURE UPDATE:** Presently we cannot accept clothing, books and grocery bags. We do need clip on earrings! June 1st is still the last day to drop off donations but we would appreciate getting them as early as possible before the deadline. We remain open Fridays in May from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and varying hours the rest of the weekdays. Please continue to donate clean items and those not needing repair. Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before dropping off large items. Please do not donate: hangers, food items, TV's, computers, old printers, mattresses, baby car seats, helmets of any kind, old computer books or obsolete editions of educational books.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or [michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com), or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com), if you would like to volunteer.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

**PASTOR BRIAN** will be out of the office from this afternoon through Tuesday visiting his father, Milfred Bodt, in anticipation of his father's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday (June 4). Pastor Brian will return June 3<sup>rd</sup> for all the activities of the week ahead. For pastoral needs contact Pastor Hal Vink at 203.878.8977.

**THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "FAIR ON THE GREEN IS THIS THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!"** Many hands make light work! See the article on the rear cover to offer your hands this year!

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST II** - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The message "The End of the Civil War" will be based on Psalm 138; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1 and Mark 3:20-35. A brief farewell reception will be held for John and Anna Henry, moving to South Carolina.

**A CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING** will be held on Sunday, June 7 11:30 a.m. - Noon in the Chapel (Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). All youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not been confirmed, along with at least one parent, are encouraged to attend. We will set a fall Confirmation meeting day and time in addition to doing a brief review of what Confirmation is and what it requires. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

## COMING SOON

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP YEAR END ACTIVITY:** Swimming, cliff jumping, rock climbing, zip lines and waterslides at **Brownstone Quarry** in Portland, CT on Sunday, June 14, right after church until 6 p.m. \$16 per person, MYF permission slips and Brownstone waivers required. For these required forms or for scholarship help, contact Shelly Lapadula at 203.874.4466 or [m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com)

**ALL-CHURCH CLEAN-UP** organized by the Board of Trustees, Sat., June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am – Noon. Light cleaning, organizing and de-cluttering. Contact Rachel Merva at 203.641.5088 or [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net).

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

We will recognize all graduates in worship on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Please submit the name of your graduate, the school from which they are graduating, degree conferred (if any) and potential future plans to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or by calling Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10 no later than Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO....

**DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS?** Contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien@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.

## LEAD IN WORSHIP AS....

...a **liturgist** (reading scripture and leading prayers)? Please contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742.

...an **acolyte, cross bearer or Bible bearers?** Children and youth serve in these roles. Please contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005. **We have only three Sundays after today until the summer recess for these opportunities to serve until resuming in September.**

## 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 May 24th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 226; May 24th: 221; Healing and Wholeness, May 25th: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for May 24th: \$5,205.00; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$350.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,956.21; Engaged in Small Groups: 110 (Office Volunteers 7; "Trash and Treasures" workers: 16; Sunday School: 37; Adult Choir: 18; Adult study Tues. 4/Wed. 17; Golden Hill dinner: 11; Total persons received on profession of faith: 6; 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.