

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:5, 3c; 30:15b-c

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

People: *that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.*

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

People: *in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.*

ALL: **LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

*HYMN #351 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” Pass Me Not

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)* Michael J. O'Donnell, USA, 20th cent.

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 130 Hymnal #516

*THE GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43 Bible p.915

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #274 *(seated)* “Woman in the Night” Haiz

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.)

A REPORT FROM THE 216TH SESSION OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Rachel Merva, Kelly O’Hara and Pastor Brian Bodt

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “He Touched Me” B. Gaither
Barbara Repetsky, Soloist

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #328 “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” Wolfe
(sung twice)

THE SERMON “The Gospel of Interruptions” Dr. Bodt

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)* #262, 263, 341 and 390

*HYMN #370 “Victory in Jesus” Hartford

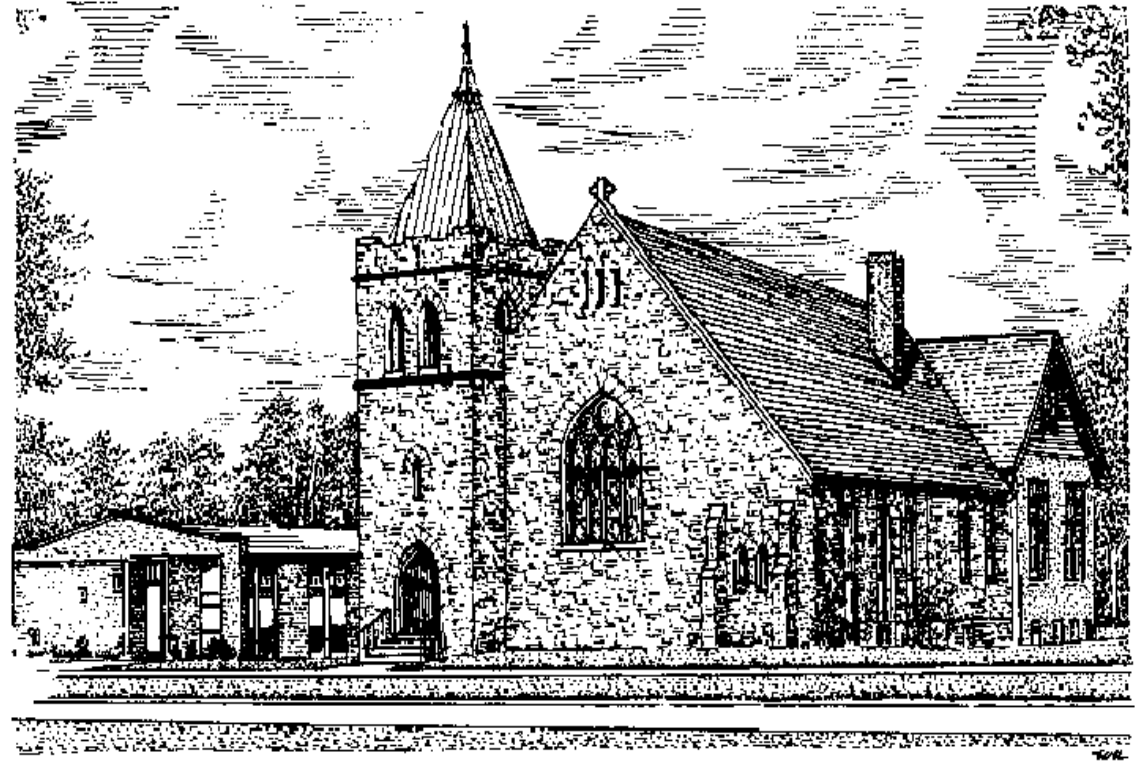
*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” Hymnal #666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE “Toccata” C. Curtis
(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.*

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June 28, 2015

Grace Notes
June 28, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Our Church Council had a busy meeting on June 18th! We adopted the final versions of our 2015-18 Long Range Plan and our 2015-16 Program Calendar. Copies of these are in the rear of the church.

We also approved offering a Taize contemplative worship service on the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m. beginning September 17th. A number of us experienced this unique worship style during Lent. The service is comprised of music, prayer and scripture and lasts about 30 minutes. Bob Lawrence will lead this effort supported by the staff.

Last Sunday, Staff-Parish Chair Dennis Darak announced that Rachel E. Duncan will be our part-time Outreach Pastor beginning September 1st. Rachel is a 2011 graduate of Yale Divinity School, a resident of New Haven, and was a local pastor of Canaan (CT) UMC. Rachel is currently completing nursing school and considering ordination as a Deacon. At Mary Taylor Memorial Church, she will be working with Christian education, Methodist Youth Fellowship and some pastoral care. Her employment will be finalized upon completion of a criminal background check and other details. We will have more information in the August "Beacon" about Rachel and opportunities to meet her in the fall.

Rachel will join our pastoral staff with Rev. Bodt and Rev. Vink who will continue their respective ministries.

Please keep these initiatives, along with our UMARMY trip to Wethersfield, CT (July 12-18), and the other activities noted in this issue and the July "Beacon," in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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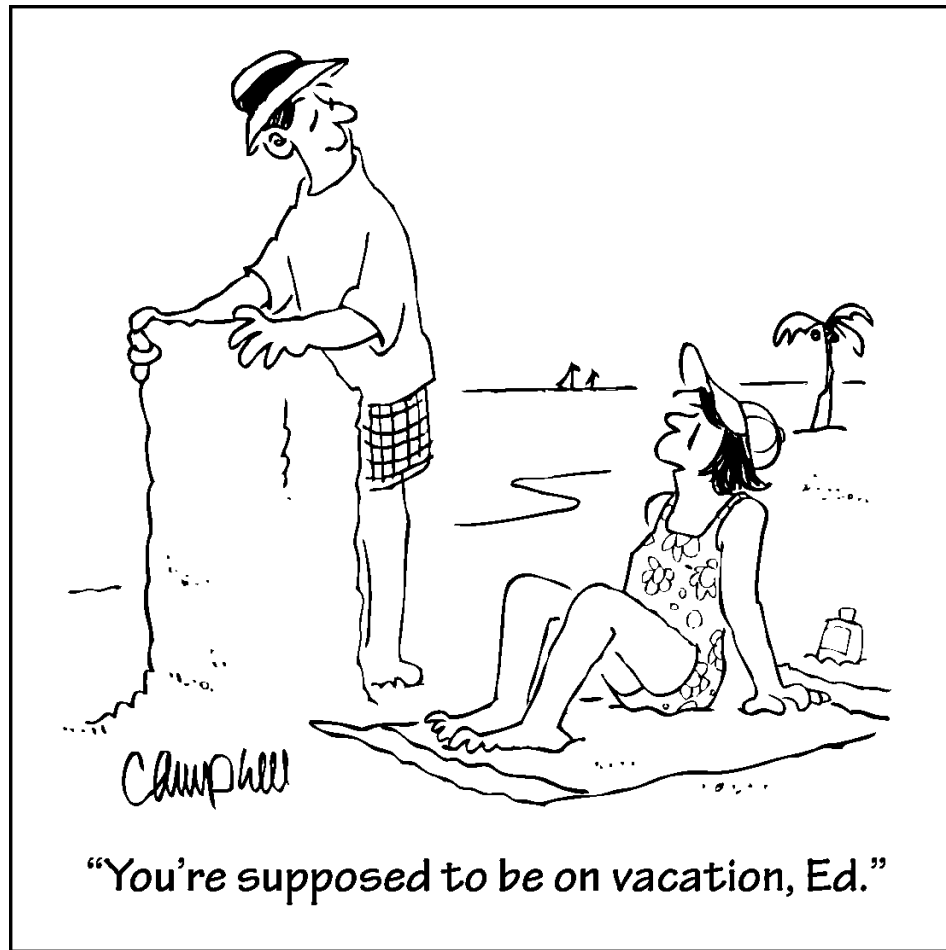
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Ministers All the People of God
Lay Leaders Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak
Prayer Chain Stacy Meszaros
Administrative Assistant Mary Lou Kampert
Sexton Bruce Rumford
Child Care Coordinator Nicole Ellerbeck

Bishop The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Superintendent The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Greeters – Flo Berrien and Iris Peckham

Liturgist – Edie Reichard

Healing anointers – Pastor Hal, Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings,
Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, and Mark Platt

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Edie Reichard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Carol Galloway on our 3rd wedding anniversary this past Tuesday, June 23rd, given by Pastor Brian Bodt (Proverbs 31:29); and in loving memory of June V. Cutrona by Jeanne, Kara, Kristin & Marissa Cutrona.

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.

THE MTMUMC 2015-2016 PROGRAM CALENDAR is available in the rear of the church.

~Three week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~



Sunday, June 28

Summer Worship Begins

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

10:45 a.m. Caring Ministries – Wesley Center, 1st Floor

Monday, June 29

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

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting (as needed) - Egan Room

2:30 – 5 pm Community Supper at Golden Hill UM Church (see notice)

Thursday, July 2

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers

Friday, July 3

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Boys & Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th

Monday, July 6

The Church Office will be closed today in observance of the July 4th holiday.

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

Thursday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Office volunteers

5:30 p.m. Summer Hang Out-Dinner & Car Cruise at Goodies Drive In 170 Cherry Street, Milford – All are invited.

Friday, July 10

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Saturday, July 11

9:30 a.m. CT District Lay Servant Ministry course, New Milford, CT UMC

Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Worship – Baptism of Jackson Tyler Edwards /

UMARMY high school volunteers commissioned - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Boys & Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th

11:00 a.m. UMARMY Summer Camp, July 12-18th

ADVANCE PLANNING AND “SAVE THE DATES”

SUMMER WORSHIP MOVES TO 9:30 A.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28. We worship at that hour through Sunday, August 30. 10 a.m. worship resumes September 6th.

MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL will be Saturday, August 15th. Our Men’s Club typically serves food on the church campus and invites any who wish to assist them to do so. Contact Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688.

OUTSIDE TENT WORSHIP will be Sunday, August 16th, 9:30 a.m. If you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial Church you will enjoy this special opportunity to worship outside in the courtyard under the tent!

OUR SUMMER CHURCH PICNIC will be Sunday, August 23rd at Rivercrest Farm (and home of Maria and Andy Macri). More to come in the July “Beacon.”

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be taught Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. beginning September 15th in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Unconfirmed youth entering the 8th grade or older are encouraged to attend.

“**COVENANT**”, a 24 week comprehensive study of the Bible, will be taught on Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9:15 p.m. High School Room, Wesley Center, 1st Floor, beginning in September by Sandy Morgan, Certified Lay Servant, and Holly Firmender. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Sandy (sgmorgan@aol.com or 203.874.4374) or Don Hastings (nctmwash@aol.com or 203.877.4554).

“**REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It**” is a six-week study of the origins of Methodism. It will be taught by Pastor Brian September 15/16 – October 20/21 on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to attend (brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982).

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS is an eight-week Immersion Bible Study course of these prophets. It will be taught by Pastor Hal. We will divide the study around the holiday time from Thanksgiving through New Year’s, so there will be two four-week sessions: October 27/28 – November 17/18 (Isaiah) and January 5/6-26/27, 2016 (Jeremiah/Lamentations). These sessions will be Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact Pastor Hal if you would like to attend (vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203.878.8977).

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL continues through September 6th, following worship, in the Courtyard - weather permitting. Today’s host is the Downing family. If you or your family would like to host a summer punch bowl which entails bringing juice and a snack, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Dodd Hall, or contact Michelle Craig at michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

MILFORD SENIOR CENTER GOSPEL CHOIR will perform today at 2 p.m. at the Center, 9 Jepson Drive, Milford. All invited. Concert is free.

SUMMER HANG OUT: today at 4 p.m. – Ice Cream Social at Scoopy Doo’s and Milford Landing, 37 Helwig Street, Milford. Cathy Cono contact at spikio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362. All welcome to join in this activity.

THIS WEEK

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS begin **TOMORROW** and remain in effect until September: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Wednesday noon deadline for weekly notices remains unchanged.

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT: Wednesday, July 1st, 2:30 – 5 p.m. We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Bob Jordan. Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector. **NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

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, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST VI/INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper using spoken Setting I. Pastor Hal will preach and celebrate the Sacrament.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

TRASH AND TREASURES UPDATE:

In an effort to optimize our storage space while keeping our overhead at zero, Trash and Treasures needs some wood for shelving in our storage area. Our carpenter is selective so please call Frank Bonisch (203-783-9952) to see if your donation “*wood*” meet our needs!! After all, his wife doesn't want to have to take it to the dump.

WE SEEK MUSICIANS TO OFFER SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER. Our choirs are in recess in the summer, so we welcome special music. Contact Rick Riccardi (riccardir1@southernct.edu; 203.506.7270).

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS-CONTINUED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS?

Contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or 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.

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. To sign, please go to <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

MTMUMC HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for students enrolled in a full time program of post high school studies: 1. Kelsey-Worley Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a college/university program and 2. Men's Club "Jimmy" Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a trade/vocational program. For information and applications, refer to the church website at www.mtm-umc.org and select the "Scholarships" button. Committee Members are: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D'Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner. Questions? Please contact Wil Wright at wwright7@fordham.edu or 203-877-5021.

MTM HEALING MINISTRY IN REVIEW

- ◆ **WHO'S INVITED?** Anyone interested in how Christian Healing goes on in our church.
- ◆ **WHEN & WHERE?** **Sat., July 25, 11 am to 1 pm in Wesley Center** (bring lunch if you wish.)
- ◆ **WHAT'S HAPPENING?** Briefly review how Christian Healing goes on in MTMUMC (last Sunday anointing & Monday pm Healing and Wholeness Services).
- ◆ **ANY SUGGESTIONS?** New changes for consideration; what might God be leading us to develop?
- ◆ **INTERESTED?** Tell Pastor Vink (vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203-878-8977) or Mary Lou Hastings (203-877-4554).

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are **Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** **The office is closed on Fridays until September.** Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, thank you for calling the office (203.874.1982) or ringing the Broad Street doorbell.

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 June 21st:

Total worship attendance all services: 137; June 21st: 132; Healing and Wholeness, June 22nd: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for June 21: \$4,606.00; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$515.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,328.21; Engaged in Small Groups:10 (Office Volunteers 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 or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.