

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.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “God’s Time Is Best” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24, The Message paraphrase

Leader: God claims Earth and everything in it,

**People:** *God claims World and all who live on it.*

Leader: Who can climb Mount God? Who can scale the holy north-face?

**People:** *Only the clean-handed, only the pure-hearted.*

Leader: God is at their side; with God’s help they make it.

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THIS DEMANDING YET SUPPORTIVE GOD!**

\*HYMN #213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Truro

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) based on Ephesians 1:3-14

*O God, your scripture today reminds us that we have been given much: spiritual blessings, adoption as God’s children, redemption, forgiveness of sin, an inheritance of life lived in praise. Help the recollection of these gifts remind us of the faith God has placed in us. May God’s faith in us inspire us to have faith in ourselves and to live for high and holy purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) based on Psalm 51:17

*O God, what are we telling you that you don’t already know? We mess up. We often repeat the same mistakes we made yesterday and last week and last year. We try to change. It’s not enough. Help us trust only you, gracious God. Help us to turn from the attitudes and actions that corrupt us and toward your love that saves us. We ask these things because you’ve promised that you will not despise a contrite heart. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39

*Jackson Tyler Edwards, son of James and Brandi*

**Godparents:** Chelsea Edwards and Frank Benway **Sponsor:** Diana Titus

HYMN #2248 (*seated*) “Baptized in Water” rear cover

THE PSALTER

Psalm 24

Hymnal #755, Resp. 2

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

Bible p.1064

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON

“The Run-On Sentence”

Dr. Bodt

COMMISSIONING OF “UM ARMY” VOLUNTEERS

**Pastor:** All who take the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by Christ’s example. *Leigh Bak, Cassie Bennett, Pastor Brian Bodt, Brooke Carlson, Olivia D’Andrea, Eileen Doyle, Dave Doyle, Jamie Georgelos, Tanner Georgelos, Hayley Lapadula, Shelley Lapadula, Callie Merva, Alicia Meszaros, Catherine Meszaros, Stacy Meszaros, Sarah O’Brien, Beth Pierce, Elizabeth Repetsky, and Bob Volgmuth* leave today to work with United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY). As they prepare for this departure, we pray God’s blessings on them and those they serve.

BLESSING (*prayed by all*) *O God, we ask you to bestow your Spirit on these ambassadors of this church in ministry with the people of Wethersfield, Connecticut, where this UMARMY cohort will serve. As we dedicate them to service in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask that this prayer unite us with them in their work and that you may richly bless their labor; in the name of the carpenter’s son from Galilee, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #99 “My Tribute” My Tribute

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

Elizabeth Kingsley

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo:

“Blessings”

L. Story

*Lisa Gloates, soloist*

\*Presentation:

“Bless Thou the Gifts”

Hymnal #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #98

“To God Be the Glory”

To God Be the Glory

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen, Amen”

Hymnal #897

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

\*POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. by W. Held

*(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION

## Baptized in Water

2248



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

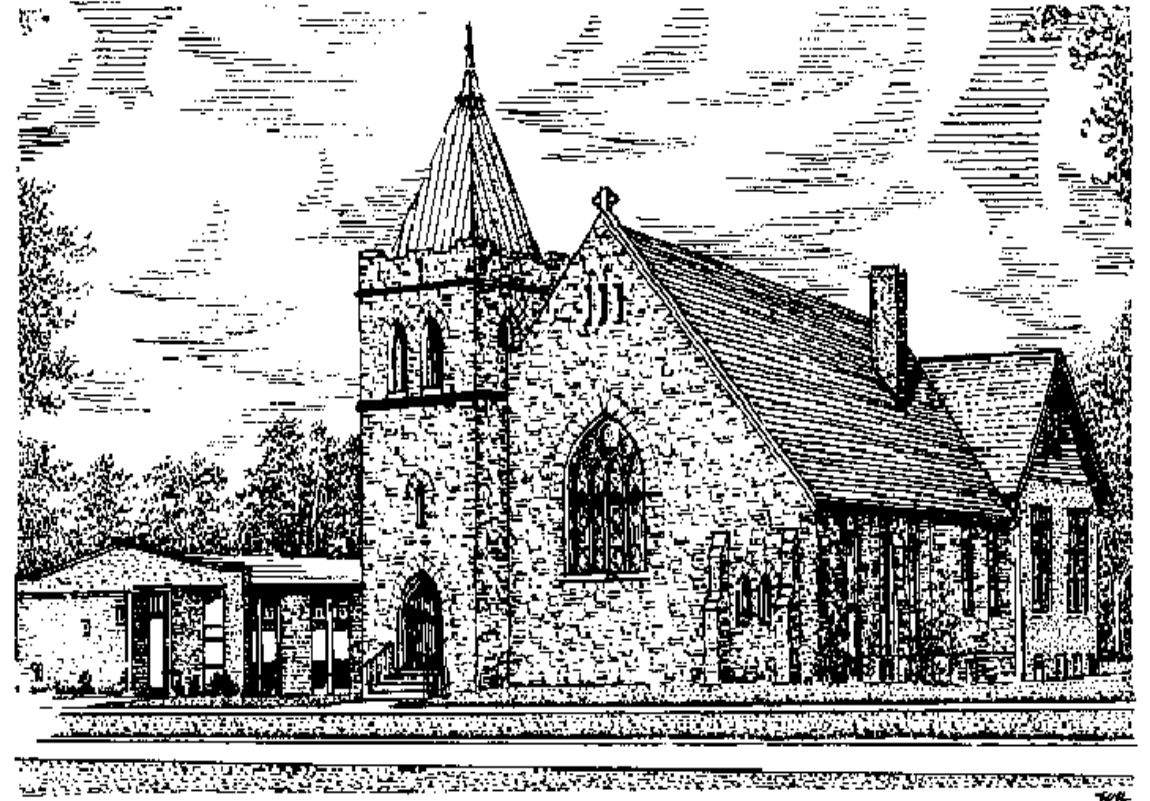
WORDS: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5)

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody

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## 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.*

**PENTECOST VII**

**July 12, 2015**



Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*The tension that exists in most spirituality, including Christian spirituality, is the tension between the immanent and the transcendent.*

*In the former, that which is holy or divine is found within, or in the midst of. It comes from a late Latin word meaning “to dwell” or “to live.”*

*In the latter, that which is holy or divine is found beyond: beyond the normal, beyond normal limits. It comes from a Latin word meaning “to climb over.”*

*The tension is healthy. Like the old song, “Love and marriage, love and marriage, go together like a horse and carriage...you can’t have one without the other,” immanence and transcendence are both needed to fully express the experience of God in our lives. We couldn’t relate to a god who couldn’t relate to us, but we wouldn’t want a god who was only as big as us.*

*Today’s worship reflects this healthy tension. The scriptures, especially the reading from Ephesians, emphasize the transcendence of God in Christ. The Sacrament of Baptism, while recalling the transcendent power of the Holy Spirit, very much emphasizes the immanence of the divine in our very human lives.*

*Let us thank God for the divine nature: as big as all Creation and big enough to save us; as small as a baby and intimate enough that we might be comforted, not frightened, by this loving God.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

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 Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

**Head Usher** – Dave Doyle  
**Liturgist** – Holly Firmender

**Greeters** – Faith Reardon and Steve Wasko

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Holly Firmender.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Stefano Cono’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 14, given by his family.

**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), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Prayer of the Day and Prayer of Confession are original compositions of the Pastor.

**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).

~Three week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, July 12</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship – Baptism of Jackson Tyler Edwards / UMARMY high school volunteers commissioned - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Boys &amp; Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. UMARMY Summer Camp, July 12-18<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Monday, July 13</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 15</i>	<i>Beacon Information Due today</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting – Egan room</i>
<i>Thursday, July 16</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, July 17</i>	<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>
<i>Sunday, July 19</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship-- Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, July 20</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Bulletin Board meeting – Dodd Hall – Shelly Lapadula</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m. “Lift Us Up” Committee – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, July 23</i>	<i>5:30p.m. MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, July 24</i>	<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>
<i>Saturday, July 25</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Summer Hang Out –Milford Fine Arts Council –38<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Sculpture Competition at Walnut Beach – Cathy Cono contact</i>
	<i>11 am – 1 pm MTM Healing Ministry in Review – Wesley Center</i> <i>(see detailed notice in this issue)</i>
<i>Sunday, August 2</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Boys &amp; Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th</i>
<i>Monday, August 3</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, August 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, August 7</i>	<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m. Summer Hang Out – Rumrunners Pop &amp; Rock concert (7pm) at Fowler Field (behind Milford library)</i>

**ADVANCE PLANNING AND “SAVE THE DATES”**

**MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL** will be Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Unconfirmed youth entering the 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sgmorgan@aol.com) or 203.874.4374) or Don Hastings ([nctmwash@aol.com](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to attend ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Please contact Pastor Hal if you would like to attend ([vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com) or 203.878.8977).

**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](mailto:riccardir1@southernct.edu); 203.506.7270).

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

### ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** continues through September 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship, in the Courtyard - weather permitting. Today's host is Michelle Craig. 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](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com).

**AVAILABLE TO TAKE:** copies of the 2015-18 Long Range Plan and the 2015-16 Program Calendar, available in the rear of the church.

### THIS WEEK

**AUGUST "BEACON" DEADLINE** is Wednesday, July 15. Please submit articles to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hard copy to the church office.

**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.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST VIII:** "The Dog Ate My Bible: a Story of Faith, Hope, Love and Trust" will be the message based on I Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV), Psalm 23 (KJV) and Mark 12:28-31 (NRSV). Bob Lawrence will be our preacher. Our guest organist will be Isabel Trudeau and special music will be provided by Rachel Merva, soloist, and Mary Lou Kampert, harpist. After worship blood pressure screenings will follow in the Sanctuary. Pastor Brian will be preaching at First Baptist Church of Stratford at their Multicultural Worship.

### 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. Rather than define what general wood sizes I need I am defining the end item sizes. If you have wood that can be cut to achieve these rough sizes, great! It must be reasonably clean, have no nails, screws or staples, no flaking paint, no severely weathered pieces and not require excessive sanding to eliminate splinters or damaged surfaces. **Plywood** 3/8" or 1/2" thick 2 ft wide by 8 ft, 7 ft, 6 ft, 5 ft, or 4 ft long; **Pine** 1/2" or 3/4" thick, 2 inches wide by 8 ft, 7 ft, 6 ft, 5 ft, or 4 ft long.

In addition to the above reworked wood sizes I also need:

2" x 3" x 8ft studs - eight straight pieces,

Plain (flush surface, not slats) bifold lauan doors

24" wide to 36" wide (dimension is for two doors). Thanks – Frank Bonisch (203-783-9952).

### 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](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.

**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](http://www.mtm-umc.org) and select the "Scholarships" button. Committee Members are: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D'Andrea, Wil Wright, and Joan Zauner. Questions? Please contact Wil Wright at 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](mailto: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](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 July 5th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 143; July 5th: 134; Healing and Wholeness, July 6th: 9; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for July 5th: \$6,829.25; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$15,320.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 14 (Office Volunteers 3; Golden Hill dinner: 11; 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) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.