

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 “Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “A Place at the Table”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

People: *We come to his banquet table with praise and thanksgiving!*

\*HYMN #581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” Beach Spring

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(seated, unison)*

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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THE PSALTER Psalm 125 Bible p.561

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

THE EPISTLE James 2:1-17 Bible p.1100

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

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37 Bible p.917

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

\*HYMN #592 “When the Church of Jesus” King’s Weston

THE SERMON “Playing Favorites” Dr. Bodt

HYMN #599 *(seated)* “Break Thou the Bread of Life” Bread of Life

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(by the Pastor)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p. 8

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.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Open My Eyes That I May See” arr. by H. Hopson  
*(Adult Choir)*

\*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee, O Lord” Hymnal #588

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p.18-20

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

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. The elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice.*

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

*We will sing hymns #612, 613, 614 and 616, as needed, during the distribution.)*

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 #427 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Germany

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

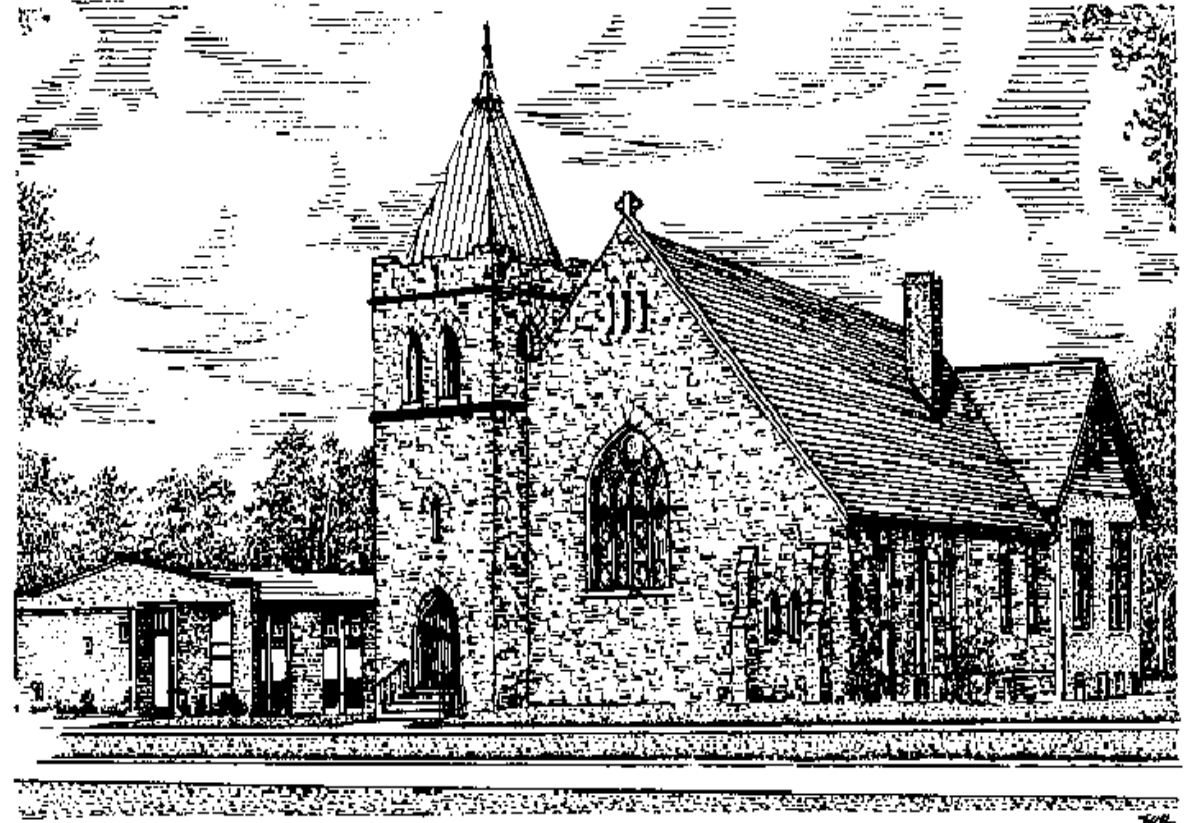
*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “Toccata in C Major” L. Smith

*(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.*

**RALLY DAY  
PENTECOST XV  
September 6, 2015**

*End Homelessness in New Haven  
Mission Concert  
featuring Life Road Singers*

라이프로드 싱어즈 초청 선교 음악회



**Saturday, October 3, 2015  
7:30 p.m.**

**First & Summerfield United Methodist Church**  
425 College Street, New Haven, CT 06511

\$20.00 (Adult) & \$10.00 (Senior, Student, Child under 10)

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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
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Outreach Pastor	Rachel Duncan
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

*Grace Notes  
September 6, 2015*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*It's Rally Day! We are, as the young people say, "on and poppin'!" I extend a particular "thank you" to Cathy Cono, Holly Firmender, the Sunday School staff, the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee for the improvements to the Wesley Center. While the work is not done we are well along and it shows! If you haven't been over, stop by!*

*This issue is packed with invitations: adult study; participation in United Methodist Women; participation in Methodist Youth Fellowship; participation in one of our choirs; serving as a Communion steward; attending a "Families with Younger Children" event.*

*Of particular interest to me is the concert advertised on the rear cover of this program. It is sponsored, in part, by my new friend, Dr. Bruce Cha (endodontist), about whom those present last week read in this publication. If you are interested in tickets please see me. While I am aware it immediately follows our October 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon cutting, I hope some of you will join Carol and me in attending what promises to be an excellent concert for a worthy cause.*

*From time to time I hear someone say or imply that ministries and activities in the church are for those "in the know." As a leader, I take this as a reminder to communicate often and clearly that everyone is welcome and to not use code language like UMW, MYF, SPRC, or "Jane Smith's home" that is known only to "insiders."*

*Yet I also believe each of us has a responsibility to look for those ways we might grow and deepen our spiritual roots. No one can do everything but everyone can do something. Reading this publication is a way to be informed about the exciting and diverse opportunities for being in ministry here. Even better, take these for what they are: a welcome to participate!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Brian*

**Head Usher** – Ed Pineau

**Greeters** – Maureen Groves and Pat Jaser

**Liturgist** – Dennis Darak

**Bible Bearer** - Mateo Cono

**Cross Bearer** – Sarah O’Brien

**Acolytes** – Amanda Repetsky and Stefano Cono

**Communion Stewards** – Dawn Bettencourt and Phoebe Repetsky

**Communion Servers** – Pastor Brian Bodt, Pastor Hal Vink, Kelly O’Hara, Dennis Darak

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt and Dennis Darak.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Dawn Bettencourt’s birthday on September 10, given by her Mom and Dad; in honor of Peter and Marie Smith’s 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on September 8, given by Lydia and Caroline Smith; and in memory of Elmore Lumis, on the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on September 10, given by Bob and Carol Sattler.

**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).

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, September 6*

*Rally Day Sunday*

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center*

*10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary*

*11:15 a.m. Ice Cream Social – Courtyard*

*11:30 a.m. MYF leaders meeting – location TBA*

*11:45 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Monday, September 7*

*The church office is closed in observance of Labor Day*

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

*Tuesday, September 8*

*6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Potluck Dinner – Dodd Hall*

*Wednesday, September 9*

*6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*

*Thursday, September 10*

*7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Gunn Library*

*7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – 1<sup>st</sup> floor Wesley Center*

*Friday, September 11*

*10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library*

*Saturday, September 12*

*Milford Relay for Life*

*Sunday, September 13*

*8:30 a.m. Families with younger children continental breakfast and tour-Wesley Center- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Gunn Library*

*9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center*

*10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary*

*11:00 a.m. Fellowship time and Rachel Duncan Welcome - Dodd Hall*

*11:15 a.m. “Fair on the Green” follow-up meeting – Wesley Center*

*11:30 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s study*

*5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. MYF Picnic – Leigh Bak’s home, 15 Seaside Ct.*

*Monday, September 14*

*Bishop’s Retreat – Stony Pt. NY noon Mon.-noon Tues.*

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

*7:00 p.m. UMW preparation for Club 80 Luncheon-Dodd Hall*

*8:00 p.m. Stewardship meeting – Wesley Center*

*Tuesday, September 15*

*BEACON Information Due Today*

*12:00 p.m. UMW Club 80 Luncheon – Dodd Hall*

*5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room- Wesley Center*

*7:00 p.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library – Wesley Center*

*Wednesday, September 16*

*10:00 a.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library – Wesley Center*

*Noon Taize Worship – Sanctuary*

*6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall*

*Thursday, September 17*

*7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Wesley Center*

*8:30 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary*

*Friday, September 18*

*10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library*

*Saturday, September 19*

*9:00 a.m. Milford Arts Council – MTM Parking lot*

*2:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism Game Night-Dodd Hall*

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED:** Looking for another way to serve? We need two people per communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month) to set up/clean up the chalices and patens. If you are interested, please come to the meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall, or call Phoebe Repetsky at 203-874-8688 for more information.

**TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS**, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto: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 are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

**AVAILABLE DATES: October 11 and 18.**

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to take our animal food donations to the Silver Sands Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. Please contact Lexie Winkleman at 203-876-7593 for details.

**THANK YOU LEXIE** for your dedication and service to seniors with pets. All donations to the animal shelter are available to seniors with pets at no charge. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

**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.

**VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED: Mercy Learning Center** located at 637 Park Ave. in Bridgeport is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as reading and math in its one-on-one or small group tutoring program. Tutors meet with their students at the Center twice weekly for two hours each session. A one day training session is provided for all new tutors; teaching experience is not necessary. Upcoming training sessions will take place on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Lunch will be provided). For more information or to register please contact Lynn Gabriel or Sandra Santy at 203-332-6699.



**FIRST UMC OF SHELTON presents Pennsylvania Dutch Tour** with Biblical Show "JOSEPH" September 29 to October 1, 2015. Flyers are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary if you would like to sign up for this fun trip.

**WESLEY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING** and celebration will be Saturday, October 3, 4-6 p.m. and a formal litany of dedication at 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 4.

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in the Courtyard – weather permitting - and is hosted by the Sunday School with their annual ice cream social. All are invited!! **Next Sunday's FELLOWSHIP hosts** will be the Men's Club in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Join us for fellowship and conversation.

**THE FIRST NEW MEMBERS CLASS** will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the pastor's study. If you are interested in learning more about membership at our church, please attend. You need not be committed to joining to attend these sessions, which will be held Sept. 6, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. with reception of new members on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Brian know.

**SEPTEMBER "BEACON"** (our monthly newsletter) was mailed August 26<sup>th</sup>. Extras are in the Narthex.

**FREE BOOKS IN TRASH AND TREASURE:** Our team will be packing up all of our books shortly. Before this happens, please help yourselves to any books, no charge. If you have a special place you would like to donate to, you are very welcome to take them there! Take some books. Make our load lighter!

## THIS WEEK

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** have returned to Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. although the church office will be closed tomorrow, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS :** Wednesday in Dodd Hall: Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m., Adult Choir at 7:45 p.m. "Praisemakers" (grades 1-5) coming soon. New singers welcome!

**UMW will kick off the season** with a Pot-Luck Supper, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. This will be another chance to blend our "older" and "younger" members. There will be a short meeting and program including our Thank Offering. All women of the church are invited.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY resumes on Thursday September 10th at 7 p.m.** in the Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 13:** An event for families with younger children begins the day at 8:30 a.m. (the letter we sent to invited families is reprinted in this issue). At 10 a.m. worship the message "Small Talk/Big Talk" will be based on Psalm 19, James 3:1-12 and Mark 8:27-38. We will formally introduce our new Outreach Pastor, Rachel Duncan. After worship the second new member class will be held in the pastor's study. At 5 p.m. the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) will have their kick-off event (see details following).

**"FAIR ON THE GREEN" FOLLOW-UP MEETING: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 11:15 a.m.**

following worship in the Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Bring thoughts of needs, what went right/wrong, changes we could make. Everyone welcome! See you there! **Edie Reichard**

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF PICNIC: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5p.m. to 7 p.m.** - for food, fun, and an opportunity to meet our new Outreach Pastor, Rachel Duncan. Open to all youth of the church in Middle and High School. Bring a friend. The picnic will be held at the home of Leigh Bak, 15 Seaside Court, Milford. **Parents and guardians:** please pick up promptly at 7 p.m. Thanks!

### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**CLUB 80 Members** will be honored at a luncheon on September 15th at 12 noon in Dodd Hall. As always the food will be Mary Taylor great, and the entertainment will be provided by the Coastal Chords Men's club. If you are 80 or older and have not received an invitation, please let the office know (203-874-1982) so you can be included. Rides are available. Please call Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643 if you need transportation.

#### **TWO ADULT STUDIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER:**

**“Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It,”** a six week study on the origins of Methodism, begins **September 15/16** on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, concluding Oct. 20/21. **Currently registered are** Christine MacGregor (*Tues.*) and Joyce Haig, Maureen Groves, Barbara Berglund, Priscilla James, Viola Burke, Bob Lawrence, Bev Dean, Ken Wilhelm, Eileen Doyle and Gretchen Soule (*Wed.*)

**Covenant Bible Study** is a 24 week study broken into three 8-week sessions beginning **September 29**, meeting Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9:15 p.m., High School Room, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Class is limited to 12. **Currently registered are** Sara Ice, Bev Dean, Beth O'Brien, Christine Volgmuth, Ken Wilhelm, and Margery Zurko. You may learn more from Sandy Morgan (203.874.4274) or Holly Firmender (203.878.6257) or register with them.

If you have previously registered and are not listed, or if you wish to register for either study, please contact Mary Lou Kampert (203.874.1982, ext. 10; [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)).

**TAIZE WORSHIP** begins on Wed., September 16 at noon and Thurs., September 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will be held monthly on the third Wednesday and third Thursday at these times. Please see the detailed article on page 13 of the September “Beacon.”

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. Reports of committee chairs are due to Secretary Paul Downing ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)) on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Action items (items requiring Council approval) are due on the same date to Shelly Lapadula, Chair ([m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com)) or Pastor Brian Bodt ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)). Agenda and reports will be e-mailed Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**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 and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** Wet and dry cat food is still needed for seniors with pets: please leave these in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

**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 **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention. **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 August 30th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 170; August 30th: 162; Healing and Wholeness, August 31st: 8; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for August 30th: \$6,272.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$1,477.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$215.25; Engaged in Small Groups: 72; (Office Volunteers 3; MTMUMC Community dinner: 42; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 20. 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.