

*February Worship Services, 2018*  
*Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, Milford, CT*  
*Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m. with child care for pre-school children.*  
*Healing and Wholeness worship each Monday, 7 p.m. in the Chapel, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*  
*Taize worship will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 p.m. and February 28<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Sanctuary*

**February 4 THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting B). The message "And There He Prayed" will be based on Psalm 147 and Mark 1:29-39. We will recognize our young men in the Boy Scout program. Our Black History Moment will be presented by Pastor Brian on Bishop Roy C. Nichols. After worship our Men's Club will host the annual "Souper Bowl" soup and sandwich event, collecting money and canned goods for the "Souper Bowl of Caring."

**February 11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY** – II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6, II Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9 are the basis of the message "Your Spiritual GPS." Our Mission Minute will be by Christine McGregor providing an update on the Fair Trade Coffee program. After worship, our United Methodist Women will hold their "Second Sunday Soup Sale."

**February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY** – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. service will use Setting IV and include music by the Adult Choir. The readings are Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-21.

**February 18\* THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message is the first in a series entitled "Changed in Christ." The first message is "Changing Himself," reflections of Jesus based on Matthew 4:1-11. Other readings will include Psalm 25:1-10 and I Peter 3:18-22. Our Stewardship Spotlight speaker will be Nancy Bennett. After worship, blood pressure screenings will be offered by Sheryl Hollyday, R.N.

**February 25 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT** - "Changing Nicodemus" is the second "Changed in Christ" message based on John 3:1-17, 7:45-52 and 19:38-40. Our Black History Moment will be presented by Carol Galloway on Judge Thurgood Marshall. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Jayden Russell Clark, son of Sean and Shayla. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered to conclude the worship. After worship the Visitation Ministries Team will meet in the Wesley Center.

*Advance reading of the scriptures is an act of spiritual formation.*

\*A note to readers of The Upper Room Disciplines: during this Lent I will not be following all of the Lectionary readings in the URD, choosing instead to present first person dramas of those who encountered Christ's ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to use, as I will, the URD for daily spiritual formation, inspiration and prayer.