

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday March 24, 2013

Order of Worship 10:00 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 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” P. La Plante

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Hosanna! Hosanna!” Praisemakers

*THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY Luke 19:28-36

*THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO JESUS Luke 19:37-40

Leader: As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power they had seen, saying,

ALL: **“Blessed be the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered,

ALL: **“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”**

*HYMN #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Ellacombe

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Passion/Palm Sunday” Hymnal #281

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #277 (*seated*) “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Stories of Jesus

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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Sing Hosanna, Sing” J. Raney

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #280 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” St. Theodulph

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 Bible p.1069

HYMN #285 (*seated*) “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” Kingsfold

THE RECITATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Gospel of Luke, Chapters 22 and 23

With “I Only Want to Say” from “Jesus Christ, Superstar”

The Passion Players in order of their first recitation, listed left to right:

Anna Henry	Joshua Paton	Sarah Brockett	Paul Downing
Olivia D’Andrea	Tom Beyer	Lorraine Carr	Bill Katt

ANTHEM “Where Joy and Sorrow Meet” White/Greer
(The Adult Choir)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus as Holy Week unfolds.*
(Following the bells the congregation departs without benediction or postlude).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

LITURGY TODAY comes from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The U.M. Book of Worship (1992).

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, March 24</i> PALM SUNDAY	8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday narrators final review – Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. – Easter egg hunt for Sunday School – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. – Visitation Team meeting – Wesley Center, 1 st Floor 12:30 p.m. – Girl Scout “God and Church” class – Egan Room 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall
<i>Monday, March 25</i>	6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
<i>Tuesday, March 26</i>	7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	9:00 a.m. Office volunteers – Egan Room, Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 2:30 – 5 p.m. Community Supper at Golden Hill UM Church, Bridgeport 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, March 28</i>	5:30 p.m. Community Supper – Dodd Hall 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion
<i>Friday, March 29</i>	Noon – 3 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayer 7:30 p.m. Good Friday worship – Sanctuary
<i>Sunday, March 31</i> EASTER DAY	7:00 a.m. Sunrise service at Gulf Beach 7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast – Dodd Hall 8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
<i>No Fellowship Hour, Sunday School, Confirmation or MYF on Easter Day</i>	
<i>Monday, April 1</i>	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall
<i>Tuesday, April 2</i>	6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study
<i>Wed., April 3</i>	10:00 a.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, April 4</i>	6:00 p.m. Missions Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Trustees – Egan Room, Wesley Center 8:00 p.m. Finance Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Grace Notes
March 24, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

“Ever ancient, ever new” is a succinct way to summarize the drama of Holy Week. A summary of this week’s services is reprinted in these notices; and was mailed last Monday in the Easter letter.

Some folks have said that Holy Week attendance at Mary Taylor Memorial Church is poor. I hope they are mistaken. Going from “glory to glory”—Palm Sunday to Easter—without experiencing Christ’s passion misses the very reason Easter is truly glorious.

Today’s recitation of Jesus’ passion from the Gospel of Luke is intended, in part, to bring the passion to those who, for whatever reasons, cannot join us mid-week. It is also intended as a new way to experience a 2,000 year old story. I thank all those reciters who have committed time and talent to this worship.

On Good Friday, using light and shadow, the story will be read from John’s Gospel. Different elements come into play: a brief sermon (there is none today), the darkness of evening and the gradual diminution of light as the service progresses.

In between is Maundy Thursday, remembering Jesus’ last supper with the disciples. Drama will again be used in a presentation “Reflections of Peter” as he looks back from Jesus’ agony in the garden; and from the cross.

“What wondrous love is this, O my soul?” So wondrous that not even death could stop it. Come and experience the ancient story anew this year.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
	Interim Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Mary Lou Hastings & Lorraine Thorpe

Cross Bearer – Anna Pierce

Liturgist – Pastor Brian

Acolytes – Elizabeth Pierce and Kayleigh Patterson **Bible Bearer** – Julianna Patterson

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Dennis Darak at the Narthex door.

TODAY'S ALTAR IS adorned with palms in recognition of Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God's presence among us. Please complete a blue visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the detachable "Visitor" name tag to help us extend a warm welcome to you. Our Ambassadors will be looking for you!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall, hosted today by Staff-Parish Relations. Next Sunday's Easter Breakfast is hosted at 7:30 a.m. by the Men's Club. No Fellowship Hour follows the late service next Sunday.

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers will 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. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *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 a parent or guardian.*

INFORMATION: All informational sheets are available in the back of the church.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS this week are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken for Altar Flowers OR "In Lieu of Flowers," an opportunity to give to missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). Flowers may be ordered at any time. **When a donation is made in lieu of altar flowers, the cross with a miniature mission scarf will be displayed on the altar in place of flowers.* Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or by email at bgobrien11@optonline.net or mail: Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.

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** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

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: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARCH 17:

Total worship attendance all services: 193 (Sun., Mar. 17: 185; Mon., Mar. 18: 8); Total Offering: \$4776.60; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$152.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 38; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*



Mary Taylor Memorial UMC Confirmation Classes
are supporting the
Friends of Appalachia, Inc.
Dental Supply Drive

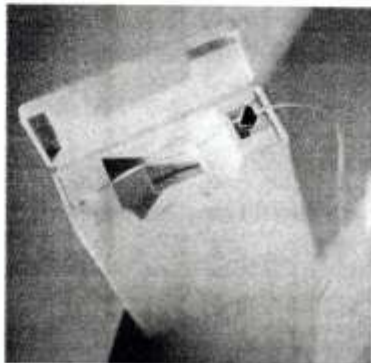


HELP. BUILD. HOPE.

Please help Friends of Appalachia, Inc. provide dental supplies to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia.

- ***In Appalachia regular dental care is inaccessible***
- ***Pain caused by dental problems is the leading cause of school absenteeism***
- ***1 in 10 adults have no natural teeth***

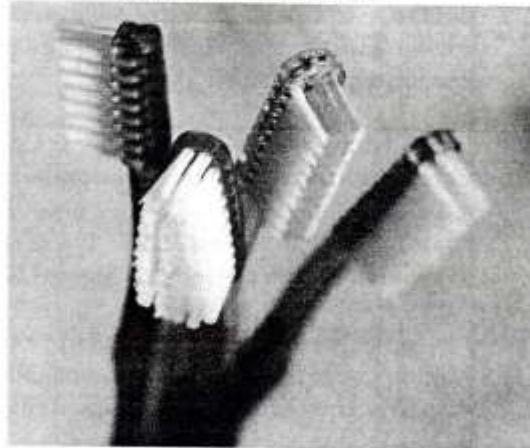
Dental supplies collected will be shipped to
Kids First Dental Services in Kentucky
www.kidsfirstdental.org



During February & March 2013

we are collecting:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dental Floss
- Cash Donations (will be used to purchase dental supplies)



Friends of Appalachia, Inc. is a Connecticut based Community Organization, open to all, which strives to educate and sensitize youth and adult volunteers to address the needs of the impoverished people in Central Appalachia.

Friends of Appalachia, Inc. is a 501c3 tax exempt organization Federal ID#27-1344135.

helpbuildhope@gmail.com
203-807-4362

www.friendsofappalachia.org
Facebook page: Friends of Appalachia



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **MYF EASTER TREATS** are available today at Fellowship Hour. Please support our youth. Funds support “Mountains of Hope – Haiti.”
- **VISITATION MINISTRIES TEAM** meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor.
- **GIRL SCOUT “GOD AND COUNTRY”** class meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor.
- **APPALACHIAN DENTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTION** continues. See enclosed flier. Both Confirmation classes have chosen this as a mission project.
- **OUR CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION FUND CONTINUES** with \$4100 received or promised as of March 18, 72% to our \$5,700 goal to reinstall the stained glass in the Chapel’s north wall. Checks may be made payable to the church, memo “Stained Glass Windows.” See any member of the restoration committee for more details: Bill Petremont, Jim Repetsky, Joan Zauner or Margery Zurko.
- **EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE WAS LAST FRIDAY.** Last minute submissions may be made today in the offering using the enclosed form. Grace abounds!
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **SERMON COPIES** from March 17 are available in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- March 25**
7:00 p.m. **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Worship service of Healing and Wholeness in Dodd Hall. This hour service gives particular emphasis to intercessory prayer in the context of scripture, with a message from the evening's leader.
- March 28**
7:30 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
“*Reflections of Peter*” will be a first-person narrative as the disciple Peter describes life with Jesus, based on the traditional reading of the Last Supper in John 13:1-17; 31b-35 along with John 13:21-30 and 36-38 and Luke 22:14-23; and a simple setting of the Lord's Supper. Music by the Adult Choir.
- March 29**
Noon – 3 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY**
The Sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and meditation with prayer guides and readings available. Hosts will be here to greet you. “Come when you can, leave when you must” for this special mid-day time of prayer.
- 7:30 p.m.**
The message, “*So Jesus Was Dead,*” will be based on Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 and John 18:1-19:42. Music by the Adult Choir.
- March 31**
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY
Please remember to bring a flower to place in the wire-mesh cross in front of the church. Watch as the resurrection blooms as morning unfolds!
- 7:00 a.m.**
Sunrise service of Resurrection at Gulf Beach, planned and led by the MYF.
- 7:30 a.m.**
Breakfast by the Men's Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.
- 8:30 a.m.**
Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. The message “*Now Comes the Good Part*” will be based on Psalm 118, I Corinthians 15:19-26 and John 20:1-18.
- 10:00 a.m.**
Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell, Praisemakers and Adult Choirs, with same texts and message as 8:30 a.m. **No Sunday School, Confirmation, MYF or Fellowship Hour on Easter Day.**

ALSO DURING HOLY WEEK

“**PRAISEMAKERS**” choir for children grades 1-5 continues **Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. Still time to join to sing for Easter next Sunday. Preparation beyond is for Mother's Day, May 12. For more information contact Barbara Repetsky (mrmrsr97@aol.com or 203.931.4363), Judy Darak (wingridrs@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.5881) or Dr. Rick Riccardi (riccardir1@southernct.edu or 203.506.7270).

GOLDEN HILL UMC COMMUNITY SUPPER is **this Wednesday March 27 from 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We need 6-8 people, age 13 or older. Please contact Maryanne Meehan to serve: mjbmj@att.net or 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home).

MYF will host the **COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC this Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.** If you can help, please see Kate Georgelos or Maryann Petremont.

CAN YOU SUPPORT THE LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT? It will be **Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 71 River Street, Milford. This Methodist-related, 30 voice college choir from Columbia, Kentucky is touring the Northeast performing sacred and secular music. The concert is not ticketed; a free-will offering will be received. The organizer is looking for support in two ways:

- Cooks to bring pot-luck for a 5:30 p.m. dinner for the singers at St. Peter's
- Home hosts for the singers the evening after the concert. Hosts will provide simple sleeping arrangements for two singers (Safe Sanctuary) and a light breakfast on April 4 before delivering the singers back to St. Peter's for their bus.

If you desire to assist, you may **sign up on the sign up sheets on the bulletin board by the entrance to Dodd Hall or contact Sarah Bromley** at seabromley1@yahoo.com or 203.246.0706.

COMING SOON

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “JOB” “There is more to the story of Job than the first and last chapters, for it is the chapters in between that mirror our own life struggles. This study enables you to enter the story yourselves and experience the trials of life through the eyes of Job.” **Tuesday, April 2-May 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** and **Wednesday, April 3-May 8, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** in the church library, Wesley Center. Order your book from Pastor Vink (203-878-8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). The cost for the book is \$10.00.

MYF “PROGRESSIVE DINNER” Sunday April 7th 5-8 pm Meet at the church *promptly* at 5 pm (immediately following Sunday Confirmation Class) and travel to three different homes for appetizers, main course and dessert. RSVPs & permission forms will be required for this event. Pick up will be at our dessert stop. Leigh Bak (203.877.4807) is the lead adult.