

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

(Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE “Meditation” B. Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalms 27:4 and 43:3

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: *To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.*

Leader: Send out Your light and Your truth, O God;

People: *Let them lead me, let them bring me to Your holy hill.*

*HYMN #662 “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” St. Michael

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) “Three Things We Pray” Hymnal #493

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 1:1; 10-20 Bible p.617

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

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Bible p.1096

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

*THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 Bible p.949

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

*HYMN #2212 “How Can I Keep from Singing” rear cover

THE SERMON “You’re kidding, Jesus, right?” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

A RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Informal remarks and introductions

Litany of Recognition

Pastor: Our lives are marked by milestones and transitions, among them “commencement,” affirming accomplishments in education and confirming dreams for the future.

People: We are thankful to celebrate these young people from our church who mark this time of accomplishment and who look forward to new beginnings. As we celebrate them, we celebrate the God who is with us in each moment of life’s journey.

Let us pray: O God, who revealed your son Jesus Christ to wise-seekers of every age: help us welcome your revelation through wisdom and science which, in our day, makes yourself known in the works of human hands. Let those who learn become those who lead, that through learning and work You may be known anew; and that our gifts and treasures may be offered to the glory of Your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.)

MISSION MINUTE “Red Bird Mission” Deb Dubien

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Lift Thine Eyes” F. Mendelssohn

Rachel Merva, Tina Gage, Lisa Gloates trio

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #374 “Standing on the Promises of God” Promises

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #673

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

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

*POSTLUDE Voluntary on “Webb” arr. by L. Francis

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2212

My Life Flows On

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's la-men-
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic
3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er

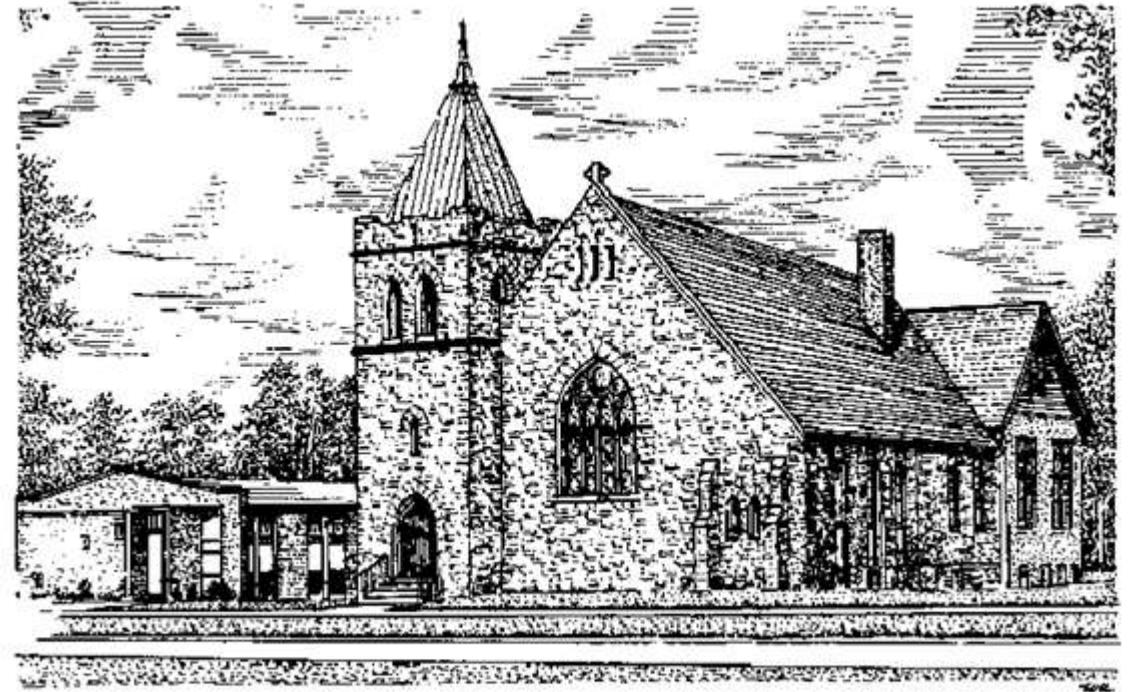
ta-tion. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that
ring-ing. It finds an ech-o in my soul. How
liv-eth. What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs
spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain

hails a new cre-a-tion.
can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my
in the night he giv-eth.
can I keep from sing-ing?

in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since

love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

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 XII

August 11, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, August 11 **PENTECOST XII**
9:30 a.m. *Worship – Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. *Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard*

Monday, August 12 7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*

Thursday, August 15 *Beacon Information Due*

Saturday, August 17 *Oyster Festival 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Volunteers 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)*

Sunday, August 18 **PENTECOST XIII**
9:15 a.m. *Informal hymn-singing - courtyard*
9:30 a.m. *Worship – Under the tent in the courtyard*
10:30 a.m. *Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard*

Monday, August 19 7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*

Thursday, August 22 2 – 6:30 p.m. *MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall.*

INFORMATION FROM OUR PARISH NURSES

Milford Hospital offers free support groups for community members in 2013. For additional information call 203-876-4004. Scheduled monthly groups include:

- Alzheimer’s: First Monday, 6:30 p.m.;
- Stronger Together (a group for the parents and caregivers of children and young adults with medical complexities): Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Epilepsy: Second Monday, 7 p.m.;
- Breast Cancer: First Wed., 6 p.m.;
- Lupus: Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.;
- Multiple Sclerosis: Second Sat., 1:30 pm

Grace Notes

August 11, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

This goes completely against the grain, this teaching of Jesus (Luke 12:33-34) of selling our possessions, giving alms (gifts to the needy), making purses that don’t wear out and admitting that our hearts are where our treasure is.

I thought about this passage from the perspective of a young person starting their career and what popped into my mind was “You’re kidding, Jesus, right?” I mean, come on! Don’t you know that we’re starting out and the whole point is to acquire some financial stability? Heck, some of us have adult children on our health insurance.

This thought led me to realize this passage is for me, too, as I watch the stock market and consider its impact on my retirement fund which, like many corporations, was transferred from a “guaranteed benefit” to a “guaranteed contribution” fund some time ago. Where my treasure is there will my heart be also. Ouch!

Added to all this is Jesus’ exhortation that follows (Luke 12:35-40) and the rebuke from the prophet Isaiah (1:1; 10-20) and we’ve got some pretty challenging words from the Almighty this morning. Buckle your seat belts and let’s go!

Sincerely in Christ,

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
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Child Care Coordinators Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Dave Doyle

Greeters – Iris Peckham and Diana Titus

Liturgist – Eileen Doyle

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Eileen Doyle at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in memory of Richard W. Hubbell, Sr. Love, Carol and 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

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. 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.

TODAY'S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture, The Book of Worship (1964), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Litany of Recognition for graduates was written by the pastor.

SERMON COPIES from July 21 and August 4 are available in the rear of the church and on-line: www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

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.*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS continue through August 30: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

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: Dog and cat food is **desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR "In Lieu of Flowers" to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). **A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian Bodt** (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@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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 4:

Total worship attendance all services: 122 (Aug. 4: 114; Healing and Wholeness Aug. 5: 8; Total Offering: \$6,850; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$227; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 0 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) with your attendance.*

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.



2013 GRADUATES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lillia Downing

GRADUATED FROM:

Pumpkin Delight Elementary School and will be attending 6th grade at West Shore Middle School in September.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nicholas Bettencourt
Jonathan Carpenter
Olivia D'Andrea
Tanner Georgelos
Trygve Lund
Callie Merva
Sarah O'Brien
Ryan Rattley
Elizabeth Repetsky
Kenny Szygiel

East Shore Middle School
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Harborside Middle School
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West Shore Middle School
Amity Middle School, Bethany
Bailey Middle School
West Shore Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL

Kyle Collins
Blythe D'Andrea
Ryan Dennis

Foran High School
Lauralton Hall
Jonathan Law High School-graduated *cum laude*, with distinction for community service.
Lauralton Hall

COLLEGE AND GRADUATE

Stephen Bak

University of Connecticut with a BS in Education and a BA in History. He will complete his Master's Degree in Education this fall at Neag School of Education at UConn in Storrs, CT.

Kaycee Baransky

Southern Connecticut State University and has accepted a position as a high school math teacher in Waterbury, CT.

Steven Clark

Platt Tech with honors.

Kaila Collins

University of Hartford

Gwyneth D'Andrea

Villanova University: BS, RN

Emily Hulak

Rutgers University with a BS degree in Animal Science. She has been offered and accepted a full assistantship position to pursue a Masters in Equine Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University.

Lindsey Sobolewski

Marist University with a BS in Psych

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **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!
- **SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship, in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Enjoy light summer refreshment hosted **today** by Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway. **Next Sunday's host** is Susan O'Shea. Hosting dates still open are August 25 and Sept. 1. Please sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the Dodd Hall kitchen.
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR RECENT GRADUATES BEING HONORED TODAY** and listed on the separate page in today's bulletin.
- **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
 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 highlight Scholarships. Committee Members: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D'Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner.
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Summer Punch Bowl and return them before leaving.
- **"FIX IT BOX"** is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.
- **CAN YOU HELP WORK AT THE OYSTER FESTIVAL, this Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.?** Contact David Carr at 203.931.0516 or speak with him or any member of the Men's Club in worship today. See more info in "This Week."
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **AN EARRING** was found in the sanctuary. It may be claimed at the church office.

THIS WEEK

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR AUGUST 18 are **due by Noon on Wed., August 14th**, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

SEPTEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE is **this Thursday, August 15th**, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

OYSTER FESTIVAL, this Saturday, August 17, all day (10am – 6pm). "It's that time again... The 39th Annual Oyster Festival is just around the corner. Join the Men's Club for fun, fellowship, food and fundraising as we operate our traditional MTMUMC Food Court. Contact David Carr at 203-931-0516 to volunteer (8am – 4pm). Pick your favorite place on the team today." For more information about the Oyster Festival, visit their website: www.milfordoysterfestival.com.

OUR RESIDENT DRUMMER, Lydia Smith, will be performing with The Beth Patella Band as part of the annual Oyster Festival this month. She is very excited to be part of one of the bands opening for the Blues Travelers Band at the Main Stage. Please come and support her and the local music scene in Milford. She will also be traveling to Lake Junaluska, N.C. to be part of the worship team that leads the 2013 New District Superintendent Orientation for the United Methodist Church. Please keep her in your prayers.

TRASH & TREASURES will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, August 17th. We welcome early birds! You'll probably be hungry after you view our huge inventory, so swing by the front lawn of the church where the Men's Club will provide those famous breakfast sandwiches and later, hot dogs, hamburgers and their popular fried dough! Remember the date... same as the Oyster Festival!

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XIII – Our annual **TENT MEETING SERVICE** will be held, weather permitting, outside in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Wesley Center. Informal hymn singing begins at 9:15 a.m. The message "Running the Right Race" will be based on Luke 12:49-56 and Hebrews 11:29-12:2. Blood pressure screenings follow worship.

COMING SOON

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1963 "March on Washington" is being held **Saturday, August 24**. A same-day trip bus will leave from Golden Hill UMC. To reserve a seat and pay on-line, go to www.nyac.com/march. Pastor Brian Bodt, Carol Galloway, Cheryl Griffin and Charles Mebane are currently registered from MTMUMC.

CONFIRMATION will begin September 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the Wesley Center. A letter will be sent to known eligible youth prior to September 1 and notice posted in the September "Beacon." It will meet most Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Youth eligible are entering 8th grade or older who have not yet been confirmed. See Pastor Brian for more details.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC will be **Thursday, August 22nd, from 2-6:30 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 203.283.5643) or Dave and Eileen Doyle ([ddoyle51@aol.com](mailto:didoyle51@aol.com); 203.878.9049).

OTHER MINISTRY INVITATIONS

PASTOR BRIAN continues **house-to-house visitation** on request with the goal of building on relationships begun last summer through the cottage meetings. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. Please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10 if you would like to schedule a visit.

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY: I am considering offering an entry level class for "Disciple" Bible Study. This 34 week course has been positively experienced by a number of our church members. If there is interest, the course will start mid-September and meet Tuesdays from 7 – 9:15 p.m. If you are interested, please contact me at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982, ext. 11; or speak with Don Hastings on Sundays. *Pastor Brian*

SAVE THE DATES

- **"Mountain Top Experience" for Young Adults in Furcy Haiti.** Are you a young adult (aged 18-23), looking for a tremendously rewarding experience? If so, consider joining our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team as we return to Furcy Haiti, **January 4-11, 2014**. The anticipated cost of the trip will be \$1,500 if airfare is booked soon; expenses subject to increase based on airfare at time of booking. A deposit of \$750 is required to secure your spot on the team. Our VIM Team is nearly full, so speak to one of us TODAY if it is on your heart to participate in the life-changing mission experience. Leigh (203-215-0470) & Emily Bak (203-215-8288).