

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.*

THANKSGIVING/BIBLE SUNDAY
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2012

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 “Chorale Fughetta on ‘St. Anne’” G. Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(In order to keep our service time focused on the worship of God, please share only those items which are not already in the bulletin or on the flyer table. Thank you.)

INTROIT “Thank You, Jesus”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God be merciful unto us and bless us,.

People: *And cause God’s face to shine upon us.*

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: *Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.*

*HYMN #131 “We Gather Together” Kremser

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT (*unison*)

Almighty God, by whose appointments the seasons come and go, by whose word earth yields its increase and by whose hand we receive blessings: grant that your benevolence will inspire us to live from an attitude of gratitude for all you have done for us, most especially in giving us the gift of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS Sylvia Elliott, Supt. and Dr. Bodt
Stefano Tyler Cono; Alexa Darak; Aaliyah Gonsalves;
Brian Gonsalves and Justin Hanelt

Response: *We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s word.*

HYMN #277 (*verse 1, seated*) “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Stories of Jesus

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES I Samuel 1:4-20 Bible p.242

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

*THE GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8 Bible p.925

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

THE SERMON “Praying for What We Need” Dr. Bodt

HYMN #694 (*verses 1 and 2, seated*) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
(The new members and sponsors come forward to the Communion rail.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Hymnal p.45

(Led by Dr. Bodt and Kelly O’Hara, Co-Lay Leader.)
Carol Galloway, sponsored by Flo Berrien
Steve Wasko, sponsored by Faith Reardon
Alexandra Winkelman, sponsored by Leigh Bak

HYMN #694 (*verses 3 and 4, seated*) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
(All return to the congregation.)

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.)

MISSION MINUTE “Healing and Wholeness Ministry” Mary Lou Hastings

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “The Gift to be Simple”

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” Hymnal #94
*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Eternal God, we ask your blessings on these gifts: of tithes and offerings for the
ministry of the church; of food for people in need; of song that hearts may be lifted in
praise. Bless all who give time, talent and treasure for the up-building of your
Kingdom. Help us to live from a profound sense of gratitude for all you have done for
us, most especially in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose
name we pray. Amen.*

*HYMN #102 “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #84

(You are invited to join hands with those near you as we sing.)

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

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

*POSTLUDE “Benedictus Es Domine” G. Calkin
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

*Sources of liturgy at today’s service are Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989),
The Faith We Sing (2000) and The Book of Worship for Church and Home (1965).*

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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
Administrative Assistant	Suzanne Miko	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Bruce Rumford		

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

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, November 18 Pentecost 25/Thanksgiving Sunday/Bible Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship and Reception of New Members
11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure screenings – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. All-church Thanksgiving Dinner – Dodd Hall
4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
5 – 8 p.m. MYF Food Distribution and dinner – Dodd Hall

Monday, November 19 10:30am-4 p.m. Blood Drive – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Dodd Hall
8:00 p.m. Finance Committee – Wesley Center

Tuesday, November 20 NO DISCIPLE or CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wed., November 21 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – St. Mary’s Church, 70 Gulf Street
7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving worship – St. Mary’s

Thursday, November 22 THANKSGIVING DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 p.m. Community Supper – Dodd Hall

Friday, November 23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11 am – 2 pm MYF Christmas Treat making – Dodd Hall
2:30 – 8:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos – Dodd Hall

Saturday, November 24 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos – Dodd Hall

Sunday, November 25 Pentecost 26/The Reign of Christ/United Methodist Student Day
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. MYF Christmas Treat Making – Dodd Hall
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday, November 26 7 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, November 27 6 p.m. Confirmation Class – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple II – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Advent Study – Wesley Center

Wed., November 28 10 a.m. Advent Study – Wesley Center
5 – 5:45 p.m. Praisemakers Choir practice – Dodd Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

Thursday, November 29 7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism – Wesley Center

Saturday, December 1 9:30 a.m. Cookie Walk, open to all, hosted by UMW – Dodd Hall

*Grace Notes
November 18, 2012*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Today’s message ties together several themes: Thanksgiving, Healing and Wholeness, gratitude, and our relationship with God.

“Praying for What We Need” is not a new concept for the saints at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. Our active prayer ministry manifests itself in many ways. Still, from time to time it serves us to reexamine our assumptions about prayer, and particularly petitioning prayer. The context for this reflection today is Hannah’s prayer in the reading from I Samuel.

The answer to prayer is not always “yes;” nor is it always the ever-unpopular “no.” “Not now” and “Wait” are also responses of God to prayer.

Hannah’s prayer request was granted. Sometimes ours are; sometimes they are not, at least not as we wish. But let us be bold to pray for what we need, with the spirit of understanding that “God’s will be done.”

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Brian

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher (November) - Stacey Riccardi

Liturgist - Joan Zauner

Greeters – Elizabeth Dillon and Dawn Tremellis

Cross Bearer – Hayley Lapadula

Acolytes – Nate and Josh Carr

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Marcia Winter's birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God's presence among us. Please introduce yourself to the pastor or greeters. Please join in Dodd Hall for Friendship House after Worship.

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

OFFERING PRAYER CONCERNS: Please use the "Blue Sheets" to share your prayer concerns. You will find them in the attendance pads at the end of each pew or may obtain one from an usher. The ushers collect these during the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. If you offer intentions on behalf of others, please be sure you have their permission to share their information. Prayers offered via the Blue Sheets are included in our on-line prayer chain and at our Monday night Healing Service. You may 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 these 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.

SERMON COPIES: November 11th is available, in print in the Narthex and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

Shopping List for Thanksgiving

REVISED for November 18, 2012

Mary Taylor Memorial Church will host a dinner at 5:30p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in keeping with our fourth Thursday commitment. Anyone who is willing to come and help is more than welcome. We would also like to invite any member of MTMUMC to come and join us for this dinner to eat as well as serve. Any leftover canned items will be given to the soup kitchen. These items are needed:

Four 20lb turkeys-we are expecting a large crowd

Vegetables-Corn, Green Beans Sweet Potatoes

Rolls Corn Muffins Fruit Salad

Desserts-cookies, ice cream, pies OTHER than pumpkin

Water, Juice

Please speak with us today or contact us as noted below. Thanks for helping feed our hungry neighbors on our day of national Thanksgiving.

Blessings,
Laura and Richie Perregaux
(203) 283-5758

misslmp2@yahoo.com

WESLEY CENTER ACCESS: All 12-Step, Support Group & Meetings are able to use the upstairs and downstairs of Wesley Center. Contact Paul Downing at 203.876.8540 or Bill Petremont at 203.415.9982 for further information.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS: Flower orders are always taken for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers which is an additional opportunity for giving to United Methodist Church Missions (UMCOR or UMArmy and many others – please see info. table in back of church for list) and may be ordered at any time during the course of the year. **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.

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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT: November 11: Total Worship Attendance all services: 175 (168+7 H&W); Total Offering: \$4,518; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,531; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 37; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions:0 **Important! Small Groups when you meet – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*

NAME TAGS: Please keep them on during Fellowship Hour and return to the table before leaving. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES TODAY

- **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY POT-LUCK DINNER** *follows worship*, hosted by the Men’s Club. Thanks to Jim Repetsky, the Men’s Club and all who helped.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** follow worship in the Sanctuary administered by a member of our Parish Nurse team.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** “shoe boxes” filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and personal notes for children are due. See Cathy Cono to deliver yours (spikkio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362).
- **CONFIRMATION** (Section 2) meets at 4 p.m. in the Wesley Center.
- **MYF THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND DINNER** is 5-8 p.m. All youth grades 6-12 welcome. We’ll sort and distribute food to local families in need, then return to Dodd Hall for a dinner prepared by the Adult Leaders. Contact Leigh Bak (davidbak@sbcglobal.net; 203.215.0470) for more information.

THIS WEEK

NO CHOIR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK. Adult choristers: see Thanksgiving Eve worship, below.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, November 19, 10:30am-4 p.m. in Dodd Hall.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Monday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. in Wesley Center. Our primary agenda is drafting a proposed 2013 budget for the church. If you are **unable** to attend, contact Chair Nancy Bennett (nancy516@aol.com; 203.530.0176). If you represent a committee or organization, please identify someone to represent you and inform Nancy.

MATERIAL FOR NEXT SUNDAY’S BULLETIN is due Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Noon, hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net. This is a short office week with our **office closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday**. Office hours **this week** are 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Monday–Wed. If Wesley Center is locked, call Sue Miko (203.874.1982) or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

MILFORD COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be Wed., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s R.C. Church, 70 Gulf Street. An interfaith choir will sing, ***gathering for rehearsal at 6 p.m.*** The sermon will be “Thanks, King!” by Pastor Brian. A special offering will support energy assistance through Milford’s Department of Human Services. Please support this important community opportunity to give thanks to God.

THANKSGIVING DAY 5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY SUPPER is coordinated by Laura and Rich Perregaux (203.520.8183 or misslmp2@yahoo.com). **Thank you for your generous outpouring of donations! No more are needed at this time.** See Laura and Rich if you want to help on Thursday. **Please remember that we need workers every fourth Thursday.** Our next meal after Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, December 27th. More details will be coming in December. If interested in working in December or any fourth Thursday in 2013, please contact Deb Dubien (878.8315) or Jane Vink (878.8977).

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Thank you to all the families and volunteers who have participated thus far in photo sessions as well as those already registered for the remaining sessions. We're making great progress but many families have not yet been photographed. Open times are still available on Friday, Nov. 23 from 5:30 – 8:40 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 24 from 1:10 – 3:30 p.m. To register, visit the church websites (www.mtm-umc.org) and click the link in the lower right corner to go to the online registration system. If you do not have web access, contact Cathy Cono at spikkio@optonline.net or 203.878.9218. **No purchase is required to participate and all participants receive a free directory.** As an alternative, you may submit an existing family photo for inclusion in the directory (photos are not returned). If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact Cathy.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **WORSHIP: THE REIGN OF CHRIST/UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY.** On this last Sunday of the Christian year we will read Revelation 1:4b-8 as basis for the message "From A to Z." We will receive a special offering for United Methodist Student Day, supporting college and seminary scholarships in the U.M. Church. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn.
- **MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG IS COMING!** Over the years your giving through this catalog has supported health and human service programs, evangelism efforts, disaster relief, programs to end hunger, senior housing, women's causes, youth programs and countless others. Many members and friends look forward to this catalog as a way to express their faith and keep Christ in their Christmas season. **ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG/ORDER FORMS** will be available Nov. 25 and accepted through December 16. Please see Debbie Dubien or Jane Vink for a catalog.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS: Membership and Evangelism has "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5.00 each at the Cookie Walk and also provided to our college students in their care packages. Makes a great stocking stuffer, teacher gift, or gift to the person who has everything! See Cathy Cono.

THE COOKIE WALK IS COMING DECEMBER 1st! Along with asking for coffee cans (any size, no cardboard or plastic) we also ask for your help baking cookies. Cookies can be dropped off Nov. 29 or 30 or the morning of Dec. 1. Let Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 283.5643) know you'll help.

"SPIRIT OF LOVE" holiday concert benefitting Beth-El Center will be held on Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Parson's Center Complex, Milford. Featured music will be the Harmony on the Sound Chorus and the Big Apple Chorus. This annual event is a major source of support for Beth-El (www.bethelmilford.org) which provides support services for our Milford neighbors who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6-12; and free for children under age 6. Tickets are available at Canvas Patch, Milford Photo *and* Wild Expressions or by calling Maria Tomasetti at 203.988.8598. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

HOLD THE DATE: ADULT FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday, December 9, 5 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Details coming in the December "Beacon."

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND DINNER will again be held on **Saturday, December 15, 5 p.m.** at the church. Sunday School Superintendent Sylvia Elliott (203.877.7567; elliottb2@mac.com) is coordinating this event. ***If you have children that you would like to have participate in the pageant,*** please contact Sylvia prior to December 1st. We will have an organizational meeting and **"run-through" on Sunday, December 2nd following morning worship** at a location to be announced.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian is typically in the office Mon.-Thurs. from 9am to Noon (203.874.1982, ext. 11) and by appointment there or elsewhere at other times. E-mail is brian.bodt@yahoo.com and church cell at 203.895.3753. **Use Pastor Brian's cell if timely or an emergency.** Pastor Hal can be reached at vinkhaljane@yahoo.com and at 203.878.8977. Please let us know any time someone needs pastoral care, especially those who are hospitalized. Multiple calls are better than none at all. Most are aware that hospitals no longer provide this information directly to the clergy due to HIPPA privacy laws.