

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.)

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Arioso” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively without song)* Psalm 36:5-10 Hymnal p.771

*HYMN #519 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” Lift Every Voice

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, responsively)* “God Is Able” Hymnal #106

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)* “For the Unity of Christ’s Body” Hymnal #564

Help each of us, gracious God, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the church may never have cause to say to any one of us, “This is my body, broken by you.” Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 12:1-11 Bible p.1046

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

*HYMN #114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Katherine

*THE GOSPEL John 2:1-11 Bible p.967

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

THE SERMON “Two People Divided by a Common Language” Dr. Bodt

*LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Hymnal #556

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal #881

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 “Beth-El Center Paper Drive” Sue O’Shea

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including Human Relations Sunday

Offertory Anthem: “O sing A Song of Jesus” E. Butler

Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #2243 “We All Are One in Mission” rear cover

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #557

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

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

*POSTLUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West” G. Martin

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

We All Are One in Mission 2243



1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

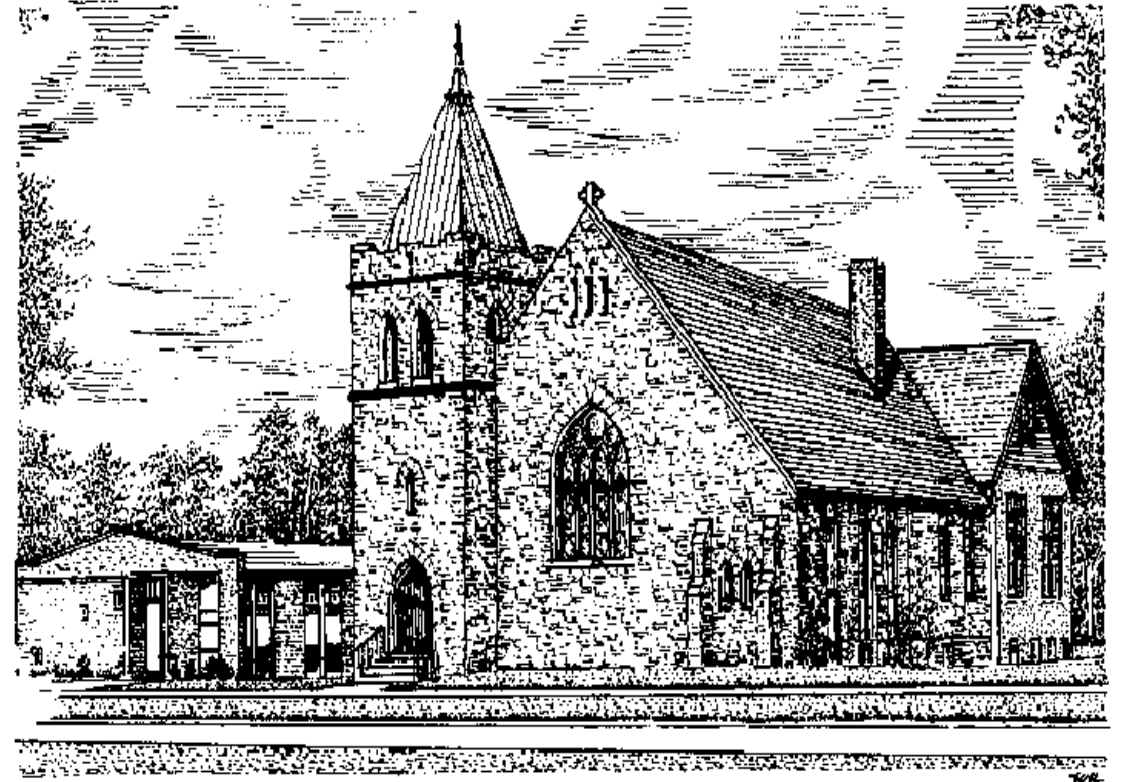
WORDS: Rusty Edwards (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:4-6)

MUSIC: Finnish folk melody

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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.*

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

January 17, 2016

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, January 17</i>	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center 9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary-Eileen Potkay, L.P.N 11:15 a.m. Fair On The Green Kick-off meeting – Wesley Center 1 st floor Church Office is closed in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<i>Monday, January 18</i>	6:00 p.m. Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall – Marcia Winter 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel
<i>Tuesday, January 19</i>	5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Pastor Hal - Gunn Library – Wesley Center
<i>Wednesday, January 20</i>	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Pastor Hal - Gunn Library – Wesley Center 12:00 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary 5:30 p.m. Praisemakers Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. MTMUMC Foundation – Gunn Library
<i>Thursday, January 21</i>	7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove 8:30 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary
<i>Friday, January 22</i>	10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
<i>Sunday, January 24</i>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall 11:30 a.m. Counter’s Training – Wesley Center 11:30 a.m. Parish Health and Wellness meeting – Wesley Center 4:00 p.m. MYF meeting – Youth Lounge – Wesley Center
<i>Monday, January 25</i>	5:30 p.m. UMW Pot-Luck Meeting – Dodd Hall- followed by 7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness worship - Chapel
<i>Tuesday, January 26</i>	5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Pastor Hal - Gunn Library – Wesley Center
<i>Wednesday, January 27</i>	9:00 a.m. BEACON volunteers – Egan room – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Pastor Hal - Gunn Library – Wesley Center 5:30 p.m. Praisemakers Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall
<i>Thursday, January 28</i>	5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall
<i>Friday, January 29</i>	10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library 6:00 p.m. Gay/Straight Alliance sponsored MYF Movie & Subway Sub Night – Dodd Hall

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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
January 17, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Reports were positive from our “mountain climbing” leadership experience last Sunday after worship. Bonnie Marden’s sermon remarks are in the rear of the sanctuary. The messages for today and next Sunday continue this theme of how we work together and particularly how leaders and those who follow them can be more effective.

Please note the many opportunities to be in service in this issue. Among them are today’s “Fair on the Green” meeting; ushering; serving at Community Supper; participating in United Methodist Women or Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Please also note, on the Dodd Hall bulletin boards, the January 7th article in the “Milford Mirror” newspaper entitled “Keeping the Faith.” A picture from our spring groundbreaking is on the cover “above the fold,” and extensive coverage is given to our church. What a great reminder to share what you have experienced here by inviting a friend or neighbor to worship!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dennis Darak

Greeters – Maureen Groves and Lydia Smith

Liturgist – Ryan Lapadula

Cross Bearer – Lillia Downing

Acolytes – Bryan and Shannon Thompson

Bible Bearer – Julia Shamansky

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Ryan Lapadula.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Carolyn Hollyday's 8th birthday.

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) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or 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.

FAIR ON THE GREEN MEETING

Sunday January 17, 2016

Immediately following worship, in Wesley Center

Kick-off Meeting for the New Year!

We will be:

Stuffing envelopes for our vendors

Discussing old and new business

Presently, we need help in 4 areas:

Publicity

Must be computer savvy

Visit craft fairs and meet with crafters

Grill coordinator

Enforce health rules and regulations

Coordinate staffing, scheduling, and supplies

Insure that equipment is in running order

Volunteer Coordinator

Coordinate volunteers to ensure all sign-in

Meet staffing needs

Help with vendors during sign-in

Theme Basket Coordinator

Publicize and collect baskets

Wrap and label baskets

Manage theme basket table on Fair days

Any interested volunteers please contact:

Edie Reichard 203-650-5733

Christine Volgmuth 203-710-9835

Bob Virgalla 203-733-5006

Becky Virgalla 203-788-2889



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted today by the Methodist Youth Fellowship and next Sunday by the Staff Parish Relations committee.

Blood pressure screenings follow worship in the Sanctuary by Eileen Potkay, L.P.N.

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” MEETING is today immediately following worship in the Wesley Center. **ALL ARE INVITED.** See the insert in this issue. Fair dates: June 3 & 4.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP trip to New Haven today is cancelled.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS are due by the end of the day tomorrow to Secretary Joanne Platt at jocbs@aol.com. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let Joanne know. Actions items for the agenda are due on the same deadline are due to Shelly Lapadula at m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or Pastor Brian at brian.bodt@yahoo.com. Our next meeting is this Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. Our principal agenda will be the adoption of the 2016 budget.

THE MTMUMC FOUNDATION MEETING is this Wed., Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Gunn Library.

TAIZE WORSHIP, a contemplative 30 minute experience of music, scripture and prayer, is offered this week on Wed., January 20, noon and Thurs., January 21, 8:30 p.m., both in the sanctuary. This service is offered the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - “Leadership and Risk-Taking” will be the message based on Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; I Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21. After worship two meetings are scheduled: training for offering counters and the Parish Health and Wellness team, both in the Wesley Center at 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:

CT District Resourcing Days, 2 – 4:45 p.m., Westport UMC, 49 Weston Road, Westport.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

Connecticut District United Methodist Women Winter gathering, 8:30 a.m. Registration, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. program, First United Methodist Church of Shelton, 188 Rocky Rest Road, Shelton. Cost: \$8.50. Please register with Joan Zauner.

CT District Resourcing Days, 9 – 11:45 a.m., Woodbury UMC, 4 Church Street, Woodbury.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY INVITATIONS

NEW USHERS WELCOMED! Like people? Like church? Like to be helpful? Ushers, along with greeters, welcome our worshippers, distribute bulletins, receive the offering and provide direction to receive Holy Communion. They are scheduled on a periodic basis. If you are interested in being an usher or learning more about this important ministry, please speak with or contact Dennis Darak at 203.988.3554 or wingridrs@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEXT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING will be a pot-luck on Monday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Attendees are encouraged to remain after for Healing and Wholeness worship in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER We are recruiting help now for Thursday, January 28th, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

BETH-EL SHELTER COLLECTION

January is our month to support the Beth-El Shelter with paper goods, kitchen and other supplies. Our ongoing commitment supports the shelter work in the City of Milford to provide a safe and warm shelter for those less fortunate. Please help to provide these items:

Kitchen and Paper Supplies: Paper towels, hot/cold cups (6oz or 8oz), 8oz bowls, tall kitchen garbage bags (13 gal), paper placemats, paper napkins, food storage bags (gallon, sandwich and snack sizes), plastic wrap, heavy duty aluminum foil, toilet paper, facial tissue and large heavy duty garbage bags (55 gallon).

Cleaning Supplies: Anti-bacterial household cleaners such as; Lysol/Pine-Sol & bleach (gallon), kitchen wipes, glass cleaner, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, scouring pads and sponges.

Other items: Hand soap, feminine hygiene products, band aids, gauze, medical tape, Vinyl powder-free gloves (s, m, l, no latex) and hand sanitizer. **Collection box in Dodd Hall.**

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 10th:

Total worship attendance all services: 137; January 10th: 127; January 11th: 10 Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for January 10th: \$5,977.07; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$435.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 111 - (Office Volunteers: 2; Men's Club: 15; Sunday School: 37; Bible Study Tues: 10; Wed: 12; Confirmation class: 9; Trash & Treasures: 4; Praisemaker's: 0; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 12;). Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 13.) *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

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 needed for seniors with pets. Also wet and dry dog food for the canine facility. Towels and blankets **are** needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur." **If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.**

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

Pastor Brian Bodt can be reached at brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. He 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.

Pastor Rachel Duncan can be reached at 203.874.1982 or rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com.

"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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE: Pastor Brian will consult with leaders as needed and agree on plans for worship, Sunday School, and other activities. **Weather-related closings will be posted on church voice mail, Yahoo e-mail group, and WTNH (Channel 8).**

SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Eileen Potkay, L.P.N., our new Parish Health and Wellness Convener, is collecting new and gently used socks (any size and color) for seniors that live in a long-term care center or nursing home. There will be a box in Dodd Hall to leave your donations. To learn more, see Eileen after worship today at the blood pressure screenings or contact her at 203.809.0188 or eileenmary68@aol.com.