

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ephesians 2:17-18

Leader: So Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

People: *for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

All: *Let us worship the Triune God, who calls us to love and serve our neighbor.*

*HYMN #75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old 100th

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* “Baptism of the Lord”

Hymnal #253

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THE PSALTER

Psalms 29

Hymnal p.761

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 8:14-17

Bible p.999

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Bible p.935

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE SERMON

“A Transformation of the Spirit”

Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Complainer

(During the hymn let the 2013 officers and leaders come forward to the Communion rail for installation.)

INSTALLATION OF 2013 MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL OFFICERS

Today we install our 2013 church officers. Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world? **I will.**

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace? **I will.**

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that, through them, your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #438

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

Duke Street

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

“Mountains of Hope: Haiti”

Emily Bak

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #539

“O Spirit of the Living God”

Forest Green

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #420

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

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

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

*POSTLUDE

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

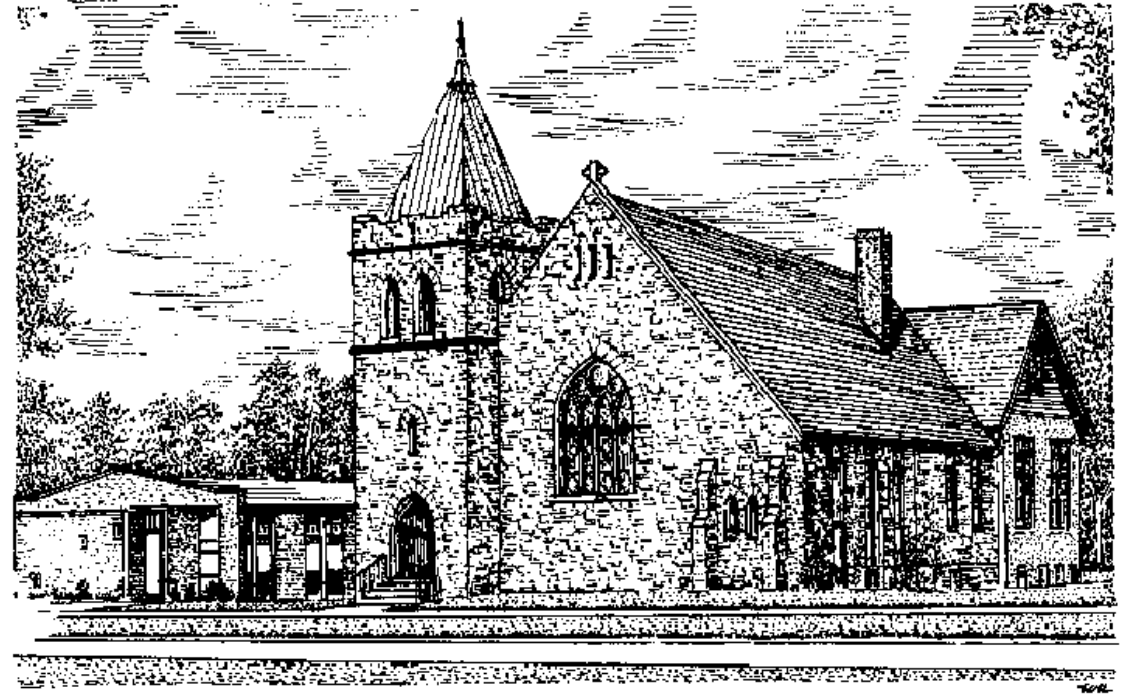
MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH
2013 OFFICERS AND LEADERS

Church Council Chair	Shelly Lapadula
#Pastor	Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Secretary	Paul Downing
Co-Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara and Leigh Bak
Lay Members of Annual Conference	Kelly O'Hara and Rachel Merva
*President, Board of Trustees	Bill Petremont
Chairperson, Finance	Nancy Bennett
Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations	Dennis Darak
#Chairperson, Nominations and Leadership	Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
*President, MTMUMC Foundation	Ken Hawkins
Treasurer	Eileen Doyle
Assistant Treasurers	Flo Berrien, Holly Firmender
Ministry Team Chairpersons	
Worship	Laura Perregaux
Missions	Jane Vink and Deb Dubien
Stewardship	Kelly O'Hara and Bill Katt
Member Care and Evangelism	Cathy Cono
Sunday School Superintendent	Sylvia Elliott
+Fair on the Green Head of Operations	Eileen Doyle
+Camping	Marcia Winter (NY Conference Camps)
	Stacy Meszaros (UM Army)
+Communications	Kat Bennette, Kelly O'Hara
+Gay-Straight Alliance Chair	Marcia Winter
+Parish Nurse Team	Leigh Bak
#Caring Ministries Team	Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
*United Methodist Women	Joan Zauner
*Men's Club	Jim Repetsky
+U. M. Youth Fellowship Advisors	Leigh Bak, Stacy Meszaros, Shelly Lapadula, Rachel Merva, Eric and Kate Georgelos, Alicia Meszaros
+Scholarships	Wil Wright

*Elected by respective organization

+Appointment/volunteer confirmed by Nominations and Leadership

Ex officio



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.*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10 a.m. Worship/Church officer installation – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – MYF leaves for movie, off-site

4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, January 14

7 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, January 15

February “Beacon” deadline

6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center

Wed., January 16

10 a.m. Milford Clergy Assn. at Trinity Lutheran Church

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance – Wesley Center

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

Thursday, January 17

7 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Wesley Center

Sunday, January 20

Human Relations Day

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary

10 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

4 p.m. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service,

768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Monday, January 21

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – office closed

7 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, January 22

6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center

Wed., January 23

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Community Supper – Dodd Hall

5:30 p.m. Beth-El Annual Meeting at United Way, corner of Gulf

Street and New Haven Avenue, Milford

7:00 p.m. Mary Taylor Memorial UMC Foundation

Annual Meeting, Wesley Center

Grace Notes
January 13, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

On a lighter note is 101 Things to Do During a Dull Sermon by Tim Sims and Dan Pegoda (Youth Specialities, El Cajon, CA, 1984).

#7 is “See how many words you can make out of the word “Methuselah.”

Score:

1 – 9 words: *Some boring spots in sermon*

10 – 20 words: *Lots of boring spots in sermon*

21-40 words: *Totally boring sermon*

41 or more words: *Even the minister is bored and has decided to help you.*

Hope you don’t find too many words today!

In God’s love, joy and humor,

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

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Bill Katt

Liturgist – Kelly O’Hara

Greeters – Vi Burke and Joan Zauner

Cross Bearer – Olivia D’Andrea

Acolytes – Shannon and Bryan Thompson

Bible Bearer - Anna Wessinger

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Carolyn Hollyday’s 5th birthday, given with love by her parents, Sheryl and Tom Hollyday.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God’s presence among us. Please introduce yourself to the pastor or greeters.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall, hosted today by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts are the MYF.

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

TO OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS please use the "Blue Sheets" found in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. The ushers will collect them during the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please be sure you have others’ permission to share their information. These prayers 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 from January 6 are available in the reach of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

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

SERVING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SOON!

WED., JANUARY 23rd SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL, BRIDGEPORT: Our Missions Committee seeks others to join Maryanne Meehan and Bob Jordan, our new coordinators, to assist them from about 2:30 – 5 p.m. to prepare the meal. A crew of 6-8 is needed. We only prepare; others serve and clear. Anyone 13 or in the 7th grade and older may serve.

Please let Maryanne know of your interest to prepare to serve our neighbors who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. You may reach her at mjbmj@att.net, 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector in downtown Bridgeport.

THURS., JANUARY 24TH SUPPER AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL: We also seek volunteers for our fourth Thursday supper at 5:30 p.m. Thanks to Diana and Dick Cable for sponsoring this month’s supper. If you can help, contact the following:

Shopping and set-up: Phoebe Repetsky (repetsky@optonline.net; 203.874.8688)

Prep and cooking: Jim Repetsky (see contacts above) or Steve Huchet (203.610.7739)

Serving: Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 203.283.5643) or Liz Dillon (elizabethdillon13@yahoo.com; 203.283.1626)

Clean-up: Dave and Eileen Doyle (ddoyle51@aol.com)



**Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
Missions Committee**

Supply collection for Beth-El Center

Dates: January 6, 13, 20, 27

Please support the Missions Committee supply collection for Beth-El Center. The following kitchen and paper supplies are greatly needed:

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| Paper Towels | Hot/Cold Cups (6oz or 8oz) |
| Paper Napkins | Heavy Duty Bags (55 gal) |
| Hand Sanitizer | Anti-Bacterial Soap |
| Surgical Masks | Lysol or Clorox Wipes |
| Toilet Paper | Latex or Vinyl Powder-Free Gloves (large & medium) |
| Facial Tissue | Lawn and Leaf Trash Bags |
| Paper Placemats | Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (13 gal) |
| 8 oz. Bowls | Food Storage Bags (gallon size) |
| Plastic Wrap | Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil |

Please place donated items in the Missions collection box in Dodd Hall.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jane Vink.

THANK YOU!

Beth-El Center's Mission:

To alleviate homelessness and hunger in the Milford area through shelter, support services, advocacy and community education in partnership with the faith-based community and public and private organizations.



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- MYF will leave immediately after worship for a movie, returning for Confirmation.
- **SUNDAY CONFIRMATION RESUMES AT 4 p.m.** Anna Henry will present class mission project options. Parents are welcome to attend. Parent information packets will be sent home with the students. Please ask your son/daughter for it.
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SEARCH UPDATE: Staff-Parish Relations is searching for an interim assistant while beginning a permanent search. Meanwhile, scheduled volunteers are covering basis office functions from 9 – Noon, Mon. – Fri.. Special thanks to them and Dennis Darak and Paul Downing for coordinating this. Pastor Brian is generally “in” those hours, but it is always safest to call ahead. If Wesley Center is locked when you arrive, call the office (203.874.1982) or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by Noon Wednesday, hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

THE OFFICE E-MAIL AND YAHOO-GROUPS WAS HACKED THIS WEEK. We believe we have solved the problem and apologize for any inconvenience

FEBRUARY “BEACON” DEADLINE IS TUESDAY. Send to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

TUESDAY CONFIRMATION will have Anna Henry present to discuss a mission project for the class. Parents are welcome to attend.

THE GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center. Our discussion items will include a bowling night; mission projects with younger members; a report from MIND; flags; and our vision for GSA.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY** will have a special offering. Informal hymn singing will begin at 9:45 a.m. The message, “A Question of Gifts,” is the first of three in a series entitled “The Corinthians Questions,” based on I Corinthians 12:1-11 with Psalm 36:5-10. Our Stewardship Spotlight will be Jim Repetsky on stewardship of time and service. Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the sanctuary.

(“Next Sunday” continued next page)

- **FAIR ON THE GREEN, June 7 & 8, 2013** – The time is here for our first *Fair on the Green* meeting. Whether you are a repeat volunteer or someone who would like to be involved this year, please plan to attend our meeting next Sunday, January 20, after church. This will be a “working” meeting as we will prepare our mailing to crafter and fine artists. At this meeting we will also need to confirm coordinators for the various tasks and booths at our *Fair*. As always, there are a few issues that need to be discussed and voted on. I also welcome suggestions to improve *Fair* operations. I look forward to meeting with you on January 20. *Eileen Doyle, Chair of Fair Operations*
- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be held at 4 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, 06604. This multi-cultural service features clergy and representatives from many Christian churches. This year’s preacher is Pastor Brian.
- **SUNDAY CONFIRMATION** will meet as usual. Our guest speaker will be Bob Elliott, an expert on Methodism and John Wesley, which is the subject matter.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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, UMArmy 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.

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.

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 JANUARY 6:

Total worship attendance all services: 205 (199 + 6 Healing and Wholeness); Total Offering: \$7,137; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$25; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 45; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 2 **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*