

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Please stand if able. °°° Late arrivals seated.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “I Need Thee Every Hour” D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

*CALL TO WORSHIP “God is Able” Hymnal #106

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY “Litany for Christian Unity” Hymnal #556
(seated, responsive, with closing prayer in unison)

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THE PSALTER Psalm 36:5-10 Hymnal p.771

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 12:1-11 Bible p.1046
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE SERMON “A Question of Gifts” Dr. Bodt
(The first of three sermons on “The Corinthian Questions.”)

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*HYMN #2221 “In Unity We Lift Our Song” Ein’ Feste Burg
(facing page and rear cover)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 70

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.)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT “Giving Time and Talent” Jim Repetsky

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering for
Human Relations Sunday

Offertory Anthem: “Many Gifts, One Spirit” M. Lightfoot

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

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

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends, may God’s full mercies bless you, my friends,
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

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

*POSTLUDE “March in G” E. Lorenz
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

2221 In Unity We Lift Our Song

1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor -
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a - bless - ed trust and
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

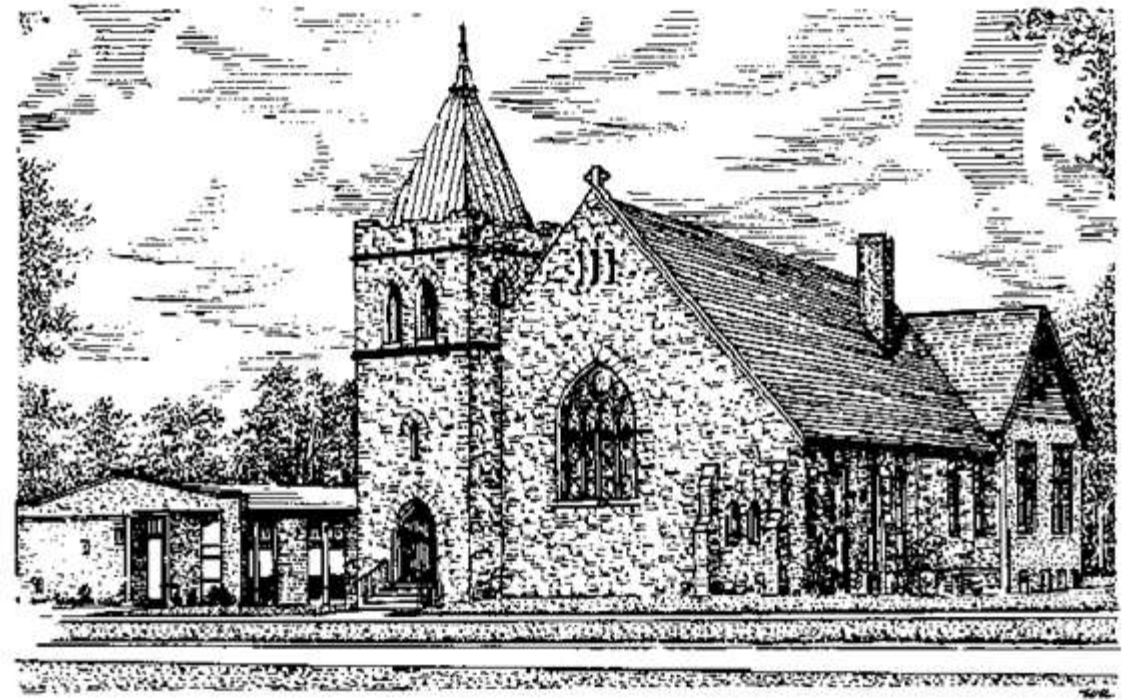
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Unity We Lift Our Song' (number 2221). It features a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the lyrics are provided below the notes. The lyrics are: 1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor - 2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er - 3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a - bless - ed trust and 4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
 a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to
 trea - sure, which give us hope when hope is gone and
 Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness
 give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive
 make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind
 hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,
 to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home
 and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still
 when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone

who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
 and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
 whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
 and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.



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.*

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

January 20, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

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
11:15 a.m. Blood pressure screenings - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. “Fair on the Green” meeting – Wesley Center
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
4 p.m. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service,
768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – office closed
7 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall
6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
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

Monday, January 21

Tuesday, January 22

Wed., January 23

Thursday, January 24

Sunday, January 27

Epiphany III

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Visitation Team meeting – Wesley Center
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
5 – 7 p.m. MYF – “Surprise Night” –Dodd Hall
7 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Dodd Hall
6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
9 a.m. Office volunteers to mail Feb. “Beacon” – Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall
7 p.m. Member Care and Evangelism – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Worship – Wesley Center

Monday, January 28

Tuesday, January 29

Wed., January 30

Thursday, January 31

Grace Notes
January 20, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

I am especially looking forward to my preaching over the next three weeks in a series I have entitled “The Corinthian Questions.” Corinth, a port city in Greece, was a stop on St. Paul’s second and third missionary journeys. He founded the Church there about 50 A.D. and spent 18 months there, second in length to the two and one-half years in Ephesus.

Yet historical context is not why I am excited about this series. The topics are. Spiritual gifts, Christian community and love—three themes in as many weeks—are central to every Christian church and—dare I say it—of central urgency for us. If we are to continue to be vital in the years to come, it will be essential to have a shared perspective on these important elements of the church.

Does this mean we all need to think alike? No. But as Mr. Wesley, Methodism’s founder said, “We may not all think alike, yet shall not we all love alike?”

I “get it” that January is busy; that this is a holiday weekend; that rain and snow and sleet and fog all arrive in January. Still, I hope you will make every effort to be in worship and, if not, to view the sermons and weekly bulletins on line. Thoughts? I’d love to hear them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
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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 – Bill Katt

Liturgist – Joan Zauner

Greeters – Sarah and Beth O'Brien

Cross Bearer – Sarah O'Brien

Acolytes – John and Cody McFadden

Bible Bearer - Anna Wessinger

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins.

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 by the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF). Next Sunday's hosts are Education/Sunday School.

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 concerns. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and at our 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 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 13 are available in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

LITURGY TODAY comes from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church Missions Committee

Supply collection for Beth-El Center: Today through next Sunday

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

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



OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OUR INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT is Mary Lou Kampert of Milford. Office hours are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please welcome her when you call. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

OUR ADMIN. ASSISTANT SEARCH continues, led by Staff-Parish Relations.

Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to church168@yahoo.com.

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 JANUARY 13:

Total worship attendance all services: 160 (154 + 6 Healing and Wholeness); Total Offering: \$4360; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$107; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 11; 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.*

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **OUR NORTH WALL AND WINDOW RESTORATION IS COMPLETE!** Note no more peeling paint or crumbling plaster on the wall facing the Green! Thanks to the Board of Trustees and Bill Petremont who oversaw this project. Our contractor was Bruno Massaro and Sons, Inc. Your gifts made it possible. Thank you!
- **FAIR ON THE GREEN ORGANIZING MEETING** follows worship in the Wesley Center. This year’s dates are June 7 & 8. Whether you are a repeat volunteer or someone who would like to be involved this year, please come! This will be a “working” meeting as we will prepare our mailing to crafter and fine artists. We will also confirm coordinators for the various tasks and booths at our *Fair*; and there are a few issues that need to be discussed and voted on. If you are interested but can’t come this morning, see me after church. *Eileen Doyle, Chair of Fair Operations*
- **MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE** with Jim Repetsky (203.874.8688; repetsky@optonline.net) or any member of the Men’s Club. It will be held on Saturday, February 9 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. All adults welcome.
- **SHIRT HANGERS FOR THE TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET ARE NEEDED** by the Foran High School Gay-Straight Alliance. The Closet benefits homeless teens in the area. Please put hangers in the box labeled “GSA Hangers” in the rear of the church for the next several Sundays. Thank you. *Kaylyn Bettencourt*
- **PAPER GOOD DONATIONS FOR BETH-EL CENTER** may be left in the collection box in Dodd Hall. **This drive concludes next Sunday**. See the inside rear cover for items needed and the mission of the Beth-El Center.
- **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.
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m.

HELP SERVE HUNGRY PEOPLE THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Golden Hill U.M. Church, Bridgeport. We prepare the meal, lead by Maryanne Meehan and Bob Jordan, our new coordinators. We need 6-8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7th grade and older may serve. See them or 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.

Thursday, January 24, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. at our church. 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; 203.878.9049)

THE MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION holds its Annual Meeting **this Thursday, January 24th, 7 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. The Foundation is our 501 (c) 3 corporation that owns and manages the Peoples' Bank property adjacent to the church. **The Annual Meeting is open to all.** For additional information, please see its chair, Ken Hawkins, or any member of the Foundation Board: Nancy Bennett, Steve Bettencourt, Missy Hackett, Ty Gage, Tom Griggs, Rachel Merva, Stacy Meszaros and Susan O'Shea.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **EPIPHANY III** texts are I Corinthians 12:12-31a and Psalm 19 for the sermon "A Question of Body Parts." Healing anointing is offered during the last hymn. Following worship, the Visitation Ministry Team will meet in Wesley Center.
- **MYF** meets from 5 – 7 pm in Dodd Hall. Surprise Night! Come and be surprised!

COMING SOON

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday, **Jan. 30, 9 a.m.** for Feb. "Beacon" mailing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FOOD COLLECTION: The MYF will host a pancake breakfast and food collection, with all proceeds going to the Milford Food Pantry, on **Saturday, February 2nd, from 8:30 – 11 a.m.** in Dodd Hall. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for an unlimited pancake breakfast. Non-perishable food donations will be collected in the parking lot!!! Support our youth and the Milford Food Pantry! Please contact Rachel Merva for further information (rmerva@optonline.net / 203-641-5088).

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: "Soup and" **after worship on February 3rd.** Watch for it!

DENTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTION for folks in Appalachia. Collect toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. Watch the February "Beacon" for details. Both Sunday and Tuesday Confirmation classes have chosen this as a mission project. Let the competition begin!

"SOUP'S ON!" WINTER SOUP SALE after worship on Feb. 10th. No orders: "first-come, first-served." Monies benefit missions. Please contact me if you are interested in making soup. Susan O'Shea (203.494.5339 (cell))

BOWLING PARTY – hold the date: Sunday, Feb. 10, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Milford AMF Lanes. Pizza, beverage and shoes included. Reserve your spot now with Marcia Winter (mwinter@optonline.net) or Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net). Hosted by the MTMUMC Gay-Straight Alliance and Member Care and Evangelism Committees.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY begins **Feb. 12/13** taught by Pastor Hal. Please register at (203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Classes are Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Feb. 12 – March 26 and Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 13 – March 27 in the Church Library, Wesley Center. The study is Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore, who challenges us to eliminate one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. How much better life would be! The study book is \$8 and scholarship help is available.

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION AWARDS can be earned if your daughter is in Girl Scouts and would like to participate. Pastor Brian will conduct the instruction. Please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814; mwinter@optonline.net) and she will order the appropriate grade curriculum. Any Girl Scout, grades 1-12, is welcome.