

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 “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. by H. DeCou

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Near to the Heart of God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 30:15

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

People: *In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.*

All: *Let us worship God.*

*HYMN #504 “The Old Rugged Cross” The Old Rugged Cross

PRAYER OF THE DAY “Lent” Hymnal #268

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Henry van Dyke, USA, 20th cent., alt.

O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control that we may live in the Spirit and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. We confess our faults which bring suffering anew to Christ’s Body, the Church. Help us so to keep the fast you have chosen, that we may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free; through the grace of Christ Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 95 Hymnal p.814, R.1

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 17:1-7 Bible p.63

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL John 4:5-42 Bible p.969

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

*HYMN #641 “Fill My Cup, Lord” Fill My Cup
(sung twice)

THE SERMON “Gatorade for the Soul” Dr. Bodt

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED Hymnal #881

*THE 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.)

MISSION MINUTE “Clean Water Project of UMCOR” Our Girl Scouts

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” D. Williams

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts”

Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #506 *(seated)* “Wellspring of Wisdom” Wellspring

HYMN #463 *(seated)* “Lord, Speak to Me” Canonbury

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of others. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak the name and need to the anointer.

This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.”

Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

THE BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lead Me, Lord” Hymnal #473

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

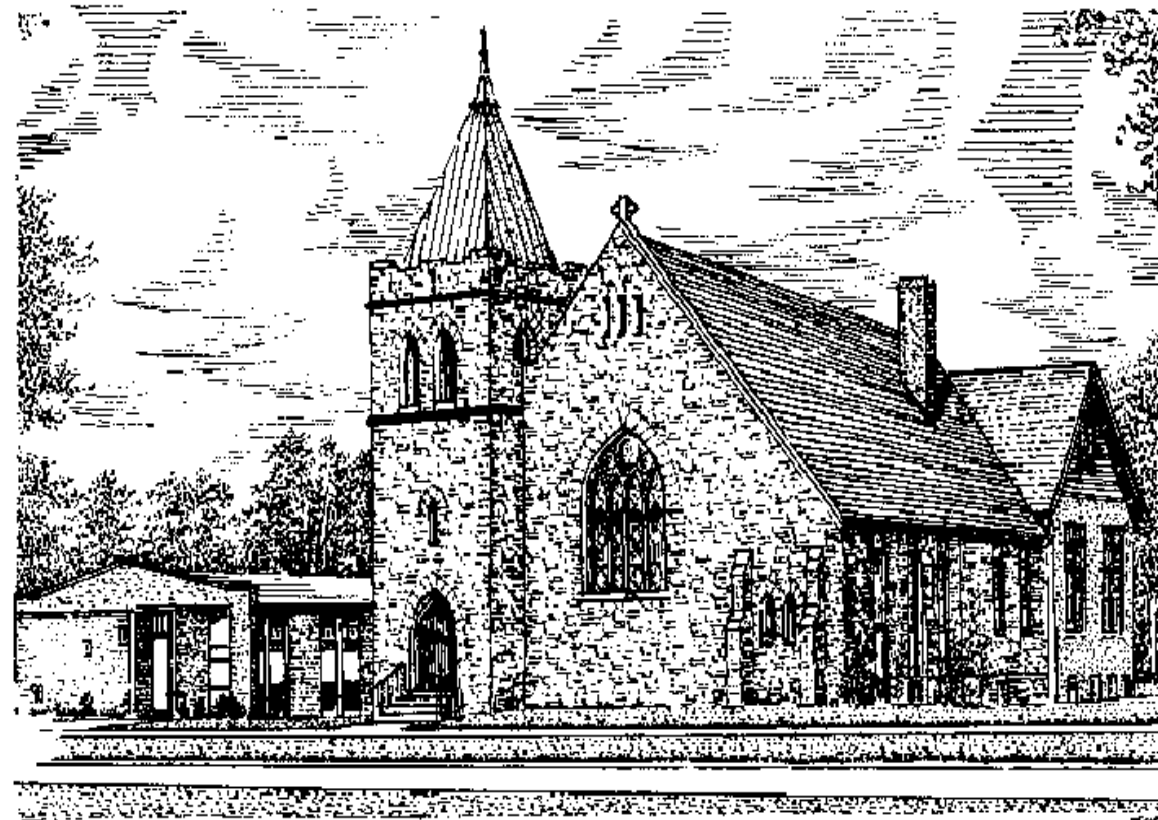
POSTLUDE “Sur Les Grand Jeux” L. Clerambault

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



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.*

LENT III
March 23, 2014

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, March 23 LENT III 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Fasting Covenant Group-Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Soup Sale – Dodd Hall
11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries Meeting – 1st floor, Wesley Center
4:15 p.m. MYF Middle School Only 6-8th graders-church parking lot
6:45 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Monday, March 24

Tuesday, March 25 5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, March 26 10:00 a.m. Incubator Training – Egan room, Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library
2:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper - Bridgeport
5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, March 27 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee – Gunn Library

Friday, March 28 6:30 p.m. “Shrek the Musical”- meet in the church parking lot

Saturday, March 29 10:00 a.m. . Covenant of Conscience Cottage meeting-at Darak’s home
21 Kay Street, Milford
1:45 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Sunday, March 30 LENT IV 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Fasting Covenant Group-Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship/Reception of new members – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Light luncheon/Soup Sale – Dodd Hall
4:00 p.m. Long Range Planning Cottage Meeting at Sandy and Brec
Morgan’s home, 39 Orland Street, Milford

Monday, March 31 6:45 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, April 1 5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, April 2 10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library
5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
6:45 p.m. Long-Range Planning Committee meeting – Egan Room

Thursday, April 3 6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders Meeting- Pastor’s study
6:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Egan Room

Saturday, April 5 1:45 p.m. “The Way” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Grace Notes
March 23, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

“If you go away hungry it’s your own fault.” This is a favorite saying of my dad’s in response to some gastronomic extravagance put on by family, friends or the church. Certainly it is true, more often than not, at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. Corned beef and cabbage, soup, Easter breakfasts....the list is endless.

Today is a paraphrase of my dad’s wisdom: “If you go away thirsty it’s your own fault.” Our Girl Scouts will speak of response to physical thirst through the “Clean Water Project” of the United Methodist Committee on Relief in today’s Mission Minute; and today’s scriptures and the message “Gatorade for the Soul” speak to spiritual thirst. God gives us hydration for the journey.

Most are familiar with the Dead Sea, that body of water in the Holy Land that is six times saltier than the ocean. It is called the Dead Sea because nothing can live in it. Having waded in it, I can testify that the saltiness is such that one can feel it sucking moisture out of one’s body.

But why is the Dead Sea dead? Because it has no outlet. For living things to live, they have to give as well as receive. I hope, having had your hungers satiated and your thirsts assuaged in this community of faith, you will give an invitation to a friend or neighbor to next week’s “Friends and Family Sunday.” Small business cards with information about our church are available in Dodd Hall should you desire to pass them along with your personal invitation to a friend or neighbor. Among our attendees will be our District Superintendent, the Rev. Kenneth Kieffer; and the Honorable Ben Blake, Mayor of the City of Milford.

Do plan to be in worship to share God’s love, warmth and good news in Jesus.

Sincerely yours 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 Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt **Greeters** – Deirdre James and Elizabeth Kingsley
Liturgist – Sandy Morgan **Acolytes** – Bryan and Shannon Thompson
Cross Bearer – Tanner Georgelos **Bible Bearer** – Stefano Cono
Healing Anointers – Pastor Hal, Priscilla James, Sandy Morgan and Faye Zeiner

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Sandy Morgan at the Dodd Hall door.

MISSION CROSS: a donation has been made to Friends of Appalachia by the Winter/D'Andrea family in celebration of Marcia and Greg's 25th wedding anniversary.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given in joy.

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 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 United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are available in the rear of the church. Previous messages are available there 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

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are *due by noon each Wednesday* for the following Sunday bulletin.

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: **Wet and dry 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS: 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** (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 them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

"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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARCH 16:

Total worship attendance all services: 168 (Mar. 16, 163; Healing and Wholeness, Mar. 17, 6;) Total Offering Mar. 16: \$5,263.25 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$528.76; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 229 (Sunday School: 51; Covenant of Conscience, March 16: 7; Mar. 18: 3; Confirmation trip to NYC: 20; SPRC: 11; Disciple 1: 8 ; Confirmation: 9; Adult Bible Study Monday Mar.10: 7; Adult Bible Study Monday Mar.17: 6; Adult Bible Study Tuesday: 6; Adult Bible Study Wednesday: 10; Men's Club Dinner: 68; Prayer Shawl: 8; Office volunteers: 15; No choir rehearsal last week. 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.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!!

March 30th, 2014

*open hearts
open minds
open doors*



Invite your friends and family to Church on March 30th to celebrate our Faith. Service is at 10:00 and there will be special surprises at fellowship hour.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

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!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Staff-Parish Relations Committee hosts today. Missions and Membership and Evangelism Committees host next Sunday.

SOUP SALE, original creations by our own MTMUMC members, follows worship in Dodd Hall: split pea with ham, broccoli cheese, chicken noodle and veggie bean with sausage. Proceeds benefit missions. More soups on March 30th. First come, first served.

THE CARING MINISTRY TEAM meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor.

THE APRIL "BEACON," our monthly newsletter, was mailed last Wednesday. Extra copies are in the Narthex (the rear of the church).

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY" INVITATION CARDS are available today. Friends and Family Sunday is March 30th. See Michelle Craig or the table in Dodd Hall.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS may be submitted to the church office using the enclosed form. The firm **deadline is Palm Sunday, April 13.**

"COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE" UPDATE: Currently the last scheduled discussion is **Saturday, March 29th, 10 a.m.** at the Darak's home, 21 Kay Avenue, Milford. Copies of the Covenant and "Frequently Asked Questions" are available at the table in Dodd Hall where you may become an individual Covenant signer; or at www.mindny.org. If you have been unable to attend one of the 5 discussion meetings scheduled but wish to attend one, please speak with Marcia Winter at mcbwinter@att.net or 203.878.0814.

MYF EVENT - MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY: meet in church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. (only 6th – 8th graders). We will travel to Huntington U.M. Church for a cluster event with other local UM churches. A 5 p.m. opening with introductions/games will be followed by a magic show from 5:30-6:30. Pizza from 6:30-7 pm, then we will carpool back to the church parking lot for arrival at 7:30. The magician is Jim Lang, a member of the Nichols UMC. His website is: www.wizardjim.com. Please contact Rachel Merva, rmerva@optonline.net for further information.

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.



THIS WEEK

ADULT LENTEN STUDY – “The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus,” a six session study Adam Hamilton, explores the life and ministry of Jesus: from Jesus’ baptism, the temptations, the people he loved, and the healing he brought, to the parables he taught and the enemies that he made. Sessions continue Monday evenings at 6:45 pm in the Gunn Library, Wesley Education Center. The Saturday class received no registrations and is cancelled. There is still time to register with the teacher, Kelly O’Hara, by calling 203.283.4676 or by email at yankee89@optonline.net.

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH will be this Wed., March 26th, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan to assist: maryannej@charter.net or 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). We prepare the meal for 100+ people. Golden Hill is about 20 minutes away, right off I-95.

MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER: will be Thursday, March 27th, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Debbie Dubien at 203.877.4959.

NEXT SUNDAY

LENT IV/LAETARE/“FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY” and the “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” are all emphases next Sunday. The message “Was blind, but now....” will be based on John 9:1-41. The day will feature special music and welcome to our visitors, including Rev. Kenneth Kieffer, District Superintendent and the Honorable Ben Blake, Mayor of the City of Milford. **Thank you for extending an invitation to a friend, family member or neighbor.** We will receive new members, have a Mission Minute from Deb Dubien and receive a special offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing. A light lunch and Soup Sale will follow in Dodd Hall.

SOUP SALE, REPRISÉ will again feature original creations by our own MTMUMC members. Next week’s soups are cabbage and kielbasa, bacon corn chowder and tomato basil. Proceeds benefit missions. Some will be set aside for our visitors. For the rest, first come, first served!

A LONG-RANGE PLANNING COTTAGE MEETING will be held at March 30th, 4 p.m. at the home of Sandy and Brec Morgan, 39 Orland Street, Milford. Please reserve your place to discuss our church’s future ministry dreams with them at sgmorgan@aol.com or 203.874.4374.

COMING SOON

MYF: Confirmation class through 12th grade; Easter treat making on Sat. April 5 from 9 am to noon. Treats will be sold after service on Sunday, April 6th.

MISSIONS FAIR: Sunday, April 6th, Dodd Hall after worship. Easter Alternative Giving opportunity through Heifer International – bunnies, ducks and chicks – Oh My! See how your gift will benefit those in need. Stop by the Missions table after service.

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2014 Dental Supply Drive during March & April. Help provide dental supplies to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia. Please leave your donations in the box in Dodd Hall.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to participate in our Adult Discussion Group which meets every week during Sunday School hours in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

NEW ACOLYTE ROBES have been purchased to replace the current robes, worn with time and difficult to repair. We have four donors and need three more at \$100 each to underwrite this expense. If you are interested in so doing, please contact Pastor Brian.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES are held at the Milford Senior Citizen Center, 9 Jepson Drive, by scheduling an appointment: 203.736.5420, ext. 206.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE, CROSS-BEARER OR BIBLE BEARER? Contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ SCRIPTURE IN 2014? Contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742 or pcjames60@gmail.com.

LAURALTON HALL invites 7th grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student March 19 - April 30. For more information call the Admissions Office at 203-877-2786 ext. 144.

CHAIRS FOR SALE: we have 26 chairs for sale at \$10 each that are being stored in Jesse Lee Hall. Please see me today or email me if you are interested in purchasing: rmerva@optonline.net Thanks. *Rachel Merva, Trustee Vice-President*

NEW CRIB, CHANGING TABLE AND MATTRESS: Bill Katt has this available for a young family who might be able to use it. billkatt@sbcglobal.net or 203.376.9176.