

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

April 20, 2014

Order of Worship

8: 30 and 10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C Minor” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” The Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP from the Syrian Orthodox Church and Psalm 118:24

L: The Lord is Risen!

P: The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Glory to the Father, who has woven garments of glory for the resurrection!

P: Worship to the Son, who was clothed in them at his rising.

L: Thanksgiving to the Spirit, who keeps them for all the saints.

This is the day the Lord has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

*HYMN #302 (vss. 1-4) “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

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THE EASTER COLLECT (*seated, unison*) Hymnal #320

HYMN #303 (*seated*) “The Day of Resurrection” Lancashire

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (10 a.m.) “Mary Told the Good News” The Praisemakers Choir

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-4 Bible p.1073

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

*HYMN #304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” Regent Square

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10 Bible p.909

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

THE SERMON “Forever” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #318 “Christ is Alive” Truro

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

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Ring Ye Bells of Easter Morning” D. Besig and N. Price

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “The Day of Resurrection” Hymnal #303, vs. 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Here the pastor gives thanks to the Lord, concluding)

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise God’s name:

*HYMN #155 (vss. 1,2,5,6) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Diadem

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (*all seated, spoken by the pastor*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal # 895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come. After the celebrants, ushers and choir commune, the ushers will direct you to one of four stations. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION Numbers 307, 311, 308, 315, 314, 322, 306

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #310 "He Lives" Ackley
(Those desiring to sing the "Hallelujah" chorus with the choir, please come forward during the hymn.)

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*CHORAL POSTLUDE "Hallelujah" from "Messiah" G.F. Handel
(Please stand if able and depart following the postlude).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GRATITUDE TO THESE WORSHIP LEADERS DURING LENT AND EASTER:

The Adult, Bell and Praisemakers choirs and the parents and spouses that support them; Lydia Smith (drums), Mark Dennis (trumpet) and our Director of Music Dr. Rick Riccardi;

Our Worship Committee chaired by Priscilla James, lay liturgists; Noel Fino, altar servers; Beth O'Brien, flowers; Rich Perregaux, banners; Flo Berrien, greeters; Dennis Darak, ushers; Phoebe Repetsky, Communion Stewards; and the "Ambassadors" of our Membership and Evangelism Committee;

The Methodist Youth Fellowship and its adult leaders—Leigh Bak, Eric and Kate Georgelos, Shelly Lapadula, Stacy Meszaros and Rachel Merva—for today's dawn service;

Our Christian educators, notably Superintendent Cathy Cono and all the teachers, especially for last week's Easter egg hunt and triumphal procession; the Palm Sunday passion reciters (Leigh Bak, Rev. Brian Bodt, Sarah Brockett, Anna Henry, Priscilla James and Barbara Repetsky); the Rev. Hal V.W. Vink, Kelly O'Hara and Rev. Brian Bodt for their Lenten studies;

Our publicity team of Kelly O'Hara (Facebook and Shutterfly), Kat Bennette (web page and newspapers) and Ken Hawkins (sign and hymn boards). To anyone we inadvertently overlooked, our heartfelt thanks.

Grace Notes
The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Day
April 20, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,



from The Joyful Noiseletter
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The old saying is that sleeping in church, usually in response to preaching, is okay. If they don't sleep, they go away energized and inspired. If they do, they go away awakened and refreshed!

God's "And finally...." is the Resurrection! Life, not death, has the last word. It is a word, and a promise, that lasts forever.

Welcome to God's final word! Welcome to victory. Welcome to forever. Welcome, Easter morning!

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

8:30 a.m.

Head Usher – Bill Katt

Greeters – Phoebe Repetsky

Cross Bearer – Sarah O’Brien

Acolytes – Olivia D’Andrea & Josh Carr

Liturgist – Olivia D’Andrea

Bible Bearer –Stefano Cono

Communion Stewards: Phoebe Repetsky and Dawn Bettencourt

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Ms. D’Andrea in the Narthex.

10:00 a.m.

Head Usher – Bill Katt

Greeters – The Lapadula Family

Cross Bearer – Kayleigh Patterson

Acolytes – Amanda Repetsky & Julianna Patterson

Liturgist – Carol Galloway

Bible Bearer – Anna Wessinger

Communion Stewards: Phoebe Repetsky and Joan Zauner

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Ms. Galloway in the Narthex.

COMMUNION CELEBRANTS

The Rev. Dr. Brian Bodt and Sarah O’Brien (8:30) and Carol Galloway (10)

The Rev. Bryan Hooper and Priscilla James

Leigh Bak and Kelly O’Hara, Co-Lay Leaders

Dennis Darak and Olivia D’Andrea (8:30) and Stacey Riccardi (10)

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

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service-Gulf Beach (MYF 6:45a.m at beach)

7:30 a.m. Men’s Club Breakfast – Dodd Hall

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary/ 9:00 a.m. NO Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Men’s Club Breakfast – Dodd Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Men’s Club Buffet Breakfast – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Disciple I – Wesley Center

9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

8:00 p.m. Worship Committee – Egan Room, Wesley Center

UMW 2014 Assembly-Louisville, Kentucky (Friday and Saturday)

Monday, April 21

Tuesday, April 22

Wednesday, April 23

Thursday, April 24

Friday, April 25

Sunday, April 27

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship/Sacrament of Baptism – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Covenant of Conscience conversation – Sanctuary

TBA MYF celebrate Earth Day – River Crest Farm, Milford

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Memory work due

7:00 p.m. Disciple I – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Incubators - Wesley Center

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees – Egan Room, Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Private function – Dodd Hall

Monday, April 28

Tuesday, April 29

Wednesday, April 30

Thursday, May 1

Saturday, May 3

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 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 APRIL 13:

Total worship attendance all services: 273 (Apr. 13: 261; Healing and Wholeness, Apr. 14: 12) Total Offering April 13: \$6,600.50 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$3,189.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 111 (Sunday School: 55; No Confirmation or Disciple last week; Adult Bible Study Monday: 6; Adult Bible Study Tuesday: 7 ; Adult Bible Study Wednesday: 10; Office volunteers: 2; Praisemakers: 5; Bell Choir: 9; Adult Choir: 17) 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

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!

SERMON COPIES from Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org. There was no manuscript Palm Sunday, which featured a memorized recitation of the Passion story.

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.*

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 from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

FRIENDS OF APPALACHIA 2014 DENTAL SUPPLY DRIVE: to provide dental supplies to assist the dire need of improved oral hygiene for impoverished children in Central Appalachia where regular dental care is inaccessible. FOA is collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and cash donations for additional dental supplies and/or shipping. Please leave your donations in the FOA box in Dodd Hall.

WESLEY CENTER RENOVATION: as previously reported, architectural drawings are on display in Dodd Hall and the initial designed approved by Church Council. **The winner of our “Name the Campaign” Contest** is Maureen Groves for her submission “**Lift Us Up.**” The Building Design Committee made the selection. Maureen will receive a gift certificate and be present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATION RESUMES TUESDAY, April 22, 5:45 p.m. A reminder that memory work is due Tuesday, April 29th. Tuesday's class will focus on the mission project on human trafficking.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC is this Thursday, April 24th. Our sponsors are the United Methodist Women but help is welcomed from anyone for any portion of the time from 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2014 ASSEMBLY will be held this Friday through Sunday in Louisville, Kentucky. "Our own" Lydia Smith will share her gifts of drumming and singing. Let us keep her and the national UMW in prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER II – HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

"Now What?" is the sermon based on Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-31. Raising an ancient tradition that observed the Sunday after Easter as "Bright Sunday," we will observe Holy Humor Sunday. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Damien Jeffrey Monigle, son of Amber and Jeffrey. Healing anointing will be observed as part of the intercessory prayer time.

A FINAL "COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE" CONVERSATION will be held directly following worship in the sanctuary. All are invited to stay for this conversation, part of a larger process detailed in a letter to the congregation dated April 8 and designed to discern if we are ready for marriages for all people to be performed in our sanctuary. If you would like to know more, please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814) or any member of the Gay-Straight Alliance listed on the letter, copies of which are in the rear of the church.

THE MYF WILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY this Sunday April 27, immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided at church and then we will travel to River Crest Farm, 524 Oronoque Road, Milford, owned by our members, the Macris. We will be planting and providing general help around the farm. Pick up is at 2:30 p.m. Permission forms will be required for this event. Dress for outside walking and working; friends, as always, are welcome. Leigh Bak is the lead adult for this event.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to our Adult Discussion Group which meets each Sunday, 9 – 9:45 a.m., 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.

COMING SOON

FAIR ON THE GREEN SPIRIT DAY: Sunday, May 4th. Please wear an **orange Fair on the Green STAFF T-shirt**, (or any MTMUMC T-shirt), to Church. We hope this inspires others to **CATCH THE SPIRIT** and volunteer. After worship please plan to attend an **IMPORTANT MEETING** in Wesley Center. We have some decisions to make and need to finalize plans for our **Fair. Please hold Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2014 for the Fair.**

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING: a "lunch and learn" discussion, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., led by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN on behalf of the Parish Nurses. The discussion will include (a) preparing for the inevitable, (b) advance directives to alleviate family distress, (c) who will make decisions if you can't, (d) will they do what you want and (e) write it down! Bring your lunch; we will supply the beverages and dessert. The presentation will include video clips as well as in depth discussion Please RSVP to Mary Lou in the church office. Questions? Contact Sheryl at Doulee@aol.com.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET: Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall, sponsored by the United Methodist Women (UMW). All women are invited to this annual dinner celebrating the women of our church. Women without daughters or moms may "adopt" another woman to be your "mother-daughter" combination. Contact Joan Zauner, UMW President, at 203.283.5643 for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN MAY: this series will be offered Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m., May 7, 14 and 21, with reception of new members either **May 25 or June 8.** Gatherings are in the Pastor's study, 2nd floor of the Wesley Center. We will get to know one another and the membership commitment (May 7), the history of Methodism (May 14) and the opportunities for mission and service at MTMUMC (May 21). You may attend these sessions to learn and inquire without making a commitment to join. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak with Pastor Brian.

MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS needed, Sunday May 18th. Are you willing to host a group of *the most fabulous youth* for a course in our Progressive Dinner??? We need four (or 5) host homes:

- one for appetizers
- two (or 3) for the main course
- one for dessert

Please see Leigh Bak (or contact at 203.215.0470 or davidbak@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to host one of the courses.

EASTER FLOWERS – IN MEMORY OF**GIVEN BY**

Debbie Andrews & Family
 Thomas Beyer & Wendy Hoffmann
 Milfred A. Bodt
 Rita Brown
 Viola Burke
 Diana & Dick Cable Family

Nilda & Alvin Guilmart
 Andrew Beyer; Alfred & Virginia Chittem
 Yvonne Atkinson Bodt
 Dudley Brown
 Ruth Farence & Pierre Burke
 Our Loved Ones; Marlyn & Tom Myers;
 Betty & Elmer Cable
 Mr & Mrs. Edward Dautrich; James V. Caruso
 Loved Ones
 My Mother, Rosalind Fossett
 Julie McGee & Peter Smith
 Bill Heltke Jr.
 The Rome family & the Cipriano family
 Josephine & Bud Downing
 Vernon Downes & Cindy Godfrey
 Our Parents with love
 Violet & Clude Roy; Eleanor & Tony Fino
 Judie Griggs
 Doris & Arthur Groves; Trudy Taber
 My brother James B. Dirienzo
 My parents Robert and Alice Henry
 Alan Doulens & Richard C. Hollyday
 Richard Hubbell (Pop Pop); Bill & Marion Porter;
 George & Jean Hubbell
 Loved Ones
 Jim and Delpha James
 Loved Ones
 Our Mother Evelyn
 Dorothy & David Law
 Mario & Tillie Pluchino
 Mimi & Pa (Dot & Berkley Bray)
 Dearly departed friends & family
 Gloria Fitzgerald; Doris & Reginald Morse

Josephine Caruso
 Sally Chapin
 Betty Collins
 The Cono Family
 Paul & Betty Daneault
 Carole Degnan & Pat Cipriano
 Beverly, Paul, & Lillia Downing
 Dolores Downes & family
 David & Eileen Doyle
 The Fino Family
 The Griggs Family
 Michael & Maureen Groves
 Anna Henry
 John Henry
 The Hollyday Family
 Carol Hubbell & Family

 Mary Lou Kampert
 Elizabeth Kingsley
 Caroline Koch
 Laura & Ann Loesch
 Susan Matthews
 Frances & George Merva
 The Meszaros family
 Brec & Sandy Morgan
 Thomas & Kathleen Morse

*Continued on Reverse***EASTER FLOWERS – IN MEMORY OF****GIVEN BY**

Chris, Shauna, Jackie and Josh Paton
 Bill & Maryann Petremont
 The Pinckney Family
 Faith Reardon

 Edie Reichard
 Hal & Jane Vink
 Bernie Wilhelm
 Pamela Williston
 Elizabeth Wright
 Elizabeth & Wil Wright
 Joan Zauner
 Faye Zeiner

John Paton, Clarence Dick, James Pall
 Joe & Alice McGary; Gordon B. Petremont
 Robert & Gertrude Foster
 My Parents Walter & Dorothy Lawrence;
 Gramy Ruth Ettinger & all loved ones
 Millie Bartolomy & George Johnson
 Brother-in-law Carl Banks
 Lucy and Kathy Wilhelm
 The LaBelle & Williston families
 Barry Booth
 Robert & June Logozzo; Arthur & Mildred Wright
 Loved ones
 Robert Zeiner

**EASTER FLOWERS – IN HONOR OF****GIVEN BY**

Milfred A. Bodt
 Pastor Brian Bodt & Carol Galloway
 The Cono Family
 Beverly, Paul, & Lillia Downing
 Tom Griggs
 Margaret Kimmer
 The Meszaros family
 Chris, Shauna, Jackie and Josh Paton
 The Pinckney Family
 Elizabeth Wright
 Joan Zauner

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
 Milfred A. Bodt; James & Sarah Galloway
 Sylvia & Bob Elliott; The Hotaling family
 Connie Micks; Sylvia Elliott
 Barbara Ann Welker
 Myrna Chelefou
 Mom & Dad (Bev & Jim Pierpont)
 Anne Pall
 Robert & Gertrude Foster
 Nancy Booth
 Family

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