

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 HYMN #328 “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” Wolfe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

People: *Christ dwells among us and is one with us.*

Leader: Highest in all creation, he lives among the least.

People: *He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.*

Leader: Come now all who thirst,

People: *And drink the water of life.*

Leader: Come now all who hunger,

People: *And be filled with good things.*

Leader: Come now all who seek,

People: *And be warmed by the fire of God’s love.*

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

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Vink

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Your light, O God, has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others.

Lord, have mercy on us. You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not lived as your faithful people. Christ, have mercy on us. You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have hidden our light under a bushel. Lord, have mercy on us. Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE EPISTLE Acts 9:1-20 Bible p.1000

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN Sylvia Elliott

*THE GOSPEL John 21:1-19 Bible p.989

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

*HYMN #364 “Because He Lives” Resurrection

THE SERMON “Seeing Things Real” Rev. Vink

RESPONSIVE HYMN #347 *(seated)* “Spirit Song” Spirit Song

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 “UM ARMY” Susan O’Shea

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS, including the special offering
for Native American Ministry Sunday

Offertory

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

*THE THANKSGIVING Rev. Vink

*HYMN #307 “Christ is Risen” W Zlobie Lezy

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

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.

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

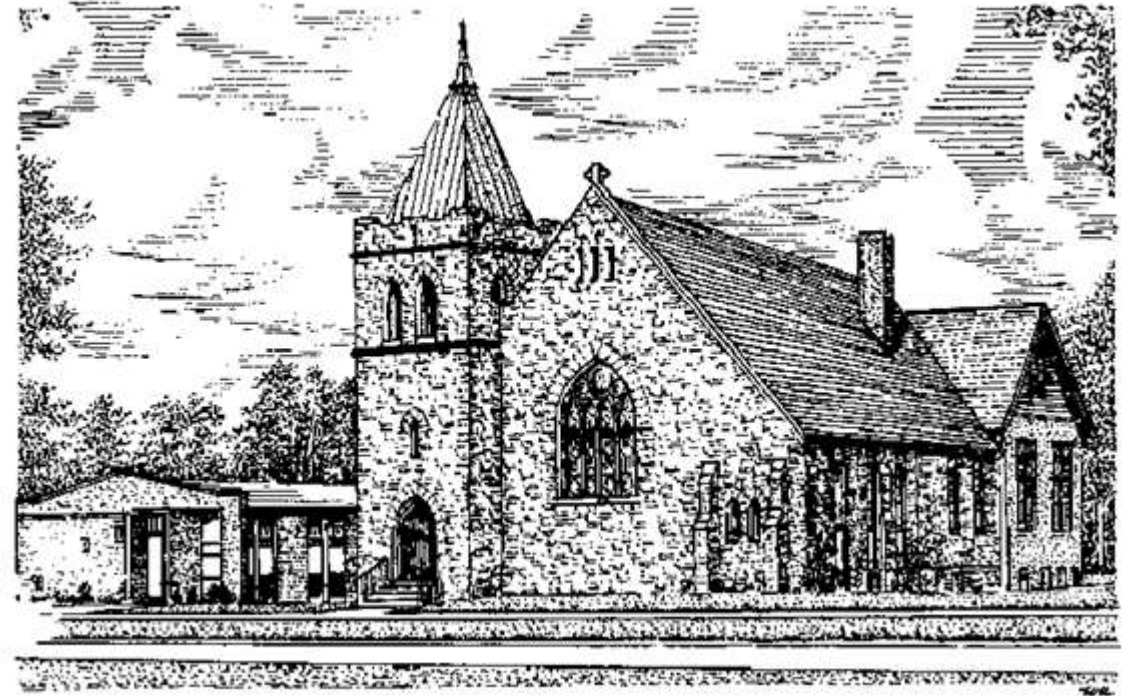
*POSTLUDE

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, April 14 EASTER III	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. – New members class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
Monday, April 15	“Beacon” information due 7:00 p.m. Healing and Wholeness Service
Tuesday, April 16	6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
Wednesday, April 17	10:00 a.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center No Choir rehearsals
Thursday, April 18	7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center NO SPRC this month
Saturday, April 20	8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Connecticut District United Methodist Women “Spring Gathering” Annual Meeting at MTMUMC 3:00 p.m. Greene-Leaf wedding - Chapel
Sunday, April 21 EASTER IV	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. – New members class – Pastor’s study, Wesley Center 11:30 a.m. –2 p.m. Earth Day Clean up 1:00 p.m. – Girl Scout “God and Church” class – Egan Room 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
Monday, April 22	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall
Tuesday, April 23	6:00 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
Wednesday, April 24	10:00 a.m. Study of Job – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance meeting – Wesley Center 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
Thursday, April 25	5:30 p.m. Community Supper – Dodd Hall 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee – Gunn Library
Friday, April 26	3:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday, April 27	3:00 p.m. Farrell – Gierum wedding - Sanctuary



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.*

EASTER III

April 14, 2013

THE CONNECTICUT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will be hosted by our UMW **this Saturday, April 20**, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Approximately 60-80 guests from District UMW units will be here. Please support President Joan Zauner (203.283.5843 or jzauner@yahoo.com) and her team by attending and offering to assist. The theme for the day will be “*Healing – Living the Heart of God*” presented by Linda Douglas.

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER IV – Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “We Know Your Voice” is based on Psalm 23 and John 10:22-30. Our Stewardship Spotlight speaker will be the Rev. Richard Deam, a financial planner leading a brief seminar after worship (details below). Blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the Wesley Center. Our final new member preparatory class will begin at Noon in the Pastor’s study.

WANT TO SAVE ON NEXT YEAR’S TAXES? The Rev. Richard Deam will hold an introductory seminar after worship on required minimum distributions (RMD’s). No products will be sold. Richard’s integrity and effectiveness has served many, including the Rev. Hal and Jane Vink. Details were provided in the April “Beacon.”

THE MYF WILL OBSERVE ‘HONOR THY MOTHER (AND FATHER) EARTH SUNDAY from 11:30 – 2 p.m. by walking to Fort Trumbull Beach, clean up where needed, enjoy the flora and fauna along the way and finish with lunch on the beach. Permission forms are required. Friends are welcome. Dress for walking and beach clean-up. See Leigh Bak (davidbak@sbcglobal.net; 203.877.4807) to register or for info.

COMING SOON

TURN IN UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATION for safe disposal: **Saturday, April 27**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center parking lot, 9 Jepson Drive, Milford.

“**A TASTE OF SPRING**” is a fund-raiser for “Friends of Appalachia” that will be held on **Saturday, April 27**, 7-11 p.m. at the Stone Barn at Whitney Farms, Route 110 in Monroe, CT. Monies raised benefit FOA, a faith-based non-profit doing home repair for impoverished families in Appalachia. Tickets are available through www.friendsofappalachia.org or from Anna Henry (203.339.5091).

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER FOR ADULTS is being organized by Membership and Evangelism. If you are willing to host an appetizer, main course or dessert on **Saturday, May 4**, please contact Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203.878.9218).

Grace Notes

April 14, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

We are blessed that Pastor Hal Vink is our preacher today. Many know him and his wife Jane well, but folks newer to Mary Taylor Memorial Church may not.

Pastor Vink was licensed to preach in 1954, ordained a Deacon in 1956 and an Elder (fully ordained clergy) in 1960. He and Jane served six churches: Thomaston, CT (1956-1959) New Milford, CT (1959-65), Great Neck, NY (1965-69), Bushwick, NY (1969-1973), St. John’s, Elmont, NY (1973-1988) and Nichols, Trumbull, CT (1988-2000). They have been a part of Mary Taylor Memorial Church for the last twelve years.

Pastor Hal is known for his wit and song as well as fine preaching, teaching, and pastoral care and counseling. We thank him for preaching today. I am away with my wife Carol and her sons visiting her parents in Canada and will return to the office Friday.

Our guest organist is Carol Osgood. Carol and her husband, the Rev. Douglas Osgood, are residents in Shelton. Dr. Rick and Stacey Riccardi are also away this week, returning next Sunday.

May you be blessed in today’s worship with the presence of these two gifted servants—Pastor Hal and Carol—and by a deepened awareness of the living God.

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
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – Carol Alex & Judy Russell

Cross Bearer – Jamie Georgelos **Acolytes** – Josh Carr & Cody McFadden

Liturgist – Sandy Morgan **Bible Bearer** – Taylor Milmont

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Vink at the Dodd Hall door and Sandy Morgan at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given in celebration of John and Anna Henry's 28th wedding anniversary on April 20th.

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 the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers will 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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

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

SERMON COPIES from April 7 are in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

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 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.

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!
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** follows worship in Dodd Hall. Please join us for beverages and something to nosh. Today's hosts are the Missions Committee. Next Sunday's hosts are the Finance Committee. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **NEW MEMBER CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY** in the Senior High classroom, (Wesley Center 1st floor), 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mr. Bob Elliott will teach today's session on United Methodist history, mission and governance. Next week's session will be taught by Pastor Brian and lay leaders on the history of Mary Taylor Memorial Church and opportunities for mission and service here. You may attend these sessions to learn and inquire without making a commitment to join. **New members will be received on Sunday, April 28.**
- **CONFIRMATION UPDATES:**
 1. Classes today and Tuesday, April 16 proceed as scheduled, taught by Paul Downing (today) and Eileen and David Doyle (Tuesday).
 2. Memory work is due next Sunday to be recited to mentors or Pastor Brian.
 3. A final schedule of classes, themes and quizzes was sent via e-mail to students, parents and mentors this past Monday, April 8: **IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT, CONTACT MARY LOU AT THE CHURCH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**
 4. A final listing of which students are to be confirmed on May 12 and May 19 was also sent. Please mark your calendars and advise family and friends.
- **MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2013 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** are posted on-line and available as hard copy in the rear of the church.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

MAY "BEACON" DEADLINE is **TOMORROW, April 15.** Please submit articles today or tomorrow to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets this **Thursday, April 18,** 7 p.m. in the Wesley Center. New knitters and crocheters are always welcome. For more information please contact Joan Zauner at 203.283.5843 or jzauner@yahoo.com.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS this week are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

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 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.

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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 7:

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