

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Voluntary” M.Waters

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “We Are the Church”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord says “My house shall be a house of prayer for all people.”

People: *Really? Everyone?*

Leader: Yes! God loves everyone. No exceptions.

People: *Oh my. People who look different? Sound different? People with skeletons in their closet or who are forced to live in the closet?*

Leader: Yes! God loves everyone. No exceptions.

People: *That is good news, isn't it?*

Leader: Well, it surely is the Gospel. Whether it is good news is up to us.

People: *Let us worship this God who welcomes all and expects us to do the same.*

*HYMN #589 “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” Dickinson College
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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison) Church of Scotland, 20th Cent., alt.)

O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Remove from our minds hatred, prejudice and contempt for those who are not of our own race or color, class or creed; that, departing from everything that estranges and divides, we may by you be brought into unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

THE PSALTER Psalm 148 Hymnal p.861

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 11:1-18 Bible p.1003
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35 Bible p.982
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN #2226 (seated) “Bind us Together” insert, inside rear cover
(Please sing twice.)

THE SERMON “Pulling Down the Poles” Dr. Bodt

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Miriam Therese Winter, 20th Cent., alt.

L: We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion.

P: We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

ALL: Forgive us our sins as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

L: We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation,

P: Whenever there is misunderstanding,

L: Whenever there is insensitivity,

P: Whenever there is a hardening of the heart.

ALL: Forgive us our sins as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

L: We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye,

P: Whenever we cannot link hand to hand,

L: Whenever we cannot live heart to heart,

P: Whenever we cannot affirm our differences as God's blessing of a diverse tapestry.

ALL: Forgive us our sins as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

(Let each confess in silence.)

L: Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad!

P: Glory to God! Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I Hymnal p.33

*Joining by Letter of Transfer are Barbara and Mark Repetsky
Joining in Affiliate Membership are Jennifer Harris and Lydia Smith*

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: "Resurrection Chorus" Schraeder
*Presentation: "All Things Come of Thee" Hymnal #588
*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #2223 "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" insert, rear cover
HYMN #593 "Here I Am, Lord" Here I Am, Lord

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak 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.

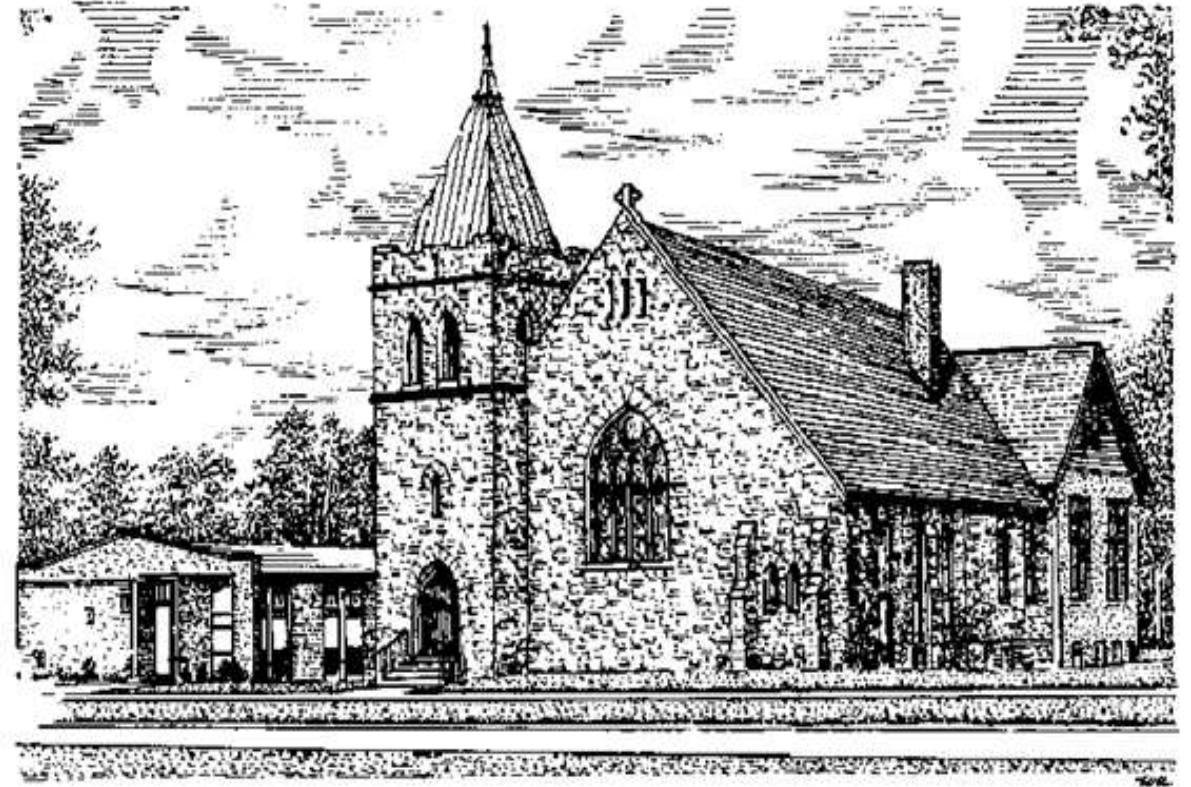
*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE 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 "Allegro Vivace" W. Smyth
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



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 V
April 28, 2013**

2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. —

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 with Refrain

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Grace Notes

April 28, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Love is always easier when it's saccharine, when it is generic and general. One wag has said, "I love everybody. It's people I can't stand."

Today's scriptures focus on the love Jesus commanded of the disciples the night before his death (John 13:31-35) and the love that is hammered out on the crucible of deeply held convictions about "who's in" and "who's out" of divine and human love (Acts 11:1-18). Despite the witness of some who would have us live under the law, the weight of the Gospel witness is on the side of inclusivity.

Carl Sandburg, a word-smith of the highest caliber, was once asked in a television interview by Edward Murrow what was his least favorite word. With rapid and surprising intensity he answered, "Exclusive." He said, "When you're exclusive you shut out a more-or-less large range of humanity from your mind and heart—from your understanding of them."

Let's open our hearts ever-wider, trusting that the love of God is sufficient for the challenges of our day.

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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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 – Premila and Hector Arnold

Cross Bearer – Elizabeth Pierce

Acolytes – Olivia D’Andrea and Anna Pierce

Liturgist – Kelly O’Hara

Bible Bearer – Joe Wessinger

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Kelly O’Hara at the Narthex door and Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Pastor Brian, given by Carol, Aaron, Adam, Dan and Ryan.

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; The United Methodist Hymnal (1989); The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992); and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Call to Worship is an original composition by the Pastor.

SERMON COPIES from April 21 are available in the Narthex.

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.*

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.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

2226

Bind Us Together

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. ____
There is on - ly one God, ____ there is on - ly one King; ____
There is on - ly one bod - y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

WORDS: Bob Gillman (Col. 3:14)

MUSIC: Bob Gillman

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BIND US TOGETHER
Irregular

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, April 28 EASTER V	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary - New Members Received 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall 11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries meeting – Wesley Center Noon Girl Scout “God and Church” class – Egan Room 2:00 p.m. District United Methodist Church Conference 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Egan Room, Wesley Center 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting – Gunn Library 6:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Meeting – Gunn Library 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
Monday, April 29	6:00 p.m. Confirmation final exam – Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center-1st Floor 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
Tuesday, April 30	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
Wednesday, May 1	6:00 p.m. Missions Meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Egan Room, Wesley Center 8:00 p.m. Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study
Thursday, May 2	6:00 p.m. Adult Progressive Dinner
Saturday, May 4	
Sunday, May 5 EASTER VI	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/reception for Mary Lou Kampert Noon Girl Scout “God and Church” class – Egan Room 4:00 p.m. Confirmation final exam – Egan Room, Wesley Ctr 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
Monday, May 6	6:00 p.m. May 12 group Confirmation rehearsal – Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center-1st Floor 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
Tuesday, May 7	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. “Praisemakers” choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m. Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove
Thursday, May 9	

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 Membership and Evangelism. Next Sunday’s hosts are Staff Parish. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **THE CARING MINISTRIES TEAM** meets 11:30 a.m., Wesley Center, first floor.
- **THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE** is today, April 28, 2- 4 p.m. at First U.M. Church, 24 Old Church Street, Middletown, CT. Leigh Bak, Co-Lay Leader, is going along with others. See her this morning if you’d like a ride.
- **THE MAY “BEACON”** was mailed last Wednesday. Extra copies in the Narthex.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

A HOPE AND WELLNESS EVENT will be held **this Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m.** at the Milford Library, 57 New Haven Avenue. The presentation will focus on mental health and drug prevention for Milford’s youth. All welcome.

A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVANCE in the City of Milford will be held **this Thursday, May 2, Noon** at City Hall, 110 River Street. All welcome.

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER FOR ADULTS is **this Saturday, May 4**, meeting at church at 5:45 p.m. and returning at 8 p.m. Participant sign-up sheets are in Dodd Hall so we can give our hosts a “count” for food. Please sign up so our hosts can prepare! Questions? See Cathy Cono today or contact spikkio@optonline.net or 203.645.2362.

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER VI – The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will use Setting A. The message “The Conversion of ‘Who’” is based on Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15 and John 14:23-29. **All “Fair on the Green” participants**—past, present and “yet to come”—please wear orange t-shirts. If you don’t have one, a FOTG shirt of another color will do; or contact Eileen Doyle to get one at 203.878.9049. Our Men’s Club will make a special presentation. After worship, a welcome reception will be held for Mary Lou Kampert, our new Administrative Assistant.

MYF CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER will be next Sunday, 5:00 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Join us for Mexican Fare (something for everyone, spicy or not), games and the always popular Dessert Auction! Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, not to exceed \$30.00 per family.

ACTION ITEMS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL are welcomed by next Sunday, May 5. Please submit them to Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com; 203.874.4466) or Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.895.3753). Our next Council meeting is Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove.

COMING SOON

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held on Tuesday, May 14th, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. We invite all women—mothers and daughters. You need not be a biological mother-daughter combination: “adopt” someone for this occasion! No RSVP needed: bring a dish to share and join us at this fun-filled Pot Luck Supper.

MOVIE NIGHT AT MTMUMC will be Saturday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. The movie, “Prayers for Bobby,” is the true story of Mary Griffith, a gay rights crusader whose teenage son committed suicide due to her religious intolerance; based on the book of the same title by Leroy Aarons. **Admission is free;** refreshments and discussion follow.

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT will be Wednesday, May 22nd, 2:30 – 5 p.m. For some years we have helped prepare to feed 100+ people every other fourth Wednesday at our sister church in Bridgeport. We are led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and need 6 – 8 people (anyone 13 or in the 7th grade or older) to serve. **It helps if we have a few younger, stronger people to lift pots and pans, but all are welcomed** and will be put to good service. Please let Maryanne know if you can help in May: 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.

WANT TO BE AN AMBASSADOR? These servants actively and intentionally seek and welcome new people on Sunday mornings. We are getting ready to train the next group in late May or June. If interested, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203.878.9218).

I AM LOOKING FOR PERSONS WITH A SECOND LANGUAGE to use that gift in a brief spoken sentence on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. If you have some fluency in a second (or third, or fourth) language, please let me know at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.895.3753.

Pastor Brian

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 bgbrien11@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 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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR APRIL 21:

Total worship attendance all services: 188 (April 21, 176; April 22, 12); Total Offering: \$4,365; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$132; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 63; 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.*