

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836
Current building dedicated: 1893
Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969
Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016*

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

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME MOTHER'S DAY May 14, 2017

Order of Worship 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 “Christ, the Cornerstone” B. Price

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT He Who Began a Good Work in You

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 66:13, 49:19, Proverbs 16:3-4a, edited

Leader: Says the Lord: “I will comfort you as a mother comforts her child.”

People: Rejoice when God brings comfort and restoration as of old.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing; do you not perceive it?

People: Yes! Let us commit our work to the Lord.

ALL: *The Lord has made everything for its purpose. Alleluia!*

*HYMN #546 “The Church’s One Foundation” Aurelia

THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

*O God, whose nature and name is Love: grant us heads and hearts united in the will to love, that we may fulfill your command so to do, bringing hope to the loveless and joy to your heart; this we pray through the One who is Love Incarnate, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess at times there is strife in our families. Even our best intentions go awry. We remember how, following your heavenly Father, you brought worry to your earthly mother and father. Yet your love never wavered.

Help us to let go of the times of failure and hurt, and to claim anew your love that forgives sins and grants us a new start. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 7:55-60 Bible p.999

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

THE EPISTLE I Peter 2:2-10 Bible p.1104

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

*THE GOSPEL John 14:1-14 Bible p.982

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #111 “How Can We Name a Love” Terra Beata

THE SERMON “A Chip Off the Old Block” Dr. Bodt

*OUR MISSION STATEMENT (*unison*)

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church is a community growing in God’s grace and love. We are committed to following Christ’s teaching and example by heeding his call to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, preach the good news, teach our children and youth, and visit the sick, homebound and imprisoned. We recognize and celebrate the diversity of God’s creation and God’s gifts. As disciples of our Lord, we publicly acknowledge, welcome and support people of all races, genders, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, nationalities, ethnicities, abilities and socio-economic situations. Our welcome knows no boundaries. Called by the Holy Spirit to share a ministry that reflects God’s love and justice, we embrace and honor all who participate in the ministries and leadership of our church.

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 MOMENT “U.M.C.O.R. Health Kits” Stacey Riccardi

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Instrumental bass: Ken Wilhelm

Words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman Arranged by Heather Sorenson

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #529 “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #557

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

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

*POSTLUDE ‘Voluntary on “Terra Beata”’ D. Hegerty
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Sunday, May 14
Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. NO Sunday School or 4 p.m. MYF today
10:00 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall
3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel

Monday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel
BISHOP'S DAY ON OUR DISTRICT – see notice inside

Tuesday, May 16

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library
6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Wednesday, May 17

Thursday, May 18

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove
10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
9:00 a.m. Men's Reunion Group – Chapel
3 – 4 p.m. Sunday School Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Sunday School Presentation – Sanctuary
Dinner and Dessert follows in Dodd Hall

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary
10:00a.m. Worship– Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall
11:15 a.m. UMCOR Health Kit Drive – monetary donations accepted- see Stacey Riccardi

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel
4:00 p.m. MYF Progressive Dinner and Alumni day – see notice
7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Gunn Library
6:30 p.m. Men's Club meeting – Chili night – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, May 24

TRASH AND TREASURES DONATION DEADLINE
9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library
Noon Taize Service – Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth ministry strategic planning – Egan Room
6:40/7:45 p.m. Bell Choir/Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, May 25

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall
6:45 p.m. Taize Service – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
9:00 a.m. Men's Reunion Group – Chapel
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service – Sanctuary

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Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Outreach Pasto	Danielle Levine
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes

May 14, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Mother's Day began in May, 1907 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. A Methodist laywoman, Anna Jarvis, organized a special service to honor her mother who had died on May 9, 1905.

By 1908 Anna Jarvis advocated that all mothers be so honored. By 1912, the Methodist Episcopal Church recognized the day and raised it to the national agenda. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May "Mother's Day." We thank the Men's Club for honoring this occasion with flowers for all the women present.

Mother's Day reminds us of the advocacy of women in the Church throughout the ages and in the United Methodist Church. The national United Methodist Women have spearheaded our awareness of urgent needs.

We give thanks on this Mother's Day for our mothers, alive in the Church Militant and in the Church Triumphant, and for their remembrance this day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastor*

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dave Doyle

Liturgist: Jane Vink

Cross Bearer: Shannon Thompson

Greeters: Diana Cable and Dawn Bettencourt

Acolytes: Bryan Thompson and Lucas Greifzu

Bible Bearer: Mary Repetsky

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of my mother Yvonne C. Atkinson Bodt; and in honor of my wife, Carol E. Galloway, given by Pastor Brian.

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

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

AN INVITATION TO A FUN EVENING!

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 20TH AT 5 P.M. WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL EVENING PLANNED!

This event is a partnership between the **SUNDAY SCHOOL, MEN'S CLUB, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AND THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.** It's a whole evening: theatre, dinner and dessert, all for good causes!

THE PLAY – “Heroes of Lollipop Park” will be presented by our **Sunday School.** Here's the play's synopsis – *“When the church decides to tear down its playground to create a memorial rose garden, the children decide to attend the ‘Committee on High and Important Church Matters’ meeting to plead their case!”* A “David and Goliath” script if ever there was one!

THE DINNER – following the play, the **Men's Club** will host a dinner. To help, please contact Steve Wasko at steve.j.wasko@gmail.com or 203.997.2213 or John Leum at jleum197@gmail.com or 203.988.0148. Your admission is to bring donations of diapers (especially larger sizes) and gift cards to our collection bin in Dodd Hall to support the **United Methodist Women's** diaper drive for the New Haven Diaper Bank.

THE DESSERT – Come prepared to bid on our yummy desserts, prepared by the **Methodist Youth Fellowship** and friends. Proceeds will benefit Heifer International. Bakers are needed as well. See Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net) or Holly Firmender (holly.firmender@gmail.com) for further information.

HEALTH KIT MATERIALS

We are collecting **personal care items for the first two Sundays in May. (May 7 & May 14.** We will then be **collecting cash donations for the last two Sundays in May (May 21 & May 28).** Stacey will then be able to complete all of the Health Care kits but still be able to shop for good pricing. She is also collecting Bed Bath & Beyond Coupons to help her get the best possible prices on some of the items. Please help us make this important Mission a success! **Donations should be placed in the marked box in Dodd Hall or given to Stacey Riccardi. See directions on page 8 of the May Beacon if you would like to assemble your own kits.**

All items must be new.

- 1 hand towel 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush (adult)
- 1 comb. Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- 6 adhesive bandages ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
- 1 bath-size soap 3 oz. and larger sizes only (No Ivory or Jergens - moisture)
- 1 plastic bag (1 Gallon size sealable)



\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (UMCOR purchasing in bulk)

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are **due by noon Wednesday** for the following Sunday bulletin.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

Altar flower donations are needed for May 28, June 4, 18 and 25th.

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets and for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur." **If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.**

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m., Mon. – Thurs.** **Pastor Hal Vink:** 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.com.

“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.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR May 7th:

Total worship attendance all services:176 May 7: 152; GEUMC: 15; Healing and Wholeness worship: 9; Total Offerings for May 7th: \$5,946.25; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 163; Sunday School: 40; Methodist Youth Fellowship: 9; UMW-Tea: 6; Confirmation: 7; Mother-Daughter Banquet, May 9: 50; Trash and Treasures: 10; Bell Choir: 8; Adult Choir: 10; Bible Study, May 9: 7; Bible Study, May 10:14; Office Volunteers: 2. Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions:0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted in Dodd Hall by the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Parish Health and Wellness.

OUR ANNUAL "HEALTH KIT DRIVE" continues. We will collect personal care items. The list of needed supplies appears elsewhere in this issue. On **May 21 and 28**, we will collect cash and Bed, Bath and Beyond coupons to purchase supplies needed to complete the kits. This allows us bulk purchasing and avoids waste. Stacey Riccardi, chairing this year's campaign, will tell us more about it today. **See the inside rear cover for the list of things to donate and page 8 of the May "Beacon" for full details.**

"FAIR ON THE GREEN" SIGN-UPS are now underway! See Bob (203.733.5006 or virgalla615@yahoo.com) and Becky (203.788.2889 or bvirgalla@yahoo.com) Virgalla after worship in Dodd Hall. They're the ones with the clipboards! "The Fair," **June 2 and 3** (always the first Friday and Saturday) is our only all-church fundraiser of the year. Can you post a sign in your yard? Set up? Clean up? Bake? Sell tickets? Make a theme basket? Chop veggies? Slice strawberries? Grill? We need YOU!

"DRAWERS FOR DRAWERS" is a collection to benefit Beth El and Boy's and Girl's Village during the month of May, **sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.** You may have noticed the lovely dresser in Dodd Hall and wondered what was up.

How can you help? Bring in new underwear or panties for Men, Women or Children and MYF will take care of the rest. Any size is fine. Help us fill drawers with drawers!! Need more info? Contact Shelly Lapadula at 203-874-4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com. Thanks, Mary Taylor MYF.

HAND-SANITIZERS are in the Dodd Hall window wells on the east (Wesley Center) and west (People's Bank) sides; and in the sanctuary along the north (Broad Street) wall.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

JUNE "BEACON" DEADLINE is **TOMORROW, May 15**. Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

BISHOP'S DAY ON OUR DISTRICT is **Tuesday, May 16**. Bishop Bickerton will meet with **laity** at Waterbury U.M. Church, 250 Country Club Road, with an invitation to dinner from 6 – 7:15 p.m. and "Questions and Answers" with the Bishop from 7:30 – 9 p.m. The dinner is open to laity and clergy but the evening session is **laity only**. Clergy have times earlier that day.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets **Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.**, Dodd Hall alcove. Submitted reports

and an agenda will be sent tomorrow or Tuesday to Council members.

May 20th SPECIAL EVENT: see the separate article on the inside rear cover!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 21st

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Informal hymn singing will begin at 9:45 a.m. Psalm 66:8-20, Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21 are the readings for the message "Companionship." Our Stewardship Spotlight will be presented by Barbara Ann Griggs. Blood pressure Screenings by Brenda Pineau, R.N. will follow worship in the sanctuary

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be holding an **ALUMNI DAY and Progressive Dinner on Sunday, May 21st from 4-7pm.** We will meet at Church at 4 p.m. and travel to three separate destinations to enjoy a meal and fellowship with Mary Taylor members. If you or someone you know is an alumnus of our MYF program, all former MYF members are invited! We look forward to an afternoon of fun and fellowship together! Come along and catch up with our alumni!

RSVP is required by this Thursday, May 18. Let Shelly know you are attending at 203-874-4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com.

SAVE THE DATES

THE MEN'S CLUB "First Annual Chili Night" will be **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Have a great chili recipe that you'd like to share? Signup sheets will be available these next two Sundays after worship; or contact Steve Wasko at steve.j.wasko@gmail.com or 203-997-2213.

CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS HOST HOMES NEEDED, June 22

Charles Wesley Singers ON TOUR: New England 2017. The Charles Wesley Singers (Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, Maryland) will be at MTMUMC on Thursday, June 22 for a concert at 7 or 7:30 p.m. Overnight hosts for the choristers and chaperones are needed. If you are interested in hosting a member of the choir, please call Pastor Brian at 203-895-3753 for details. The singers will present a concert *Of Prayer and Prophecy* featuring Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*, sacred anthems, selections for chamber ensemble, and organ improvisation and soloists.

OTHER MINISTRY MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Father's Day, June 18. Three required preparatory sessions are May 28 and June 4 and 11 after worship from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Pastor's study, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. You may attend the sessions to learn more without a commitment to join. If you are interested in knowing more, please see Pastor Brian this morning or contact him at 203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com.

TRASH AND TREASURES currently needs any kind of jewelry, board games and other household items. **We are no long accepting books, clothing and sets of dishes.** While you are donating, treat yourself to a new experience and amble through our rooms filled with treasures. You'll be surprised at what you might find, even things that you didn't think you needed!!

Your donations are always welcome; bring them after worship on Sundays or almost every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or later. Please save the winter clothing for the August Oyster Festival sale as we have no storage space. We no longer need paper or plastic bags. Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before you bring in large items. Thank you for all the many items already received. **The last day of donations is May 24 so the earlier, the better!**

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE: The restoration of the sanctuary stained glass windows is still proceeding; however, the company restoring the windows has run into a significant amount of cracked glass which was caused by previous attempts to repair the windows. Those pieces that can be glued will be repaired to museum specifications and standards. However, there is a significant amount of glass which is beyond repair and they are unable to match the current glass colors available to the glass color in our windows as the manufacturing process has changed in the last 100 years. They have found a very close match and the Trustees approved the use of this glass on Sunday, April 30th. The color glass approved is not readily available and the lead time is between 4 to 8 weeks to manufacture this glass. This issue will delay the return of our windows to 2 to 3 months shifting the return of the windows to early September.

If you have any questions about the windows restoration project, please contact Chris Paton, Trustee President, and project manager at 203-874-9390.

FROM THE TRUSTEES: With the church fair fast approaching, please look around the church kitchen, coat racks and common areas in the church and Wesley Center for items you may have left behind. After May 21st any items found in these areas will be donated to Trash and Treasures or placed in the trash. Also, **all items in the church kitchen refrigerator should be removed in preparation of the church fair.** Any items left behind should be labeled; if items are not labeled they will be disposed of. Thank you for your help with this.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSE NOGUEIRA, a member of MTMUMC, who will receive her law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law next Sunday. **All graduates** will be invited to submit details of their graduations beginning next Sunday for **recognition** in worship on **Sunday, June 11.**