

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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Milford, Connecticut 06460

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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.*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST May 20, 2018

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*

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

PRELUDE “Meditation on ‘Penitencia’” A. Jordan

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “Living Spirit, Holy Fire”

*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from a prayer by Don Saliers

Leader: God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day.

People: *Thank you for the gifts of light and strength by the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Accept us with our gifts to be living praise to your love.

People: *Let us be witnesses to these things throughout all the earth!*

*HYMN #539 “O Spirit of the Living God” Forest Green

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of passion and power, we confess that at times our passions and lust for power resist your Holy Spirit and its gifts of love, kindness and peace. Send again your Spirit into our hearts, to rule and direct us by your holy will. When we err, grant us humility to make amends, for your Name’s sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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AN ORDER OF THANKSGIVING *for the birth of*

Marco Sage Conte, son of Luigi (“Marco”) and Melissa

Matthew 18:1-5

Presentation and Call to Thanksgiving

Response of the People:

Hail the day on which this child, Marco Sage Conte, was born. Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise her that gave birth for this son for whom they longed. Greet this day with joy. Our hearts are glad!

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, as a mother comforts her children, you strengthen us in our solitude, sustain and provide for us. As a father cares for his children, so continually look upon us with compassion and goodness. We come before you with gratitude for the gift of this child, for the joy that has come into this family, and the grace with which you surround them and all of us. Pour out your Spirit. Enable your servants to abound in love, and establish our homes in holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #611, verses 2-4 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-21 Bible p.992 (LP, NT p.144)

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

*THE GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Bible p.984 (LP, NT p.134)

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

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

THE SERMON “Why are We Still Singing Easter Hymns?” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

HYMN #537 (*seated*) “Filled with the Spirit’s Power” Penitencia
(*The hymn tune is Hymn #623.*)

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.)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Dennis Darak

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“Do Lord”

W. Ehret

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #318

“Christ Is Alive”

Truro

*THE BENEDICTION

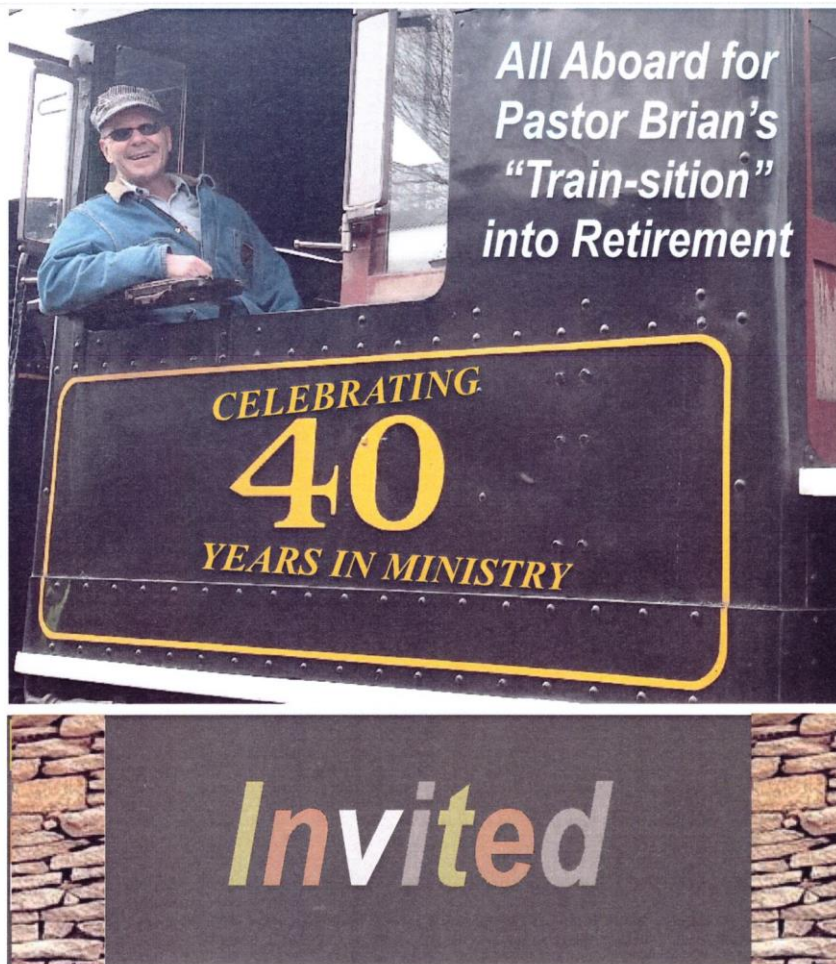
*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

*POSTLUDE

“Toccatà on ‘Regent Square’”

L. Smith

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Open House

Sunday, June 24th from 2 pm – 4:30 pm

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Please contact the church office for questions 203-874-1982

FAREWELL / RETIREMENT EVENT FOR PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL: Sunday, June 24, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Stacey Cronk (fri1013@aol.com; 203.772.5997) chairs the committee on behalf of Staff-Parish Relations. **Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you will be attending** at 203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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	Andy Thomas	Outreach Pastor	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

The Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Dr. Luke's testimony in Acts 2 makes it clear that the birthday of the Christian Church was no ordinary Jewish harvest festival! The Pentecost pandemonium of tongues of fire, rushing wind and the cacophony of a multiplicity of languages must have sounded like last Tuesday's tornado. Exciting! Scary! Energizing! After all, they were "amazed and astonished." (2:7)

Still, there were skeptics and scoffers. In fact, St. Peter had to still the nay-sayers ("They're drunk" [2:13]) with a reminder that all of this was predicted by the prophet Joel: the (Holy) Spirit would be poured out on all.

Still there are skeptics and scoffers. Reinforce the borders, draw in the barricades, and make sure that folks that don't look/sound/act like me are excluded. Live in fear. This is the world's way.

The Church's way, the way of the Spirit, is to live in faith, draw the circle wide and hear in our own languages about God's deeds of power (2:11). Pentecost is Easter, magnified from a small band of chosen followers to "all flesh" (2:17).

If the Church is waning in influence, what are we doing about it? How are we reconnecting to the power of the Spirit? Do we number among those of whom G.K. Chesterton spoke when he said: "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Ed Pineau

Greeters: Barbara Ann and Tom Griggs

Liturgist: Joanne Platt

Acolyte: Addyson Perregaux

Cross Bearer: Tasha Perregaux

Bible Bearer: Paige Perregaux

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Oakley Weyant given by Jeanette Acton.

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 the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Order of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child is taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 585-586.

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



VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR May 13th

Total worship attendance all services: 304; May 13: 258; GEUMC:32; May 14th Healing and Wholeness: 14; Total Offerings for May 13: \$6,123.75: Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 118; New Pastor welcome event: 81; Adult Choir: 17; Prayer Shawl: 6; Trash & Treasures: 11; Office Volunteers:3; 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

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, May 20</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	9:45 a.m.	<i>Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship/ Order of Thanksgiving for Marco Sage Conte- Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary</i>
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Methodists in New Directions (MIND) meeting – Sanctuary and Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>GUTS Youth Group meeting – Youth Lounge</i>
<i>Monday, May 21</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 23</i>	<i>RSVP DEADLINE for May 27th Youth Group picnic to Shelly Lapadula at m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or 203.874.4466</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	<i>“Beacon” Volunteers – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	Noon – 12:30 pm	<i>Sanctuary open for prayer – Pastor Brian, host</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>New Members Class-Pastor’s study-Wesley Center 2nd floor</i>
<i>Thursday, May 24</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>“Ambassadors” meeting – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, May 25</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, May 26</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, May 27</i>	8:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday School Jamboree Time – Chapel</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship/ Baptism of Mya and Connor Perregaux- Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Caring Ministries – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
	3:30 p.m.	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>GUTS Youth, family and alumni picnic-church courtyard (inclement weather-Dodd Hall)</i>
<i>Monday, May 28</i>	<i>MEMORIAL DAY – Church office closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship- Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 29</i>	<i>Last day to submit 2018 Graduates information to church office</i>	
<i>Wednesday, May 30</i>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Stewardship meeting – Wesley Center 2nd floor</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Adult choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, May 31</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, June 1</i>	11:00 a.m.	<i>FAIR ON THE GREEN 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. church campus</i>
<i>Saturday, June 2</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>FAIR ON THE GREEN 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. church campus</i>

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by the United Methodist Women, A-M. Next Sunday’s hosts will be Parish Health and Wellness.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS are offered after worship in the sanctuary by Carol Galloway, MS., PT.

FAIR ON THE GREEN - Fair days are **Friday and Saturday June 1 and 2.** Visit the FOTG table in Dodd Hall **today** to sign up to volunteer; take a flier for your car or workplace. Lawn signs are available for those in large traffic areas. Create a theme basket – see the enclosed insert for additional information.

TRASH & TREASURES - Today is the **absolute last day** for donations of any kind. We are now in preparation for the final days before the fair and cannot handle any additional items. Thank you for your many very generous contributions! Please call Dolly Bonisch for more information, or for donations of large items, at 203-783-9952.

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL WILL HOST the spring Connecticut regional meeting of “Methodists in New Directions” **TODAY, May 20th, 3-5 p.m.** in the sanctuary and Dodd Hall. Please join us!

GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S) resumes **TODAY, May 20th, 4 - 5:30 p.m.** in **Dodd Hall**. All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome (friends, too)! Topic: "No Rules (Just Right)" led by Pastor Brian.

OUTREACH PASTOR DANI LEVINE is attending Local Pastors Licensing School at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia until next Sunday. She will return for next Sunday’s worship and the GUTS Memorial Sunday picnic at 4 p.m.

UMCOR HEALTH KITS UPDATE: 500 kits are ready for Annual Conference (June 7-10). Stacey Riccardi’s judicious shopping has reduced the per kit cost, estimated by UMCOR at \$12, to \$3.12, which includes the \$1. We need \$1,560 to cover the project cost and currently have \$806 in financial support from the Missions Committee (the ministry giving oversight), the United Methodist Women, and individual donors. If you would like to make a donation to support this worthy project, please make your check payable to “MTMUMC” with the memo “UMCOR kit.”

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

THE MEN’S CLUB IS HOSTING CHILI NIGHT this Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Come and enjoy some chili and fellowship. If you are interested in cooking please contact Steve Wasko (steve.j.wasko@gmail.com). Also, as we need to get a rough head count, Steve will have a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending. We hope to see you all there. Thanks. **John Leum, Co-President**

THIS WEEK, continued

COMMUNITY SUPPER meets this Thursday, May 24th, 2-6:30 p.m. To help for any of that time, please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

“**AMBASSADORS**” meet this Thursday, May 24th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. If you would like to come and observe to learn more about this ministry, please do.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 27th

TRINITY SUNDAY/MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY: The message “Strictly On, or Off, the Record?” will be based on Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Mya and Connor Perregaux, children of Kevin and Lauren; and we will receive new members. A special offering will be received for “*Peace with Justice Sunday*,” one of the six special offerings of The United Methodist Church. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered during the close of worship. After worship, the Caring Ministries Team meets in the Wesley Center.

“**GUTS**” **YOUTH GROUP MEMORIAL SUNDAY PICNIC: GROWING UP TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY (G.U.T.S)** Youth Group will be hosting a Youth Families and Alumni Picnic next *Sunday, May 27th*, 4-6:00 p.m. in the Church Courtyard. All Youth (6-12th grade) and their families are invited, friends, too! We are also inviting all who are Alumni of the G.U.T.S predecessor, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF); this is an all ages event. There will be activities for all! Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided; we are asking that families/guests provide side dishes or desserts. So that we can plan for enough food, please RSVP number of people, and what you plan to bring to Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) by **no later than Wed., May 23rd**.

MILFORD’S MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE will be next Sunday, May 27th, beginning at 2 p.m. The parade route typically ends at the Milford Green. More details may be found at www.facebook.com/milfordvcpc

COMING SOON

DEADLINE FOR GRADUATE SUBMISSIONS is Tuesday, May 29th. Please submit the form enclosed in today’s “Grace Notes” or on page 18 of the May “Beacon” to the church office; e-mail to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call 203.874.1982, ext. 110. **Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 3rd at 10 a.m. worship.**

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS will provide informal conversation to get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman. **If you would consider hosting a group of 12-15 people in July or August**, please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733.

TRANSFORMATIVE COACHING, “a client-centered approach to facilitate ...a client’s own inner strength and potential,” is being offered by Paul Downing as part of becoming a certified coach. His completion of a Transformative Coaching curriculum requires offering 100 hours of coaching. He is offering sessions *gratis* or for a free-will offering. Sessions are 20 or 50 minutes each, at the discretion of the recipient. If you are interested in learning more, receiving coaching or helping Paul reach his goal, please contact him at 203.676.5582 or paul.downing@snet.net.

NAME TAGS: we are revitalizing our use of name tags in anticipation of the arrival of our new pastor. Please look at the name tags on the table in Dodd Hall to see if yours is there. If not, please let the office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) know you need one.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O’Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

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 takes 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 dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) 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.