

# 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.)

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Ave Verum” W.A. Mozart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “He Who Began a Good Work in You”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Syrian Orthodox Church

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.*

***ALL: THANKSGIVING TO THE SPIRIT, WHO KEEPS THEM FOR ALL THE SAINTS. LET US WORSHIP OUR TRIUNE GOD.***

\*HYMN #61 “Come, Thou Almighty King” Italian Hymn

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(seated, unison)*

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p.8

THE PSALTER Psalm 67 Hymnal p.791

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 16:9-15 Bible p.1009

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

\*THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29 Bible p.983

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

\*HYMN #333 “I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” Afro-American spiritual

THE SERMON “The Conversion of ‘Who’” Dr. Bodt

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

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

## PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

MEN’S CLUB PRESENTATION Jim Repetsky and friends

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Easter Doxology” Harris  
(The Adult Choir)

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11

*(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)*

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 forward to the serving stations. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated in your pew please notify an usher.)*

\*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: # 339, 624, 623, 628, 632

## PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS *(unison)*

*Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## 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 #634      “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”      Deus tuorum militum

\*THE BENEDICTION

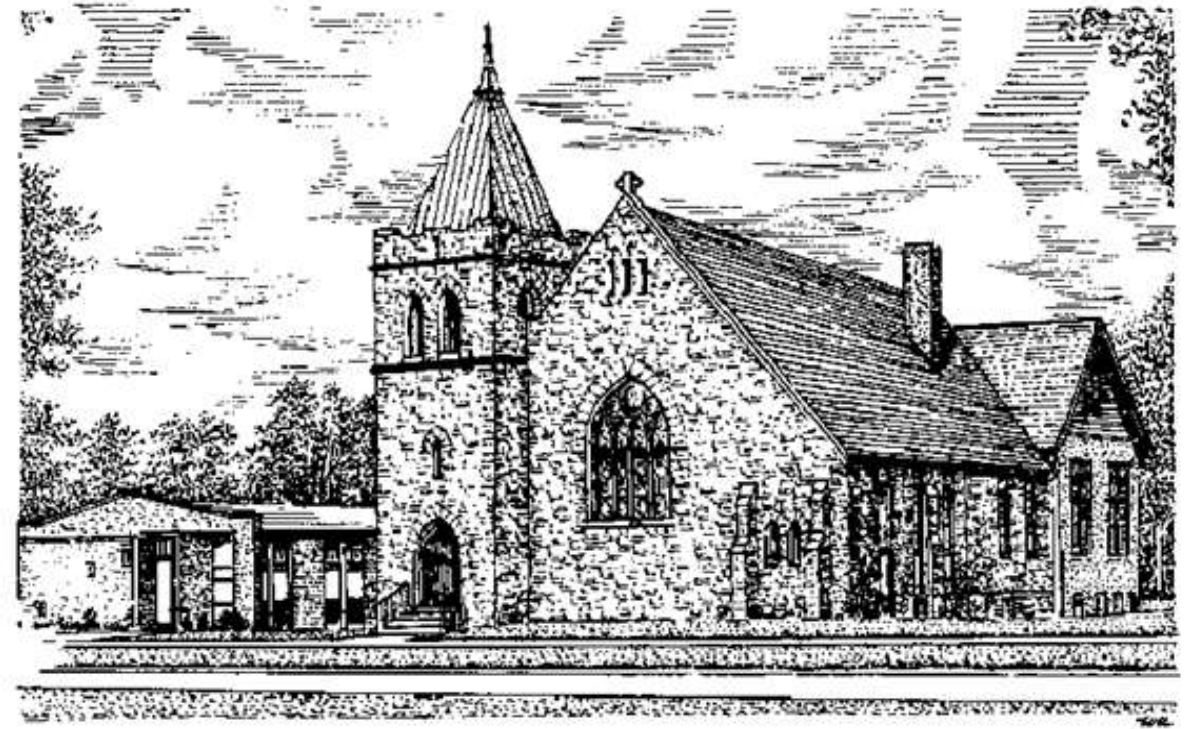
\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE    “Surely the Presence of the Lord”    Hymnal #328

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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

\*POSTLUDE      “Voluntary in F”      L.H. Southard  
*(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 VI**  
**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**  
May 5, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

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

5:00 p.m. MYF Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser – Dodd Hall

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

Noon United Methodist Women meeting

6:00 p.m. May 12 group Confirmation rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove

Sunday, May 12

**ASCENSION/MOTHER’S DAY**

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

10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Confirmation Reception

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. UMW Mother-Daughter Banquet

Wednesday, May 15

June Beacon Information Due

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting – Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Wesley Center

Friday, May 17

6:30 p.m. Movie Night-sponsored by GSA - Dodd Hall

*Grace Notes*

May 5, 2013

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*Today’s reading from Acts speaks of the conversion of Lydia. Who is Lydia? She was a business person of some repute—a dealer in purple cloth, which was a luxury, not a necessity—and an early Christian converted in Paul’s second missionary journey.*

*Her conversion (Acts 16:14-15) followed Paul’s vision (16:9-10) of a man from Macedonia calling for help. The spread of Christianity to Gentiles spoken of in last week’s sermon and scriptures now spreads beyond the Mediterranean basin to Asia! There’s no stopping God!*

*Yet, ironically, the rapidity of the spread of the early Church was its attention to individuals. Lydia was learning in the embryonic synagogue—“outside the gate by the river...a place of prayer”—listening and opening her heart to the Lord.*

*The conversion of who? Wait and see.*

*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** – Bob Elliott

**Greeters** – Sally Chapin and Pat Jaser

**Cross Bearer** – Callie Merva

**Acolytes** – Olivia D’Andrea and Sarah O’Brien

**Liturgist** – Dennis Darak

**Bible Bearer** – Julianna Patterson

**Communion Stewards** – Deb Dubien and Barbara Macisco

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Bob Elliott at the Dodd Hall and Rev. Bodt at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Bunny Calabrese’s first birthday in heaven, May 7, given by Rick, Stacey, Jason, Jen and Aiden; and a donation has been made to UMCOR by Joan Zauner in memory of George’s birthday today.

**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.

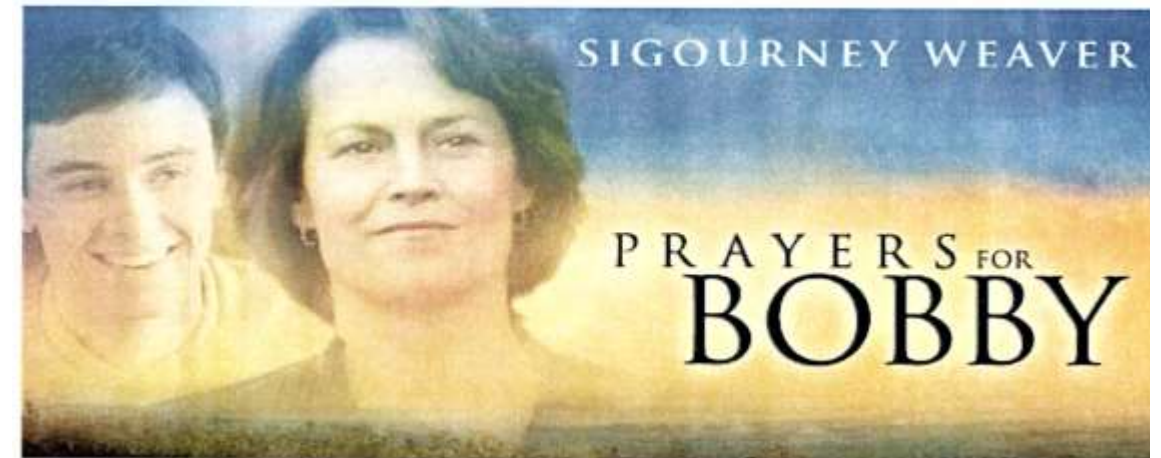
**TODAY’S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture; The United Methodist Hymnal (1989); and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

**SERMON COPIES** from April 28 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 THIS CHANGE OF DATE  
TO FRIDAY, MAY 17th**



**Mary Taylor Memorial UMC GSA  
Presents MOVIE NIGHT showing:**

**Prayers for Bobby**

All are welcome!

(ages 13 and up)

Come for snacks, a movie, and discussion following

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**At Mary Taylor Memorial Church**

168 Broad Street, Milford CT

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** **Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 28:**

Total worship attendance all services: 183 (April 28: 173; April 29, 10); Total Offering: \$3,946; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$107; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 45; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*

**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. Enjoy beverages and something to nosh, hosted today by Staff-Parish. Please come meet Mary Lou Kampert, our new Administrative Assistant. Her brief bio is below. Next Sunday’s hosts are Trustees with cake provided by the Men’s Club. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **ACTION ITEMS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL** are due **today**. Please submit them to Shelly Lapadula ([m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com); 203.874.4466) or Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.895.3753). Our next Council meeting is this Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove.
- **FINAL GIRL SCOUT “GOD AND COUNTRY” CLASS** meets at Noon in the Egan Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wesley Center.
- **MYF CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER** is today at **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.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

### **WE WELCOME MARY LOU KAMPERT**

Mary Lou writes: “*My sister and I grew up in the church as my mother was our church secretary for 19 years. My brother-in-law is an interim pastor currently serving in St. Louis. I joined the Milford community a little over a year ago after moving here from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I wanted to return to the east coast and since I was fond of Connecticut, and wanted to live by the ocean, I chose Milford. Milford was an excellent choice ~ living by the ocean, not so much. Hurricane Sandy was not kind to a lot of people, me included. I am currently looking for a new home for myself, my 2 cats and my dog.*

*I found Mary Taylor Methodist Church through Ann Loesch. We both volunteer at the Beth-El Center on Mondays and I told her I was “church shopping.” She encouraged me to try Mary Taylor. I’ve found everyone at Mary Taylor to be kind, welcoming, and involved in the community. Mary Taylor supports my two favorite charities; Heifer International and Habitat for Humanity - just the kind of church I was looking for. I look forward to meeting you all and being involved in the Mary Taylor community.”*

### THIS WEEK

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets this Thursday, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. **Reminder to all committee chairs:** per consensus agreement at our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, please submit your reports to Secretary Paul Downing ([paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)) no later than close of business tomorrow. Thank you.

**SUMMERFIELD UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will host a **Victorian Tea Party** in the Summerfield Church social hall this Saturday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Live entertainment. Tickets cost \$8.00 and are available at the door, or you may call Elsie Pratt at 203-334-3285 to reserve tickets. Summerfield Church is located at the corner of Clermont and Ridgefield Ave. in Bridgeport. Parking is available in the church parking lot.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**ASCENSION SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY, May 12:** The first of two groups of confirmation class students will be confirmed. The sermon "Proficacy" will be based on Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 and 20-21; and Acts 1:1-11. The Bell and Praisemaker's Choirs will join our Adult Choir in providing music. A Mission Minute for "Imagine No Malaria" will be presented. Our Men's Club will continue their tradition of flowers for the women and provide a cake in honor of our confirmands.

### COMING SOON

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET** will be held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** on May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. will hold a special meeting presenting Jan Cowles from Constellation Health Services. Their office in Orange offers Hospice Services to many clients in the area. Comfort care is given to the clients and their loved ones. You are invited to come and listen to Jan speak about the services they provide and the volunteer opportunities that are available.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT MTMUMC** will be Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE!!** 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.

**LOOKING FOR PERSONS WITH A SECOND LANGUAGE** to use that gift in a brief spoken sentence on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19.** Please let Pastor Brian know at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.895.3753.

**NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT** will be Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)) or Cathy Cono ([spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net) or 203.878.9218).