

# 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

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

## EASTER IV FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME/MOTHER'S DAY May 11, 2014

### 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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us” arr. D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

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

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

People: *Rejoice when God brings comfort and restoration as in days 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 that our plans will be established.*

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

Ruth Duck, 20<sup>th</sup> cent. USA

*In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.*

*We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. 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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THE PSALTER *(unison)* Psalm 23 Hymnal p.137

THE EPISTLE I Peter 2:19-25 Bible p.1105

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

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:42-47 Bible p.993

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ANTHEM “Rock-A My Soul” The Praisemaker’s Choir

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL John 10:1-10 Bible p.977

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

\*HYMN #447 “Our Parent, by Whose Name” Rhosymedre

THE SERMON “Church Growth” Dr. Bodt

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

“GEMS: Girls Educational and Mentoring Services”  
The 2014 Confirmation Class

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Shepherd Me, O God” arr. by M. Hayes

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #643 “When Love is Found” Gift of Love

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #695

*May steadfast faith and earnest prayer keep sacred vows secure;  
Build thou a hallowed dwelling where true joy and peace endure.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” G. Young

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

*~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~*  
**EASTER IV – MOTHER’S DAY**  
**NO Sunday School today**

**Sunday, May 11**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall  
 11:00 a.m. UMCOR Alternate Gift Giving opportunity-Dodd Hall

**Monday, May 12**  
 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Gunn Library – Wesley Center

**Tuesday, May 13**  
 5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class –Final Exam  
 7:00 p.m. Disciple I – Wesley Center  
 7:30 p.m. Mt. Union Concert Choir –Nichols UMC, Trumbull

**Wednesday, May 14**  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
 7:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center  
 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

**Thursday, May 15**  
**BEACON INFORMATION DUE TODAY**  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Dodd Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Open Meeting-Covenant Church vote – Dodd Hall

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**Sunday, May 18**  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center  
 9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing-Sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall  
 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. Health Kits due today – Dodd Hall  
 11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 2:00 p.m. District Conference, New Fairfield, CT  
 3:00 p.m. Peter Smith memorial service - sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. MYF Progressive Dinner – meeting at Dodd hall  
 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

**Monday, May 19**  
 7:00 p.m. Disciple I – Wesley Center

**Tuesday, May 20**  
 9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room

**Wednesday, May 21**  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
 7:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s Study – Wesley Center  
 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

**Thursday, May 22**  
 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Gunn Library

**Friday, May 23**  
 5:00 p.m. Griggs/Welker Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 24**  
 4:00 p.m. Griggs/Welker Wedding – Sanctuary

*Grace Notes*  
**Mother’s Day**  
**May 11, 2014**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*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 both occasions 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, including calling for an end to human trafficking which is the mission focus for today.*

*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.*

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

### AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Dennis Darak                      **Greeters** – Paul and Betty Daneault  
**Liturgist** – Lia Bonfietti-Csvihinka            **Acolytes** – Kayleigh and Julianna Patterson  
**Cross Bearer** – Ryan Lapadula              **Bible Bearer** – Anna Wessinger

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Lia Bonfietti-Csvihinka at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are in honor of Sarah Galloway, given by Pastor Brian, Carol, Aaron and Ryan. The Mission Cross: A donation has been made to UARMY by Jane Greenaway in honor of the Galloway/Bodt families.

**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 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. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The unison confession was written by the pastor and the call to worship edited by the pastor.

**SERMON COPIES** from last Sunday are in the rear of the church and on the web at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

**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.*

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are *due by noon each Wednesday* for the following Sunday bulletin.

**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.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** **Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**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.

**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.* Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. Please contact her at 203.877.8668 or [bgbobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgbobrien11@optonline.net) to arrange a suitable date.

**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 them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

**"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.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR MAY 4:**

Total worship attendance all services: 146 (May 5, 138; Healing and Wholeness, May 5: 8)  
Total Offering May 4: \$4237; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$853; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 198 (Sunday School 30; Fair on the Green meeting: 28; Board of Trustees: 5; Advance Care Planning Seminar, May 6: 10; Confirmation: 8; No Disciple; Mother-Daughter banquet: 85; Office volunteers: 2; Praisemakers: 5; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 15;) 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) with your attendance.*

## MISSIONS UPDATE



### HEALTH KITS

Missions will again be collecting Health Kit items to be delivered during the Annual Conference.

**Please have items in Dodd Hall by May 18th.**

UMCOR Health Kits may be assembled or items may be left in the collection bin in Dodd Hall and will be assembled by the Missions Committee.

**1 - hand towel** - 15" x 25" to 17" x 27" kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels not acceptable

**1 - washcloth**

**1 - comb** - comb needs to be large and sturdy (8" long), **no pocket combs or picks please.** Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable.

**1 - metal nail file or clipper** - no emery boards or toenail clippers please

**1 - bath size soap** - 3 oz. and larger sizes only - do not remove from original packaging, **NO IVORY SOAP** due to moisture content.

**1 - toothbrush** - adult size only - do not remove from original packaging

**6 - adhesive bandages** - ¾" to 1 " size common household band aids

**1 - plastic bag** - one gallon size, sealable bags only

### Assembly Directions

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Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the wash cloth. Fold the washcloth over the items. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

### Important Notes

- ❖  All items must be new.
- ❖  Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- ❖  All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- ❖  DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

## 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. Today's hosts are Board of Trustees. Next Sunday's hosts are the Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

**OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS MISSION PROJECT** focuses on human trafficking and is the subject of today's Mission Minute. The Confirmands will have a table in Dodd Hall today and next Sunday and *receive a special offering on Sunday, May 18.* The offering will support GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services). Their work is being done, in part, by volunteers at St. Paul and St. Andrew UMC in New York that we visited in March. Please support our confirmands.

**A LOCAL COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION MISSION PROJECT** by Anna and Elizabeth Pierce is to collect food donations for the Milford Animal Shelter. They will be speaking of this next Sunday and a special offering will be received on May 25th.

### TODAY'S THE DAY TO BE A PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOST FOR MYF!

The dinner is *next Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 p.m.* Just host a course, not the whole meal, for *our most fabulous youth!* We need four (or 5) host homes: (a) one for appetizers, (b) two (or 3) for the main course and (c) one for dessert. Please see Leigh Bak (or contact at 203.215.0470 or [davidbak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidbak@sbcglobal.net)) **TODAY** if you are able to host one of the courses.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO EILEEN DOYLE** who covered the office this week. Mary Lou Kampert is away attending to a family death. She will return on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP:** Parents are welcome to our Adult Discussion Group which meets *each Sunday, 9 – 9:45 a.m., in Wesley Center*, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**

## THIS WEEK

**CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE TOMORROW, Monday, May 12.** Agenda items may be sent to [m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com). Committee reports may be sent to [paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net). Church Council meets **Thursday, 7 p.m.** in Dodd Hall.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** final exam is **Tuesday, May 13, 5:45-6:45 p.m.,** Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION CONCERT: Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.,** Nichols United Methodist Church, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull. Be inspired by sacred and secular music from this world-wide performing Methodist-affiliated university. **Free!**

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN MAY:** this series continues **Wednesday, 7 – 8 p.m.** in the Pastor's study, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Wesley Center. This week's session is the history of Methodism and May 21 are opportunities for mission and service at MTMUMC. You may attend these sessions to learn and inquire without making a commitment to join. Reception of new members will be either **May 25 or June 8.** If you are interested in knowing more, please speak with Pastor Brian.

**“PRAISEMAKER’S” CHOIR** will not rehearse again until **Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.** in preparation for the Pentecost Sunday, June 8 worship. Thanks to our choristers and the parents and other adults who support them.

**A RECOMMENDATION FOR OUR CHURCH** to become a congregational signer of the “Covenant of Conscience” will be the opening agenda item at our Church Council meeting of **this Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. A decision to endorse the “Covenant” will mean that all are welcome to be married in our church regardless of sexual orientation. All are welcome to attend. Vote is reserved to full (“professing”) members of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. If you would like to know more, please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814) or any member of the Gay-Straight Alliance: Maryann Petremont, Kaylyn Bettencourt, Kelly O’Hara, Beth O’Brien, Karen Keane, Leigh Bak, Olivia D’Andrea, Callie Merva, Tom Griggs, Don Hastings, Jane Vink, Hal Vink, Dennis Darak, Judy Darak, Marcia Winter and Eileen Doyle. Copies of the April 8 letter to the congregation providing more background are in the rear of the church.

**JUNE “BEACON” DEADLINE** is **this Thursday, May 15.** Hard copy to the church office or electronically to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net), please.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**EASTER V** - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message “Halfway through the Fifty Days” is based on I Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14. After worship, blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the Sanctuary and the Visitation Team meets worship in Wesley Center. District Conference is from 2-4 p.m. (see notice below).

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE** will be held from 2 – 4 p.m. at New Life Community UMC, 1 Beaver Bog Road, New Fairfield, CT. Bishop Martin D. McLee will be our speaker. Corporate prayer begins at 1:30. All welcome.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETER W. SMITH**, father of Lydia Smith, will be held at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

**THE MYF PROGRESSIVE DINNER** is next Sunday from 5 – 8 p.m. Details will be communicated to the youth and parents by e-mail.

## COMING SOON

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC:** We are recruiting now for the next supper, **Thurs., May 22, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** Contact Deb Dubien to help: 203-877-4959.

**INVITATION:** Barbara Ann Welker and Tom Griggs, Sr. invite all members and friends at MTMUMC to their wedding ceremony on **Sat., May 24, 2014, 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:** Our next commitment is Wednesday, **May 28th, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Bob Jordan. We need 6 – 8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may serve. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: [mjlbwmj@att.net](mailto:mjlbwmj@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.

**THE NEXT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DINNER** will be held on **Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Missy Hackett, 467 Turkey Hill Road, Orange (203.799.0487). This event is open to all the women of our church. Please bring a dish to share.

**MILFORD’S 375<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Please hold **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.** to be part of the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade for the City of Milford. We will have a horse and rider representing our early “circuit riding” preachers; a banner and special T-shirts. We are working on the possibility of trailering the Myrtle Beach Methodist Church bell. Want to help? Please contact Michelle Craig ([michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com) or 203.877.4332).