

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ASCENSION SUNDAY
MOTHER'S DAY
THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION
MAY 12, 2013

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 “Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” F. Mendelsohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “He is Exalted”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

People: *Our life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Leader: The One who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

People: *When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!*

*HYMN #312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Llanfair

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* “The Ascension” Hymnal #323

THE EPISTLE Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Bible p.1133

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

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-11 Bible p.991

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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 “Imagine No Malaria”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS including *One Great Hour of Sharing*
Offertory Anthem: “I Believe in Springtime” J. Rutter

The Adult and Praisemaker's Choirs

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Diademata

THE SERMON “Profitcy” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #608 “This is the Spirit's Entry Now” Azmon
(During the hymn the confirmands and sponsors come forward.)

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION Hymnal p.33

(The recitation of the Apostles' Creed is Hymnal #881.)

Confirmand

Sponsor

Samantha Elizabeth Bennett

Holly Firmander

Sean Alan Clark

Rich Perregaux

Eileen Victoria Craig

Beth O'Brien

Olivia Winter D'Andrea

Shelly Lapadula

Krista Leigh Doherty

Laura Perregaux

Trygve Karl Lund

David Doyle

Paige Nicole Oliverio

Susan O'Shea

Matthew Richard Porter

Susan Pitre

Julia Margaret Rodriguez

Kate Georgelos

Kenneth Bernard Szygiel

Dennis Darak

William Robert Thompson Tait

Eric Georgelos

*HYMN #578 “God of Love and God of Power” Unser Herrscher

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #420

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

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

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Diademata”

L. Smith

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

is the ritual of re-affirmation of baptismal vows by youth who have reached the “age of consent,” typically 13 years of age or older. It is also the ritual by which youth become full members of Christ’s Church and of the United Methodist Church. This is the first confirmation at Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church since 2010.

Today, eleven of our 19 students are being confirmed. The remaining eight students will be confirmed next Sunday, the Day of Pentecost.

In preparation, our young people have been enrolled in a course of study since September, 2012. They have learned about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit; the history and doctrine of the Church; and the history and beliefs of the United Methodist Church. As able, they have memorized the Apostles’ Creed, Psalm 23, John 3:16-17, the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer. They have engaged in a service project collecting dental supplies for children in Appalachia and have been required to participate in at least one other aspect of church life; either Sunday School or Methodist Youth Fellowship.

During the ritual, the confirmands proceed from the baptismal font—the origin of the ritual—to the kneeler where they will be confirmed. The confirmands wear a flower that is red, the color of the Holy Spirit. In addition to being presented with a confirmation certificate and their offering envelopes, they will receive an inscribed Bible at a later time.

The confirmands have been supported by their sponsors and, most significantly, their parents, guardians and immediate family. Please greet them all in Dodd Hall after worship where the Men’s Club is providing a cake in their honor.

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Grace Notes

May 12, 2013

Sunday, May 12 ASCENSION SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Confirmand Group Picture
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 - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. UMW Mother-Daughter Banquet
7:00 p.m. NO Disciple II meeting this week

Wednesday, May 15 June Beacon Information Due
5:30 p.m. Praisemaker's rehearsal – Dodd Hall
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

Sunday, May 19 DAY OF PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship/Confirmation – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Confirmation Reception
11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure screenings - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fair on the Green meeting – Wesley Center
4:00 p.m. MYF Fair on the Green prep – Dodd Hall

Monday, May 20 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, May 21 7:00p.m. Disciple II meeting – Wesley Center

Wednesday, May 22 2:30 p.m. Community Supper – Golden Hill Church, B'port
5:30 p.m. Praisemaker's rehearsal – Dodd Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, May 23 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. M&E Meeting- Wesley Center

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Today is a great celebration: Mother's Day and the first of two Confirmation rituals. The latter is described on the back cover of the order of worship.

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 was advocating 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: flowers for our women, and a cake for our confirmands.

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 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 – Bev Pierpont, Shelley Lapadula and Stacy Meszaros

Cross Bearer – Jamie Georgelos **Acolytes** - Tanner Georgelos and Nicholas Bettencourt

Liturgist – Edie Reichard **Bible Bearer** – Anna Wessinger

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Edie Reichard at the Narthex door and Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Susan and Tee O’Shea’s 23rd wedding anniversary, with love from Poppy and Mo; and in memory of Marion Porter and Jean Hubbell. Love, Carol Hubbell and family.

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 May 5 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.*

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.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Please leave food items in the back of the church. We need a volunteer to take the donations to the shelter as needed. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

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 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 MAY 5:

Total worship attendance all services: 197 (May 5: 188; May 6, 9); Total Offering: \$5897; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$302; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 103; 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.*

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.

COMING SOON

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.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING CLASS will be held on **May 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m.** in Wesley Center. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please notify the church office by May 20th. For more information, please contact Rachel Merva at rmerva@optonline.net or 203-641-5088.

NEXT MTMUMC FOURTH THURSDAY SUPPER will be **Thursday, May 23rd**. We need people who will help prepare, cook, serve and clean-up. Any time you can assist from 2:30 – 7 p.m. is helpful. Please contact Deb Dubien at debrad246@yahoo.com or 203.877.4959.

UMCOR HEALTH KITS collection is in progress. Watch for the flyer in next Sunday's bulletin for sizes and items needed.

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 (spikio@optonline.net or 203.878.9218).

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 Trustees with cake provided by the Men's Club. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **FAIR ON THE GREEN, June 7 and 8** – Volunteer Sign-up sheets will be available ***today*** in Dodd Hall after worship. There are still plenty of tasks to sign up for. T-shirts are still available. **We ran out of the smaller sizes, so if you need a small, medium or large**, please see me here or reach me at ddoyle51@aol.com or 203-878-9049 or 203-710-5842 so that I may place an order. I will need to hear from you by ***Monday, May 20th***.

Many thanks & Blessings - Eileen Doyle, Chair of *Fair* Operations

- **TRASH & TREASURES** cannot accept any more women's clothing, but still needs children's clothing and men's summer clothing. They are also in need of hangers for pants or skirts. Please contact Dolly Bonisch at 203-783-9952 to donate.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

TODAY'S MISSION FOCUS

MOTHER'S DAY ALTERNATE GIFT OPPORTUNITY IMAGINE NO MALARIA.

This is an extraordinary ministry of the UMC church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths from malaria in Africa. UMCOR is offering a Mother's Day alternate gift opportunity to support this cause.

Consider donating to Imagine No Malaria in honor of or in memory of your mother or another woman who has nurtured you. You will "Share the Love. Save a Life." Your gift to Imagine No Malaria will help reduce the number of deaths from malaria on the African continent as well as assist the mothers in Africa who struggle each day to protect their children from malaria. **You can give by making out your check and mailing to:**

UMC – Imagine No Malaria

PO Box 440544 Nashville, TN 37244-0544 OR use the special offering envelopes that are available. Please note on your check – Mother's Day.

THIS WEEK

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY on **May 16th, 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.

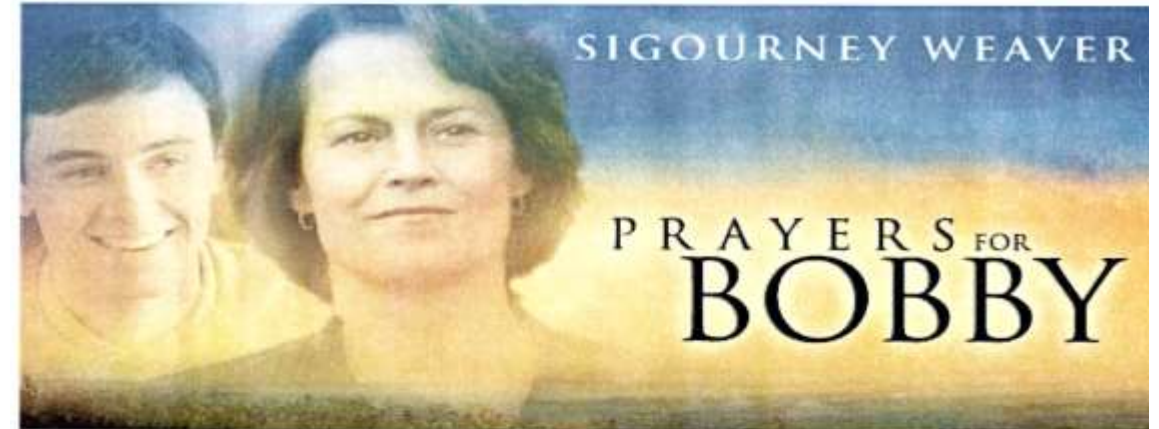
MOVIE NIGHT AT MTMUMC will be **Friday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE!!** The movie, “Prayers for Bobby,” is the true story of Mary Griffith, a gay rights crusader whose teenage son committed suicide due to her religious intolerance; based on the book of the same title by Leroy Aarons. **Admission is free;** refreshments and discussion follow. See the enclosed flier.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE DAY OF PENTECOST - Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. **Please wear something red, the color of the Holy Spirit, this Sunday.** Our second confirmation group will be confirmed. The message “Now What?” is based on Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17. After worship, the Men’s Club will again provide cake for the confirmands; blood pressure screenings will follow worship in the Sanctuary; and our Fair on the Green committee will meet in Wesley Center

CHURCH DIRECTORY - **May 19th and 26th**: Please visit the table in Dodd Hall during Fellowship Hour to proofread your contact information for the church directory and database. Our goal is to secure e-mail addresses for at least half of the 300 names on our roster (we need 90 more e-mail addresses to reach this goal). We will be making phone calls to complete this review as well. Questions? Contact Cathy Cono at spikkio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362. Thank you!

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 17th at 6:30 pm

At Mary Taylor Memorial Church

168 Broad Street, Milford CT