

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE DAY OF PENTECOST
THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

MAY 19, 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.

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Spirit of the Living God” E. Diemer

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

INTROIT “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” The Bell Choir
Special Musicians: Lydia Smith, percussion; Ken Wilhelm, bass

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather with the zeal of those first followers on the Day of Pentecost.

People: *Send your Holy Spirit, O God.*

Leader: Pour your power on us and all assembled that we may bless the whole world.

People: *May all nations hear your good news in their own tongue.*

Leader: Enable us, your Church, to spread the good news of salvation.

People: *For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “Day of Pentecost” Hymnal #542

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-21 Bible p.992

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

*THE GOSPEL John 14:8-17 Bible p.983

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

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.*)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT “By the Numbers” Kelly O’Hara and Laura Perregaux

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “No Turning Back” J. Raney

The Adult and Praisemaker’s Choirs

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #537 “Filled with the Spirit’s Power” National Hymn (Tune: Hymn #567)

THE SERMON “Now What?” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #331 “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us” For the Bread
(*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

Nicholas Stephen Bettencourt

Bill Kat

Noah Joseph Brown

Paul Downing

Jamie Catherine Georgelos

Rachel Merva

Tanner Eric Georgelos

David Bak

Megan Suzanne Leum

Eileen Doyle

Callie Elizabeth Merva

Leigh Bak

Sarah Elizabeth O’Brien

Dolly Bonisch

Elizabeth Mae Repetsky

Judy Darak

*HYMN #159 “Lift High the Cross” Crucifer

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

(*Please be seated after the response and remain seated for the bell toll and postlude.*)

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

POSTLUDE “Kum Ba Yah” The Bell Choir

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.

Today, eight of this year’s 19 students are being confirmed. The remaining eleven students were confirmed last Sunday. These are the first confirmations at Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church since 2010.

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~

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 9:00 a.m. Office volunteers, June “Beacon” – Gunn Library
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
6:45 p.m. “Extravagant Generosity” team – Gunn Library
7 – 8:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary training class – Egan Room
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

Sunday, May 26 **TRINITY SUNDAY/PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY/
MEMORIAL SUNDAY**
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Monday, May 27 Memorial Day - Church Office closed
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
Tuesday, May 28 7:00 p.m. Disciple II – Last Class
Wednesday, May 29 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 30 6:00 p.m. Missions Committee – Gunn Library
Friday, May 31 6:30 p.m. Roth/Wolfe wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday, June 1 4:30 p.m. Roth/Wolfe wedding – Sanctuary

Grace Notes
May 19, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. On the first Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) the disciples experienced God’s power in a new form—the Holy Spirit—as a spiritual presence galvanizing them to action.

For over 2,000 years since we have been challenged and mystified by the Holy Spirit. It knits us together with people we might never voluntarily choose to be with (verses 8-11). It perplexes us (verse 12). It gets us made fun of! (verse 13). In the end, it draws us to salvation (verse 21).

Today we are reminded of our own commitment to follow Christ through membership in the church as eight of our youth make their Confirmation. Please seek them out, along with the eleven confirmed last week, to congratulate them on the completion of one phase of the journey and beginning the next. May we continue to be a Pentecost people led by the Holy Spirit to service for Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Bob Elliott

Greeters – Jim and Phoebe Repetsky

Cross Bearer – Ryan Lapadula

Acolytes - Josh and Nate Carr

Liturgist – Nancy Bennett

Bible Bearer – Julianna Patterson

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Nancy Bennett at the Narthex door and Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in celebration of our church family, by Ken Hawkins.

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). The Call to Worship was written by the Pastor.

SERMON COPIES from May 12 are available in the Narthex or on-line at 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.*

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 12:

Total worship attendance all services: 258 (May 12: 250; May 13: 8); Total Offering: \$4,613; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$532; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 20; 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.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief
HEALTH KITS

These Health Kits are desperately needed will be distributed around the world wherever disaster strikes. Please assemble (or just bring the items) and place them in the designated box in Dodd Hall by June 2nd.

1 Hand Towel

15" x 25" to 17" x 27". Kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels are not acceptable.

1 Washcloth

1 Comb

Comb needs to be large and sturdy (8" long). No pocket combs or picks please.

1 Metal nail file or clipper

No emery boards or toenail clippers please.

1 Bath size soap –

3oz. and larger sizes only – do not remove from original packaging

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

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.
- Please remove all packaging
- 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.

UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all monies for toothpaste, place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.

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 the Methodist Youth Fellowship with cake provided by the Men's Club. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** follow worship in the sanctuary.
- **FAIR ON THE GREEN, June 7 and 8 – Meeting today in Wesley Center approximately 15 minutes after worship.** 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 sign the order list in Dodd Hall or contact 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
- **APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES** are available in the rear of the church and on-line at www.mtm-umc.org.
- **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.
- **CHURCH DIRECTORY – TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY:** 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!
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

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: mjbwmj@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.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY fall stewardship campaign committee meets **Wednesday, May 22nd, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.** in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center.

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.

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.

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 (spikkio@optonline.net or 203.878.9218).

NEXT SUNDAY

TRINITY SUNDAY/PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SUNDAY -The scriptures of Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15 are the basis of the message “Spitting Image.” We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Rordan Joshua Bittner, son of Kate and Josh. We will receive a special offering for “Peace with Justice Sunday,” one of six United Methodist special offerings. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. The Visitation Team meets after worship in Wesley Center.

COMING SOON

NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE: The Trustee’s meeting scheduled for Thursday June 6th, has been **changed to Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00p.m.**

A SUMMER ADULT STUDY is being offered in response to a request and anticipating there may be wider interest. The study will be on the New Testament book of James. **Tentative schedule will be six Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Noon from June 19 – July 31, excepting July 3.** Pastor Brian will teach. If interested, please contact him (ext. 11) or Mary Lou Kampert (ext. 10) at 203.874.1982; or brian.bodt@yahoo.com. **Please register by Sunday, June 9 so that books may be ordered.**

A BRIEF CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING will be held on **Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.** in the Chapel (Wesley Center, 2nd Floor). All youth entering 8th grade or older who have not been confirmed, along with at least one parent, are encouraged to attend. We will set a fall Confirmation meeting day and time, in addition to having a brief review of what Confirmation is and what it requires. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

ST. ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DEVON is holding a **Strawberry Festival and Art Show on Saturday, June 22, from 1:00 – 3:00p.m.** Admission is free.