

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Wesley/Vaughen Williams

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” GIFT PRESENTATION Edie Reichard and Christine Volgmuth

INTROIT “This is the Day”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nate Carr

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

People: ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Leader: We gather with the experience of the Rev. John Wesley, whose “heart strangely warmed” experience founded the Methodist movement.

People: ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Leader: We gather as *this* generation’s believers, witnessing to the power of God in our day.

People: ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

All: ***COME, HOLY SPIRIT! FILL OUR HEARTS AND LIVES WITH POWER AND CONVICTION TO WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE AT WORK IN THE WORLD TODAY!***

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #660 “God is Here” Abbott’s Leigh

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “An Aldersgate Prayer” Stefano Cono

O Almighty God, who in a time of great need raised up your servants John and Charles Wesley, and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love which leaped and ran: grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires, being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted to the increase of Scriptural holiness throughout the land, that in our day your will may be fully done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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“Welcome Poem” Grades Pre-K through 2

“A Moment Together” Grade 3-4 and 5-6 Classes

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

(Led by Cathy Cono, Sunday School Superintendent and Kelly O’Hara, Co-Lay Leader)

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.)

“The Birth of Methodism” Grade 7-8 Class

*HYMN #537 “Filled with the Spirit’s Power” Sheldonian

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” Wesley/Pfohl

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

*Prayer of Dedication

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-15 Bible p. 1069

(Read by Sarah O’Brien, High School Class)

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

THE MESSAGE “What’s New is Old” Cathy Cono, Sunday School Superintendent

LITANY FOR TEACHER RECOGNITION

Pastor Brian Bodt, Cathy Cono, Sunday School Superintendent, Holly Firmender, Assistant Superintendent

Infant, Toddler and Pre-K: Wendy Hoffman, Paige Librandi

K - Grade 2: Susan Pitre

Grades 3-4: Beth O’Brien, Shelly Lapadula

Grades 5-6: Debbie Leum, Bev Downing

Grades 7-8: Stacy Meszaros, Kathleen Bacon

High School: Paul Downing, Vilma Castano-Rendon

Adult Class: Lorraine Carr

Special Education: Amanda Pitre

Curriculum: Lisa Gloates

Superintendent: Cathy Cono Assistant Superintendent: Holly Firmender

We also acknowledge the supportive involvement of Nick Bettencourt, Dennis Brown, Dave Carr, Shannon Darak, and Nicole Ellerbeck in the Sunday School program.

Confirmation Class: Pastor Brian Bodt

Adult studies teachers: Rev. Bodt and Rev. Vink

Methodist Youth Fellowship Advisors: Dawn Bettencourt, Paul Downing, Shelly Lapadula, Rachel Merva, Stacy Meszaros, Alicia Meszaros, Catherine Meszaros, Sheryl Hollyday and Dawn Fino.

Health and Wellness Teacher: Eileen Potkay.

Pastor: The people here assembled stood before you last September and publicly committed their program year to Christian spiritual formation through teaching. Having successfully completed their mission, I ask you now to release them with blessing.

Congregation: *Having pledged last fall to pray for, enable, encourage and love you in this ministry, we now give thanks to God for your faithful service and pray God's blessing for your faithfulness. Your mission is completed for another year.*

Pastor: Knowing that Christian spiritual formation is a life-long journey, we recognize that many of these educators will continue next September; and by faith affirm that God will raise up others who will join them in this vital ministry. For these, let us pray:

All: *Creating and Sustaining God, from Whom all learning and wisdom comes: bless, we pray, these saints who have labored faithfully in the vineyard of spiritual formation. Grant them a sense of accomplishment in all they have undertaken; and peace in its completion. May the summer season be for them, as for us all, a time of renewal from the race well run. Bring your Spirit upon us all, that those with the gift of teaching may lead us when the new program year begins. And bring your Spirit upon those who have not yet awakened to the teaching gift within them, that you will help them know their gift is desired by you for the completion of Christ's body, the Church. In all these things guide our steps in a deepening relationship with Jesus, our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

RECOGNITION OF OUR CHILD CARE PROVIDER Dennis Darak, Staff-Parish Chair

PRESENTATION "Lord, We Lift Your Name on High"

*HYMN (insert) "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Assam

*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.*

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

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Wesley/Mansfield

(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: 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.*

PENTECOST IV/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

June 12, 2016

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~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, June 12</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>FINAL Sunday School - Wesley Center</i>
CHRISTIAN	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
EDUCATION	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
SUNDAY	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Orientation –Chapel-Wesley Center 2nd floor</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Parish Health and Wellness Luncheon – Wesley Center, Egan Room</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Pirate Day – Milford Green - Noon – 5p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, June 13</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>New Member Class – Pastor’s study-Wesley Center 2nd floor</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 14</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Greater Bridgeport United Methodist Cluster – off site</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 15</i>	BEACON INFORMATION DUE	
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Taize Worship Service – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Lift Us Up” meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>New Member Class – Pastor’s study-Wesley Center 2nd floor</i>
<i>Thursday, June 16</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship Committee meeting – Chapel, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>8:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Taize Worship Service – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, June 17</i>	<i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, June 18</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Private Party – Dodd Hall - 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, June 19</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Informal Hymn singing-Sanctuary</i>
FATHER’S DAY	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Father’s Day/Graduate Recognition - Sanctuary</i>
		<i>Baptism of Pemberley Jane Brockett, daughter of Jeffrey and Sarah.</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Refreshments and Anniversary Celebration for Jane and Pastor Hal’s 60th Wedding Anniversary- Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Monday, June 20</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>New Member’s Class – Pastor’s study- 2nd floor Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, June 23</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Friday, June 24</i>	<i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library – Wesley Center</i>

Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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		

***Grace Notes
June 12, 2016***

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

You are in for a treat today. Our Sunday School, led by our Christian educators, has prepared today’s worship based on the 250th anniversary of American Methodism. In October, 1766 the John Street Methodist Church was founded in lower Manhattan, the first of a number of Methodist societies that sprang up in Baltimore, Philadelphia and in rural outposts in the American colonies in the decade before the American Revolution.

Our children are in good hands each week with our dedicated and faithful Sunday School staff. I truly believe that only those who have taught a weekly class, whether Sunday School, Confirmation or adult studies, truly know the depth of sacrifice and commitment offered by these teachers. Especially if you do not have children in our Sunday School, please personally thank at least one teacher this morning. You will make their day!

We are especially blessed to have Cathy Cono as our Sunday School Superintendent and Holly Firmender as our Assistant Superintendent. I have not seen the PowerPoint that concludes today’s service, but have been told by those “in that know” that it is a knock-out. Thanks to all who prepare and present today, some of whom are listed in the article “Today’s Liturgy” under the heading “At Worship Today.” To God be the glory!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ed Pineau

Greeters –Diana Titus and Sandra Marren

Liturgist – Sunday School children

Acolyte – Chris Leum

Cross Bearer – John Leum

Bible Bearer – Marshall Firmender

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Reverend Bodt and the Sunday School.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of our Christian educators and in honor of our high school and college graduates, given by Ken and Elaine 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

CHILD CARE for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. 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 an adult or guardian.

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.

TODAY’S LITURGY is taken from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and prepared by Cathy Cono, Sunday School Superintendent. The script “The Birth of Methodism” was written by Lorraine Carr. The closing PowerPoint was prepared by Holly Firmender.

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence today. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

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



CONFERENCE OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Our regional (“Conference”) United Methodist offices in White Plains, NY are being renovated, addressing long-deferred maintenance and environmental issues for the 50+ year old building. Our church sent a \$27,000 gift toward this project on May 31st, one-half comprised of gifts from MTMUMC members and a “match” gift by our Church Council.

The Church Council approved a match of up to 15,000, so \$1,500 remains to be matched by MTMUMC members and friends. If you would like to make a gift toward this project, please make it payable to “MTMUMC” and put “NYAC Reno” in the memo section. If you would like to know more about this project, please let me know and I will be happy to make an appointment to meet with you. I serve as Vice-President of the Conference Board of Trustees. You may reach me, as always, at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.895.3753.

Pastor Brian Bodt

NOW YOU CAN HELP BOTH TRASH AND TREASURE AND HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE AND FURNITURE BANK in Orange at the same time. If you have an item that may be too big for Trash and Treasure to handle, call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952, who will explain how we, Mary Taylor, can get money from Helping Hands from any gently used donation you make to them.



TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted by the Gay/Straight Alliance. Next Sunday will be hosted by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM is looking for new members interested in health and health care as a spiritual ministry. You are invited to join The Health and Wellness Team for a **luncheon and "Meet and Greet" TODAY at 11:30 after worship** in Wesley Center. Please RSVP Eileen Potkay, Coordinator, at 203.809.0188 by June 10th.

2017 CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING will be held on **TODAY, June 12, 11:30 a.m. - noon** in the Chapel (Wesley Center, 2nd Floor). Interested youth entering grade 8 or older who have not been confirmed, along with at least one parent, are urged to attend.

Confirmation is typically held on Tuesdays at 5:30 or 5:45 p.m. and we will finalize that time at this meeting. We will also briefly review the requirements for Confirmation and answer questions of parents and students. Confirmation Sunday will be June 4th, 2017.

PIRATE DAY is **Noon – 5 p.m.** on the Milford Green. It is a community event hosted by the Downtown Milford Business Association (DMBA). Our church joined DMBA this year. If you would like to assist Sue Pitre (203.878.9025) or Holly Firmender (203.878.6257) for any portion of the afternoon, please contact them. This family-friendly event draws 1500-2000 to the Green.

SUPPORT U.M. ARMY - Terrycloth Towels with the U.M. ARMY Logo are available for purchase at \$20. Please let Stacy Meszaros know if you are interested by text ([203 414 9235](tel:2034149235)) or e-mail: stacymesz@gmail.com or. **Orders will be placed on June 15th.** These towels make a great gift for our camp attendees as they are almost beach towel size.

UNCLAIMED SUMMER PUNCH BOWL SIGN-UPS are **July 17th and Sept. 4th**! This simpler, summer version of Fellowship Time gathers outside (weather permitting) after 9:30 a.m. worship offering cold beverages plus cookies or simple treat. **Please sign up to host** on the Fellowship Time serving table clipboard or contact the church office (203.874.1982). To learn more, contact Holly Firmender (203.530.2621; holly.firmender@gmail.com).

NAME TAGS MAY BE ORDERED by signing the clipboard at the serving station at Fellowship Time. **Please return name tags to the baskets in the foyer or Dodd Hall.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

GRADUATE RECOGNITION INFORMATION is due **TOMORROW, June 13th** to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or to Mary Lou at 203.874.1982. Please send the graduate's **name, name of the school degree conferred (if any) and potential future plans.** Graduates will be **recognized next Sunday, June 19** in 10 a.m. worship.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES begin tomorrow, **June 13, 8-9 p.m.** in the Pastor's study, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Additional classes are **June 15 and 20** to prepare persons wishing to join our church on **Sunday, June 26th**. You may attend these sessions without making a commitment to join. Please contact Pastor Brian for more information (203.895.3753/brian.bodt@yahoo.com.)

JULY "BEACON" DEADLINE is **Wed., June 15.** Articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

TAIZE WORSHIP is **Wednesday, June 1, Noon** and **Thursday, June 16, 8:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. These will be our last Taize worship services until September.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 19

PENTECOST V/FATHER'S DAY

Informal hymn singing precedes worship at 9:45 a.m. The message "How to Handle Despair" will be based on Psalm 42, I Kings 19:1-15a and Galatians 3:23-29. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Pemberley Jane Brockett, daughter of Jeffrey and Sarah. We will recognize graduates. Steve Wasko will present a Stewardship Spotlight. During Fellowship Time we are pleased to **recognize the 60th wedding anniversary** (June 23rd, 1956) of Pastor Hal and Jane Vink. After worship blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary by Carol Galloway, M.S., P.T.

COMING SOON

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FINAL (AND FAVORITE) EVENT of the season on **Sunday, June 26** - Brownstone Park (www.brownstonepark.com). **We need your RSVP confirmation no later than June 24th.** MYF is partially subsidizing the entry fee with a cost per youth of \$15.00. This cost may also be offered to one (1) friend. Additional friends may join us at the full cost of \$31.00. **Scholarships are available for MTMUMC members.**

We will meet at the church at 11am for carpooling and return to the church for pick-up at 8pm. Permission slips are required. MYF Leader Shelly Lapadula is the coordinator. You can reach her at m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or 203-874-4466.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are **due by noon Wednesday** for the following Sunday bulletin.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and 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. Also wet and dry dog food 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 brings 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.

"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.

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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR June 5th:

Total worship attendance all services: 167; June 5th: 157; June 6th: 10; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for June 5th: \$6,509.56; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$431.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$27,400.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 32; Office Volunteers: 1; Sunday School:31;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.