

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
Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016*

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

PENTECOST V FATHER'S DAY June 17, 2018

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 “Meditation on ‘Olivet’” G. Young

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “He Has Made Me Glad”

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 118:24, Gen. 28:17; John 4:23; Ps. 100:4

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: ***This is none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven.***

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for these the Father seeks.

People: ***Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with
praise!***

ALL: ***GIVE THANKS TO GOD, BLESS GOD'S NAME!***

*HYMN #144 “This is My Father's World” Terra Beata

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

***O God, in you every family on earth receives its name. Illumine our homes with
fathers whose strength is perfected in weakness; whose certainty is perfected in humility;***

***whose courage is perfected in compassion. We thank you for gifts of love we have received
from fathers, mothers and all who nurture us. As we have been loved by you and by others, so
may we love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord God, we mourn the violence that marks our world, and us. In gathering courage
to fight injustice and intimidation, help us to keep from becoming what we abhor. Turn us
again to Jesus and the light of his glory and grace as we confess our need for healing. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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AN ORDER OF THANKSGIVING *for the birth of*

Julia Russo Doyle, daughter of Timothy and Stephanie

Matthew 18:1-5

Presentation and Call to Thanksgiving

Response of the People:

***Hail the day on which this child, Julia Russo Doyle, was born. Rejoice! Let us all sing and
praise her that gave birth for this daughter for whom they longed. Greet this day with joy. Our
hearts are glad!***

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

***O God, as a mother comforts her children, you strengthen us in our solitude, sustain and
provide for us. As a father cares for his children, so continually look upon us with compassion
and goodness. We come before you with gratitude for the gift of this child, for the joy that has
come into this family, and the grace with which you surround them and all of us. Pour out
your Spirit. Enable your servants to abound in love, and establish our homes in holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Hymn #611, verses 2-4 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 5:6-17 Bible p. 1053 (LP, NT p.220)

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Olivet

*THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34 Bible p. 914 (LP, NT p.47)

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

DUET “The Gift of Love” Mary Lou Kampert, Harp; Dr. Bodt, baritone

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 SPOPTLIGHT Eileen Doyle, Stewardship Co-Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: "Thy Will Be Done" Joyce E. Eilers

(The Adult Choir with Dr. Bodt, baritone)

*Presentation: "The Doxology" Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #508 "Faith While Trees are Still in Blossom" For the Bread

THE SERMON "We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #707 "Hymn of Promise" Promise

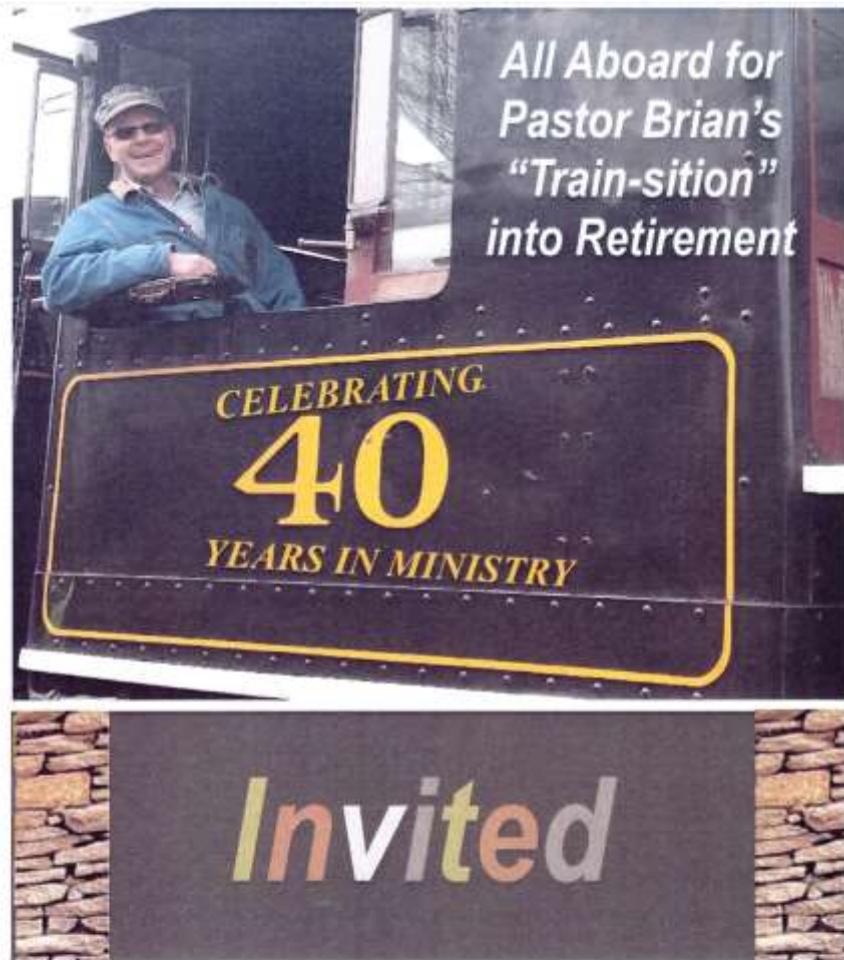
*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE "This Is My Father's World" E. Lorenz

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



Open House

Sunday, June 24th from 2 pm – 4:30 pm

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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	Andy Thomas	Outreach Pastor	Danielle Levine
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes

June 17, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Happy Father's Day! First celebrated in Spokane, Washington in 1910, it reminds fathers to aspire to the image of God, whom Jesus called "Father." Whether we are fathers or have fathers, may this day be joyful as we remember fathers. The small token being distributed to all the men today bears the inscription "Fathers light the way." May we do so after the example of Christ who said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

Thanks to Pastor Hal Vink for his preaching and worship leadership last Sunday with Liturgist Paul Downing and Co-Lay Leader Beth O'Brien. It was wonderful to hear what a great worship it was and to see strong attendance. To God be the glory!

Those present also saw Bob and Becky Virgalla present a check to Pastor Hal for \$21,000 from the proceeds of the Fair on the Green. Many, many thanks to the "many hands" that made "light work" for this annual event. Carol and I take personal privilege with a special "shout out" to the many who came Saturday afternoon for our clean-up team. That fresh energy was a blessing.

Meanwhile, those of us at Annual Conference took pride in, among other things, making our gift of 500 health kits to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 70 churches contributed, and our 500 kits represented 7.8% of the entire total. "Well done, good and faithful servants." The Conference (June 7-10) was outstanding and I hope to show my 90 second retirement video next Sunday. As for today, it is a privilege to return to the pulpit and people I have loved these last six years for these last two Sunday worship celebrations with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor

FAREWELL / RETIREMENT EVENT FOR PASTOR BRIAN AND CAROL: Sunday, June 24, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Stacey Cronk (fri1013@aol.com; 203.772.5997) chairs the committee on behalf of Staff-Parish Relations. **Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you will be attending** at 203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Nick Bettencourt

Greeters: Michelle Craig and Karyn Doherty

Liturgist: Andromeda Macri

Acolytes: Nate and Josh Carr

Cross Bearer: Marshall Firmender

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Judy Griggs, given by her 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

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

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. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The "Order for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child" is from The United Methodist Book of Worship.

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



LEADERS DURING PASTORAL TRANSITION

This quick review of our current officers provides "who to reach" with questions or suggestions, especially during our pastoral transition between now and July 1st. You may reach them at any time, of course. You may also contact any member of the committees they represent. All the names and contacts are available through the Church Office.

LAY LEADERS: *address them on any aspect of church life and ministry*

Shelly Lapadula: 203.258.2777; m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com

Beth O'Brien: 203.877.8668; bgobrien11@optonline.net

CHURCH COUNCIL: *address him about governance or strategy*

Dennis Darak: 203.988.3554; wingridrs@optimum.net

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: *address her about staff or volunteer personnel*

Edie Reichard: 203.650.5733; ereichard@juno.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: *address him about property and asset management*

Chris Paton: 203.675.9093; christopherpaton@msn.com

FINANCE: *address her about fund-raising and the church budget*

Nancy Bennett: 203.530.0176; nancy516@aol.com

LAY MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE: *address them about Annual Conference matters*

Sandy Morgan: 203.203.874.4374; sgmorgan@aol.com

Kelly O'Hara: 203.913.2969; yankee89@optonline.net

TODAY

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, June 17</i>	<i>9:45 a.m. Informal hymn singing – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship/Father's Day – Sanctuary</i> <i>(last 10 a.m. worship until Sept. 9)</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Blood pressure screenings – Sanctuary by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN, FNP-BC and Kristen Campbell, RN</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministries – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 18</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Friday, June 22</i>	<i>Dodd Hall Reserved</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 23</i>	<i>Dodd Hall Reserved</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m. Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m. CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course – Long Hill UMC, 6358 Main St. Trumbull</i>
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<i>Sunday, June 24</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m. Retirement Party for Pastor Brian and Carol– Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 25</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 27</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Wesley Center – Egan room</i>
<i>Thursday, June 28</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Saturday, June 30</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Men's Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m. CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course – Long Hill UMC, 6358 Main St. Trumbull</i>

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR June 10th

Total worship attendance all services: 189; June 10: 155; GEUMC: 22; June 11: Healing and Wholeness:12; Total Offerings for June 10: \$8,332.75; Offering for FOTG: \$21,000.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$305.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 50; Gay/Straight Alliance: 12; GUTS: 5; United Methodist Women: 15; Adult Choir: 16; Office Volunteers: 2; 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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted by the United Methodist Women N through Z. Next Sunday's hosts will be the Gay/Straight Alliance.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS follow worship in the sanctuary by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN, FNP-BC and Kristen Campbell, RN

VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM meets about 11:30 a.m. after worship in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor.

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. You will find the brochure available today in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

FREE BOOKS! Pastor Brian is pruning his library before retirement. Today is the second of three Sundays in which books will be available, free for the taking, in Dodd Hall. Help yourself!



SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 24th

PENTECOST VI– Worship hour moves to 9:30 a.m. Worship this Sunday *begins one-half hour earlier* and will continue at 9:30 a.m. through September 2nd. “Train-sition” is the sermon based on Psalm 9:9-20, II Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Christopher Michael Krom, son of Michael and Heather.

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL also begins next Sunday. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and the location in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. **If you'd like to host Summer Punch Bowl, it's easy.** Open dates are July 15, 29 and Aug. 5. Please contact a Membership and Evangelism Co-Chair: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or holly.firmender@gmail.com) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or soupytrus@yahoo.com).

RETIREMENT AND FAREWELL EVENT for Pastor Brian and Carol is also next Sunday, 2 – 4:30 p.m., in Dodd Hall and, weather permitting, the courtyard. Come for any or all of this “meet and greet” event. Thanks to Stacey Cronk and her committee for planning this event.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS! Please join us on June 24th after church to celebrate your service to our church. We will be enjoying an ice cream cone or Sundae bar with all the fixings to thank you for your help in serving our church as bible bearers, acolytes or cross bearers since last year. For those that are new to our church, and would like to be involved in Sunday service as an acolyte, bible bearer or cross bearer in September, please join us as well! For additional information you can contact Sheryl Hollyday at 203-376-6658, doulee@aol.com or Barbara Repetsky at 475-238-3266, babsbayr@aol.com.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: If you have a musical talent you'd like to share at 9:30 a.m. summer Sunday worship, please e-mail Rick Riccardi at rick.riccardi@comcast.net or call him at 203.562.6508. **Open dates** are July 15 and 29; August 5, 12 and 26; and September 2nd.



SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS will provide informal conversation to get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman. **If you would consider hosting a group of 12-15 people in July or August**, please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733.

TRANSFORMATIVE COACHING, “*a client-centered approach to facilitate ...a client’s own inner strength and potential,*” is being offered by Paul Downing as part of becoming a certified coach. His completion of a Transformative Coaching curriculum requires offering 100 hours of coaching. He is offering sessions *gratis* or for a free-will offering. Sessions are 20 or 50 minutes each, at the discretion of the recipient. If you are interested in learning more, receiving coaching or helping Paul reach his goal, please contact him at 203.676.5582 or paul.downing@snet.net.

NAME TAGS: we are revitalizing our use of name tags, anticipating the arrival of our new pastor. Please look at the name tags on the table in Dodd Hall to see if yours is there. If not, please let the office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) know you need one.

MILFORD HOSPITAL is seeking morning, afternoon and evening volunteers. The greatest need for volunteers is in the Enchanted Window Gift Shop, the Information Desk, the Surgi Center and the Dietary Department. Most positions require the ability to commit to one 3 ½ hour shift per week. Orientation sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12 pm at the hospital in Conference Room 1. For more information or to register for the orientation session, call 203-876-4062.

TRASH AND TREASURES will be accepting your best treasures *only during the month of July for the Oyster Festival*. Please do not donate any large items, things in need of repair or summer clothing. Any questions? Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O’Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **Available dates are July 1, 8, 15 and 29.**

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 and 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 takes 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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) 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.