

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 III FATHER'S DAY June 18, 2017

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

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTROIT “You Who Are Thirsty”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent., alt.

L: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, so God seeks and saves the lost.

P: *Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found, so
God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.*

L: As a father receives a returning wayward son, so God welcomes us,
And lets the past be the past.

P: *There let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.*

**ALL: LET US RECEIVE AND WELCOME AND REJOICE OVER ONE ANOTHER IN
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.**

*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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STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Lillia Downing and Amanda Repetsky

THE EPISTLE Romans 5:1-8 Bible p.1027
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39 Bible p.886
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN #710 “Faith of our Fathers” St. Catherine

THE SERMON “A Tough Day for Dad” 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.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. by J. Lundberg

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

A RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Introduction of the honorees

NOEL FINO – Today concluding 25 years as Coordinator of Altar Servers (Acolytes, Cross bearers and Bible bearers)

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Pastor: Dear friends, these six servants have served long and faithfully in the offices described. They represent over a century of service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Although they have and will continue to serve, we recognize that they have ended these particular ministries.

People: *As holy scripture declares “To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.”*

Pastor: In love we thank you for the service faithfully rendered.

People: *You cannot be “replaced,” you can only be “succeeded.”*

Pastor: We give thanks for your unique gifts, offered freely and without expectation of reward or acclaim.

People: *Yet our Lord says to all who are faithful, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

Pastor: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants. We thank you for all they have accomplished in your name over many years. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Grant that, with the refreshment that comes from service well done, they might find new energy for new horizons of ministry and service. This we pray that, through them and us, your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #567 “Heralds of Christ” National Hymn

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

*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.

+~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

Sunday, June 18	9:45 a.m.	Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary
Father’s Day	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Reception of New Members – Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time-Dodd Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Blood Pressure Screening by Sheryl Hollyday – Sanctuary
	3:30 p.m.	Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel
Monday, June 19	7:00 p.m.	Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel
Tuesday, June 20	Noon	Greater Bridgeport UM Cluster – off site
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Planning meeting – Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary job search support group-70 Gulf St.
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee mtg. – Wesley Ctr.
Wednesday, June 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Leaders’ summit –Wesley Center
Thursday, June 22	5:30 p.m.	MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Charles Wesley Singers concert – Sanctuary
Friday, June 23	10:00 a.m.	Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
Saturday, June 24	9:00 a.m.	Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel
Sunday, June 25	9:30 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
Summer Worship	10:30 a.m.	Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard
Begins	10:30 a.m.	MYF Trip to Brownstone Park – Shelly Lapadula contact
	11:30 a.m.	Caring Ministries meeting – Wesley Center
	3:30 p.m.	Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel
Monday, June 26	7:00 p.m.	Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 a.m.	“Beacon” mailing volunteers – Egan Room
	Noon	Taize Service – Sanctuary
		(No evening service this month)
Thursday, June 29	10:00 a.m.	Office Volunteers – Gunn Library
Friday, June 30		Church office closed – Summer Hours
Saturday, July 1	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel

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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 18, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Happy Father's Day! Whether we are fathers or have fathers, may this day be joyful as we remember fathers. May all fathers seek to be conformed to the image of God, whom Jesus called "Father." The small token being distributed to all the men today bears the scripture reminder "No one can lay a foundation other than Jesus Christ...." (I Corinthians 3:11)

Today is also an occasion of joy in recognizing long-serving and recently "retired" leaders in worship, in our Men's Club and in our United Methodist Women. Two – Noel Fino and Flo Berrien – have served so long that the best we have is a "guesstimate" of their years of service. The honorees total over a century of service to the Church and include:

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Please extend your heartfelt thanks for these leaders for their past and future service.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian Bodt*

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Cross Bearer: John Leum

Bible Bearer: Mary Repetsky

Liturgist: Shelly Lapadula

Greeters: Jim and Phoebe Repetsky

Acolytes: Chris Leum and Carolyn Hollyday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway's wedding anniversary on June 23rd, given by Samantha and Tabitha; and in memory of my father, Bruce, and in honor of all the father figures in my life, given by Pastor Dani Levine.

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.

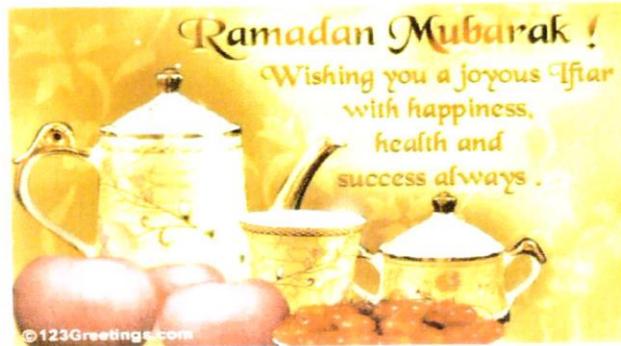
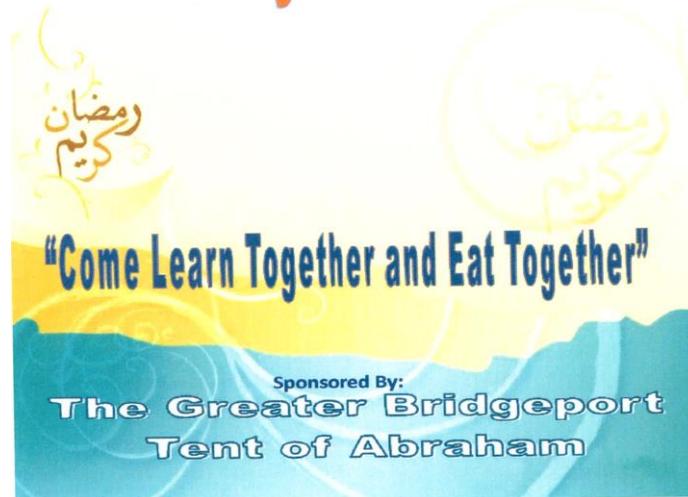
CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The "Recognition of Faithful Service" is an original composition of Pastor Brian based on material in The Book of Worship of the United Methodist Church.

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

Community Interfaith Iftar



Please join us for this annual event!

We Will Celebrate Our Solidarity
as people of different faith traditions
who believe that we are called to be in fellowship
with each other, and serve the community together!

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
(confirmed time: 7 PM to 9 PM)
Come for all or part of the evening!
at the new Islamic Center
877 Park Avenue, Bridgeport

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.

Flower donations now needed for June 25th, and all Sundays in July and August.

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 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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.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 11th:

Total worship attendance all services: 196; June 11: 166; GEUMC: 23; Healing and Wholeness worship: 7; Total Offerings for June 11th: \$30,258.75; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$484.89; Engaged in Small Groups: 53; Sunday School: 20; Pirates Day: 20; Membership and Evangelism, June 12: 10; Office Volunteers: 3. 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.

TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY is hosted in Dodd Hall by the UMW Women N-Z. Next Sunday's Summer Punch Bowl hosts are the Downing family. We will be in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS follow worship in the sanctuary, administered by Sheryl Hollyday, APRN.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS originally scheduled for today will be held next Sunday.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for both college (Kelsey-Worley Educational Fund) and vocational school ("Jimmy" scholarship) are in the back of the sanctuary.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday evenings, July 18 and 25 and August 1, 7-8:30 p.m., Gunn Library. The study will be on the book The Prayer Chest and will be led by Eileen Doyle. **Books may be picked up after worship TODAY from Eileen. Suggested donation for the book cost is \$8.50.** Contact Eileen at ddoyle51@aol.com or 203.710.5842 to register and obtain a copy of the book after service. Ask her or see page 6 in the June "Beacon" for more details.

CALLING ALL DISCIPLE 1 GRADUATES: If you've completed Disciple 1 you're eligible for the Disciple 4 class. It begins September 12th and is a 32 week session, studying The Writings, John, James and Revelation. The Writings include Ruth, Esther, Chronicles, Lamentations, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Job, Song of Solomon. The New Testament Books are John, letter of James and Revelation. **If you are interested in joining the class please talk to Don Hastings** (203.877.4554 or nctmwash@aol.com) or call the church office. **The class will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.**

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL SIGN-UPS DESIRED! Next Sunday, "Fellowship Time" becomes "Summer Punch Bowl." Weather-permitting, we move outside in the courtyard with punch, water and simple snacks. A check-list is provided on what to do, especially for those who have not previously hosted. **The current open dates** are July 30; August 13, 20 and 27; and September 3. **To sign up, write your name on the list on the Dodd Hall kitchen refrigerator.** Thank you in advance for sponsoring continued summer fellowship after worship.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE is extending the FOOD DRIVE for "The Great Thanksgiving Project" of the Bridgeport Rescue Meeting until the end of June. Last Sunday we collected 180 cans of cut green beans on Sunday. Our goal is 250 cans. We will be collecting cans of green beans today and next Sunday, June 25. There will be a box at the back of Dodd Hall for donations. This is the same project that we donate warm coats and clothing to in October. When you clean out your closets for summer clothing please remember our neighbors in need and save clothing for the Fall Clothing Drive. Adult and Children's warm clothing donations are needed. Blessings, **Loraine Carr and Maryann Petremont**, Missions Co-Chairs

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

2018 CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING: Tuesday, June 20, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Interested youth entering grade 8 in the fall, and at least one parent or guardian, is asked to attend this brief but important meeting to set the fall class time and review the expectations for Confirmation. The date of Confirmation will be Mother's Day, Ascension Sunday, May 13, 2018.

COMMUNITY SUPPER THIS THURSDAY, June 22 will see a dramatic swell in numbers, as it will host our usual Community Supper guests **AND** the 67 members of the Charles Wesley Singers ensemble **AND** such overnight hosts as may wish to join. With apologies for some "mixed signals" on "who's doing what," we want to thank Jim and Phoebe Repetsky for coordinating and preparing the food for the entire meal. **What we need from the congregation now are not (food) dishes but hands:** to help set-up, to serve, to clean-up. If you can assist for any portion of the time from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., please contact Deb Dubien at 203-449-4601 if you can help.

CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS CONCERT is this Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary offering "Prayer and Prophecy" with Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," songs from Isaiah 55, congregational singing and sacred choral anthems. This 52 member high school ensemble, with 15 adult chaperones hails from the Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, Maryland. Southerners are known for their warm hospitality: let's show them New Englanders are equally warm with our radical hospitality. The choir is on tour in New England the second half of June.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 25th

PENTECOST IV– 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 3rd. "He's Back!" is the sermon based on Romans 6:1b-11 and Genesis 21:8-21 (*for those following the lectionary in The Upper Room Discipline, this is the appointed Hebrew scripture for the week beginning Monday, June 12*). We will receive new members (moved from Father's Day). Our special music will be by Mark Platt. Prayer and healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. The Caring Ministries Team meets after worship in Wesley Center.

BROWNSTONE OUTDOOR WATER PARK TRIP for the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be next Sunday, June 25, after worship. \$15 per youth (50% subsidized by MYF). See Shelly Lapadula: 203-874-4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com.

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC is now being scheduled. Our Adult Choir rests from the last Sunday in June until the second Sunday in September. If you have a musical talent you'd like to share on summer Sunday, please e-mail Rick Riccardi at riccardir1@southernct.edu or call him at 203.562.6508.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 26: The daily hours remain the same – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – but we are **closed on Fridays until the week after Labor Day**. Deadline for notices remains the same: Wednesday at noon.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE: Restoration is proceeding on a slower delivery schedule due to the difficulty of color matching damaged glass. We now hope for an early September return date. If you have any questions about the windows restoration project, please contact Chris Paton, Trustee President, and project manager at 203-874-9390.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JULY 16: SUMMER PICNIC IN OUR OWN MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL COURTYARD! We will offer plenty of fun games, laughs and fellowship at our annual summer get together. This year we are moving it back to the church grounds, so no directions needed! Plan to bring a folding chair, a favorite covered dish, and some stories to share with friends. We will offer burgers and hotdogs, as well as beverages and watermelon. More information to follow on this event.

TRASH & TREASURES: Donations can be made on Sundays after church for the Oyster Festival sale. Watch the church bulletins for updated information. When there are enough donations, the T&T team will begin working on Thursdays at which time we can also accept donations from 9 am to 12 pm. Please remember, **we only want winter clothing for the August sale. Please read July's upcoming Beacon for a complete list of items that T&T cannot accept and for other interesting information.**

