

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street
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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen R. Adams (II Cor. 3:17)

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;

P: *where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.*

L: There is comfort in life's darkest hour;

P: *there is light and life, there is help and power*

ALL: **IN THE SPIRIT, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.**

*HYMN #100 "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

Lauda Anima

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*)

O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control so we may live in the Spirit and know the breadth and depth of Jesus' love on the cross, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. May our lives help lighten heavy burdens and free oppressed people, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws and disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Hymnal p.33

New members and their [sponsors] *are*

Barronlee Grasso [Mark Platt] ***and Justine Guckin*** [Stacey Riccardi].

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Bible p.13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mark Platt, guitarist

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:1b-11

Bible p.1028

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People: ***Thanks be to God.***

*HYMN #610

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

Engelberg

THE SERMON

"He's Back"

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:

Mark Platt, guitarist

*Presentation:

"All Things Come of Thee"

Hymnal #588

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #389

"Freely, Freely"

Freely, Freely

(Let the ushers retire and the anointers come forward.)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

Each last Sunday of the month, all are invited to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing hymns 465, 468, 508, and 510. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice of God's love is a mysterious, caring expression of Christ's promise "I will be with you always."

Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*HYMN #702

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Hymn to Joy

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Shalom to You"

Hymnal #666

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

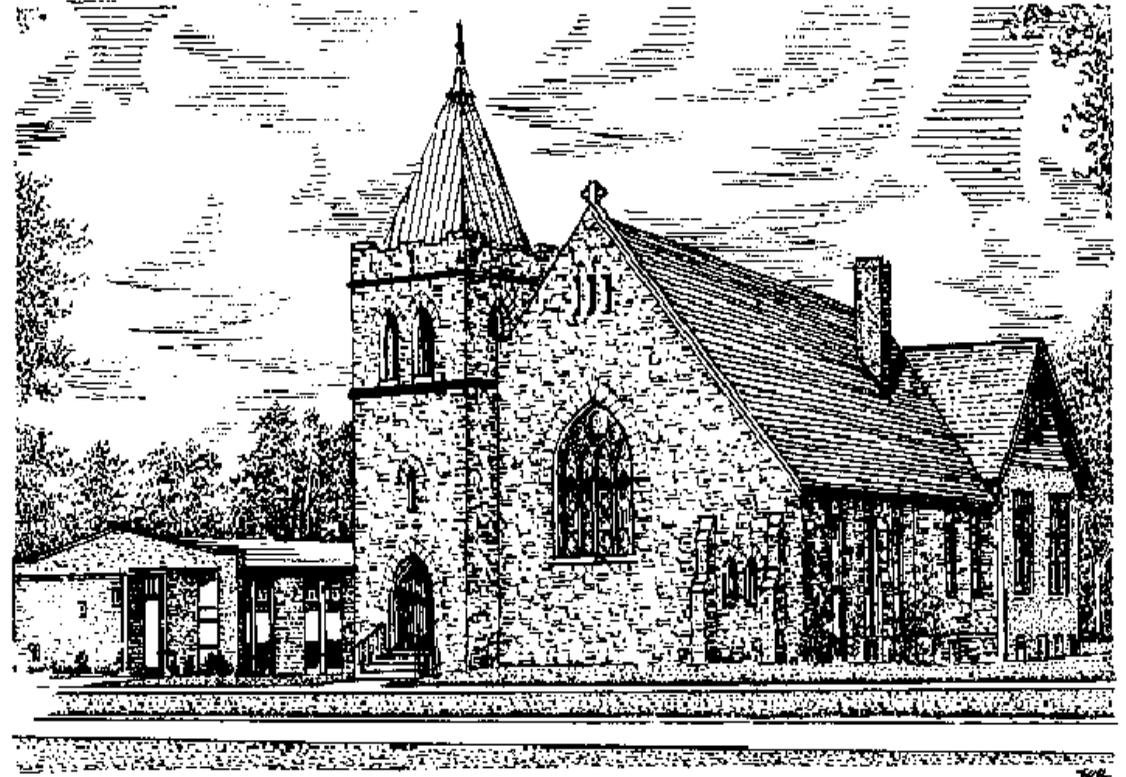
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE

(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

Nesting Ghana Emmanuel U.M. Church: 2016

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

PENTECOST III

June 25, 2017

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, June 25</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Summer Worship Begins</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>MYF Trip to Brownstone Park – Shelly Lapadula contact</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Caring Ministries meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 26</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 28</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Beacon” mailing volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Taize Service – Sanctuary</i> <i>(No evening service this month)</i>
<i>Thursday, June 29</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office</i>
<i>Friday, June 30</i>		<i>Church office closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, July 1</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, July 2</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC worship-Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 3</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 4</i>		<i>Church office closed – Independence Day</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 5</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper – Bridgeport</i>
<i>Thursday, July 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, July 7</i>		<i>Church office closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, July 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Reunion Group – Chapel</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O’Brien	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	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 25, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

“He’s back.....” For those of us of a certain age, the words re-create the echo of Jason, a back-from-the-dead slasher in a series of movies beginning with “Friday the 13th” in 1980.

Truth be told, I’ve never seen any of them. But the phrase is so much a part of contemporary culture that even those who do not know it’s origins use it in ways benign and ominous.

“He’s back....” I’ve been appointed pastor of this church and community for another year. Hopefully that is neither benign nor ominous, but as exciting for you as it is for me.

Even more, “He’s back” reminds us of God’s persistent return to save and bless us.

Sarah laughed at God’s promise of a child for her and Abraham. It was logical of course. They were well past the age one would expect to become parents. Yet “the Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age...” (Genesis 21:1-2a)

God in Christ died but was raised to newness of life. We who follow this Christ do the same, dying to our old selves that we might be “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:11b). God returns again and again to seek and save us.

Aren’t you glad? I know I am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Liturgist: Don Hastings

Greeters: Carole Degnan and Joanne Platt

Intercessor: Mary Lou Hastings

Healing Anointers: Pastors Hal and Dani, Barbara Ann Griggs, Sandy Morgan, Mark Platt and Steve Wasco.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Flo Berrien's 85th birthday today, given by her daughter Leigh.

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).

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

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

Cordially invites you, your family and friends to our

Summertime Fellowship Picnic after Sunday Worship

We're doing potluck style so please bring your favorite dish to share with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

Membership and Evangelism will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments.

Please bring a chair to sit and enjoy your meal.

Fun games planned for sun and shade in our courtyard!



Sunday, July 16, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

168-176 S Broad St, Milford, CT 06460
Facebook @MTMUMC

Please R.S.V.P. by July 13 to Kelly O'Hara at
yankee89@optonline.net or call 203-283-4676

If you are interested in helping with set up and/or cleanup, please let us know

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 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 18th:

Total worship attendance all services: 158; June 18: 128; GEUMC: 22; Healing and Wholeness worship: 8; Total Offerings for June 18th minus “Lift Us Up”: \$4,382.90; Lift Us Up: \$1,000.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$3,280.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 15; UMW Days for Girls: 12; 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

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL TODAY is hosted by the Downing family in the Courtyard. Next Sunday's hosts are Stacey and Holly. We will be in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

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

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

“**THE UPPER ROOM**” daily devotional guide for July-August is available free at the rear 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](mailto:didoyle51@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.**

ONE SUMMER PUNCH BOWL SIGN-UP REMAINS OPEN: Sunday, Sept. 3. Weather-permitting, we move outside with punch, water and simple snacks. A check-list is provided on what to do, especially for those who have not previously hosted. **To sign up, write your name on the list on the Dodd Hall kitchen refrigerator.** Thank you in advance!

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE for “*The Great Thanksgiving Project*” of the Bridgeport Rescue Mission **ends today**. Our goal is 250 cans of cut green beans. **Please leave your donation in the box at the back of Dodd Hall.** 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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN TOMORROW 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.

TAIZE WORSHIP will be offered *this Wed., June 28th at noon only this month.* This 30 minute service is offered every 4th Wednesday at noon and 4th Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 2nd

PENTECOST IV/INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The sermon "When the Bible Gets Ugly" will be based on Genesis 22:1-14 and Romans 6:12-23 with Matthew 10:40-42.

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:
Wednesday, July 5, 2:30 – 5 p.m. We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan. Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector. If you would like to volunteer, contact Maryanne at 203-610.4936.

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.

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

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE IN THE MARY TAYLOR PARKING LOT, Saturday, July 15, 9 am – 3 pm. Please bring bottles and cans that can be returned for deposit. The proceeds benefit the United Methodist Women's projects. For more information contact Michelle Connor at 203-306-7506 or m.connor357@gmail.com.

SUMMER PICNIC IN OUR OWN MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL COURTYARD! Sunday, July 16 after worship. 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.

