

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ASCENSION SUNDAY
THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION
JUNE 1, 2014

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.**

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. by D. Hegerty

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

People: ***Our life is hidden with Christ in God.***

Leader: The One who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

People: ***When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in
glory! Alleluia!***

*HYMN #312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Llanfair

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* “The Ascension” Hymnal #323

CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p.8

THE EPISTLE I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Bible p.1106
Reader: The word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-11 Bible p.991
Reader: The word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

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: “You Raise Me Up” arr. by T. Fettke
Stacey Riccardi, signer

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Diademata

THE SERMON “When You Can’t Hold On...” Dr. Bodt

*HYMN #608 “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now” Azmon
(During the hymn the confirmands and sponsors come forward.)

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION Hymnal p.45
(The recitation of the Apostles’ Creed is Hymnal #881.)

Confirmand

Cassandra Sharilynn Bennett
Lia P. Bonfietti-Csvihinka
Jillian Whitney Doherty
Ryan Bray Lapadula
John Robert Leum
Anna Lia Pierce
Elizabeth Rose Pierce

Sponsor

Holly Firmender
Rachel Merva
Shelly Lapadula
Rick Perregaux
David Bak
Susan O’Shea
Kate Georgelos

HYMN #624 *(seated)* “Bread of the World” Eucharistic Hymn

THE HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p.9-10

*(The United Methodist Church observes an open table,
including the use of grape juice and gluten-free bread. All are welcome to receive
or refrain from receiving. Confirmands and their families will receive first.*

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.
We will sing hymns #618, 641, 640, 629 during the distribution.)*

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS *(unison)*

***Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent
representatives from the Lord’s Table to those unable to be present.
Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish
and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may
know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of
faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #578 “God of Love and God of Power” Unser Herrscher

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen”
Hymnal #898

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

*POSTLUDE Toccata on “Diademata” arr. by L. Smith
(*During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated*).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Confirmation – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

Monday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, June 3

6:00 p.m. Missions Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees – Egan Room, Wesley Center

Wednesday, June 4

New York Annual Conference (through June 7)

Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, June 5

FAIR ON THE GREEN SET-UP

9 a.m. – Strawberry Cleaners – Dodd Hall Kitchen

6 p.m. – All others for set-up of church grounds

Friday, June 6

FAIR ON THE GREEN

7:30 a.m. – Workers arrive

9:30 a.m. – Opening prayers in our work group sites

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fair open to the public

Saturday, June 7

FAIR ON THE GREEN

7:30 a.m. – Workers arrive

10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Fair open to the public

Sunday, June 8

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Graduates Recognized/New Members Received/

Disciple 1 grads recognized/UMARMY Volunteers recognized

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour-Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. MYF Year End Picnic-Bak's home

4:00 p.m. Good News Gospel Choir-Nichols UMC Trumbull

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

**6:30 p.m. UMW Evening Meeting-Missy Hackett's home
467 Turkey Hill Rd.**

Orange

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Frison- Walters wedding - Sanctuary

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10

Thursday, June 12

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14

Grace Notes

June 1, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

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 for becoming full members of Christ's Church and of the United Methodist Church.

The seven youth confirmed today have been enrolled in study since September, 2013. 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. 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 in response to human trafficking and on behalf of the Milford Animal Shelter; and have participated in at least one other aspect of church life; either Sunday School or Methodist Youth Fellowship.

During the ritual, the confirmands circle past 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 has provided a cake in honor of this year's confirmands.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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.

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Ministers All the People of God Bishop The
Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee

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
AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Kelly O'Hara Greeters – Pat Jaser and
Ruth Starcher

Liturgists – Lia Bonfietti-Csvihinka and Anna Pierce

Acolytes – Chris Leum and Sarah O'Brien

Cross Bearer – John Leum Bible Bearer –
Addyson Perregaux

Communion Stewards – Debbie Dubien and Mary Lou Hastings

Communion Servers – Cassie Bennett, Jillian Doherty, Ryan
Lapadula and Beth Pierce, Leigh Bak,
Kelly O'Hara, Rev. Vink, Dr. Bodt

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Bodt at the Narthex
door and our confirmands in Dodd
Hall.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Kaylyn Bettencourt's
graduation, love from Grandma and
Grandpa.

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 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. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

TODAY'S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are in the rear of the church and on the web 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 an adult or guardian.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by noon each Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

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: Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

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.

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. Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. Please contact her at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net to arrange a suitable date.

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 them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR MAY 25:
Total worship attendance all services: 174 (May 25, 169; Healing and Wholeness, May 26: 5) Total Offering May 25: \$4,344.36; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$3595.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 137 (Sunday School 34; Golden Hill Community Supper 16 volunteers, 46 guests; Confirmation: 15; Office volunteers: 2; No Praisemakers; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 17;) 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) with your attendance.

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. Today’s host is the Finance Committee. Next Sunday’s hosts are the Education Committee.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS ARE NEEDED for the next three weeks. Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. If you would like to place an order please contact Beth at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net to arrange a suitable date.

LAST SUNDAY’S MISSION PROJECT supporting Milford Animal Shelter raised \$358 to help our furry neighbors. Thank you for your support.

“FAIR ON THE GREEN” SIGN-UPS are in Dodd Hall. The Fair is THIS WEEKEND, June 6-7. This is our single all-church fundraiser of the year. Many hands make light work. Plus, it’s fun! Please sign up. See the larger notice in this issue. Take a sign for your car, too!

WE WOULD LOVE TO RECOGNIZE GRADUATES NEXT SUNDAY but need their names, degree (if any) and the school by TODAY to the church office.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence with us. Please complete a red visitor’s

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to our Adult Discussion Group which meets each Sunday, 9 – 9:45 a.m., in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

GOT STUFF FOR “TRASH AND TREASURES?” Please bring it, except more clothing, for which we no longer have space. (We still accept baby clothing to size 5). Come to rear of the sanctuary, entrance below Dodd Hall; or call Bev Pierpoint (203.874.7330) or Dolly Bonisch (203.783.9952). Note Dolly’s correct telephone number. The cut-off date for donations is **TOMORROW, June 2nd**. While our team is working at Trash and Treasures, we welcome early shoppers. Thank you for your continued support.

“PRAISEMAKER’S” CHOIR rehearses again this Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m. in preparation for worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Thanks to our choristers and the parents and other adults who support them.

FAIR ON THE GREEN BAKE SALE TABLE: Bakers, unite! Cookies, quick breads, pies; all baked goods are welcome. Please bring them on Thursday, June 5th up to 7:30 pm

or all day Friday and Saturday, June 6-7. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Please include a list of ingredients for those with food intolerances. **PLEASE DO NOT USE PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER.** Questions? See or contact Maryann Petremont: 203-877-0612.

NEW YORK ANNUAL (regional) CONFERENCE meets this week, June 4-7, at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. Lay members of Conference are Rachel Merva and Kelly O’Hara. Clergy members are Dr. Bodt and Rev. Vink. Please keep them and all the members and business of the Conference in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE DAY OF PENTECOST Please wear something red, the color of the Holy Spirit.

“Never Bullied” is the message based on Acts 2:1-21, I Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 7:37-39. We will receive new members; recognize **UMARMY** volunteers; recognize Disciple 1 graduates and recognize school graduates. Following worship the MYF end-of-year party will be held. See the article in this issue.

MYF YEAR END PICNIC will be Sunday, June 8 after worship at 15 Seaside Court, Milford. Please bring a side dish to share and a signed permission slip. Pick up is 1:30 p.m. Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak.

A GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT will be held Sunday, June 8, 4 p.m. at Nichols U.M. Church, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull, featuring Chris Coogan and the Good News

Gospel Choir. Pastor Hal Vink will be the inspirational speaker.

COMING SOON

THE NEXT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DINNER will be held Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. at Missy Hackett's home, 467 Turkey Hill Road, Orange (203.799.0487). This event is open to all the women of our church. Please bring a dish to share.

MILFORD'S 375TH ANNIVERSARY: Please hold Sunday, June 15th, 1 p.m. to be part of the 375th Anniversary Parade for the City of Milford. We will have a horse and rider representing our early "circuit riding" preachers; a banner and special T-shirts. We are working on the possibility of trailering the Myrtle Beach Methodist Church bell. Want to help? Please contact Michelle Craig (michellemtmumc@gmail.com or 203.877.4332).

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY NOTICES

MTMUMC HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for students enrolled in a full time program of post high school studies: 1. Kelsey-Worley Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a college/university program and 2. Men's Club "Jimmy" Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a trade/vocational program. For information and applications, refer to the church website at www.mtm-

umc.org and select the "Scholarships" button. Committee Members are: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D'Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner.

Questions? Please contact Wil Wright at wwright7@fordham.edu or 203-877-5021.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION by Pastor Brian resumes mid-June. The purpose of these visits is to continue to become better acquainted with our members and friends. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

INTERESTED IN "DISCIPLE 3?" This 32 week adult study will focus on the prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul, Tuesdays, 7 – 9:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. Anyone who has completed Disciple 1 may be in this class. Disciple 2 is not required. To register please contact the church office (203.874.1982) or Don Hastings (203.877.4554).

ADULT STUDY ON JUST BECAUSE I AM OLD, the Rev. Jim Stinson's new book, will be held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (choose morning or evening session) from July 9 – August 6. If interested contact the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) or speak with Pastor Brian. The book, normally \$14, will be \$10. One of our members recently chimes "This should be read by anyone over 25 years old!" 'Nuff said!

A TRIP TO THE BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH (a minor league baseball team) will be Saturday, Aug. 9, 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15, of which \$6 benefits Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. If you are interested, speak with Kelly O'Hara or Marquise Reid, or contact Kelly at 203.283.4676 or yankee89@optonline.net. Deadline: July 7th.

SUMMER "DROP IN" PLAY DATES for children and families begins Sunday, June 22, 4 p.m. at Sandy Ground playground, 150 Gulf Street (behind Milford Academy). Come meet your MTMUMC neighbors! Contact Cathy Cono (203.645.2362) for more information.

LIGHT LAWN WORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: if you could assist a person in need with light yard work please contact Joan Braun at 203-876-1665 who is coordinating this effort.