



~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, June 29

**PENTECOST III/SUMMER WORSHIP STARTS TODAY**

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl

11:00 a.m. Caring Ministries Team

Monday, June 30

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS START TODAY**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

June 30<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

6:00 p.m. Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study

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

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

6:00 p.m. “Education First” students arrive – parking lot

Tuesday, July 1

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY – Office closed**

Sunday, July 6

**INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY/PENTECOST IV**

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Planning Meeting – The Chapel

4:00 p.m. Summer Drop-In Play Date: 150 Gulf Street

Mon., July 7 – Fri., July 11

8:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. “Education First” – Wesley Ctr.

Monday, July 7

**BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH TICKET DEADLINE**

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

10:00 a.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, July 9

Noon – Spiritual Directors Meeting - Gunn Library

Thursday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Summer Drop-In Play Date – Fowler Field

Friday, July 11

Grace Notes

June 29, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

*The Rev. Jim Stinson is a treasured colleague serving since 2002 as Director of Spiritual Life at the United Methodist Homes of Connecticut, headquartered in Shelton. He is a cherished friend for over 25 years and has been a friend to this church. His regular columns in “The Vision” (the Conference newspaper) on the challenges and humor of aging have led to his recent book, Just Because I Am Old. In an act of shameless self-promotion, he will have copies to sign after worship.*

*Jim, being born when earth was new, knows whereof he speaks. No doubt that is why we are hearing the passage from Genesis 1 today. He watched it happen in real time!*

*Jim served churches in New York, including his native Brooklyn, for 15 years after receiving his “License to Preach” in 1964. In 1979 he came to Connecticut, serving a dozen years in Watertown and eight in Danbury before his last appointment in Norwalk and retirement in 2002. Yes, the math is simple: 50 years in pastoral ministry, to the glory of God!*

*Jim’s faith is an inspiration to my own. We have had the privilege of being pastors to each other. I presided at Judy’s funeral, his wife of 24 years; and his marriage to the lovely Barbara, now his bride for 17 years. She, along with his divinity degree from Drew (the seminary we share), are his most redeeming attributes. Jim helped me greatly during my divorce; and conducted my marriage to Carol (who is MY most redeeming attribute!)*

*My one regret is that I am not here to enjoy him with you. My older brother is East from Montana, and Carol and I have made a quick trip to see him and my father in Maryland. Back tomorrow! Jim’s one regret is that he let me write this bio, sight unseen! I’m sure he’ll even the score in his personal remarks today. But humor aside: please do consider the wisdom of his remarks, and consider taking his study that begins July 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!*

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Administrative Assistant Vink	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W.
Sexton Riccardi	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L.
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

### AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O'Hara

**Greeters** – Carol Koch and Frieda Pope

**Liturgist** – Eileen Doyle

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Rev. Stinson at the Dodd Hall door and Eileen Doyle at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of Beverly and Paul Downing's wedding anniversary.

**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, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Call to Worship, Collect and Unison Confession were written by Pastor Brian Bodt.

**SERMON COPIES** from recent weeks are in the rear of the church at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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.

### ADDITIONAL MINISTRY NOTICES

**SUMMER "DROP IN PLAY DATES CONTINUE IN JULY.** The June "Beacon" announced the dates below for our summer play date series for all children and families. Join us on any or all of these dates as we enjoy summer's slower pace in the great outdoors. In case of poor weather, play dates will be cancelled via a communication on the Yahoo group. For questions, contact Cathy Cono at 203.645.2362 or [spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net):

**TODAY**, 4 p.m. at Sandy Ground playground, 150 Gulf Street

**Fri., July 11**, 6 p.m. at Fowler Field (behind Milford Library, bring chairs for 7 pm concert)

**Tuesday, Aug. 5**, 4 p.m. at Silver Sands State Park, Milford (bring beach gear)

**Sat., Aug. 23**, 10 a.m. at Bodie's Place boundless playground, 725 North Street, Milford.

**Sunday, Sept. 21**, 3 p.m. at Boothe Park Main playground, 5774 Main Street, Stratford.

**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](http://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](mailto:wwright7@fordham.edu) or 203-877-5021.

**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION** by Pastor Brian continues. The purpose of these visits is to continue to get to know 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

## 2146 His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows  
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I  
 3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-

come? Why should my heart be lone-ly  
 hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness,  
 rise, when song gives place to sigh-ing,

and long for heaven and home, When Je-sus is my  
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he  
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clo-ser

por-tion? My con-stant friend is he: } His eye is on the  
 lead-eth but one step I may see: }  
 to him, from care he sets me free: }

spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the  
 spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his  
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

register please contact the church office (203.874.1982) or Don Hastings (203.877.4554).

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

**OUTREACH PASTOR POSITION APPROVED:** At its June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the Church Council approved a 15-20 hour per week position to develop and implement plans in Christian education, youth ministry, evangelism and member care, and worship. In keeping with our employment policy, candidates may not be members of Mary Taylor Memorial Church. If you know potential candidates, invite them to contact Mary Lou Kampert ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) who will e-mail them the position posting. Application deadline is July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**BELL RINGERS NEEDED ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>.** We would like to ring our newly installed Myrtle Beach bell at noon. If any are will to be bell ringers at that time, please speak to Paul Downing.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**

### **ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God's presence with us. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship in the outside courtyard between the sanctuary and the Wesley Center, weather permitting. This is the same as our Fellowship Time but with cold beverages outside. Today's hosts are Ann Loesch and Ann Sullivan.

**HOSTS FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL NEEDED!** All Sundays are open from July 6 – Sept. 7. Hosts bring a light snack and punch and set up in the courtyard between sanctuary and Wesley Center, weather permitting. To express your interest, please see Michelle Craig or contact her at [michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com) or 203.877.4332.

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER DESIRED!** If you are interested in providing special music any Sunday from now until September 7, please contact Rick Riccardi at 203.506.7270.

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS ARE NEEDED for July 6, 13, and 20th.** 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 to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list) 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](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) to arrange a suitable date.

### **THIS WEEK**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** begin **TOMORROW and continue through August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. Bulletin notices deadline remains noon each Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin. Beacon notices are still due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Happy Summer!

**SUMMER CAMP PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KIDS deadline is Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.** Camps - such as Quinipet - the United Methodist Camp on Long Island or Silver Lake - the United Church of Christ camp in Sharon CT - qualify. Please contact one of the members of our camping scholarship committee - Pastor Hal, Betty Collins or Marcia Winter at 203-878-0814.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST IV/INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY**– We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using spoken Setting I. The message on the theme of rest is entitled "The Yoke's on You" based on Matthew 11:16-19 and 25-30.

**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](mailto:yankee89@optonline.net). **Deadline: Mon., July 7<sup>th</sup>**.

### **COMING SOON**

**"EDUCATION FIRST"** is a 501(c)3 non-profit home-stay educational program that will be using a good portion of our Wesley Center **July 7-21** from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students arrive for home-stay assignment this Thursday and are offered daily language and culture lessons with off-site activities. This use has been approved by our Board of Trustees and works around existing 12-Step group commitments. Our MTMUMC point of contact is Missy Hackett. The students at our site will be Italian and French. If you are around say "Bonjourno!" or "Bonjour!"

**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](mailto: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!*"

**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AT WALNUT BEACH:** On **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**, we are planning an all-church picnic at the pavilion at Walnut Beach following morning worship. More details will come about the picnic in the July "Beacon." Please hold the date and plan to come have some "fun in the summer sun."



**OUR LIFE IN PRAYER,**

**MISSION**

**MINISTRY AND**

**OFFICE HOURS THROUGH AUGUST 31** are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 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.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** **Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 JUNE 22:**

Total worship attendance all services: 160 (June 22, 152; Healing and Wholeness, June 23: 8)  
Total Offering June 22: \$4,791.00; Fair on the Green Fund Raiser \$22,000.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 2 (Office volunteers: 2;) 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

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Order of Worship  
9:30 a.m.

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

(Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 8

Leader: God’s name is majestic!

People: ***O Lord, who’s greater than you?***

Leader: The heavens and all creation tell of Your glory.

People: ***In comparison, we are nothing next to God.***

Leader: Not so! We are barely less than God and crowned with glory and honor!

People: ***Awesome! No matter our age or situation, we can glorify our magnificent God.***

All: ***Let us begin such glory with our worship and extend it with our lives.***

\*HYMN #60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” Old 113th

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THE COLLECT (seated, in unison)

***O God in Christ who calls us to follow: be with us in times of change so we may know and share your love, to the glory of your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God, we confess our infatuation with youth. From the search for its fountain to a culture that distains wisdom and glorifies the new, we have rejected the blessings of aging and the gifts of our elders. Forgive us when we believe and act in ways that equate “newness” and “freshness” only with the young. Guide us to find in your Son Jesus that living water that refreshes at every age, in every circumstance, for everyone. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE PSALTER Psalm 8 Hymnal p.743, R.1

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 1:1-10 Bible p.1

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN #2051 “I Was There to Hear Your Bornin’ Cry” rear cover

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20 Bible p.909  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON “‘Old’ Is Not a Dirty Word” The Rev. Jim Stinson  
(The Rev. Stinson is the Director of Spiritual Life at the United Methodist Homes in Shelton.)

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.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “What God Hath Promised” Judy Darak, soloist

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #2146 (seated) “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” insert

HYMN #474 (seated) “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Precious Lord

HYMN #467 (seated) “Trust and Obey” Trust and Obey

*You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

*Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.*

*This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as 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.*

\*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 “Toccata on ‘Kirken’” arr. by G. Young

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

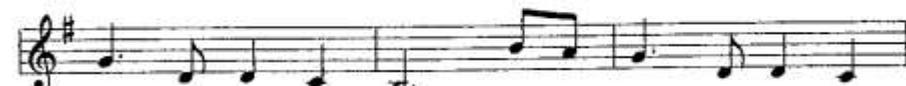
**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

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# I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was  
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too  
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you  
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



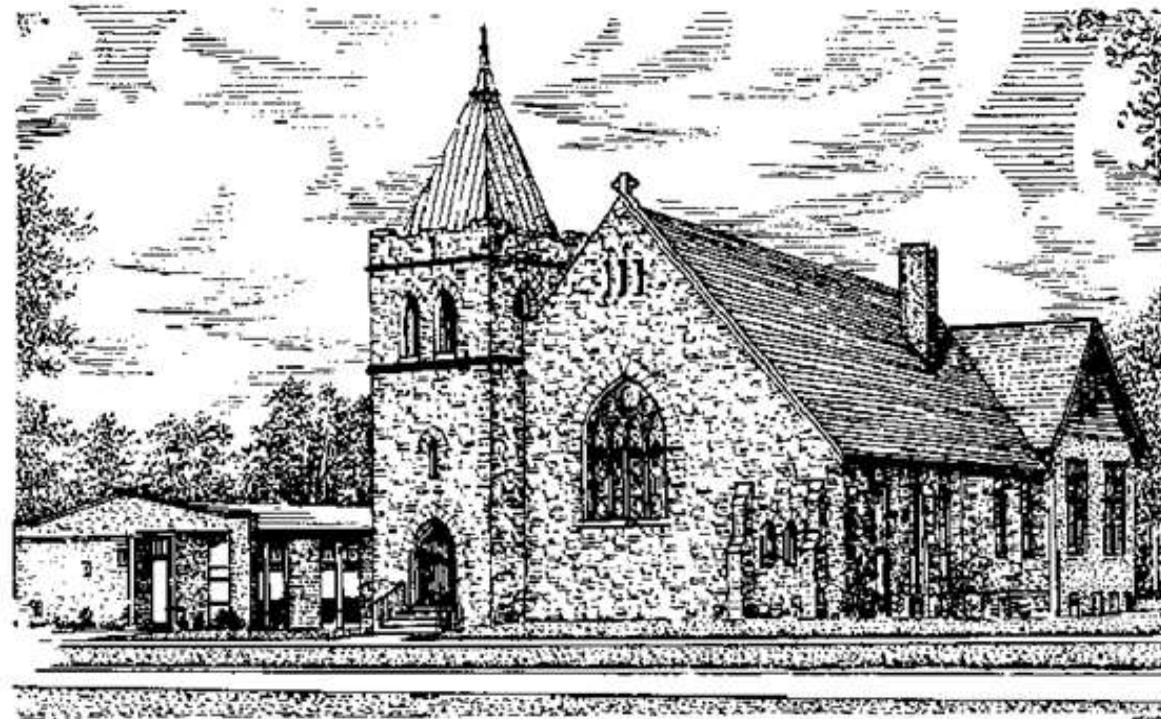
faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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## 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 III**

**June 29, 2014**