

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Year of Our Lord 2016

and of the Independence of the United States of America the 240<sup>th</sup>

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.*

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Meditation on ‘My Country, ‘Tis of Thee’” arr. E. Broughton

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Lev. 25:10, Ps. 33:12, Prov. 14:34, Deut. 8:10, Ps. 33:20

Leader: Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.

People: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.*

Leader: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

People: *You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.*

All: *Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.*

\*HYMN #697 “America” America

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THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

*O God of all the nations, whose hand is gracious and whose spirit is merciful: stretch forth the hand of thy protection to guard our country that we, being devoted to thy service, may live the creeds we speak: one people out of many as a light to the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (*by the Pastor*)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, forgive our shortcomings as individuals and as a nation. Purify our hearts to see and love the truth. Give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people. Bring us at last to that fair city of peace whose foundations are mercy and justice and whose builder and maker thou art; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Bible p. 945

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

THE SERMON “Is Your Name Written There?” Pastor Vink

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

\*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: “America, the Beautiful” with arr. J. Raney

Chopin Etude in E Major, Op. 10, No. 3”

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Converse

\*THE HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p.9-10

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*(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. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We will sing hymns #618, 620, 624, 628 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 #671 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Sicilian Mariners

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #696, verse 1

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

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

POSTLUDE “Fantasia on ‘America the Beautiful’” arr. by R. Koury  
(*During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated*).

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



### Boys and Girls Village School Supply Drive

If you attended the Mission Fair and spoke with the Boys and Girls Village representative, you will know of the good work provided by this organization. Here is their mission statement:

Our mission: Boys & Girls Village serves children and families in at-risk situations by strengthening their ability to succeed in life.

This said – we will again support the children with collecting school supplies. The list is below. There will be a collection box in Dodd Hall beginning July 3 and ending on August 14. All items must be new.

ELEMENTARY	Middle/High School
Book -- age appropriate	Book -- age appropriate
Composition Books	Composition Books
Colored pencils	Colored pencils
Crayons	Pens
Drawing pad	Drawing Pad
Erasers	Erasers
Glue sticks	Glue sticks
Journal	Journal
Markers (washable)	Markers (washable)
Notebooks, non-wire bound	Notebooks, non-wire bound
#2 pencils	#2 pencils
Folders - colorful	Folders - colorful
Binders	Tape
Elementary Lined Refill Paper	Red Pens
	Calculators
	Binders
	College Ruled Refill Paper



Also needed on a regular basis are arts and craft supplies – Crayons, Coloring Pencils, Acrylic paint, Washable Tempera paint, Construction paper, Elmer’s glue sticks, Sidewalk chalk, Colored tissue paper, Mod Podge, Crayola Model Magic – colored and white, Poster Board – colored and white, Permanent markers (Sharpies), Colored and Patterned Duct Tape, Blank books (for decorating/making journals), Paperboard boxes (for decorating memory boxes).

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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		

#### Grace Notes July 3, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*Thanks for laughing last Sunday when I opined “Some of you may wonder what Methodist pastors do on vacation. It’s none of your business!” Quipped in good fun, we are in Montreal celebrating Carol’s mother’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday today, returning tomorrow. You are in good hands with Pastor Hal and the team of worship leaders today, all of whom I thank for making effortless travel possible. For pastoral needs call Dennis Darak (203.988.3554).*

*A summer Bible study begins this Wednesday entitled “Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask”, authored by Adam Hamilton. Sessions will run 10 – 11:30 a.m. through August 17<sup>th</sup> (six sessions, but no class on July 20<sup>th</sup>) in the air-conditioned Gunn Library. The Rev. Judith Bennett is our leader. Rev. Bennett is a retired clergy member at MTMUMC with wide teaching experience, most recently at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.*

*The study looks at the core beliefs of four of the major world religions - - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam - - comparing them to Christian beliefs. In the accompanying DVD Rev. Hamilton interviews leaders from each faith, treating them with great respect, recognizing the unique contributions of each and urging Christians to “build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel.”*

*Books are available for \$10 (scholarship help available). To register, please speak with Rev. Bennett (804.216.7126) or contact the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 110). For further information, speak with Rev. Bennett at the number above or after worship today.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Shannon Thompson      **Greeters** – Sue Pitre and Rick Hubbell

**Liturgist** – Leigh Bak

**Communion stewards:** Brenda Pineau and Elizabeth Repetsky

**Communion celebrants:** Pastor Hal Vink, Rev. Judith Bennett, Leigh Bak and Kelly O’Hara

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Reverend Vink and Leigh Bak.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in honor of Steve Bettencourt’s retirement and July 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by his 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

**CHILD CARE** for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. 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.

**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.

**TODAY’S LITURGY** is taken from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God’s presence today. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

**SERMON COPIES** from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

### ~THREE WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, July 3</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, July 4</i>		<i>Office closed in observance of Independence Day</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Christianity and World Religions” study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Golden Hill Community Supper-Bridgeport</i>
<i>Thursday, July 7</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, July 8</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Florence Pallotto funeral - Sanctuary</i>
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<i>Sunday, July 10</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Mark Petremont baptism– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>MYF Advisors meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>afternoon</i>	<i>UM ARMY high school cohort departs for Torrington, CT</i>
<i>Monday, July 11</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday July 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Christianity and World Religions” study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, July 14</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, July 15</i>		<i>BEACON INFORMATION DUE</i>
		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
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<i>Sunday, July 17</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl - Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Walnut Beach picnic at Walnut Beach Pavilion – see insert</i>
<i>Monday, July 18</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday July 20</i>		<i>NO “Christianity and World Religions” study today</i>
<i>Thursday, July 21</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, July 22</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>



## 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](mailto: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.

**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. Also wet and dry dog food 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.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 26th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 147; June 26th: 136; June 27 Healing & Wholeness:11; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for June 26th: \$5405.50; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$394.34; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$90.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 5; Office Volunteers: 3; Total persons received on profession of faith: 2; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Small Groups please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship in the courtyard hosted by Paul Downing. Next Sunday's Summer Punch Bowl hosts are Sandy Morgan, Maryann Petremont and Priscilla James. **All our summer dates are now filled.** Thanks to all who have promised to host!

**THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ARE BACK!** Thanks to the Board of Trustees for this project of restoration, managed by Trustee Chris Paton.

**BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE BEGINS TODAY.** Please leave items in the collection box in Dodd Hall. See the rear cover for a detailed list of needed items.

**NAME TAGS MAY BE ORDERED** by calling the church office (203.874.1982).

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

## THIS WEEK

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW** in observance of Independence Day and **reopens on Tuesday, July 5 at 9 a.m.** We thank **Priscilla James** for covering the office this past week. Mary Lou Kampert returns on Tuesday.

**"CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS" STUDY** begins **this Wed., July 6, 10 a.m.** in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center. Contact the church office (203.874.1982) to sign up or speak with Rev. Judy Bennett (804.216.7126). See the front cover for a detailed description.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** at Golden Hill U.M. Church: **Wednesday, July 6, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** The church is located at 210 Elm Street, Bridgeport, 20 minutes away at Exit 2 off the Routes 8/25 connector. **Contact Maryanne Jordan** (203.268.8850) to learn more or offer to serve.

## NEXT SUNDAY, July 10

**PENTECOST VIII:** "The Source of the Question" will be the message based on Luke 10:25-37 with Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Mark Joseph Petremont, nephew of Aimee Petremont. We will have a Mission Minute from Stacy Meszaros for United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY) and commission UMARMY high school and mixed group volunteers headed, respectively, to Torrington, CT and Eliot, ME.

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ADVISORS** meet **next Sunday at 11 am** in the Youth Lounge in the Wesley Center.



## Summer Is Here!

What better way to enjoy the summer than to spend time with family  
and friends at

### WALNUT BEACH?

Wonderful fellowship and light lunch after Sunday Worship at the

### Walnut Beach Pavilion

Sunday, July 17

10:30- 2:00

Fun Games Planned for sun and shade

Lunch will be provided- sandwiches, chips, drinks and ice

If you are able to offer a dessert of some type, please share!

Also, please bring a chair that you can use to sit and enjoy.

Look for an E-vite on your email in the coming days. Please respond so that  
we are able to determine a number of sandwiches to order. Thanks!

If you are interested in helping with set up and/or cleanup, please contact  
Holly Firmender at 203-530-2621 (text is good, as well) or  
[holly.firmender@gmail.com](mailto:holly.firmender@gmail.com).

