

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5th
The Year of Our Lord 2015
and of the Independence of the United States of America the 239th

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

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

*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 COMMUNION (*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 EPISTLE II Corinthians 12:2-10 Bible p.1057
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON “Sufficiency of Grace & The Power of Weakness” Pastor Vink
(*My Grace is Enough for You*)

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 Chopin Etude in E Major, Op. 10, No. 3; arr. J. Raney
*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

*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 #2158 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” rear cover

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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.

Hymnal #696,

GRACE

2158

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,



Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.



Refrain
Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS: Anon. (James 4:8)
MUSIC: Anon.

CLOSER WALK
Irregular with Refrain

Grace Notes
July 5, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

The writer G.K. Chesterton observed that "America is a nation with the soul of a church." As we observe this Independence Day weekend, let us be among those who value our national heritage while subordinating it to God's will and judgment.

You are in good hands this morning as the Rev. Harold V.W. Vink preaches and leads worship. Our Pastoral Assistant since 2008, "Pastor Hal" had a distinguished pastoral ministry in Long Island, Brooklyn and Trumbull, CT before his "retirement" in 2000. He is widely respected for his teaching and pastoral care ministry and remains a blessing to Christ's Church and this congregation. His perseverance in overcoming the limitations of macular degeneration (from which my late mother also suffered) is an inspiration; and I would be remiss if I did not laud and applaud his bride of 59 years, Jane Vink, whose selfless support helps make possible Pastor Hal's continued vitality. To God be the glory for these faithful servants!

With my wife Carol Galloway and step-sons Aaron and Ryan Rattley, I am in Montreal this morning. We will worship at my mother-in-law's Pentecostal Church, having celebrated her birthday on Friday. I return to the office Tuesday since we are closed tomorrow to observe the Independence Day holiday.

Please join us for Summer Punch Bowl – either on the lawn or in Dodd Hall as the weather determines – and avail yourself of materials from the recently completed Annual Conference of our New York United Methodist Conference.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dave Doyle

Greeters – Elizabeth and Wil Wright

Liturgist – Steve Wasco

Communion Stewards – Phoebe Repetsky and Brenda Pineau

Communion Servers – Pastor Hal, Steve Wasco, Kelly O’Hara and Bob Lawrence.

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Hal and Steve Wasco.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God.

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. 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 taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

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

~Three week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Boys & Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th

Monday, July 6

The Church Office will be closed today in observance of the July 4th holiday.

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

Thursday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Office volunteers-Gunn Library

5:30 p.m. Summer Hang Out-Dinner & Car Cruise at Goodies Drive In 170 Cherry Street, Milford – All are invited.

Friday, July 10

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Saturday, July 11

9:30 a.m. CT District Lay Servant Ministry course, New Milford, CT UMC

Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Worship – Baptism of Jackson Tyler Edwards /

UMARMY high school volunteers commissioned - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Boys & Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th

11:00 a.m. UMARMY Summer Camp, July 12-18th

Monday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 15

Beacon Information Due today

9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting – Egan room

Thursday, July 16

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

Friday, July 17

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Sunday, July 19

9:30 a.m. Worship-- Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard

Monday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library

7:30 p.m. “Lift Us Up” Committee – Gunn Library

Thursday, July 23

5:30p.m. MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall

Friday, July 24

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Saturday, July 25

9:30 a.m. Summer Hang Out –Milford Fine Arts Council –38th Annual Sand Sculpture Competition at Walnut Beach – Cathy Cono contact

11 am – 1 pm MTM Healing Ministry in Review – Wesley Center

(see detailed notice in this issue)

ADVANCE PLANNING AND “SAVE THE DATES”

MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL will be Saturday, August 15th. Our Men’s Club typically serves food on the church campus and invites any who wish to assist them to do so. **Contact Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688.**

OUTSIDE TENT WORSHIP will be Sunday, August 16th, 9:30 a.m. If you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial Church you will enjoy this special opportunity to worship outside in the courtyard under the tent!

OUR SUMMER CHURCH PICNIC will be Sunday, August 23rd at Rivercrest Farm (and home of Maria and Andy Macri). More to come in the July “Beacon.”

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be taught Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. beginning September 15th in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Unconfirmed youth entering the 8th grade or older are encouraged to attend.

“**COVENANT**”, a 24 week comprehensive study of the Bible, will be taught on Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9:15 p.m. High School Room, Wesley Center, 1st Floor, beginning in September by Sandy Morgan, Certified Lay Servant, and Holly Firmender. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Sandy (sgmorgan@aol.com or 203.874.4374) or Don Hastings (nctmwash@aol.com or 203.877.4554).

“**REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It**” is a six-week study of the origins of Methodism. It will be taught by Pastor Brian September 15/16 – October 20/21 on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to attend (brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982).

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS is an eight-week Immersion Bible Study course of these prophets. It will be taught by Pastor Hal. We will divide the study around the holiday time from Thanksgiving through New Year’s, so there will be two four-week sessions: October 27/28 – November 17/18 (Isaiah) and January 5/6-26/27, 2016 (Jeremiah/Lamentations). These sessions will be Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact Pastor Hal if you would like to attend (vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203.878.8977).

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL continues through September 6th, following worship, in the Courtyard - weather permitting. Today’s host is Michelle Craig. If you or your family would like to host a summer punch bowl which entails bringing juice and a snack, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Dodd Hall, or contact Michelle Craig at michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

AVAILABLE TO TAKE: copies of the 2015-18 Long Range Plan and the 2015-16 Program Calendar, available in the rear of the church.

THIS WEEK

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW in observance of Independence Day. **HEALING AND WHOLENESS WORSHIP** will meet Monday, 7 p.m. in the Chapel. **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** are in effect until September: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **THE WEDNESDAY NOON DEADLINE** for weekly notices remains unchanged.

SUMMER HANG OUT: Thursday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Car Cruise at Goodies Drive In (170 Cherry Street, Milford). Cathy Cono contact at spikkio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362. All welcome to join in this activity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST VII: “The Run-On Sentence” will be the message based on Ephesians 1:3-14 with Psalm 24. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Jackson Tyler Edwards, son of Brandi and James; and we will commission UMARMY high school volunteers headed to Wethersfield, CT.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

TRASH AND TREASURES UPDATE:

In an effort to optimize our storage space while keeping our overhead at zero, Trash and Treasures needs some wood for shelving in our storage area. Our carpenter is selective so please call Frank Bonisch (203-783-9952) to see if your donation “*wood*” meet our needs!! After all, his wife doesn't want to have to take it to the dump.

WE SEEK MUSICIANS TO OFFER SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER.

Our choirs are in recess in the summer, so we welcome special music. Contact Rick Riccardi (riccardir1@southernct.edu; 203.506.7270).

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS-CONTINUED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS?

Contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien@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.

YOU'RE INVITED to become a **Lay Signer of the Covenant of Conscience**. Being a Lay Signer means you believe all God's children, regardless of sexual orientation, should be given the privilege and honor to be married in our sanctuary by our Pastor.

As you may know, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC is a Congregational Signer of the Covenant of Conscience. HOWEVER, our work is NOT DONE! One action that we all can take is to become a LAY SIGNER of the Covenant of Conscience. To sign, please go to <http://www.mindny.org/mind-initiatives/marriage-initiative/covenant-of-conscience/> and click on the link "To add your name."

Thank you ~ Eileen Doyle, Gay/Straight Alliance Co-chair

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.

MTM HEALING MINISTRY IN REVIEW

- ◆ **WHO'S INVITED?** Anyone interested in how Christian Healing goes on in our church.
- ◆ **WHEN & WHERE?** **Sat., July 25, 11 am to 1 pm in Wesley Center**
(Bring lunch if you wish.)
- ◆ **WHAT'S HAPPENING?** Briefly review how Christian Healing goes on in MTMUMC (last Sunday anointing & Monday pm Healing and Wholeness Services).
- ◆ **ANY SUGGESTIONS?** New changes for consideration; what might God be leading us to develop?
- ◆ **INTERESTED?** Tell Pastor Vink (vinkhaljane@gmail.com or 203-878-8977) or Mary Lou Hastings (203-877-4554).

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are **Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** **The office is closed on Fridays until September.** Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, thank you for calling the office (203.874.1982) or ringing the Broad Street doorbell.

BULLETIN NOTICES are **due by noon 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 still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

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@gmail.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.

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 28th:

Total worship attendance all services: 135; June 28th:129; Healing and Wholeness, June 29th: 6; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for June 28th: \$4,776; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$900.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 60 (Office Volunteers 3; MTMUMC Community dinner: 57; 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.