

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God 2033
(Gloria a Dios)



- 1. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
- 2. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
- 3. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! } Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! }
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Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

May be sung in call and response pattern.
WORDS: Trad. Peruvian (Luke 2:14)

MACHU-PICHU

*HYMN #380 “There’s Within My Heart a Melody” Sweetest Name

THE COLLECT (seated, unison)

Glorious God, whose love, grace, kindness, and mercy is intended for all people: Help us to draw the circle and cast our nets wide, that we may be messengers and vessels of the covenant you have made with us in sending your son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Ruth Duck

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Where we have failed to be bold, forgive us. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead. Where we have failed to trust and follow you, forgive us. Open our hearts and minds to love others as you have loved us. Where we have failed to draw wide the circle of love, forgive us. We ask all these things so that in Christ, your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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*HYMN #467 “Trust and Obey” Trust and Obey

*THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13 Bible p.915 (LP, NT p.49)

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

MISSION MOMENT “UM ARMY” Stacy Meszaros

HYMN #2172, verses 1-2 (seated) “We Are Called” insert

COMMISSIONING OF “UM ARMY” VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: All who take the name of Christ are called to ministries of love and service by Christ’s example. *Derek Baker, Daniel Beck, Allison Bennett, Cassandra Bennett, Emily Brennan, Brooke Carlson, Emma Davies, Sara Davies, Sem Jans, Shelly Lapadula, Ryan Lapadula, Stacy Meszaros, Laura Perregaux, Amada Repetsky, and Pastor Dani Levine* leave today to work with the United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth (UM ARMY). As they prepare for this departure, we pray God’s Blessings on them and those they serve.

BLESSING (prayed by all)

O God, we ask you to bestow on these ambassadors of this church in ministry with the people of West Chelmsford, Massachusetts, where this UM ARMY cohort will serve. As we dedicate them to service in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask that this prayer unites us with them in their work and that you richly bless their labor; in the name of the carpenter’s son from Galilee, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #2172, verse 3 (seated) “We Are Called” insert

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen”

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. People: *And also with you.*
(Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.)

HYMN #666 "Shalom to You" Somos del Señor
"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."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: *Special Selection by Dr. Riccardi*

*Presentation: "Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #261 "Lord of the Dance" Lord of the Dance

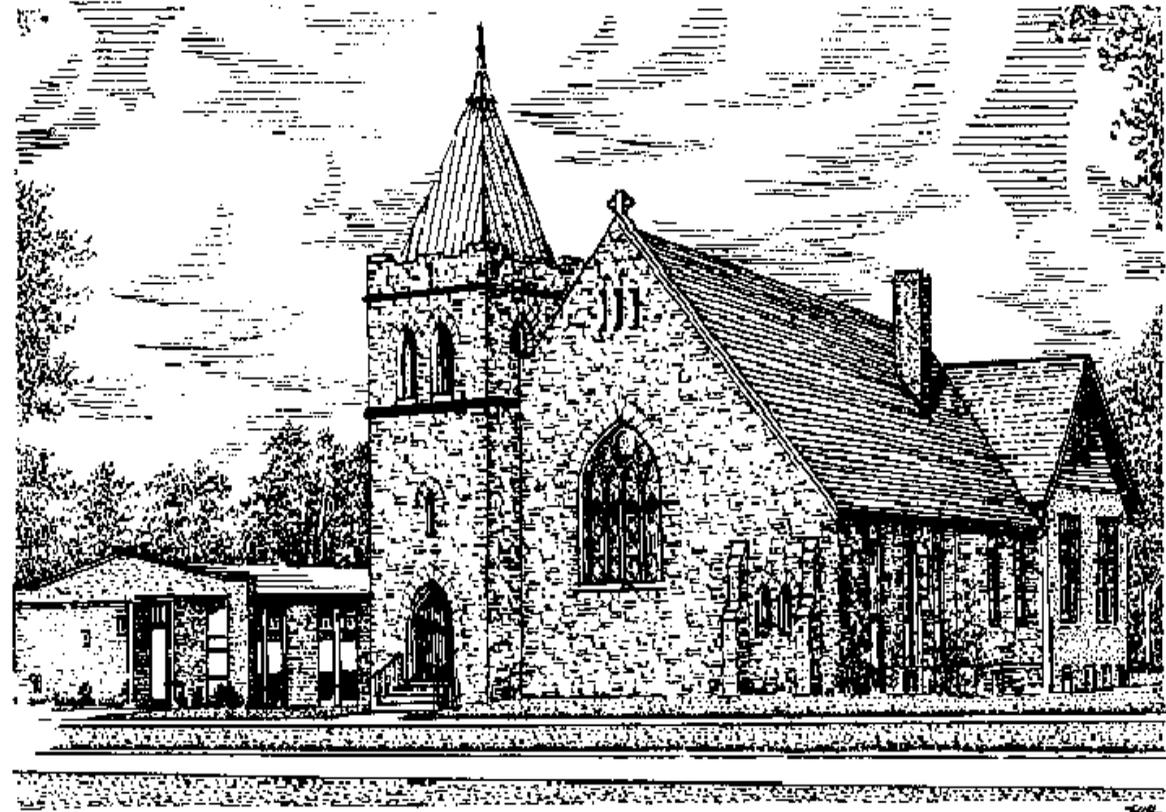
*THE BENEDICTION

*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.*

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
Co-Lay Leader	Beth O'Brien	Pastor	The Rev. Kristina Hansen
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach	Pastor Dani Levine
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cynthia Dodd
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes

July 8, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Finally we are together! It was a delight to worship with you on July 1! Pastor Dani's sermon was thought-provoking and engaging, and communion was such a beautiful and holy way to begin our new relationship. Thank you so much for the gifting and hospitality that you have lavished upon Leslie and me. We are feeling very welcome.

Thank you also for the words of condolence and comfort that you have shared with us on the death of my youngest brother, Kristian, who – at the age of 24 – died from an opioid overdose last month. My family and I are all extremely saddened by his death. He was a sweet young man with a big heart who was loved very much. On July 7, we will celebrate his life at a memorial service in Rochester, NY where he, my mother, and many of my siblings live. We will celebrate his life, knowing that he goes into eternity ahead of us, even as we mourn his death.

In these days, I stay close to God and lean on God's strength. I pray that when tragedy strikes you, that you will do the same. To quote Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

On Sunday, July 8, we will worship with my mother at the church of my youth. On July 15, I look forward to worshipping with you again. And the week after that...and the week after that...and the week after that...

Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen

Pastor



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Shannon Thompson

Greeters: Jennie and Lee Littrell

Liturgist: Edie Reichard

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are from Priscilla James in praise and thanksgiving for “how God has blessed me in Florida and for my loving Mary Taylor and United Methodist Church 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

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 the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY’S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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

GHANA EMANUEL UMC IS OFFICIALLY IN TRANSITION –

A message from Pastor Ebenezer Aduku-

Grace, Mercy and Peace!

Based on a meeting we had with the District Superintendent of Connecticut District this week, I can officially say that Ghana Emmanuel UMC congregation will formally move out of the premises of Mary Taylor Memorial UMC, to Derby UMC at Derby, Connecticut.

Our official formal first worship moving date is 2nd September 2018. The building has some fixes to be done and so the two months waiting period is to help us put that house and our house also, in order before the final move take place on the 2nd September 2018.

There are a lot of huge challenges along the way, but we believe that it will help Ghana Emmanuel congregation to grow faster.

We will keep you posted with all new developments that take place. When the right time comes, we will thank Mary Taylor Memorial UMC congregation appropriately.

To Rev. Bodt, Carol Galloway and the congregation of Mary Taylor, you have truly made a mark on the ministry of Ghana Emmanuel and left deep impression on the congregation. I know we cannot thank you enough but still, allow us to say THANK YOU. You will forever be remembered for the great support we received from you. In Akan language of Ghana, we simply say "Yeda Ase", meaning we all thank you.

Blessings!

Pastor Ebenezer Aduku

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, July 8</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>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 9</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, July 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Ct.</i>
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<i>Sunday, July 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due</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 – Leigh Bak, RN – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 16</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 17</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Club meeting – Dodd Hall – Oyster Festival planning meeting-dinner included</i>
<i>Thursday, July 19</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon”)

Tuesday, July 17th: Men’s Club dinner meeting to plan Oyster Festival, 6:30 p.m. Dodd Hall

Sunday, July 22nd: Summer Fellowship Picnic in the Church Courtyard

Saturday, July 28th: Beardsley Zoo Party, 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 5th: Walnut Beach Day, after worship, Devon Rotary Pavilion

Saturday, August 18th: Milford Oyster Festival, downtown Milford

Sunday, August 19th: Youth Trip to Brownstone, leaving right after worship

TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL is hosted by Sandy Morgan. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and the location in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. **If you’d like to host Summer Punch Bowl, it’s easy. Corrected open dates** are July 29 and Aug. 5, 19, 26 and Sept. 2nd. Please contact a Membership and Evangelism Co-Chair: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or holly.firmender@gmail.com) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or soupytrus@yahoo.com). Next Sunday’s host is Cathy Cono.

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES: The office is on summer hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9 am – 2 pm, and closed Fridays.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 15th

PENTECOST IX - Lectionary readings are II Samuel 6:1-5; 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:14-29. Special music by Lisa Gloates. After worship blood pressure screenings by Leigh Bak, RN, will follow in the Sanctuary.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR July 1st

Total worship attendance all services: 152; July 1: 140; GEUMC: No service; July 2: Healing and Wholeness:12; Total Offerings for July 1: \$5,182.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 9; Trash & Treasures: 4; Office Volunteers: 5; 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.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: If you have a musical talent you'd like to share at 9:30 a.m. summer Sunday worship, please e-mail Rick Riccardi at rick.riccardi@comcast.net or call him at 203.562.6508. **Open dates** are August 5 and 12; and September 2nd.



SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS will provide informal conversation to get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman. **If you would consider hosting a group of 12-15 people in July or August**, please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733.

NAME TAGS: we are revitalizing our use of name tags, anticipating the arrival of our new pastor. Please look at the name tags on the table in Dodd Hall to see if yours is there. If not, please let the office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) know you need one.

TRASH AND TREASURES will be accepting your best treasures *only during the month of July for the Oyster Festival*. Please do not donate any large items, things in need of repair or summer clothing. Any questions? Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL – If you have a mailbox in the church office, please pick your mail up. If you've changed committee leaders you may not remember to check for incoming mail. An e-mail was sent last Tuesday notifying people who have newly been assigned mailboxes, along with a confirmation of those who already have them. If you are unsure, check with Mary Lou in the church office.



THE RED CROSS has issued a call for blood donors. They are asking for types A, B and O to fill the gap and prevent a summer shortage. Sign on to redcrossblood.org for the local blood mobile listings in our area.

THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION... ... hosts a Prayer Time weekly *Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 8 pm*, via Conference Call. Contact person is Pastor Ximena Varas, Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com. Join us for a time of prayer for our country and immigrant brothers and sisters. Call-in number: 641-715-3580; 780-843#

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS – *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Resolution* is being offered in July, taught by Mary Brevigleiri, Certified Lay Minister. Course will take place on two Saturdays, July 21st and 28th, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Wethersfield UMC. Lay Servants will earn 10 credits for successful completion; it will cover the three-year requirement as a Certified Lay Servant. For more information, contact Pastor Dani Levine, dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are *due by noon Wednesday* for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **Available dates are August 5, 12, and 26.**

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 takes 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 Kristina Hansen:** kristina.hansen@nyac-umc.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) 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.