

# 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.)

*(Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.)*

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. by D. Wood

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Karl Ludvig Reichelt, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high, who created all things, the merciful Father, Source of all goodness.

**People:** *With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ, the Redeemer from sin, who restores our true nature, the perfect and mysterious Word.*

**ALL: WITH ALL OUR HEART, WE TAKE REFUGE IN THE ONE WHO EMBRACES THE UNIVERSE, WHO AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES RESPONDS TO OUR NEEDS, THE PURE AND TRANQUIL HOLY SPIRIT. LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

\*HYMN #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

*O Lord, you sent Jesus among us to teach us of love and hope. You send us out to be with our sisters and brothers to expand that love and hope and to include faith and trust in you and in your message. Lord, we ask that you give us the courage to move forward in our journey such that every step we take will reflect your love for us and that our faith, hope, love and trust in you may be shown to all we meet. Amen*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

*God of grace and glory, we thank you that you do not judge us by our imperfect actions but rather by our willingness to live by faith in you. Please help us as individuals and as sisters and brothers together to trust you and to follow where you lead that, in Christ, your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 52 Bible p.510

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Amos 8:1-12 Bible p.840  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE Colossians 1:15-28 Bible p.1072  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42 Bible p.946

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

\*HYMN #377 “It is Well with My Soul” Ville du Havre

THE SERMON “The Slippery Slope” Dr. Bodt

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: “In the Garden”

*Barbara Repetsky soloist*

\*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #504 “The Old Rugged Cross” The Old Rugged Cross

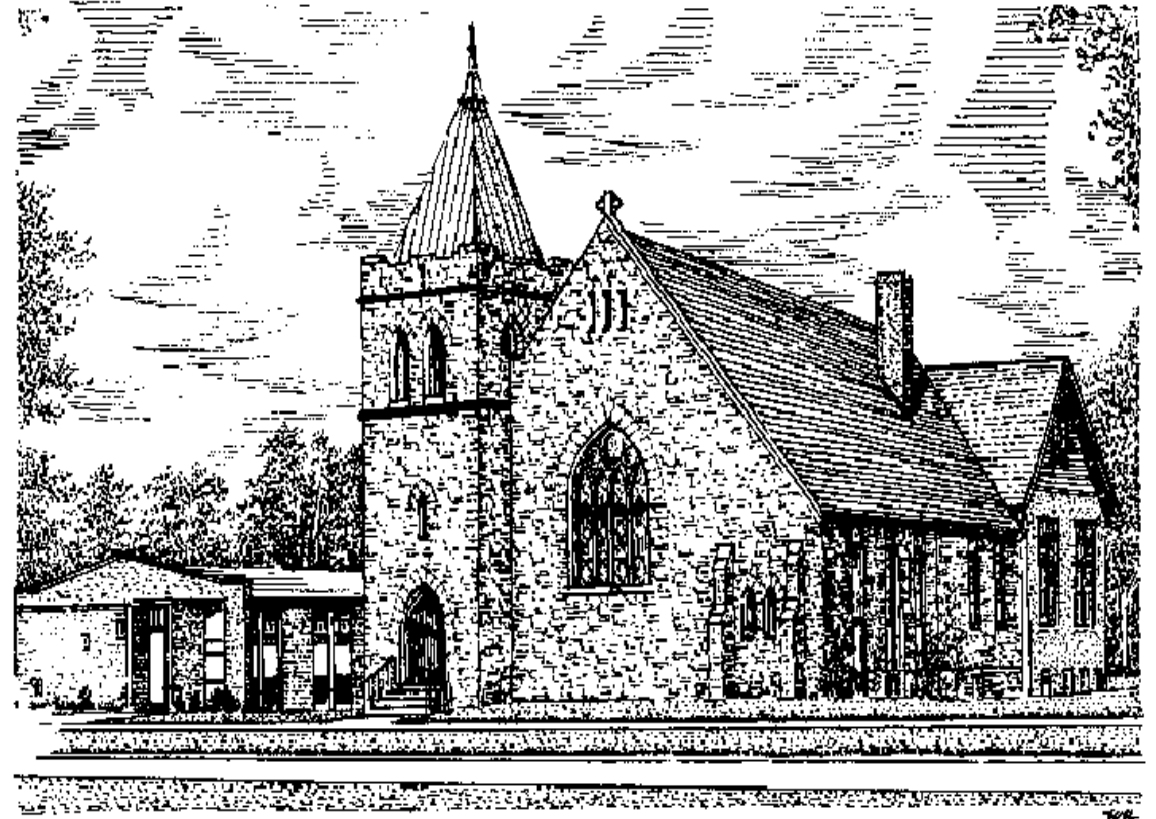
\*THE BENEDICTION

\*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, Christ be your shalom.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “Voluntary on ‘St. Denio’” G. Young  
*(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*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are  
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

**PENTECOST IX**

**July 17, 2016**



## 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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 Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt  
 Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink  
 Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

### Grace Notes

July 17, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*Paul praises the Christians in Colossae for the reconciliation of their lives to Christ (Colossians 1:21-22) before immediately exhorting them “provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard...”*

*The controversies in Colossae (a church in what today is central Turkey) are mostly the playground of Biblical and theological scholars. Little is known of the doctrines that tempted Christ’s followers there to move away from orthodox belief. In fact, “orthodoxy” as modern people understand it would not be established for another 250 years.*

*But Paul (and his colleague Epaphras, who brought the Gospel to Colossae) are clear that redemption (the Colossians and ours) is based on the supremacy of Christ and the forgiveness of sins through his sacrifice on the cross (1:14-20). The lectionary has married this reading with the prophet Amos’ denunciation of those who just want to hurry through worship to get back to business; and the dispute between Mary and Martha about what is needful.*

*The results are reflections on worship in today’s message “The Slippery Slope.”*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Shannon Thompson

**Greeters** – Wendy Hoffmann and Tom Beyer

**Liturgist** – Edie Reichard

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Reverend Bodt and Edie Reichard.

**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. **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, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

**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 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- Eileen Potkay</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>
<i>Saturday, July 23</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Shirley Anderson - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday, July 24</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Harper West baptism – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Summer Ring and Sing – Meet at church, then to UM Homes in Shelton and then to Scoopy Doo's on Helwig Street</i>
<i>Monday, July 25</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 27</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>"Christianity and World Religions" study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, July 28</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, July 29</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Sunday, July 31</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl - Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 1</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>"Christianity and World Religions" study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, August 5</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 July 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Total worship attendance all services: 151; July 10<sup>th</sup>: 141; July 11<sup>th</sup> Healing & Wholeness: 10; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for July 10<sup>th</sup>: \$5,907.00; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$421.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$1,911.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 39; Golden Hill Community dinner: 15; "Christianity and World Religions" study, July 13<sup>th</sup>: 21; Office Volunteers: 3; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship in the courtyard hosted by Tara Volgmuth. Next Sunday's Summer Punch Bowl hostesses are Holly Firmender and Stacey Riccardi. **All our summer dates are now filled.** Thanks to all who have promised to host!

**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AT WALNUT BEACH: after worship today until 2 p.m.** Walnut Beach is located at 17 Broadway and Viscount Drive. We will picnic at the Walnut Beach Pavilion. Please bring your own chair.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** are offered after worship in the sanctuary by Eileen Potkay, LPN and chair of our Parish Health and Wellness team.

**BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE CONTINUES.** 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

**NO "CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS" STUDY!** The study resumes on **Wednesday, July 27 at 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).

## NEXT SUNDAY, July 24

**PENTECOST X:** The message "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" will be based on Luke 11:1-13 and Psalm 85. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Harper Alizabeth West, daughter of Catrina and Tom.

**SUMMER RING AND SING** will meet at MTMUMC at 4 p.m. for a very brief "rehearsal" before carpooling to the United Methodist Homes in Shelton to bring summertime cheer to the residents. See the details in the center of this publication. Questions: see or call Leigh Bak (203.215.0470) or email to [leighb619@gmail.com](mailto:leighb619@gmail.com).

**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.**

**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.**

### **COMING SOON**

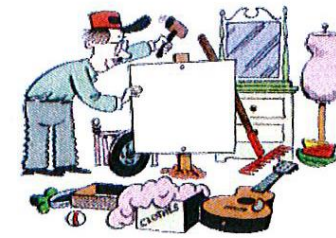
**SUMMER RING AND SING – Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.**

**Who's up for bringing a little cheer to others?  
What better way than to share fellowship and song!**

We'll meet at church at 4 PM for a very brief "rehearsal" with the choir chimes and some old favorite hymns and summertime songs. Then we'll carpool to the United Methodist Homes in Shelton to ring (and bring) some summertime cheer to the residents there. Afterwards, we'll return to Scoopy Doo's on Helwig Street for a cool summer treat.

No musical talent is necessary, but if you have it, it will be welcomed! Choir chimes are easy to play, and the songs will be ones we all know. To tell you the truth, just our presence will bring joy to the residents (and to you as well)! So bring your family and friends for an uplifting experience with our loving church family.

**ALL AGES** are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Youth will require a signed permission slip if not accompanied by family. Questions? See or call Leigh Bak (203.215.0470) or email to LeighB619@gmail.com.



**TRASH AND TREASURES** needs your help again for our sale August 20 during the Oyster Festival. We are ready for your treasures and gently used **winter clothing**.

Donations can be made Sundays after church or call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 for specific days T&T will be open. August 14 will be the last day we accept donations for this sale.

**Seriously needed:** bags with corded handles, all sizes; plastic bags, medium and large sizes. We do not need grocery bags.

**Items too big for T&T to handle can be donated to Helping Hands in Orange.** Call Dolly Bonish to learn how T&T can benefit from this donation.

**Please do not donate the following, due to regulations and disposal problems:**

Hangers, computers, old printers, old electronic equipment, automotive parts, car seats, cribs, beds, food or drinks, clothing in poor condition, large entertainment centers, hospital beds, commodes, large exercise equipment, mattresses, helmets of any kind, records, old computer books, obsolete editions of educational books, propane and fuel tanks of any size, items that need repair or have parts missing!

**PLEASE BOX OR BAG YOUR DONATIONS LIGHTLY.** Nearly all of our T&T volunteers are 70 years of age and older: thanks for assisting them by packing lightly for ease of movement.

**T&T HINT OF THE WEEK!** No time to gather donations? Can you all find just one item to bring before next Sunday? We will be working at the very least each Thursday in July from 9 am to 2 pm. Maybe you could bring two items each? **Support your local Men's Club!!**