

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Abingdon Worship Annual 2009 & Led By Love, mod.

Leader: Come away, disciples of Christ, and rest from your labors.

People: ***We are weary from our work.***

Leader: God’s steadfast love surrounds us here.

People: ***We are reminded of God’s enduring faithfulness.***

Leader: Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

People: ***God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.***

Leader: We have a covenant with our Creator.

People: ***This is a time for renewal of our promises.***

*HYMN #547

“O Church of God, United”

Ellacombe

THE COLLECT (*unison*)

Led By Love, mod.

O God of promise – who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into the folds of Your compassion – we give You praise for Your redeeming grace. Break down dividing walls of hostility, and fill us with Your Spirit of reconciling love. We come before You today to have our feet set firmly on the foundation of Your goodness. Impart Your wisdom upon us this morning and enlighten our days, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

rev-o-lution.org, mod.

Almighty God, we come before You as a broken people. Our attention is all over the place, our fears run rampant, and our despair overwhelms us. But You are our Shepherd. Guide us, O God. Gather us together. Lead us through this valley of shadow to green pastures and still waters. Lead us into hope. Gather us together so that we might draw strength from one another. Remind us that we are not alone. May Your Spirit move in us, binding us as one. In the name of Christ, who is our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

Pastor: Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who laid down his life for his sheep. Jesus knows us, and we know his voice. We hear it calling us. You belong. You are important. You are loved. You are forgiven. Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd and do justice, practice peace, and love one another.

All: Thanks be to God!

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THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

Hymnal #754, R. 1

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11-22

Bible p.1064 (LP, NT, p. 235)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

HYMN #555

“Forward Through the Ages”

St. Gertrude

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Bible p. 916 (LP, NT p.49)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HYMN #381

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” (verses 1, 2, 4)

Bradbury

THE SERMON

“Who is in? Who is out?!”

Rev. Hansen

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 trespass 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.

P: ***And also with you.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem:

“The Old Rugged Cross”

George Bennard

Stacey Cronk and Lee Littrell, soloists

*Presentation:

“Praise God...All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #2172

“We Are Called”

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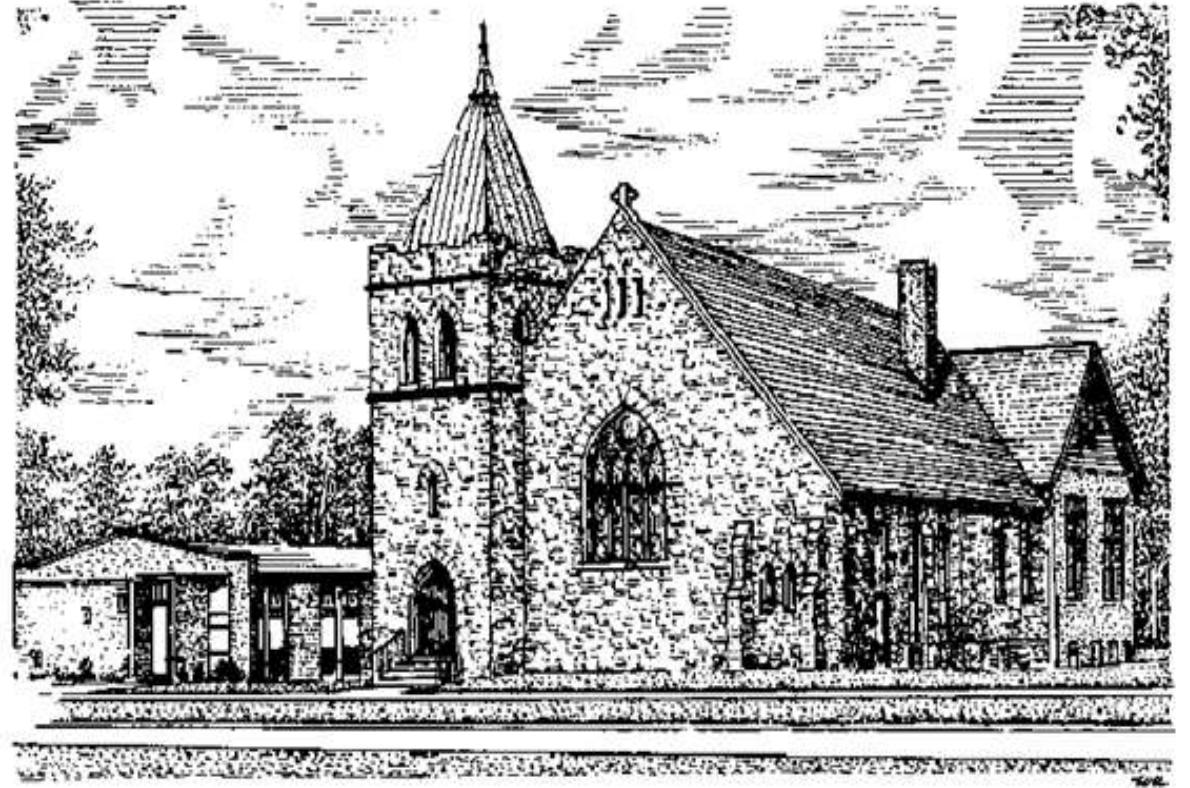
*THE BENEDICTION

*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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 22, 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

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS



are planned for more conversational times to meet and get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and her spouse Leslie Reyman!

Join a group now! Scheduled dates are below. Please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733 if you'd like to attend one of these meetings. Sign-up sheets are also available in Dodd Hall.

Saturday July 21st	11:00 am	Judy and Dennis Darak 21 Kay Avenue
Tuesday July 24th	7:00 pm	Joan Zauner 14 Lucius Court
Thursday July 26th	7:00 pm	Sue O'Shea 11 Gulfview Court
Saturday July 28th	7:00 pm	Sandy Morgan 39 Orland St.
Tuesday July 31st	7:00 pm	Leigh Bak 15 Seaside Court
Thursday August 2nd	7:00 pm	Anne Bolin & Virginia McNair 109 Hillside Ave.
Saturday August 4th	11:00 am	Marcia Winter & Greg D'Andrea 77 Cedarhurst Lane
Wednesday August 8th	7:00 pm	Andromeda Macri & Kristen Campbell 534 Oronoque Road
Friday August 10th	7:00 pm	Eileen and Dave Doyle 14 Andover Street
Tuesday August 14th	7:00 pm	Tom & Barbara Griggs 277 Great Oak Rd., Orange
Wednesday August 15th	7:00 pm	Bev & Paul Downing 187 Third Avenue

*Grace Notes
July 22, 2018*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,



Who is in? Who is out? These questions are both personal and global, and are our topic of worshipful reflection this week. Something about us usually causes us to feel assured of being on the "inside" or rejected on the "outside". Perhaps you feel a bit of both? Our national and international debates and real live situations of vulnerable persons and peoples, pressure us to discern who is "in" and who is "out". But how do we faithfully do that?

As Christians we are reminded that our thoughts are not God's thoughts and our ways are not God's ways (ref. Isaiah 55:8-9). This requires of us discernment beyond the news media to which we ascribe. We are led into prayer, into a deeper understanding of Scriptures, and by the leadings of the Holy Spirit to find a better way.

I invite you to consider Paul's reflection in the letter to the Ephesians (2:11-22) and also Peter's vision in Acts (10:9-16) to see how the early Christians struggled with this very issue as we learn from their conclusions and the life of Jesus.

Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen
Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Greeters: Carolyn and Sheryl Hollyday

Liturgist: Don Hastings

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are for the Glory of God and for the first anniversary of my mom Judy's passing, given by Stacey Cronk.

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

NEXT SATURDAY

JULY 28 - BEARDSLEY ZOO PARTY

Meet us at the Beardsley Zoo on Saturday at 11am for summer fun with your church family. We'll enjoy carousel rides, animals, pizza, and snacks! This complimentary event is sponsored by the Sunday School. Friends and family members of all ages are welcome.

We will solicit online RSVP's through Evite. Space is limited to first come, first served based on Evite responses. Event will be held rain or shine (carousel and party room are indoors), but let's hope for good weather!



VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR July 15th

Total worship attendance all services: 182; July 15: 139; GEUMC: 30; July 16: Healing and Wholeness:13; Total Offerings for July 15: \$7,213.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 8; Trash & Treasures:6; Office Volunteers: 2; 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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July "Beacon")

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

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, July 22</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>All Church picnic-Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 23</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beacon Volunteers – Egan room – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, July 26</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Saturday, July 28</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Beardsley Zoo Party – Free admission – Cathy Cono contact</i>
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<i>Sunday, July 29</i>		<i>Girls and Boys Village school supplies collection starts today in Dodd Hall</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 30</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 1</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors/Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
<i>Thursday, August 2</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>

TODAY

NO SUMMER PUNCH BOWL TODAY – PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR:

**ANNUAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PICNIC!
SUNDAY JULY 22 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE COURTYARD**

We will offer main dish and drinks, if you would like to offer a favorite potluck side or dessert. Come join your brothers and sisters in Christ for fun, games, music, great food and lots of laughs!

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.

PRAYER RIBBONS TO HONOR OR REMEMBER THOSE WITH CANCER will be available today and next Sunday. **Paul Downing will be riding in his 8th year of the 2-day, 192 mile Pan-Mass Challenge, August 4&5 (pmc.org).** A table with ribbons and markers will be available for you to inscribe the name of a loved one. The ribbons will be worn on Paul's bike jersey during the ride. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for Paul and the +5,000 cyclist, +3,000 volunteers and sponsors who support this event for the Dana-Faber Cancer Institute.

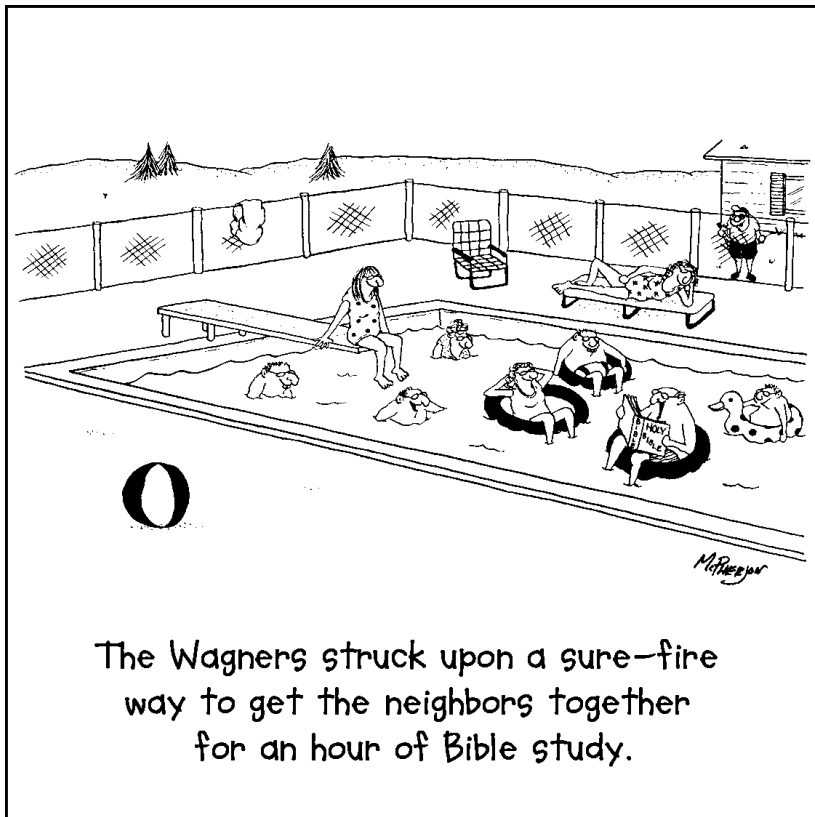
SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT SUNDAY, July 29th

PENTECOST 10- Lectionary readings are II Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 136: 1-9, 26; Ephesians 3:14-21 and John 6:16-21. Rev. Hansen’s sermon title will be “Think Bigger!” Special music by Mark Platt. Healing anointing will be offered at the close of worship.



The Wagners struck upon a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for an hour of Bible study.

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.

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Join a group now! Please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733 if you'd like to attend one of these meetings. Sign-up sheets are also available in Dodd Hall.

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.

Sue O'Shea's office is holding a blood drive on Wednesday, August 22nd, 9am-2pm at RE/MAX's Training room – lower level; 105 Technology Dr., Trumbull, CT. You can schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or sign up online.

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 HOSPICE, INC. is recruiting transportation volunteers to drive homecare patients to and from doctor's appointments or to take families without cars to visit their loved ones at the inpatient hospice in Branford. Please call volunteer services at 203-315-7510 for more information.

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. **September is open for altar flower orders.**

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. 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:** **NEW!** revkristina@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753 cell, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** dani.m.levine@gmail.com or 203.927.9077 cell.

“**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.