

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

Led By Love, mod.

Leader: This is the hour to bend our knee before God.

People: ***This is the time to offer our best to our Creator.***

Leader: We gather before God, who sees all our deeds.

People: ***We open our hearts to the One who knows our thoughts.***

Leader: We come to be strengthened in our inner being.

People: ***We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.***

Leader: To God be highest glory in the church.

People: ***To God be endless adoration in the world!***

*HYMN #384

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

Beecher

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Chalice Worship, 164, mod.

God of love,

take hold of us in this act of worship,

and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love

infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving;

simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound;

in which all are accepted and no one rejected;

love that never ends.

Living God, Love itself,

Live in our hearts now and forever. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Thom M. Shuman

God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, and to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside foolish pride, as we pray together...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chalice Worship 301.

God of mercy; as we gather to celebrate your gift of love, we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us,

merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from You and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

Thom M. Shuman, mod.

Pastor: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

All: Thanks be to God!

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RESPONSE

“The Faith We Sing” 2068

I love you, Lord, — and I lift my voice — to
wor - ship you, O my soul re - joice. Take
joy, my King, — in what you hear, — may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear. —

THE PSALTER R

Psalm 139:1-9, 26

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever:

⁵ who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever; R

⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁶ O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever. R

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14-21 Bible p.1065 (LP, NT, p. 235)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN #473 “Lead Me, Lord” Lead Me, Lord

*THE GOSPEL John 6:16-21 Bible p. 972 (LP, NT p.119)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

HYMN #170 “O How I Love Jesus” (verses 1, 3) O How I Love Jesus

THE SERMON “Think Bigger!” 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: Special Music by Mark Platt

*Presentation: “Praise God...All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #480 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” St. Margaret

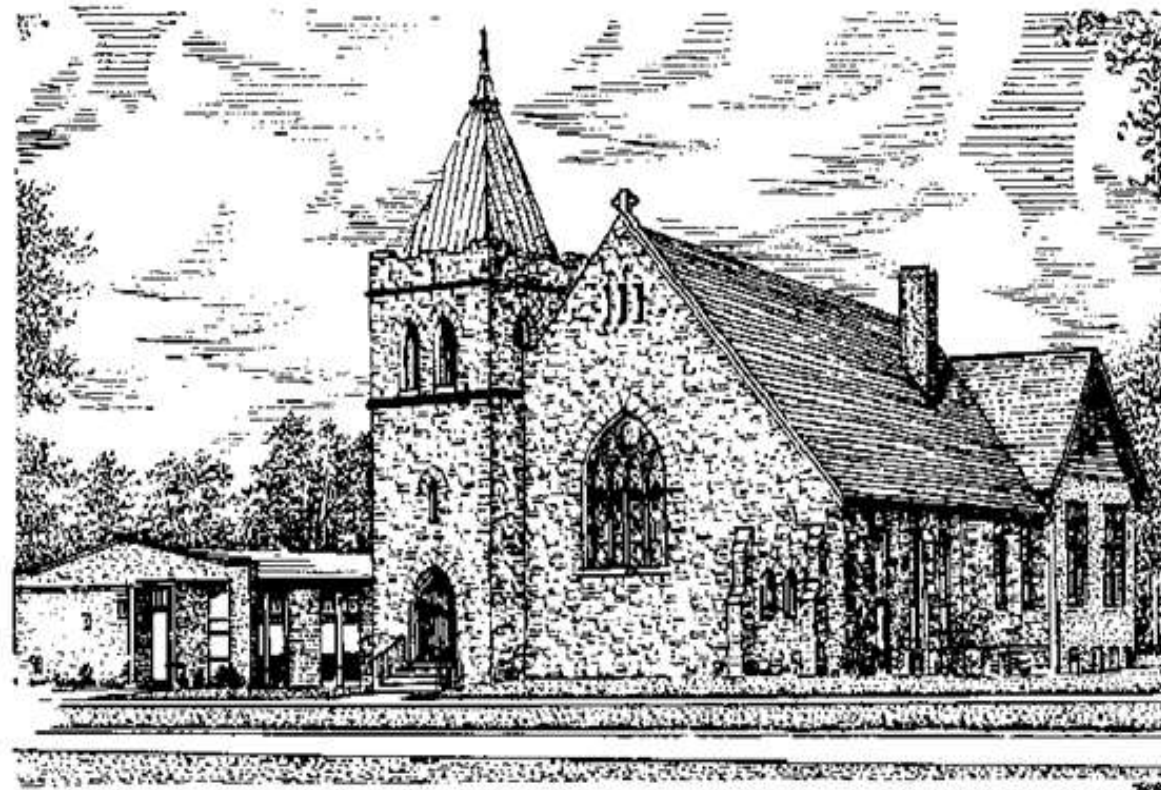
*THE BENEDICTION

*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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 2018

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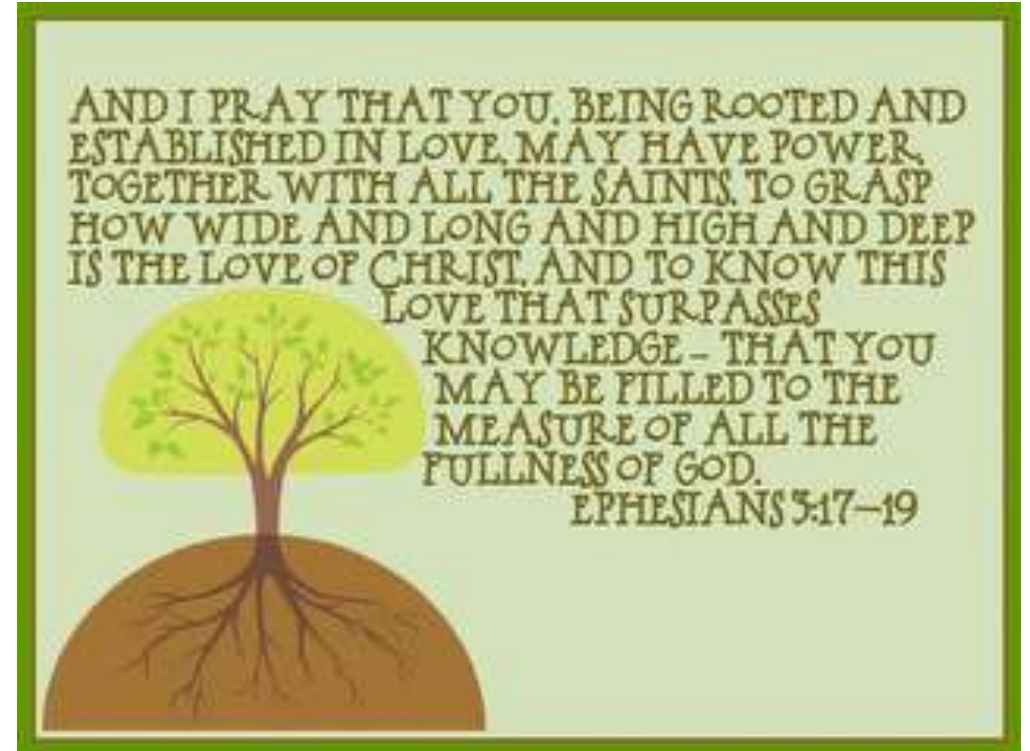
Saturday July 21st	11:00 am	Judy and Dennis Darak 21 Kay Avenue
Tuesday July 24th	7:00 pm	Joan Zauner 14 Lucius Court
Thursday July 26th	7:00 pm	Sue O'Shea 11 Gulfview Court
Saturday July 28th	7:00 pm	Sandy Morgan 39 Orland St.
Tuesday July 31st	7:00 pm	Leigh Bak 15 Seaside Court
Thursday August 2nd	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

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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
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Grace Notes *July 29, 2018*



Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen
Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Dennis Darak

Greeters: Faith Reardon and Steve Wasko

Liturgist: Eileen Doyle

Intercessor: Mark Platt

Healing Anointers: Rev. Dodd, Rev. Vink, Sandy Morgan and Steve Wasko.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and for a happy 16th birthday to Lillia Downing! Love Mom and Dad; in celebration and appreciation of twenty-five years of marriage to my beautiful wife Dawn Bettencourt given by Steve Bettencourt; and in memory of Charlene Riccardi's 8th birthday in heaven, given by Rick, Stacey, Jason, Jennifer, Aiden and Madison.

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), and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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

GIRLS AND BOYS VILLAGE



We are beginning to collect school supplies for GIRLS AND BOYS VILLAGE - July 29th through August 19th. If you do not wish to purchase supplies, you may make out a check to Mary Taylor Missions with B&G Village school supplies in the memo.

THE LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED ARE:

- 3 X 5 Index cards – colors or white
- 22" X 28" Poster board – colors or white
- Small inexpensive calculators
- Rubber 12" rulers – NO PLASTIC – MUST BE RUBBER
- One inch 3 ring binders and about 10 3" binders
- Woodcase pencils #2 yellow barrel - LOTS !
- Tri-write pencils #2 yellow barrel - LOTS !
- Binder Clips – both medium and large size
- 24LB Colored paper – canary– peppermint green – red
- 3" carton sealing tape
- ¾" Scotch tape – LOTS !
- Facial tissues
- Large Paper clips
- 8-1/2 X 11 clipboards
- 4X6 Post It notes
- Composition books
- Colored pencils – LOTS !

Lots of these things can be purchased at the Dollar Stores.

Blessings! Maryann Petremont and Lorraine Carr Co-Chairs



TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<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>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting-Bolin/McNair residence 109 Hillside Ave. Milford</i>
<i>Saturday, August 4</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Silver Sands nature walk-Holly Firmender contact</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting –Winter/D’Andrea residence 77 Cedarhurst Lane, Milford</i>
<i>Sunday, August 5</i>		<i>Girls and Boys Village school supplies collection 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>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Walnut Beach Day – Cathy Cono contact</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 6</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 8</i>	<i>7:00p.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting-Macri/Campbell residence 534 Oronoque Rd., Milford</i>
<i>Thursday, August 9</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Friday, August 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting – Doyle residence 14 Andover St., Milford</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon”)

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

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 today by the Virgalla family. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and is located in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. Next Sunday’s hosts are Susan Pitre and Lisa Gloates.

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.

BEACON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We could use several more volunteers to help on a monthly basis with assembly and mailing of our monthly “Beacon” newsletter. We usually meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Center. Please let Mary Lou in the office know if you are interested in joining the team.

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, August 5th

PENTECOST 11 - Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Rev. Kristina Hansen will preach the sermon “Fill ‘er Up, 220!” based on Psalm 51:1-12, Ephesians 4:25-5:2 and John 6:24-35. Walnut Beach Day after worship. Come for a day of fun in the sun!

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR July 22nd

Total worship attendance all services:173; July 22: 139; GEUMC: 24; July 23: Healing and Wholeness:10; Total Offerings for July 22: \$4,190.55; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$2,561.34; Engaged in Small Groups: 14; Trash & Treasures:6; Office Volunteers: 10; 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

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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 Tuesday* 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.