

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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” D. Hegerty

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 105 (CEB)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

**People:** *We sing the Lord’s praise in all the earth and recall his wondrous works!*

Leader: Pursue God! Pursue his strength; remember his declaration of justice!

**People:** *Our Lord’s justice is everywhere.*

Leader: As we recall his wondrous works, the Lord recalls his covenant with Abraham, pledge to Isaac, and his contract with Jacob.

**People:** *All who keep God’s commands will inherit the promise to our forebears.*

**ALL:** **Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN #57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Azmon

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) The Book of Worship 1965, ALT

*Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious and merciful Lord, we come before you, each with our own history. Each one of us has our own past which we carry with us, forgetting that you offer us immeasurable grace. In our past, we have done things that have distanced us from you and we have failed to do things that would have brought us closer to you. Help us to remember that you have made the ultimate sacrifice for both our sinful actions and inactions. Grant us wisdom and courage to engage in righteous behavior, drawing ourselves closer to you; through the precious name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 29:15-28 Bible p. 25

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:26-39 Bible p. 1030

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN #405 “Seek Ye First” Seek Ye

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Bible p. 890

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON “Legends of the Hidden Temple” Pastor Levine

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. People: *And also with you.*

*(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Medley”

*Tres Dias*

\*Presentation: “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #2246 “Deep in the Shadows of the Past” (Rear Cover)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*On the last Sunday of each month all are invited to come forward to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing hymns #262, 348, 375, 377, 528. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.*

\*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go Now in Peace” (sung as a round) Hymnal #665  
*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

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

\*POSTLUDE “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing” R. Hughes

*(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

# Deep in the Shadows of the Past 2246



1. Deep in the shadows of the past, far  
 2. While others bowed to change-less gods they  
 3. From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the  
 4. For all the writ - ings that sur - vived, for



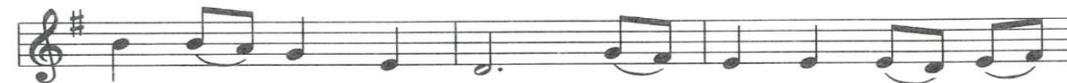
out from set - tled lands, some no - mads trav - eled  
 met a mys - ter - y, in - vis - i - ble, with -  
 prom - ise changed and grew, while some, re - mem - ber -  
 lead - ers, long a - go, who sift - ed, cop - ied,



with their God a - cross the des - ert  
 out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL  
 ing the past, re - cord - ed what they  
 and pre - served the Bi - ble that we



sands. The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by  
 BE"; and by their tents, a - round their fires, in  
 knew, or with their let - ters and la - ments, their  
 know, give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our



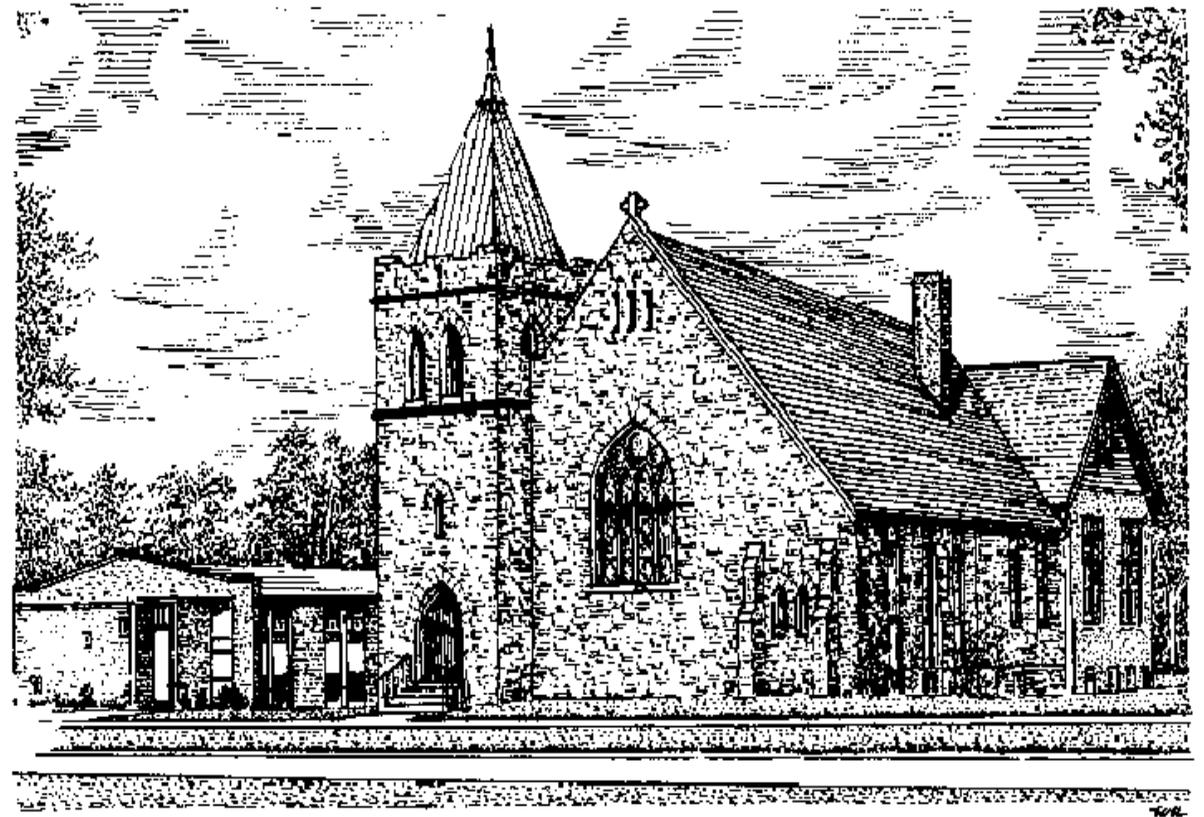
them was sensed and shown; a prom - ise call - ing  
 sto - ry, song and law, they praised, re - mem - bered,  
 proph - e - cy and praise re - cov - ered, kin - dled  
 prom - ise, strength and call, the mod - el of e -



them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.  
 hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.  
 and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.  
 merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

WORDS: Brian Wren  
 MUSIC: English melody

KINGSFOLD  
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*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.***

**PENTECOST VIII**

**July 30, 2017**

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**MEN'S CLUB SEEKS VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE OYSTER FESTIVAL**

The Milford Oyster Festival is on *Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>* from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and *The Men's Club* of **Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church** will be serving breakfast and lunch at the church campus.

This event is the Men's Club's largest fundraiser for missions and would not be possible if it weren't for the volunteering support of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

We have many volunteer positions available in short shifts:

- Friday evening set-up and prep
- Saturday morning set-up and prep
- Breakfast grill, sandwich makers, servers, cleaners and cashiers
- Lunch grill, sandwich makers, servers, cleaners and cashiers
- Saturday afternoon clean up

All volunteers will receive meal tickets for breakfast or lunch. High school students can earn community service credit.

Sign-up sheets are available after worship during Summer Punch Bowl. You may also speak with or contact the Co-Presidents, John Leum (203-932-5995; [jleum197@gmail.com](mailto:jleum197@gmail.com)) or Steve Wasko (203-997-2213; [steve.j.wasko@gmail.com](mailto:steve.j.wasko@gmail.com)).

Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
Lay Leaders	Shelly Lapadula & Beth O'Brien	Superintendent	The Rev. Alpher Sylvester
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Andy Thomas	Outreach Pastor	Danielle Levine
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

*Grace Notes*

*July 30, 2017*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*Growing up, I was fortunate enough to live in the same house all my childhood, which meant I got to stay in the same town, and grow up and graduate from high school with many others with whom I attended elementary school. I know for many this isn't the reality of their childhood.*

*During the past couple of months, I have been preparing to make a major move for the first time in my life, and it would have given me the opportunity to go through all the "stuff" I have collected over the years, if it had not been for the fire my family is still working through (your collective support, I again, am grateful for and appreciative of).*

*This Tuesday, I had the opportunity to try to find some of what could be saved from my bedroom. I pulled out my high school letterman jacket and yearbooks, a LOT of music, and my grandmother's bell collection. All of these items have significant "nostalgia" potential. They have the ability to take me back to a moment in my personal history and reminisce on how far I've come in my life.*

*Today's service, for me, is one of great nostalgia. From the hymns that were selected, to the sermon title, and even the Benediction Response. It is a reminder that we all have a personal history, and that history has defined our lives to this point. It is my hope that through today's service we can all find comfort knowing that our personal history no longer has to define us if we choose to let God define who we are. I look forward to taking you back to my roots.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Dani*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Ed Pineau

**Liturgist:** Tina Gage

**Greeters:** Lisa Gloates and Edie Reichard

**Intercessor:** Pastor Dani

**Healing Anointers:** Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Sandy Morgan, Mark Platt and Steve Wasco.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Milfred A. Bodt, US Navy veteran and father of Pastor Brian Bodt, who entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, given by the Mary Taylor Memorial 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.

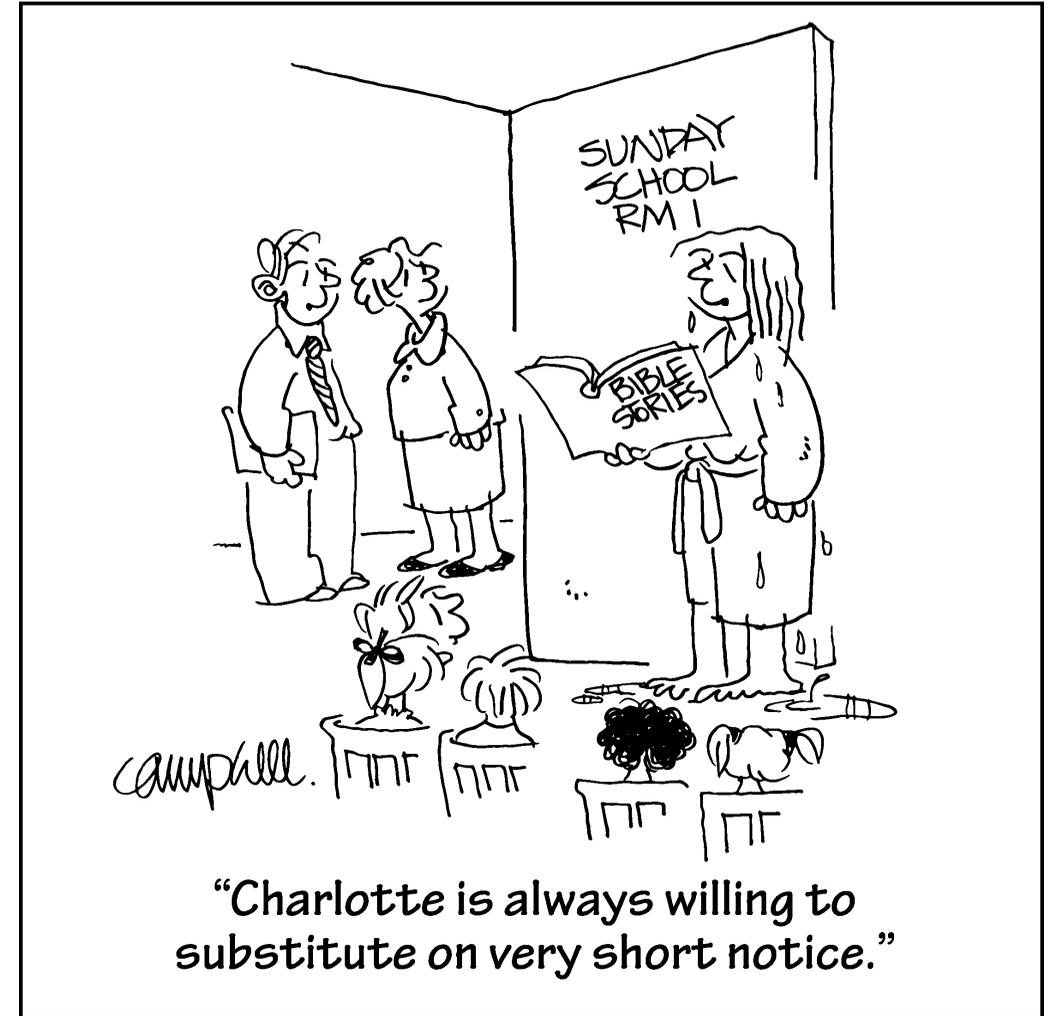
**PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS** using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession 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 either the side aisle to your left or by the rear (Broad Street) doors. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar) and can be accessed either way. **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the Broad Street doors if weather and mobility allows.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The Book of Worship (1965), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Confession was written by Outreach Pastor Dani Levine.

**SERMON COPIES** from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).



## 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](tel: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. **Flower donations now needed for August 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup>, and for September 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 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). **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or [Danielle.levine@mail.com](mailto:Danielle.levine@mail.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 23rd:**

Total worship attendance all services: 158; July 23rd: 115; GEUMC: 33; Healing and Wholeness worship: 10; Total Offerings for July 23rd: \$6,129.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$2,411.67; Engaged in Small Groups: 57. Book Discussion: 28; Golden Hill Supper: 13; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## TODAY

**OUR PREACHER AND WORSHIP LEADER TODAY** is Outreach Pastor Dani Levine.

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL TODAY** is hosted by Edie Reichard. Next Sunday's hosts are Pastor Brian and Carol Galloway.

**THE AUGUST BEACON** was mailed on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional copies are in the spinner rack in the rear of the Sanctuary.

**OYSTER FESTIVAL SIGN-UPS!** Our Men's Club seeks your support for their annual presence at the Oyster Festival, this year on **Saturday, August 19**. Sign up sheets are available after worship. You may also speak with or contact the Co-Presidents, John Leum (203-932-5995; [jleum197@gmail.com](mailto:jleum197@gmail.com)) or Steve Wasko (203.997.2213; [steve.j.wasko@gmail.com](mailto:steve.j.wasko@gmail.com)).

**TRASH & TREASURES: Donations can be made on Sundays and every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until and including August 10.** We are only accepting winter clothing. Please remember that **August 10 is the last day to donate.** We can use the following **plastic bags:** grocery size, medium, large and extra large bags. It would be a real treat for us if donated grocery size bags are received flattened and other bags are flattened and folded. **Packing paper and bubble wrap** are also needed. Please call Dolly Bonisch, 203.783.9952, before donating large items. Thanks for your continued help to make our sales successful!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** for both college (Kelsey-Worley Educational Fund) and vocational school (“Jimmy” scholarship) are in the back of the sanctuary. **The deadline for applications is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a firm deadline.**

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC** is now nearly scheduled through Sept. 3. If you'd like to offer music, please contact Rick Riccardi at [riccardir1@southernct.edu](mailto:riccardir1@southernct.edu) or 203.562.6508.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR** for regular meetings and activities.

## THIS WEEK

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** is scheduled to meet **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m.** in the Egan Room, Wesley Center. Meeting notice and agenda will be forthcoming.

## NEXT SUNDAY, August 6th

### **PENTECOST IX**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The sermon “Wrestling” will be based on Genesis 32:22-31 with Psalm 17:1-7, 15 and Matthew 14:13-21.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**CONO'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** All are cordially invited to join us on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a vow renewal service followed by a brunch reception in Dodd Hall.  
*Cathy and Gianni Cono*

**MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL:** Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>! See the appeal for support under "Today" and the larger article on the rear cover of this issue.



**DISCIPLE 4 STUDY ENROLLING:** Disciple 1 graduates are eligible for this 32 week study beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. The O.T. Writings (Ruth, Esther, Chronicles, Lamentations, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Job, Song of Solomon), along with St. John, James and Revelation are the Bible books studied. If you are interested in joining the class please talk to Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com)) or call the church office. The class will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

### A PERSONAL WORD FROM PASTOR BRIAN BODT

*Dear MTMUMC family,*

*Please accept the deep gratitude of Carol and me for your many expressions of sympathy on the death of my father, Milfred A. Bodt. Dad was blessed in many ways, not the least of which was to live 94 years and, as was his wish, to die in the home he built and lived in for 61 years. Dad was a US Navy veteran, a retired Maryland State Trooper, and Chief Investigative Officer for US Naval Training Center, Port Deposit, MD for his professional career. I am honored to be his son. Dad's calling hours were Friday and the funeral yesterday in Havre de Grace, Maryland.*

*As his four sons reflected on his life, one of the recurring themes was the value of hard work. A few of you have observed this in me. Today I am preaching at Asbury-Crestwood U.M. Church in Crestwood, New York on behalf of the Rev. Jason Radmacher. Jason's wife, Laura Leigh Davidson, died on June 26 at age 42. The bishop and Cabinet are providing bereavement leave for Jason and his 5 year old son, Oliver, including pulpit coverage. Thank you for supporting me in supporting Jason. I will be back in the office tomorrow and in the pulpit next Sunday.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Pastor Brian Bodt*

## ~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, July 30</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:00 p.m. Winkleman/Myroniuk wedding – Sanctuary and Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 31</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 1</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Book Discussion – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, August 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, August 5</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Cono 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary renewal of vows and brunch</i>
<i>Sunday, August 6</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 7</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 8</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Men's Club meeting – Wesley Center – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Book Discussion – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, August 9</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>