

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 all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Reverie” R. Strauss

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP Hymnal #657

*HYMN #540 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” St. Thomas

ooo THE COLLECT (seated, in unison) The Book of Common Prayer, 1945 (edited)

O God, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess our bewilderment and lack of faith. Sometimes it seems you are slow to move among us. Sometimes it seems our weary world has drifted so far from you that you must have given up on us. Sometimes WE have drifted from you and our spiritual life is cold. Infuse us again with your life-giving spirit. Forgive our rote repetition of the liberating news of the Gospel. Give us strength to turn from sin and discover again the joy you give when we live in your spirit. All this we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE PSALTER Psalm 105:1-11 Hymnal p.828

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

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

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Bible p.890-891

(Read from *The Message* paraphrase)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*
ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #405 “Seek Ye First” Seek Ye

THE SERMON “Kingdom Stories” 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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “Consider the Lilies of the Field” R. Topliff
(*Barbara Repetsky, soloist*)

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #474 (seated) “Precious Lord” Precious Lord
HYMN #496 (seated) “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Sweet Hour
HYMN #463 (seated) “Lord, Speak to Me” Canonbury

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.

This practice from the earliest days of the Church 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.

*THE BENEDICTION

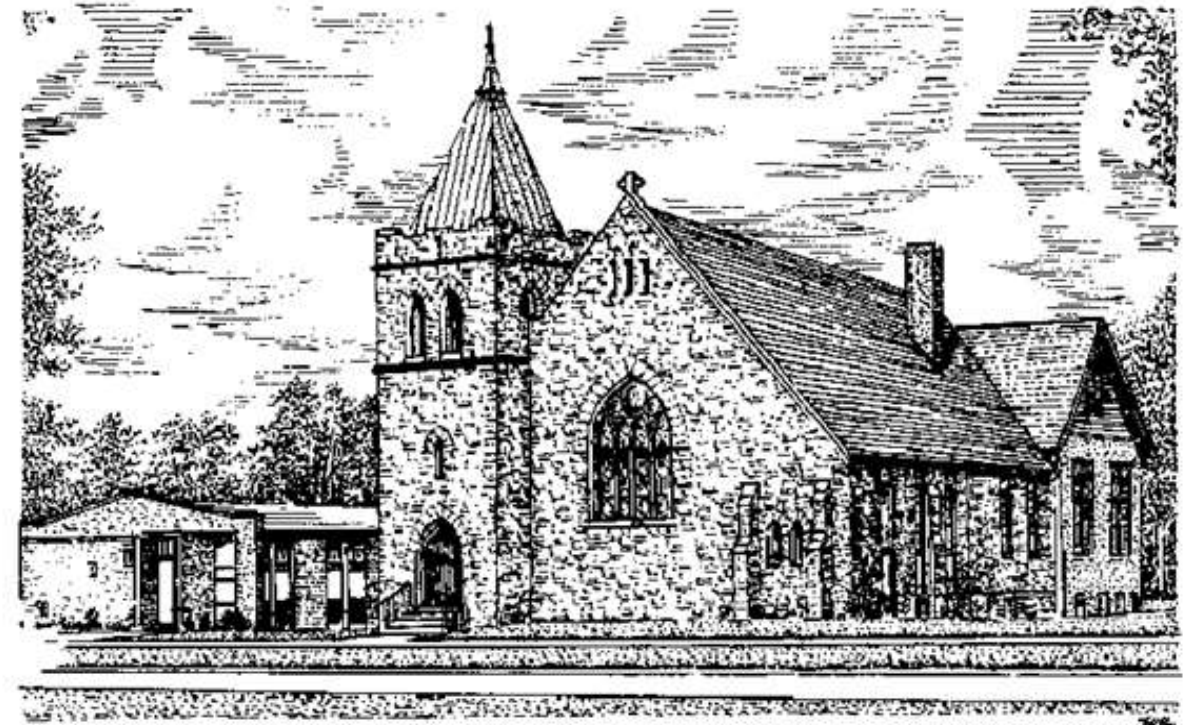
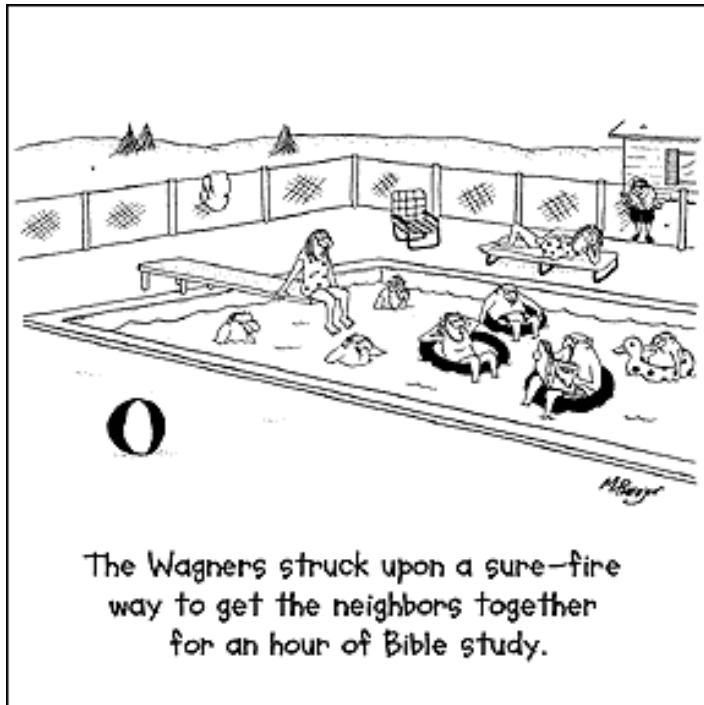
*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #463

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.*

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

*POSTLUDE “Finale in F” C.M. Widor
(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 VII

July 27, 2014

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION by Pastor Brian continues. The purpose of these visits is to continue to get to know our members and friends. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

OFFICE HOURS THROUGH AUGUST 31 are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

BULLETIN NOTICES are *due by noon each Wednesday* for the following Sunday bulletin.

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets. They are also requesting towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. Pastor Hal Vink can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

“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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 20:

Total worship attendance all services: 154 (July 20th, sanctuary, 69; beach, 78, Healing and Wholeness, July 21: 7) Total Offering July 20: \$ available next week; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,585.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 28 (Office volunteers: 2; Adult Study 10 am, 12; Adult Study 7 pm, 14) Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
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	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

Grace Notes

July 27, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

“Gil on the Green” features meteorologist Gil Simmons of News Channel 8 (New Haven) broadcasting on Thursdays from Connecticut town greens around the state. He is coming to Milford on Thursday, August 14th.

The good news is that I think some of you will join my wife Carol and me as representatives of our church to get “on air” time that morning. The bad news is that the time is 4:30 – 7 a.m. Yes, A.M. !

Still, since it will be only 2 days before the Oyster Festival, what better opportunity might we have to showcase our church? If you are interested in being a part of that morning’s team, please let me know or contact the church office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, July 27</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:45 a.m. “Ambassadors” meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, July 28</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness - Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 30</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – The Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Sunday, August 3</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship and Diwan baptism – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:45 a.m. Sunday School teachers – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, August 4</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness - Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 5</i>	<i>4:00 p.m. “Drop in” Playdate, Silver Sands State Park</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – The Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. “Just Because I Am Old” study – Gunn Library</i>

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – David Doyle

Greeters – Dot and Bruce Long

Liturgist – Ken Hawkins

Anointers – Priscilla James, Faye Zeiner and Pastor Brian Bodt

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Ken Hawkins and Pastor Brian.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Lilia Downing's 12th birthday, given by Mom and Dad.

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

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

TODAY'S LITURGY Holy Scripture, The Book of Common Prayer (1945) and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989). The prayer of confession was written by the pastor.

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church at www.mtm-umc.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION is available in the racks in back of the church.

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.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence with us. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you warmly. Our Ambassadors will look for you!

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL follows sanctuary worship in the outside courtyard between the sanctuary and the Wesley Center, weather permitting. This is the same as our Fellowship Time but with cold beverages outside. Today's host is Deirdre James.

REMAINING OPENINGS FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL HOSTS ARE August 3 and 17; and Sept. 7. Hosts bring a light snack and punch and set up in the courtyard between sanctuary and Wesley Center, weather permitting. To express interest please see or contact Michelle Craig: michellemtmumc@gmail.com or 203.877.4332.

OUR AMBASSADORS meet **TODAY** after worship in the Wesley Center at 10:45 a.m. Get something cool to drink and come over for updates on one another's ministry.

THE AUGUST "BEACON" (monthly newsletter) was mailed last Wednesday. Copies in the sanctuary. It was sent electronically early last week and is posted at www.mtm-umc.com.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER DESIRED! If you are interested in providing special music any Sunday from now until September 7, please contact Rick Riccardi at 203.506.7270.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS for August 10, 24 or 31 may be placed through the church office (203.874.1982; mtmumc@sbcglobal.net). We will relay the information to Beth O'Brien. Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC. A donation in lieu of altar flowers to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list) is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.

TRASH AND TREASURES is now accepting donations for the Oyster Festival sale. Due to very limited space, we can only accept gently used winter clothing. **Reminder:** no TV's, computers, printers, child car seats or helmets. Thanks for donating early!

MOTORIZED SCOOTER GIVEAWAY: the son of a neighbor of Joan Zauner is moving and willing to give away his motorized scooter. Contact Joan at 203.283.5643.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST VIII: We will celebrate Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Baptism for Aiyana Diwan, daughter of Arjun and Akansha. The sermon "Filled with Deliciousness" will be based on Matthew 14:13-21. Additional texts are Gen. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15 and Rom. 9:1-5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING: *Sunday, August 3, 10:45 a.m.* in the Wesley Center. Contact Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net) or Holly Firmender (holly.firmender@gmail.com) for additional information.

COMING SOON

THE NEXT SUMMER "DROP IN" PLAY DATE is August 5th, 4 p.m. at Silver Sands State Park, Silver Sands Parkway, Milford. Bring beach gear. Full schedule, August "Beacon," p. 7.

OYSTER FESTIVAL, Sat., August 16th. The Men's Club will offer its usual great food. Can you help set up Fri. night (Aug. 15) at 6 p.m. or work anytime from 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat.? Please contact Jim Repetsky (203.530.4557) or Bob Volgmuth (203.710.9468).