

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

(*Led By Love*, mod.)

Leader: Draw near to God. Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

People: ***We come to receive the bread of life.***

Leader: Open your selves to God's steadfast love.

People: ***The Holy Spirit has come to restore our joy.***

Leader: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry.

People: ***Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.***

*HYMN #617

"I Come with Joy"

Dove of Peace

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

(*Led By Love*, mod.)

Bread of heaven, feed us. Word of truth, teach us. Author of life, fit us for eternity amid our days on this earth, that our deeds may honor you. Help us to be kind and tenderhearted to one another and to forgive one another as, in Christ, you have forgiven us. Grant us Christ's vision and compassion that we may be useful to you in proclaiming your word and in sharing your grace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

(*Led By Love*, mod.)

We, who are tossed about in a sea of competing images and priorities, are summoned before God to be drawn back to a life centered by faith. Let us call upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSION (*prayed by all*)

(*Chalice Worship, 286, mod. & KDH*)

Living God, you have made us in your image and we – both willfully and helplessly – have marred that image in us. You have charged us to be the evidence of your presence with humanity – and we have made you seem far away, uncaring, even unnecessary. You have made us for each other so that no human being should be left alone – and we have been neglectful and, at times, hurtful. Forgive us and guide us back to you. Show us the way to fill ourselves with compassion and love, patience and kindness, that we might be vessels of your mercy and grace in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God redeems us. Forgiveness is ours to receive and to share and the gift of grace we have received grows larger in our lives as we extend it to friends and strangers we meet. Be at peace; we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Bible p. 1066 (LP, NT

p.237)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

*HYMN #127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM Rhondda

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:24-35

Bible p.916 (LP, NT p.50)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*HYMN #628

"Eat This Bread"

Berthier

THE SERMON

"Fill 'Er Up, 220!"

Rev. Hansen

HYMN #641 (*seated*)

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Fill My Cup

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

People: ***And also with you.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: Special music by Steve Bettencourt

*Presentation: "The Doxology" Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*THE COMMUNION (See Insert)

The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You are invited to pray at the rail after receiving if you so desire.

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (unison)

Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord's table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN #641 "Fill My Cup, Lord" Fill My Cup

*THE BENEDICTION

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

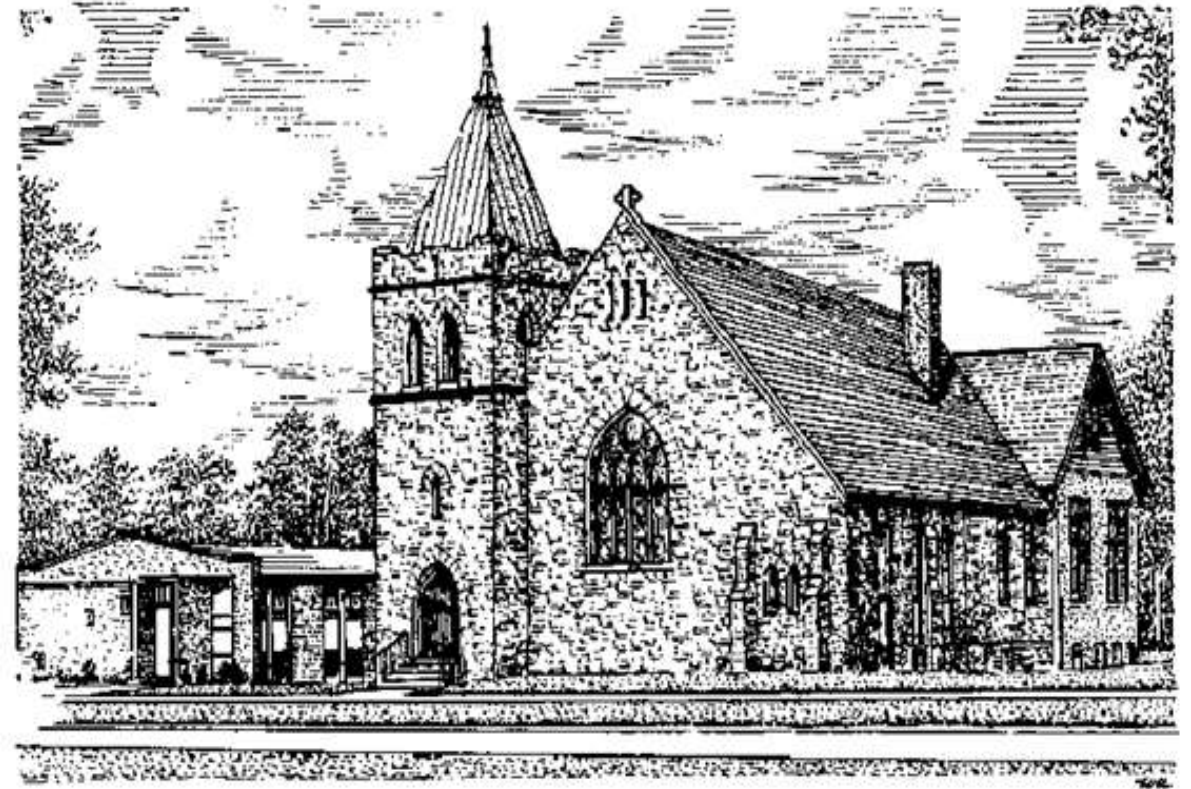
POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

P.Manz

(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.*

**11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

August 5, 2018

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

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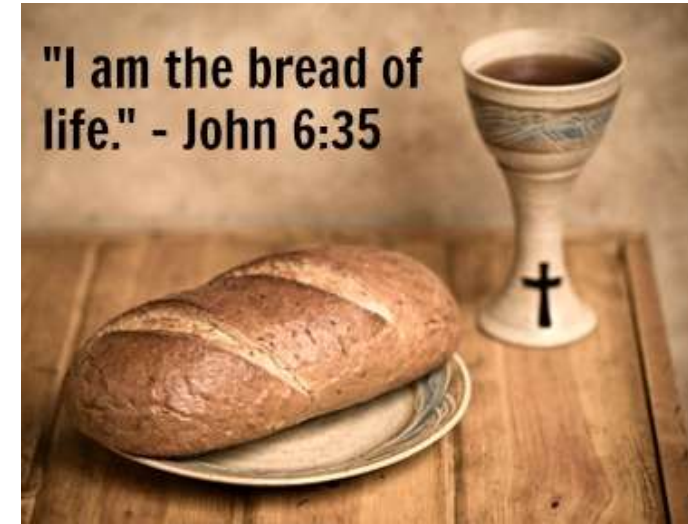
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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bickerton
Co-Lay Leader	Shelly Lapadula	Superintendent	The Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester
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Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Outreach Pastor	Dani 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

Grace Notes *August 5, 2018*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church Community,

What fills you up? Or rather, *what do you seek out to fill up on?* There's nothing like an extra large popcorn to fill you up at a movie theater! There's nothing like a good bottle of wine! There's nothing like a pizza pie or a strawberry rhubarb pie! There's nothing like...*(fill in your blank here)*. In our Gospel Lesson this week (John 6:24-35), people went to Jesus looking to be filled up; he gave them an answer they weren't expecting. We never get to see what they did with his answer; let's see what *we* do with it!



Blessings on the journey,

Rev. Kristina Hansen
Pastor

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Ethan Weed

Greeters: The Cono family

Liturgist: Tom Beyer

Communion Stewards: Brenda Pineau and Bev Downing

Communion Celebrants: Pastor Kristina Hansen, Pastor Dani Levine, Tom Beyer and Co-Lay Leader Beth O'Brien.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are to the Glory of God and in honor of Cathy and Giovanni Cono's 26th wedding anniversary on August 1st; in celebration of Stacey and Ken Cronk's 6th wedding anniversary on August 9th; and in memory of Judy Cannan, mother of Stacey Cronk, from Bernice and Franklin Konowitz, and Rob, Ilyse, Hailey and Hunter 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), 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 collecting 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, August 5</i>		<i>Girls and Boys Village school supplies collection in Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/Holy Communion– 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>
<i>Sunday, August 12</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>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 13</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 14</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting – Griggs residence 277 Great Oak Rd., Orange</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cottage Meeting – Downing residence 187 Third Ave., Milford</i>
<i>Thursday, August 16</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Saturday, August 18</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Oyster Festival – Steve Wasko and John Leum contacts</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon”)

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

AUGUST 5 - WALNUT BEACH DAY-- After church join your Mary Taylor friends at this annual day of fun in the sun at the Pavilion at Walnut Beach, East Broadway. Visit artists and craft vendors, a food court, and enjoy free concerts throughout the day (music until 7pm). Bring a picnic lunch and pitch your umbrella and chairs on the beach and enjoy the festivities along with the sand and surf!

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.

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. Our long time volunteers, Gladys Hulse and Bev Lebel are “retiring” after many years of service in helping our Beacon get out the door and into your homes. A big “thank you” to them! 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 12th

PENTECOST 12 - Rev. Kristina Hansen will preach the sermon “We Got It Easy!” based on Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:1-16 and Mark 6:1-13. We will have a Mission Moment to celebrate our summer mission trips (UMARMY and ASP) and learn about their service projects.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS are planned for more conversational times to meet and get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and her spouse Leslie Reyman. (See schedule on back cover of the Grace Notes).

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.



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)*. 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; 203.874.1982, ext. 115 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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR July 29th

Total worship attendance all services:137; July 29: 127 GEUMC: no service; July 30: Healing and Wholeness:10; Total Offerings for July 29: \$5,840.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$200.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 9; Trash & Treasures:7; 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.