

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” Hymnal #666

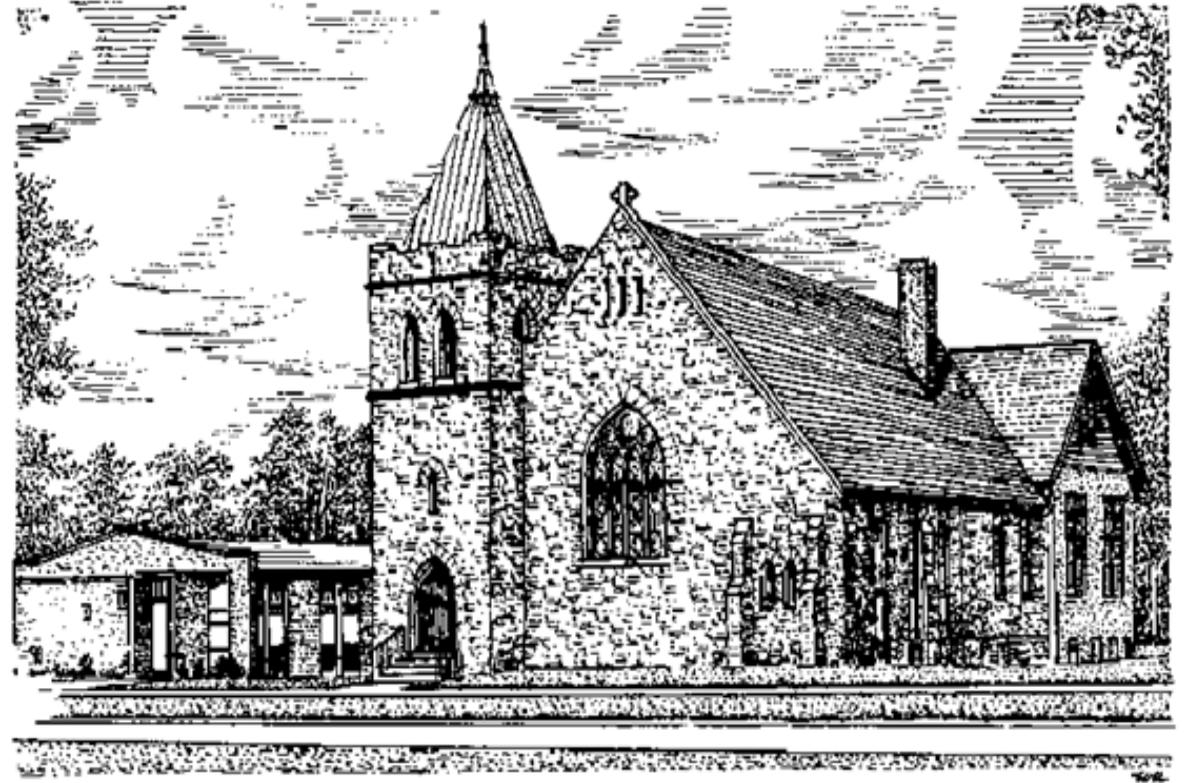
*“Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.”*

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

POSTLUDE “Voluntary on ‘Terra Beata’” G. Martin

(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.***

PENTECOST IX

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

August 6, 2017

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 South Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460

Phone: 203.874.1982
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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 “I Need Thee Every Hour” D. Wood

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leader: Is someone here moving toward the twilight of life and fearful of that which we call death?

People: *Why be afraid? God is able.*

Leader: Is someone here on the brink of despair because of the death of a loved one, the breaking of a marriage, or the waywardness of a child?

People: *Why despair? God is able to give us the power to endure that which cannot be changed.*

Leader: Is someone here anxious because of bad health?

People: *Why be anxious? Come what may, God is able.*

ALL: **SURELY GOD IS ABLE.**

*HYMN #77 “How Great Thou Art” How Great Thou Art
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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*seated, unison*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God, our maker and judge, we confess the sins no one knows and those everyone knows. Our regret and sorrow over these failings is earnest. Recalling them now is unpleasant and grieves us. We know it grieves you, too. We ask your forgiveness so that, with a fresh start, we can leave these burdens to be free to love you fully. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE PSALTER Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Hymnal p.749

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 32:22-31 Bible p.29

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

*HYMN #386 “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” Candler

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21 Bible p.891

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON “Wrestling” 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 Duet: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Johann Schop, arr. by J.S. Bach
Tina Gage and Eileen Doyle, bells

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (Setting A) Hymnal p.17

*THE COMMUNION

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.

During the distribution we will sing hymns #623, 644, 624, 630 and 632.

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #111 “How Can We Name a Love” Terra Beata

*THE BENEDICTION

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

The Milford Oyster Festival is on *Saturday, August 19th* 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) or Steve Wasko (203-997-2213; 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

August 6, 2017

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Thanks to so many who extended condolences and other acts of kindness following the July 24th death of my father, Milfred A. Bodt. Carol and I will be sending acknowledgements to your kindness in the days ahead. A brief biography on Dad appeared in last week's "Grace Notes." I appreciate all, especially Pastor Levine, who led worship last Sunday in my absence as I preached at Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church in New York for my bereaved colleague, Rev. Jason Radmacher.

Ministry and life continues, as always it does. On a much happier note, I celebrated Lexy Winkleman and Richard Myroniuk's wedding last Sunday afternoon, and Cathy and Gianni Cono's 25th anniversary celebration yesterday. Best wishes to the happy couples. Thanks to Kelly O'Hara and the Trustees for the on-going project of upgrading our computer system. You'll hear more as it progresses but we appreciate the minimal disruption to office operations.

Ahead is the Oyster Festival. Having been somewhat effective in coordinating the clean-up crew for the Fair on the Green, I have agreed to do so for the Oyster Festival. If you would be willing to be part of that select crew coordinate the clean-up.

You'll see me disappear momentarily today on the closing hymn. It's nothing personal. Carol and I are hosting Summer Punch Bowl. I hope you'll join us, especially if you don't usually stay, since it's the only chance I'll have today to greet you after worship! Y'all come!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastor*

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Shannon Thompson **Liturgist:** Sheryl Hollyday

Greeters: Ty and Tina Gage

Communion stewards: Bev Downing and Brenda Pineau

Communion celebrants: Pastors Brian and Hal, Sheryl Hollyday and Beth O'Brien.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Gianni and Cathy Cono's 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday August 5th; and in memory of Lisa Wolf's birthday, in celebration of Judy Cannon's birthday, and in honor of Stacey and Ken Cronk's 5th wedding anniversary.

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 United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at 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 or 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, 27th, and for September 3, 10 and 17th.**

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) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** 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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or 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 30th:

Total worship attendance all services: 178; July 30th: 128; GEUMC: 38; July 31st: Healing and Wholeness worship: 12; Total Offerings for July 30th: \$3,664.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 80. Book Discussion: 27; MTMUMC Community Supper: 39; Trash & Treasures: 13; Office Volunteers: 1. 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.

TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL TODAY is hosted by Pastor Brian and Carol Galloway. Next Sunday's host is Nancy Bennett.

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) or Steve Wasko (203.997.2213; 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 **NO LONGER** accepting winter clothing. We've run out of room! 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. Thank you for your generous donations. We especially want to thank everyone for the very helpful hints given with some of the more unusual items. 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 20th. This is a firm deadline.**

THE AUGUST “BEACON” was mailed on Wednesday, July 26th. Additional copies are in the spinner rack in the rear of the Sanctuary. **SEPTEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE** is **Tuesday, August 15th.**

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

A YOUTH MINISTRY CONSULTATION will be held **this Wednesday, August 9th, 6 - 9 p.m.** in the **Gunn Library** led by Neal Bowes, NYAC Youth Consultant and Youth Director at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in Ridgefield, CT. Mr. Bowes will be leading a consultation and discussion for MTM Youth and Children's Ministry leaders as we seek to support and build effective and meaningful programming for our young people. A light dinner will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Dani, danielle.levine@mail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 13th

“A Conversation with Jesus” is the message based on Matthew 14:22-33 and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b.



~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<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 & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 8</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. Men’s Club meeting – Wesley Center – Egan Room</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 9</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Youth Consultation- Pastor Dani – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
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	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m. Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 14</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 15</i>	<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. St. Mary Job Search Support Group – Gulf St.</i>
<i>Thursday, August 17</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
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<i>Saturday, August 19</i>	<i>All day Men’s Club concessions and Trash and Treasures at Milford Oyster Festival – Church campus</i>