

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 cell phones and other electronic devices.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

Leigh Bak, Co-Lay Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I don't need your wealth; I need your warmth.
ALL: **I don't need your judgment; I need your forgiveness.**
LEADER: I don't need your opinions; I need the truth.
ALL: **I don't need your lessons; I need your laughter.**
LEADER: I don't need your personality; I need your purity.
ALL: **I don't need your entertainment; I need your presence.**
LEADER: I don't need your knowledge; I need your wisdom.
ALL: **I don't need your recognition; I need your compassion.**
I don't need your acquaintance; I need your friendship.

*HYMN # 593 “Here I Am Lord” Here I Am Lord

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

*I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*Loving God, I pray for the grace to be a good friend.
May I be a gentle presence in the life of my friends,
ever willing to listen, to forgive, and to extend hospitality.
Remind me of the importance of friendship so that I take the time to nourish these precious
relationships. I pray this in the name of Jesus, who knew what it meant to be a
good friend. Amen.*

~ Proverbs 17:17

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 1:4-8 Bible p.685
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-16 Bible p. 893
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #2270 “He Has Made Me Glad” rear cover

THE SERMON “How Well Do You Know Your Neighbor?” Laura Perregaux, CLS
(*Laura Perregaux is a member of this church and a Certified Lay Servant.*)

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “Ain't Got Time To Die” H. Johnson
Hal Vink soloist, Lydia Smith percussionist

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN # 377 “It Is Well With My Soul” Ville Du Havre

*THE BENEDICTION

*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

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY

is Laura Perregaux, a Certified Lay Servant of the United Methodist Church. Laura has been a member of Mary Taylor Memorial Church since 1980 and served in many leadership roles. She is currently an administrative assistant to the Milford office of Catholic Charities.

Married to Richie Perregaux since 1979, they are the parents of Adam Perregaux and Kevin (Lauren) Perregaux and grandparents of Addyson, Paige and Maya.

He Has Made Me Glad 2270



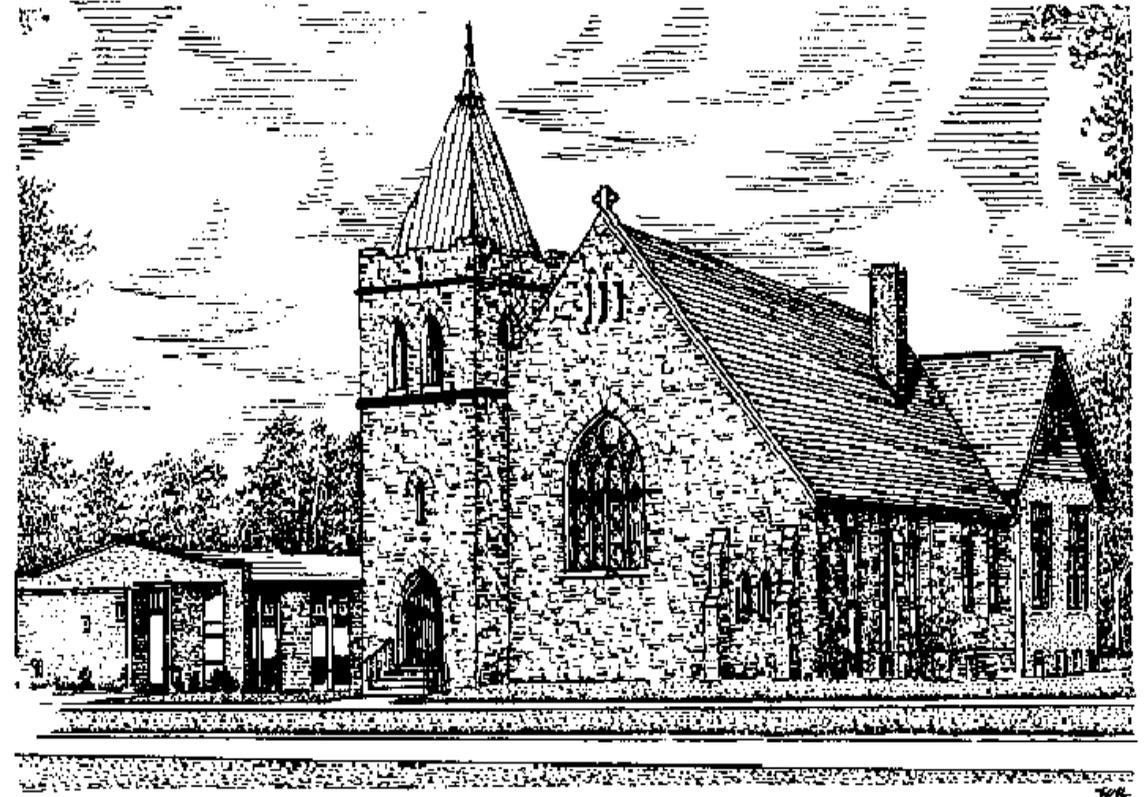
WORDS: Leona Von Brethorst (Ps. 100:2, 4; 118:24)

MUSIC: Leona Von Brethorst

LEONA

Irregular with Refrain

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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 XIII

August 14, 2016

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

“The Great Bible Experiment” is an initiative by the Massachusetts Bible Society in which our church has been invited to participate. I have accepted the invitation and hope you will join in. It is based on surveys conducted by the American Bible Society and the Barna Group (a highly respected survey organization) that determined that four cities in the Northeast are the least “Bible-minded” in America: New Haven, Albany, NY, Providence, RI and Boston.

The “Experiment” has three components. First, “town-hall” style meetings will be held in each of these cities. The New Haven meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 7 pm at Yale Divinity School. I invite you to attend with me. Register at www.massbible.org/experiment where you may also view a 4 minute video about this program. If you are not web-savvy, let me know and I will register you. We will also arrange carpooling (please let Mary Lou in the church office know if you’d like a ride: 203.874.1982).

Second, I will teach the first of three units of material prepared for this Experiment. What is the Bible? is an introductory study to the Bible by the Rev. Anne Robertson. I have reviewed these materials and am highly impressed by them. They are excellent for the person who says or thinks “I really don’t know much about the Bible and don’t want to be embarrassed by attending a class with others who do.” Even so, there is also material in the study that would be informative even for those who have taken Disciple Bible Study or some other in-depth study of the scriptures. This study will follow our typical Tuesday at 7 p.m./Wednesday at 10 a.m. format (students typically chose one or the other). The six session study will run Sept. 20-21 and 27-28 and resume Oct. 11-12 through Nov. 1-2. Please register through the church office.

Third, this study will be advertised by the Massachusetts Bible Society so that others in our community who may not belong to our church may attend. What a wonderful welcome to newer people to be immersed in scripture!

May God be glorified through our study of the Bible and our commitment to holy living.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett
Interim Child Care Coordinator	Amanda Pitre	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Grace Notes

August 14, 2016

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

We welcome Laura Perregaux, Certified Lay Servant and long-time member of our church, to the pulpit today. Her brief bio is on the rear of the liturgy. I return this Saturday for the Oyster Festival and will lead worship “under the tent” next Sunday. For pastoral needs while I am away, please contact Dennis Darak (203.988.3554).

This August sees a number of staff changes at our church. The Rev. Dr. Judith Bennett, retired NY Conference clergy, has been with us for the last year, learning and growing with us. She is now our volunteer Theologian-in-Residence. While we are searching for a professional child care coordinator, Amanda Pitre is serving as our volunteer interim in this position. These are reflected on today’s masthead.

Among paid staff, Mr. Bruce Rumford has decided to retire. His last day will be August 27th. We are sad for us but happy for him and Janet. They have immediate travel planned so our farewell event for him will be October 2nd after morning worship. We have begun the search for his successor. We have also filled our Outreach Pastor position. Danielle Marie Levine will have a “soft launch” next Saturday at the Oyster Festival, meeting and greeting folks there. Her first Sunday is August 21st. Danielle will be with us 15 hours per week with responsibilities in Christian Education, Methodist Youth Fellowship and pastoral care.

I want to thank the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their diligent work on all these changes. Please keep their “going” and “coming” in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ethan Weed

Greeters – Edie Reichard and Marilyn Long

Liturgist – Brenda Pineau

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Laura Perregaux and Brenda Pineau.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Berkley Bray, given by Bev and Jim Pierpont.

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

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.

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.

TODAY’S LITURGY has been prepared by Laura Perregaux from Holy Scripture and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000), among other resources.

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence today. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

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

~THREE WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, August 14</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl – Courtyard</i>
		<i>Boys and Girls Village school supply drive ends today</i>
<i>Monday, August 15</i>		<u>SEPTEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE</u>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UMARMY Movie Night – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 17</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>“Chalk the Walk” (1-7p.m.)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Smith and Baez wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Thursday, August 18</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Smith and Baez wedding – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Mark Schultz-Christian music artist –Black Rock Church-Fairfield</i>
<i>Friday, August 19</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, August 20</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Trash and Treasures open for Oyster Festival</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Oyster Festival-Church campus (10am-6pm)</i>
<i>Sunday, August 21</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:45a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure screenings – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Summer Picnic at Rivercrest Farm</i>
<i>Thursday, August 25</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, August 26</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, August 27</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Private Event – Boy Scout Troup 196 Eagle Scout Ceremony – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, August 28</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl – Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 29</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 30</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Thursday, September 1</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions Committee meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, September 2</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>

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.

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. Also wet and dry dog food 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.

“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 August 7th:

Total worship attendance all services: 110; August 7th: 100; August 8th, Healing & Wholeness: 10; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up”) for August 7th: \$5,549.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$296.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$823.18; Engaged in Small Groups: 19; “Christianity and World Religions” study: cancelled; UMW funeral reception: 16; Office Volunteers: 3; 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 follows worship in the courtyard hosted by Vilma Rendon. Next Sunday's Summer Punch Bowl hosts are Susan Pitre and Lisa Gloates. Thanks to all our hosts!

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE AND TRASH AND TREASURES IS TODAY – Sunday, August 14th

THE SEPTEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is tomorrow, August 15. Articles may be submitted to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available by calling the church office (203.874.1982). While previously been available in the literature racks, an astute parishioner observed this might be a little too public in this age of identity theft and child exploitation. They are now removed.

NAME TAGS MAY ALSO BE ORDERED through the church office.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

UMARMY MOVIE NIGHT: Monday, August 15th at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Dodd Hall.

U.M. ARMY participants and all interested are invited to join us for the movie "Rudy". Together with 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, this movie was the catalyst for many "True Identity" messages during our U.M. ARMY Mission weeks this summer.

OYSTER FESTIVAL – Saturday, August 20th. Tell Jim Repetsky (203.874.8688) if you'd like to give the Men's Club a hand; or Dolly Bonisch (203.783.9952) if you'd do the same for Trash and Treasures.

LYDIA SMITH will once again head worship at the District Superintendent Training at the United Methodist Retreat Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, August 20-26th. Please keep all those working and attending the event in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 21

PENTECOST XIV: Worship will be outside in the courtyard under the tent on this Sunday following the Oyster Festival. The sermon “Bent out of Shape” will be based on Luke 13:10-17 and Psalm 71:1-6. After worship, blood pressure screenings will follow in the Sanctuary taken by Leigh Bak, R.N.

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT RIVERCREST FARM – Sunday, August 21, 2-6 pm, 534 Oronoque Road, Milford. See details next page.

