

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: *It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard,*

L: upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

P: *It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

ALL: *For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.*

\*HYMN #374

“Standing on the Promises”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

England, 20<sup>th</sup> century, alt.

*Teach us, Ruler of the universe, to see people by the light of the faith we profess, that we may check in ourselves all ungenerous judgments, all presumptuous claims, that, recognizing the needs and rightful claims of others, we may remove old hatreds and rivalries and hasten new understandings, that we may bring our tributes of excellence to the treasury of our common humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lydia S. Martinez, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.

*Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE

Roman 11:1-2a, 29-32

Bible p.1032

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

Bible p.892

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN #548

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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THE SERMON

”Outsiders”

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.*

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory:

“I’ve Been Touched By The Hand Of The Lord”

SBFA Ensemble

\*Presentation:

“All Things Come of Thee”

Hymnal #588

*“All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.”*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #370

“Victory in Jesus”

insert

\*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.**

# In Christ There Is No East or West 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

him no south or north; but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the  
 neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male  
 him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

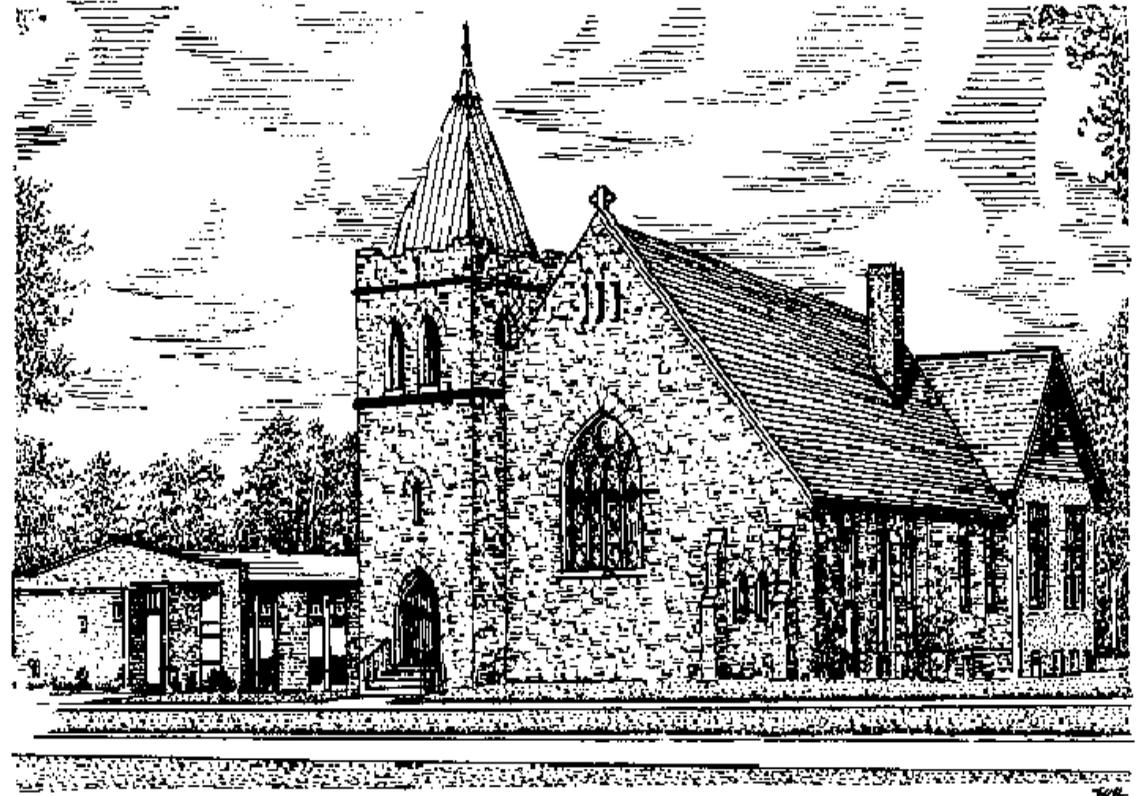
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 heirs are made, and all are kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, 4, John Oxenham, 1913; st. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987 (Gal. 3:28)  
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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St. 3 © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

Alt. tune: ST. PETER



## 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 XI**  
**August 20, 2017**

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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 20, 2017***

***Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,***

***Jesus' humanity is on full display in today's gospel. In the first half, he criticizes the religious leaders of his day for their hypocrisy. They elevate human rules on ritual hand washing to divine status while using religious tradition to negate the Fifth Commandment, "honor thy father and thy mother." He tells those leaders – and us! – that it is not what goes into the body but what comes out of the heart that defiles us. In the second half of the gospel, Jesus receives his own instruction. A Canaanite woman – an outsider – asks Jesus for healing for her daughter. She is not only from outside the Jewish community but a descendant of the Philistines, historic enemies of the Jewish people. (Think: "David and Goliath"). Jesus declines to help because he was, he believes, "sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." Her entreaty becomes stronger and more forceful, as parents do when advocating for their children. Jesus calls her, by implication, a dog. She responds that even dogs eat the crumbs from the master's table. Jesus relents, praises the woman's faith, and heals her daughter.***

***Throughout the ages, human beings have wrestled with who is "in" and who is "out". Neighborhood or nation, community or culture or congregation, who belongs and who does not is a core question. "Everyone is welcome" is one of the most dangerous expressions in the English language.***

***May Jesus' spiritual awakening revealed in today's gospel be a mirror of our own.***

***Sincerely yours in Christ,***

***Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor***

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher:** Shannon Thompson      **Liturgist:** Eileen Doyle

**Greeters:** Sheryl and Carolyn Hollyday

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Jim Pierpont, given by his 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.

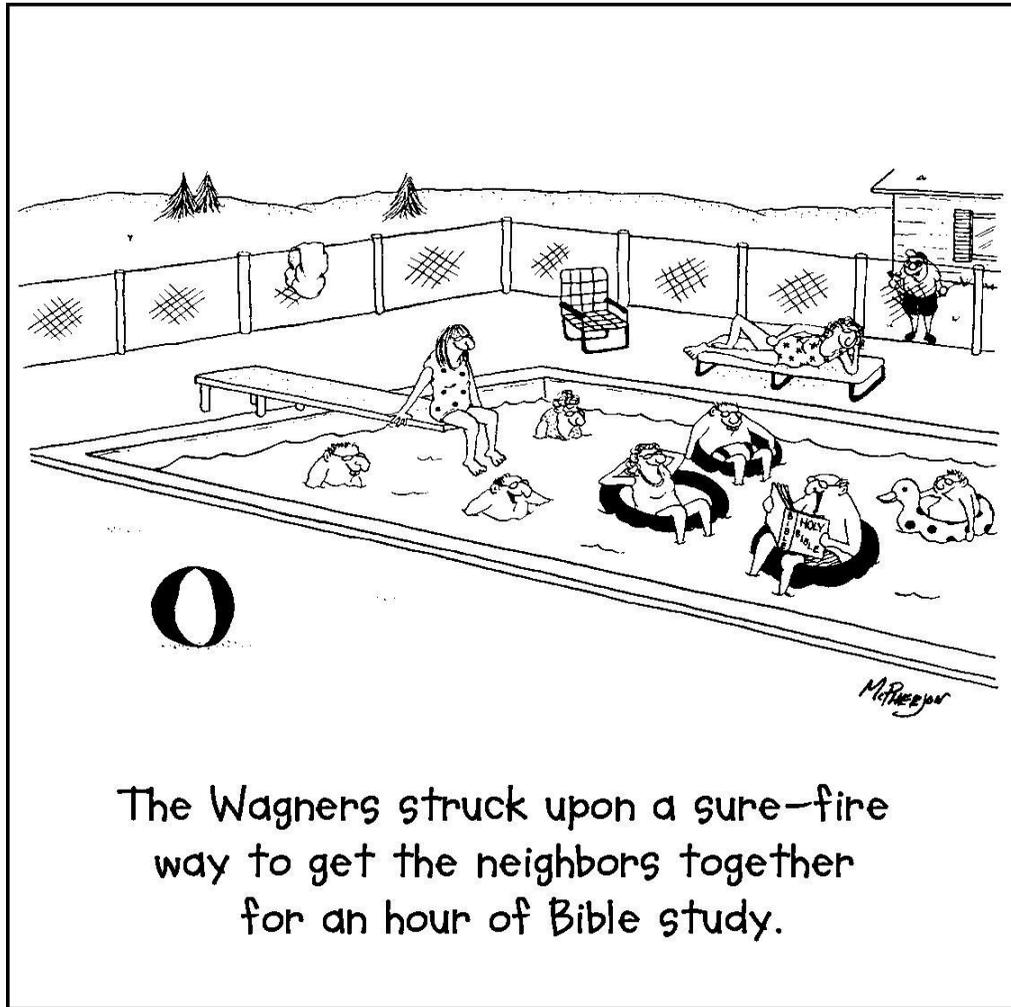
**TODAY'S LITURGY** is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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



### ~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, August 20</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship – Courtyard</i>
		<i>School supply collection ends</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Youth Leader's meeting – Pastor Dani's office</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Blood pressure screenings - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 21</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 23</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>September Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 24</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School staff meeting – Sunday School Office</i>
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<i>Sunday, August 27</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>Ghana Emmanuel UMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, August 28</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, August 31</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Saturday, September 2</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Daniel Bodt and Melisa Cagar wedding – Golden Hill UM Church, 210 Elm St. Bridgeport, CT- All Welcome</i>



**TODAY**

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL TODAY** is hosted by the Bettencourts and the Cables. Next Sunday’s hosts are Kim Gerlando and Joanne Platt.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** will be held in the sanctuary after worship, given by Beth Hanson, RN.

**WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for Boys’ and Girls’ Village. Please see the page in the center of this issue with the kind of items we would like. Please leave items in Dodd Hall. The collection ends **TODAY**.

**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 TODAY.**

**TRASH AND TREASURES TEAM IS PREPARING FOR VACATION! DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR OUR NEXT ANNUAL FAIR ON THE GREEN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018.** After we tidy up and recycle some of our leftover treasures, the T&T team will be officially on vacation BUT YOUR JOB is just beginning! The T&T team is challenging you to help us reach a new Fair on the Green goal! Start filling those manageable but not large or heavy boxes with items you never use and have them ready for donation on March 7, 2018! Thank you so much for your continued support! Please call Dolly Bonisch at 203.783.9952 before donating large items.

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

**THIS WEEK**

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** meet this Wednesday, August 23, 9 a.m. in the Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor to mail the September “Beacon.”

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** is served at MTMUMC this Thursday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. Volunteers to assist are welcomed for set-up, serving and clean-up **any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Deb Dubien at 203.8774959.

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 27th**

**PENTECOST XII.** Our preacher will be Laura Perregaux, Certified Lay Servant. The message “Who Do You Stand Next To?” will be based on Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20 with Psalm 124:1-8. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns.

## 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](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 September 24<sup>th</sup> and Sundays thereafter.**

**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 August 13th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 185; Aug.6th: 146; GEUMC: 31; Aug.14th: Healing and Wholeness worship: 8; Total Offerings for Aug. 13th: \$5,297.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 10. Trash & Treasures: 7; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

