

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 “Picardy” arr. by T.
Kenall

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEARNING A NEW HYMN “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” Hymn #386

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared for us a feast of love.

*HYMN #614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” For the
Bread

PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison) “Collect for Purity” Hymnal p.6

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39 and #881

Aiyana Diwan, daughter of Arjun and Akansha

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

“Filled with Deliciousness”

Dr. Bodt

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (by the pastor)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*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: “El Shaddai” Hebrew for “God Almighty”

(Steve Bettencourt, guitar)

*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee” Hymnal
#588

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal p. 9-10

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church has an open table, including the use of grape juice and gluten-free bread. All are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We will sing hymns #613, 617, 618 and 620, as needed, during the distribution.)

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 #2196

“We Walk By Faith”

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*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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

*POSTLUDE “Carillon Toccata”

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

PENTECOST VIII

August 3, 2014

Current building dedicated: 1893

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

Hymnal #614

D. Wagner

GRACE
2196 We Walk by Faith

1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un-belief, and
4. That when our life of faith is done in

gra-cious words we hear of him who spoke as
fol-low where he trod; yet in his prom-ise
may our faith a-bound; to call on you when
realms of clear-er light we may be-hold you

none e'er spoke, but we be-lieve him near.
we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are in full and end-less sight.

WORDS: Henry Alford, alt. (Mark 9:24; John 20:27-29)
MUSIC: Attr. to Hugh Wilson

MARTYRDOM
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<i>Sunday, August 3</i>	9:30 a.m. <i>Worship and Diwan baptism – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl - Courtyard</i> 10:45 a.m. <i>Sunday School teachers – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, August 4</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness - Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 5</i>	4:00 p.m. <i>“Drop in” Playdate, Silver Sands State Park</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 6</i>	10:00 a.m. <i>“Just Because I Am Old” study – The Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>“Just Because I Am Old” study – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, August 9</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>Bridgeport Bluefish Game-Harbor Yard</i>
<i>Sunday, August 10</i>	9:30 a.m. <i>Worship– Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl - Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 11</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>MYF Staffing Meeting-Merva home: 90 Dart Hill Road, Milford</i>
<i>Thursday, August 14</i>	4:30 – 9 a.m. <i>“Gil on the Green” feature, Milford Green</i>
<i>Friday, August 15</i>	BEACON information due today 6:00 p.m. <i>Oyster Festival set-up – church grounds</i>
<i>Saturday, August 16</i>	7:45 a.m. <i>Oyster Festival prep – church grounds</i> 10 am. – 5 pm <i>Oyster Festival – church grounds</i>

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

Summer at our church is “light” only insofar as regular committee meetings and programming activities are suspended in July and August. I hope that respite allows for the pleasures of travel and time with family for many of us.

Yet much happens behind the scenes that prepare us for an active fall. This week our “Extravagant Generosity” annual financial campaign team was finalized. Please thank Tina Gage, Deirdre James, Bill Katt, Kelly O’Hara and Diana Titus for serving. The campaign launches mid-October.

Our “Lift Us Up” capital campaign committee for the handicapped renovation of the Wesley Center had a very productive meeting this week. We will share our report with you in August. As Ty Gage said, “Dust off your shoes, put on your hat, save the date, and that’s that!” The date is Sunday, August 24th at 10:45 a.m. (following morning worship) when we will be presented the combined report of the Building and Capital committees for your approval. See the detailed notice under “Coming Soon.”

Meanwhile, we have visitors every week. Among them today are Alexander and Eva Agnes Joshi, godparents and grandparents of Aiyana Diwan, being baptized today. Aiyana’s parents, Akansha Joshi and Arjun Diwan, joined our church in February, sponsored by Elizabeth Kingsley and Hector Arnold, respectively. Please seek out them and all our visitors with an invitation to Summer Punch Bowl and to meet me, Pastor Hal and other parishioners.

Summer play dates, “Gil on the Green” and the Oyster Festival are all coming. See the details in this issue and respond as desired and energy allows.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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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		



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – Faith Reardon and Steve Wasco

Liturgist – Brenda Pineau

Communion Stewards – Phoebe Repetsky and Dawn Bettencourt

Communion Servers – Pastors Bodt and Vink, Leigh Bak and Brenda Pineau

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Brenda Pineau.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Cathy and Gianni Cono's 22nd wedding anniversary on August 1st.

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 United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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.



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THE 40TH ANNUAL MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 16th, 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. In addition to the Main Stage entertainment and live local bands, the event includes the Children's Stage at Fowler Pavilion, the Harbor Stage and Festival Car Show at Lisman Landing, Armory Square Big Toys, 200 Arts & Crafts vendors on the green, amusement rides, schooner cruises, canoe & kayak race, and 30,000 oysters from the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association.

The Oyster Festival will host Bret Michaels at the Festival Main Stage on Saturday, August 16th.

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEN'S CLUB will have its usual booth on the Green featuring the following food items for sale:

Bacon/Egg/Cheese Breakfast Sandwiches
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Fried Dough
Coffee
Soda
Water

Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Friday night (August 15th) at 6 p.m. and during the Festival – 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you can help out for any portion during this time, please contact Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 or Bob Volgmuth at 203-710-9468. Sign-up sheets will be available after worship service.

COME PATRONIZE THEM, HAVE A GREAT DAY ON THE MILFORD GREEN AND SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

MISSION COMMITTEE
Boys and Girls Village Back-to-School Supply Collection

Please consider helping children by donating school supplies included on the list below. All items must be new.

Boys and Girls Village will be collecting these backpack items for distribution at the end of August. Please look for the collection boxes in Dodd Hall.



ELEMENTARY	Middle/High School
Book -- age appropriate	Book -- age appropriate
Small packets of tissues	Colorful spiral notebooks
Colored pencils	Colored pencils
Crayons	Pens
Drawing pad	Drawing pad
Erasers	Erasers
Glue sticks	Glue sticks
Journal	Journal
Markers (nonpermanent)	Markers (nonpermanent)
Notebooks, loose leaf paper	Notebooks, loose leaf paper
#2 pencils & sharpener	#2 pencils & sharpener
Ruler	Ruler
Blunt scissors	Small stapler & staples
Key Chain Toy	Red pen
Binder	Small stapler & staples
Tape	Tape
	Geometric stencils & compass
	File Folders, colorful

Also needed on a regular basis are arts and craft supplies – listed below:

- Washable markers
- Crayons
- Coloring pencils
- Beads and string
- Washable Tempera paint
- White and colored construction paper
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Blunt tip scissors
- Sidewalk chalk
- Colored tissue paper
- Mod Podge
- Crayola Model Magic- colored and white
- Air Dry Clay
- Poster Board- white and colored
- Permanent Markers (Sharpies)
- Colored and Patterned Duct Tape
- Blank Books (for decorating/making journals)
- Paperboard boxes (for decorating memory boxes)



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 hosts are the Cable and Bettencourt families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING is today, 10:45 a.m. in the Wesley Center.

REMAINING OPENINGS FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL HOSTS ARE August 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.

AUGUST 9TH BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH GAME TICKETS will be available after service today. See Kelly O'Hara to pick up your order.

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING "GIL ON THE GREEN?" See the detailed notice under "Coming Soon." If you'll attend please speak with Pastor Brian this morning.

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!

CORRECTION: ELECTRIC WHEEL CHAIR (was listed as electric scooter) AND LIFT RECLINER CHAIR GIVEAWAY: the son of a neighbor of Joan Zauner is moving and willing to give these away. Contact Joan at 203.283.5643.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE NEXT SUMMER "DROP IN" PLAY DATE is August 5th, 4 p.m. at Silver Sands State

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

Park, Silver Sands Parkway, Milford. Bring beach gear. Future dates are August 23 and September 21. Details in the August "Beacon," p. 7.

A TRIP TO THE BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH (a minor league baseball team) will be Saturday, Aug. 9, 6:05 p.m. A portion of the ticket proceeds benefits Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST IX: The message "Faith is More Than Knowing Where the Rocks Are" will be based on Exodus 14:19-31 and Matthew 14:22-33.

COMING SOON

"GIL ON THE GREEN" is a weekly summer feature of WTNH News 8, New Haven. Meteorologist Gil Simmons will broadcast from the Milford Green on Thursday, August 14th from 4:30 – 9 a.m. Yes, A.M.! But what a great opportunity for publicity for our church! If you are interested in joining Pastor Brian and Carol, the Doyles, and others who are considering it for any part of, or all, of this time, please tell Pastor Brian today.

SEPTEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE is Friday, August 15th. **LEADERS!** Please think about September programming and what needs to be publicized. It seems a long way away: it isn't. Submit materials on or before August 15th to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office. Many thanks!

OYSTER FESTIVAL, Saturday, 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).

LYDIA SMITH will be playing with the Beth Patella Band once again this year at the **Milford Oyster Festival** on Saturday August 16th. Full band to play 2:00pm on the Lisman Landing Stage. Come on down and support your local music scene!

A CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, August 24th, 10:45 a.m. to receive the combined report of the Building Committee and "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign. The architectural plans, cost estimate and financial plan and will be presented for discussion and final approval as required by The Book of Discipline. Anyone may attend; vote is reserved to full members of the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. Those "present and voting" constitute the quorum for this and all meetings in the United Methodist Church.

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 27:

Total worship attendance all services: 115 (July 27th, 109; Healing and Wholeness, July 28: 6)
Total Offering July 20: \$ 3,783.01; July 27: \$4,554.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$100.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 89 (Office volunteers: 9; Adult Study 10 am, 12; Adult Study 7 pm: 14; MTM supper: 44; Golden Hill supper: 6; Trash and Treasures: 4) 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.