

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Milford, Connecticut 06460

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Order of Worship  
9:30 a.m.

(Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)  
(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

**ANNUAL TENT MEETING WORSHIP**  
*In the courtyard at Mary Taylor Memorial Church*

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:15 a.m.)

THE CHIMES TOLL – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP “Jesus, We are Here” *Please sing twice*



\*HYMN #62 (verses 1-3) “All Creatures of Our God and King” Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) Traditional Dakota Tribe prayer, adapted  
*Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have always been, and before you nothing has been. There is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heaven are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. You are older than all need, all pain and all prayer. Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with light. Give us strength to understand and eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live. Help us, for without you we are nothing. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON Hymnal p.872  
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THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 Bible p.1097  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56 Bible p.950  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #541 “See How Great a Flame Aspires” Arfon (Major)

THE SERMON “Running the Right Race” Dr. Bodt

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 70

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: “Victory in Jesus” arr. by M. Lister  
*MTM Tenors & Basses*

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion” Marching to Zion

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE 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.*

\*THE CHIMES TOLL – *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.**

## OTHER MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY:** I will decide by Sept. 1 if enrollment is sufficient to offer an entry level class for “Disciple” Bible Study. This 34 week course has been positively experienced by a number of our church members. We currently have 3 confirmed attendees. I desire six to proceed. The course will start September 10 and meet Tuesdays from 7 – 9:15 p.m. If you are interested, please contact me at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11; or speak with Don Hastings on Sundays. *Pastor Brian*

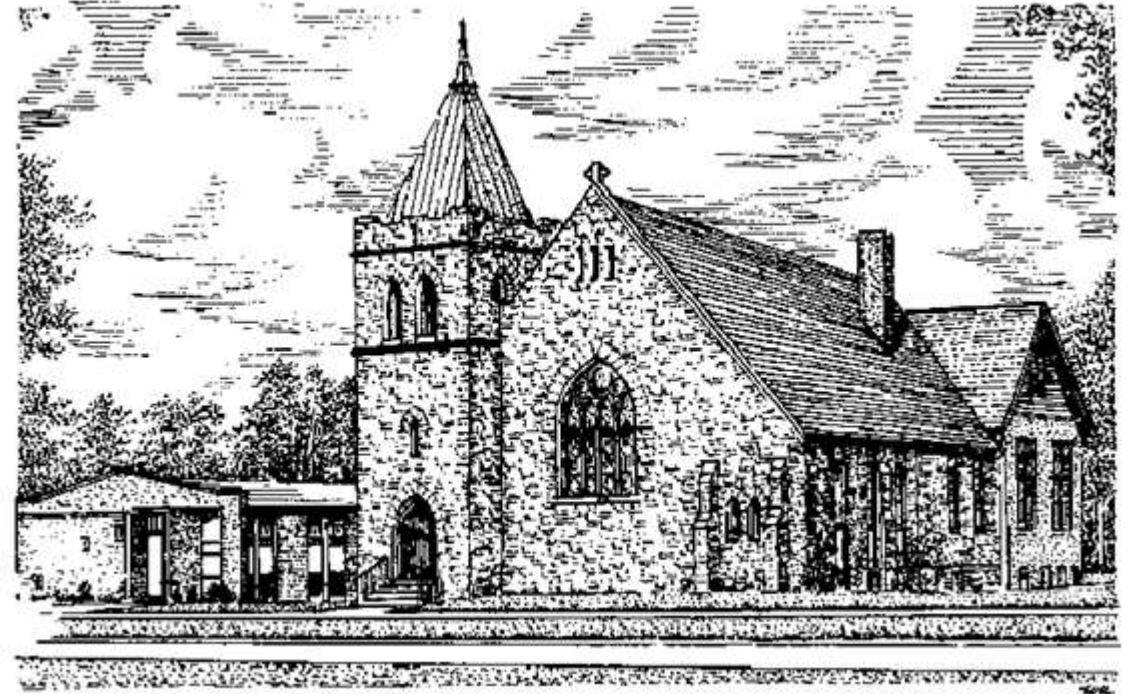
**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY’S Milford Relay for Life is September 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.** Team “Red Hot Mamas and Company” is accepting new members. To join the team or make a contribution, call Susan O’Shea at 203-494-5339, or email her at [sueoshea@optonline.net](mailto:sueoshea@optonline.net) or log on to [www.relayforlife.org/milfordct](http://www.relayforlife.org/milfordct). This year’s theme is – Lights, Camera, Relay!

**CONFIRMATION** will begin September 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the Wesley Center. A letter will be sent to known eligible youth prior to September 1 and notice posted in the September “Beacon.” It will meet most Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Youth eligible are entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not yet been confirmed. See Pastor Brian for more details.

### ~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

<i>Sunday, August 18</i>	<b>PENTECOST XIII</b> 9:15 a.m. <i>Informal hymn-singing - courtyard</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship – Under the tent in the courtyard</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 19</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, August 22</i>	4 – 6:30 p.m. <i>MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall.</i>
<i>Saturday, August 24</i>	4:45 a.m. <i>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “March on Washington” trip leaving from Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport</i>
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<i>Sunday, August 25</i>	<b>PENTECOST XIV</b> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 26</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Committee on Nominations – Pastor’s study</i>
<i>Wednesday, Aug. 28</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>September “Beacon” mailing volunteers – Wes. Ctr.</i>



## Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843*  
*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 18, 2013

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** continue through August 30: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

**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:** Dog and cat food is **desperately needed for seniors with pets.** Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS** are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers” to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). \*A *donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460. **If you would like to order ahead, there are openings for August 25, September 1, October 6, 13 and 27, November 17 and December 1, 8, 15 and 29.**

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Pastor Brian Bodt is away until next Sunday. Rev. Art Yost is providing pastoral coverage with contacts noted in “This Week.” Please inform him or Mary Lou Kampert (203.874.1982; [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs.

**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 AUGUST 18:**

Total worship attendance all services: 135 (Aug. 11: 126; Healing and Wholeness Aug. 12: 9; Total Offering: \$4,517; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$50; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 0; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

**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.

*Grace Notes*  
**August 18, 2013**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*What do these football players have in common?*

*Roy Riegels, captain, University of California, 1929 Rose Bowl game*  
*Andy Farkas, Washington Redskins (NFL), 1938, largest crowd in Detroit football history*  
*Harry Buffington, Brooklyn Dodgers (All-America Conf.), 1947, first play of season*  
*Jim Marshall, Minnesota Vikings (NFL), 1964, October 25*  
*Andre Parker, Kent State, 2012, first game of the season*

*They all ran the football the wrong way, either scoring (Farkas, Buffington, Marshall) or nearly scoring (Riegels, Parker) a touchdown for the opposing team. “Wrong Way Riegels” is probably the most infamous because he was the first, he was his team’s captain, it was in the Rose Bowl, the pre-eminent collegiate game, and his error caused his team to lose by the very score he gave to Georgia Tech.*

*“Running the right race” is important as today’s scriptures make clear. Yet even when we err, all is not lost. Three of the five games were won by the team hurt by its player’s mistake and Jim Marshall actually set up the play that caused his team to win.*

*Still, it’s better to start off in the right direction: something to think about in football, racing, life and faith. Let’s consider where we need to turn around.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

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**Website:** [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org) [www.facebook.com/MTMUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MTMUMC)

**E-mail:** [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

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 Coordinators Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck

**AT WORSHIP TODAY**

**Head Usher** –Dave Doyle

**Greeters** – Betty & Paul Daneault

**Liturgist** – Emily Bak

**Tent Meeting Set-Up:** Men's Club and friends

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Emily Bak at the Narthex door.

**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!

A **MISSION CROSS** has been given in memory of my Mom on the anniversary of her first birthday in heaven, August 18, with love from Jane. This gift supports the mission work of our church.

**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. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from August 11 are available in the rear of the church and on-line: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *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 a parent or guardian.*

**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**

- **SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Enjoy light summer refreshment hosted **today** by Susan O'Shea and Tom Griggs. **Next Sunday we do not currently have a host.** Dates still open are next Sunday and Sept. 1. Please sign up on the Dodd Hall kitchen refrigerator.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** follow worship in the sanctuary provided by Brenda Pineau and Liz Dillon.
- **UPCOMING OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES** include next Sunday and September 1. Contact Beth O'Brien as listed under "Our Life in Prayer...."
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Summer Punch Bowl and return them before leaving.
- **"FIX IT BOX"** is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

**THIS WEEK**

**PASTORAL COVERAGE THIS WEEK** is provided by the Rev. Art Yost, retired U.M. clergy at our church. Rev. Yost can be reached at 203.606.3894 (cell), 203.931.9943 (home) or [arty43@comcast.net](mailto:arty43@comcast.net). Dr. Bodt is away this week and returns for service on Sun., Aug. 25.

**BULLETIN NOTICES FOR AUGUST 25** are **due by Noon on Wed., August 21st,** hard copy to the church office or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC** will be **this Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-6:30 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner ([jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com); 203.283.5643) or Dave and Eileen Doyle ([ddoyle51@aol.com](mailto:didoyle51@aol.com); 203.878.9049).

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1963 "March on Washington"** is being held **this Saturday, August 24.** A same-day trip bus will leave from Golden Hill UMC. To reserve a seat and pay on-line, go to [www.nyac.com/march](http://www.nyac.com/march). Pastor Brian Bodt, Carol Galloway, Cheryl Griffin and Charles Mebane are currently registered from MTMUMC.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST XIV** – Luke 13:10-17 and Jeremiah 1:4-10 are the basis for the message  
“Bam!” Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns.