

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 “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” Southern Folk Melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20th cent.

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

People: *We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!*

Leader: We may cry through the night but your joy comes with the morning.

People: *You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.*

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: **Our souls cannot be silent!**

ALL: **O GOD, OUR SAVIOR, WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOREVER!**

*HYMN #674 “See the Morning Sun Ascending” Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

Thank you, Lord, for calling us together today. We thank you for the privilege and challenge of living as Christ’s body, which has many members but is one whole body. Help us to know and use our gifts generously, maturely and cheerfully to build up the Body of Christ. We ask these things that you may more fully use us to work your divine purpose out. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lavon Bayler, USA, 20th cent., adapted

O merciful God, we confess that we have not worshipped you above all things. Our success and substance become gods and we are far more ready to complain when these gods fail us, as surely they must. We too often feed our bodies without so much as a table grace to feed our souls. Power and wealth rise above sensitivity and service. We substitute religious words and forms to replace living encounters with people: people you have called us to love. Forgive us and grant us the chance to start over again. In the name of Christ whose sacrifice secured our pardon and deliverance, we offer this prayer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39 and #881

Brooklyn Rylee Magda, daughter of David and Kimberly

THE PSALTER Psalm 124 Hymnal p.846

THE EPISTLE Romans 12:1-8 Bible p.1033

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

*HYMN #114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Katherine

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 Bible p.893

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

THE SERMON “Outsourced Spirituality” 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 “Sweet By and By” Webster/arr. Hayes

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #555 “Forward Through the Ages” St. Gertrude

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

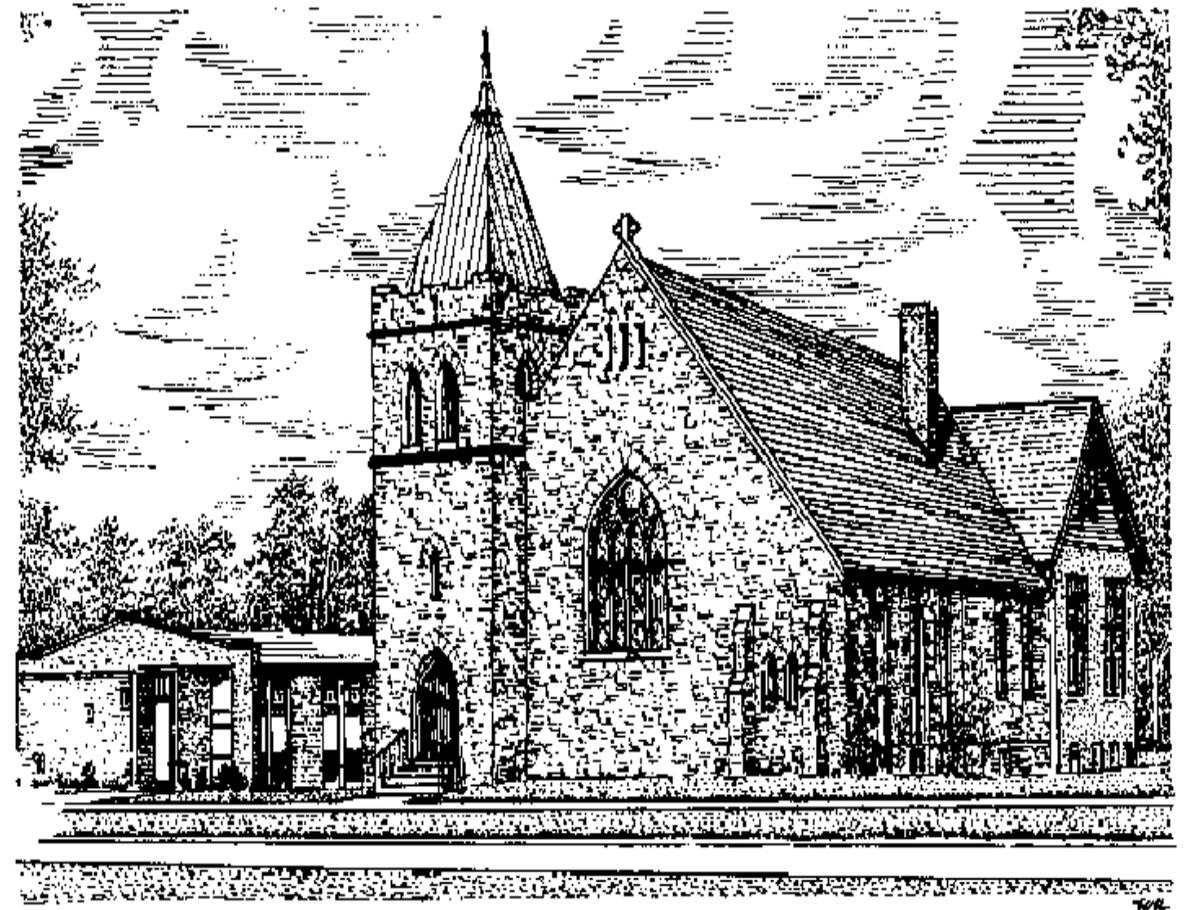
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE “Holy, Holy, Holy” Dykes/arr. Ray

(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

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

PENTECOST XI

August 24, 2014



Grace Notes
August 24, 2014

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, August 24</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary/Brooklyn Magda Baptism</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:45 a.m. Church Conference – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Monday, August 25</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 26</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. M&E Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday, August 28</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper-Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Relay for Life Fundraiser – Dodd Hall</i>
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<i>Sunday, August 31</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Leadership Day Design Team – Pastor’s Study</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m. Caring Ministry</i>
<i>Monday, September 1</i>	<i>Labor Day – Church office is closed</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Pastor Hal</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 3</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study-Pastor Hal</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal</i>
	<i>7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal</i>
<i>Thursday, September 4</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders Meeting</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting</i>
<i>Friday, September 5</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Saturday, September 6</i>	<i>2:00 p.m. to 6:00 am Sunday -Relay for Life at Foran High School</i>

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

Today is an historic moment for Mary Taylor Memorial Church as we determine whether or not we are ready to proceed with handicapped-accessible renovations to the Wesley Center. This is something we’ve discussed for some time and I believe we are ready to act.

Bill Petremont tells the wonderful story of how Pastor Hal asked him whether it might be possible to install the stained glass windows made by parishioners in Dodd Hall to provide a more worshipful environment for the Healing and Wholeness worship on Monday nights. These windows were previously in the Chapel on the second floor of the Wesley Center but had been removed to allow installation of energy-efficient windows.

Fast-forward to a new pastor, a campaign to get the windows out of storage and installed in the chapel (spring, 2013, now between the north wall and the office) and the movement of the Healing and Wholeness worship to the Chapel. The only thing missing, ironic given the nature of the worship, was handicapped accessibility. We have managed, but the need for this provision remains.

I hope you will remain for our Church Conference today. Whether you can or not, pray for us during worship and in the time following that we may hear and respond to the call of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – Faye Zeiner and Sally Chapin

Guest Organist – Carol Osgood

Liturgist – Lisa Gloates

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Pastor Brian and Lisa Gloates

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of my parents, Dorothy and Berkley Bray, given by Bev 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

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** is taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and the United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or www.mtmumc.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.

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)



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 NEXT SUNDAY 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@gmail.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 AUGUST 17th:

Total worship attendance all services: 119 (August 17, 114; Healing and Wholeness, August 18th: 5) Total Offering August 17: \$4,064.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$5,077.75; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 8; “Beacon” volunteers, Aug. 20: 6; Office volunteers: 2; 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.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

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 CHURCH CONFERENCE is held today, 10:45 a.m. to receive the combined report of the Building Committee and “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign recommending handicapped-accessible renovation to the Wesley Center. 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.

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 host is Michelle Craig.

THE SEPTEMBER “BEACON” (our monthly newsletter) was mailed last Wednesday. Extra copies are in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWER AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS may be placed with 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 placed on the altar. Please see Beth or information in the back of the church on missions to support. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

LYDIA SMITH will be attending her 5th District Superintendent Training in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on August 24-29th where she will be part of the worship team. She is asking for prayers and travel mercies for herself and for those who have been called on this journey.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

BEDROOM AND BATH NEEDED IMMEDIATELY (in-law or house-sharing desired) for a woman in her 30's. If you have a place or know of possibilities, please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan at 203.268.8850 (home) or 203.610.4936.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting help now for the next supper, Thursday, August 28, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at (203-877-4959).

FUNDRAISER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE: Beth O'Brien will be holding a Let Your Yoga Dance class for women on Thursday, August 28, 7:00-8:30. It will be held in Dodd Hall following the Community Supper. The class will be mostly easy-to-follow movement and dancing to a wide variety of music ending with a guided relaxation. No knowledge of yoga or yoga clothing is needed, just dress comfortably. Feel free to wear Relay shirts. We typically dance with bare feet, but you can wear sneakers. You can bring a yoga mat or blanket to lay on. The only fee is a donation to the Red Hot Mamas--The Next Generation Team. It will be lots of fun! Please call Beth at 203-877-8668 if you have any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XII: Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28 are the texts for the message "Giving Away Diamonds." "Bless the Lord," a chant from the Taize community, will be presented as a harp and voice duet. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns.

COMING SOON

ADULT STUDY: SEPTEMBER'S Tuesday evening & Wednesday morning study group. A five-week study on wellness, healing and prayer will start on September 2nd and 3rd in the Gunn Library. The 90 minute sessions will begin each Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m., led by Rev. Hal Vink & Mary Lou Hastings. If you're interested, please speak to Mary Lou, Hal, or the church office.

The study book, STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND by Tilda Norberg & Robert Webber is available (\$12.00) from Pastor Hal. The study opens to us the basic understanding that healing prayer is more than getting well from an illness---it is part of a beautiful and dynamic process leading to the wholeness that God wants for us.

COMING SOON, continued

RALLY DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF: Mark your calendars and plan to join us to kick off the new Sunday School year at Rally Day, 9:00 am on Sunday September 7th!

Sunday School is open to all ages with classes for our youngest toddlers all the way to adults. We'll have a welcome table outside the building with registration forms and information about some exciting new aspects of our program this year. Parents and students will have the opportunity for a "meet and greet" with teachers and classmates and their families. We will round out Rally Day with our traditional ice cream social and make your own sundae bar in Dodd Hall after worship. Come one, come all!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: This September will have a "Two Fer!" Tuesday September 9 will have only one meeting at 6:30 p.m. This will be a pot luck in Dodd Hall. We realize some of our daytime members will not drive in the evenings, and rides will be provided for them. As always we welcome any woman of the church to join us.

INTERESTED IN "DISCIPLE 3?" This 32 week adult study will focus on the prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul, Tuesdays, 7 – 9:15 p.m. beginning September 9th. Anyone who has completed Disciple 1 may be in this class. Disciple 2 is not required. To register please contact the church office (203.874.1982) or Don Hastings (203.877.4554).

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: LEADERSHIP DAY APART, Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Wesley Center. Think you're not a leader? The definition of a leader is "someone who has followers." You need not chair a committee to attend and be enriched by this special time of enlightening, energizing and equipping us for ministry. Presenters include Pastors Brian and Hal, Tom Beyer and others. Breakfast and lunch provided. Register by calling the church office at 203.874.1982 or e-mailing mtmumc@sbcglobal.net. Registration deadline: Sept. 10th.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: Calling all Sunday School teachers, MYF leaders, UM ARMY volunteers, and other youth workers! Please join us for a one hour Safe Sanctuaries training class on either Sunday September 21st at 4:30pm or Wednesday September 24th at 7pm in the Education Building. Our Safe Sanctuary policy, most recently revised in August 2013, is a resolution adopted by the church to provide a caring and secure environment for children in all phases of church life. All new teachers and volunteers are required to attend one of these sessions. Contact Cathy Cono at spikkio@optonline.net or C: 203-645-2362.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Mary Taylor has a long-standing tradition (this is our 12th year!) of participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event in Milford. This year's Relay kicks off at 2 pm Saturday September 6th at Foran High School and continues throughout the day and night, concluding at 6am on Sunday. The event raises funds for cancer education and research and supports those affected by cancer. For more information, see the August Beacon, page 4.