

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Andante Grazioso” J. Brahms

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Juliana of Norwich, England, 15th cent.

Leader: God, of your goodness give me yourself; for you are sufficient for me.

I cannot properly ask anything less, to be worthy of you.

People: If I were to ask less, I should always be in want. In you alone do I have all.

*HYMN #519 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” Lift Every Voice

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*) “God is Able” Hymnal #106

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Chinese Prayer

Help each of us, gracious God, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the Church may never have cause to say to any one of us, “This is my body, broken by you.” Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 1:4-10 Bible p.685

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 Bible p.950

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

*HYMN #525 “We’ll Understand it Better By and By” By and by

THE SERMON “Bam!” 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: “Above All” M. Smith

Steve Bettencourt, soloist

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

*Prayer of Dedication “A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition” Hymnal #607
(said by all)

HYMN #529 (*seated*) “How Firm a Foundation” Foundation

HYMN #533 (*seated*) “We Shall Overcome” Martin

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.

This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.”

Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen” Hymnal #898

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

*POSTLUDE “Carillon Toccata” D. Wagner

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

MISSION NEXT MONTH

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:

Wednesday, September 25th, 2:30 – 5 p.m. For a number of years we have helped prepare to feed 100+ people each fourth Wednesday (every other month) at our sister church in Bridgeport. We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Bob Jordan. We need 6 – 8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7th grade or older may serve. It helps if we have a few younger, stronger people to lift pots and pans, but all are welcomed and will be put to good service. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: maryannej@charter.net, 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC will be Thursday, September 26th, from 2-6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 203.283.5643) or Dave and Eileen Doyle (ddoyle51@aol.com; 203.878.9049).

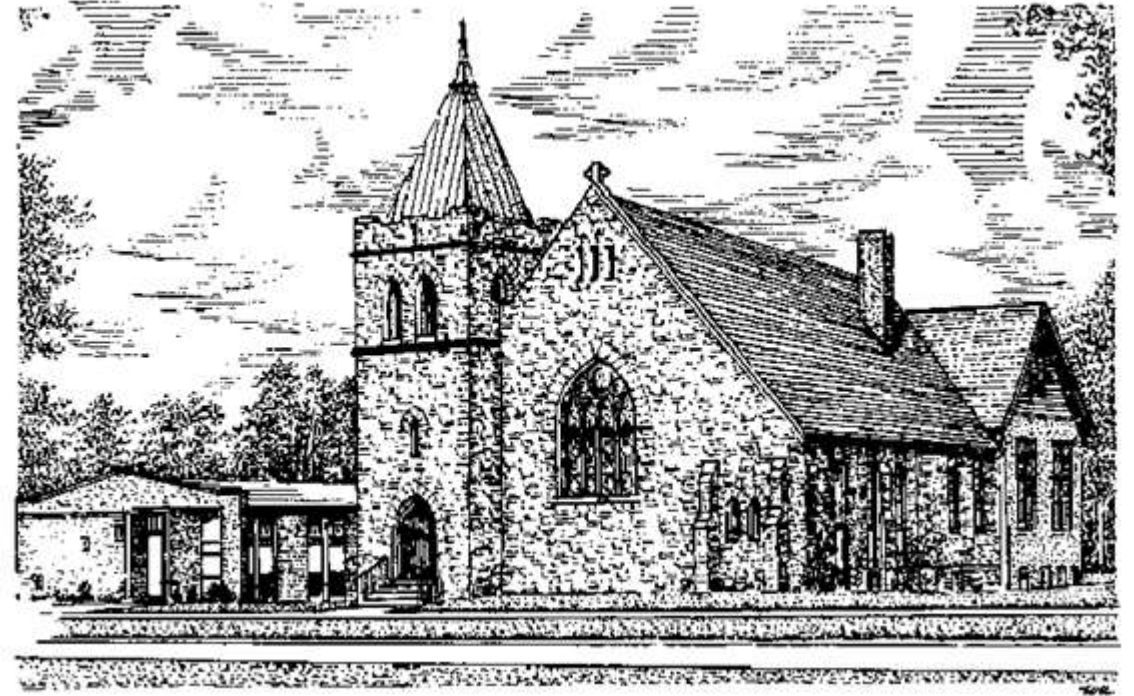
~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Sunday, August 25* ***PENTECOST XIV***
 9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard
- Monday, August 26* *7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*
 7:00 p.m. Committee on Nominations – Pastor’s study
- Wednesday, Aug. 28* *9:00 a.m. September “Beacon” mailing volunteers – Wes. Ctr.*

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Sunday, September 1* ***PENTECOST XV***
 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl - courtyard
- Monday, September 2* *Labor Day Holiday – the church office is closed today.*
 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
- Tuesday, September 3* *7:00 p.m. Worship Committee – Gunn Library*
- Wednesday, September 4* *6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Sanctuary*
 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall
- Thursday, September 5* *6:00 p.m. Pastors’ – Lay Leaders’ – Pastor’s Study*
 6:00 p.m. Missions committee – Gunn Library



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 XIV
August 25, 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 or Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com: 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is “in” tomorrow and on vacation the remainder of the week.

Pastor Hal Vink is also on vacation this week. Rev. Art Yost is on call as noted in “This Week.” Please inform him or Mary Lou Kampert (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations.

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: 146 (Aug. 18: 137 Healing and Wholeness Aug. 19: 9; Total Offering: \$4,718; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$7; 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) 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 25, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

God has the final word! Jesus’ critics (Luke 13:10-17) were happy to overlook the wonderful miracle restoring a woman’s health after eighteen years to focus on the fact that the healing occurred on the Sabbath, the day of rest. Jesus’ common sense reply—that his critics fed and watered their livestock on the Sabbath, and that this woman was of at least as much value than the residents of the barnyard—shamed his critics and rejoiced the crowds.

Rule-keeping at the expense of the liberating good news of God’s love risks costing the Church a generation of believers. Younger believers, especially, resonate with Jesus’ answer “You hypocrites!” as they see the Church majoring in minors while a suffering world groans.

It is exciting to consider that today’s Hebrew scripture (Jeremiah 1:4-10) addresses the sometimes-reluctance of youth to critique their elders on such matters. When the youth Jeremiah is called to prophetic ministry, he tries to avoid the call by responding “I am only a boy.” But the Lord still calls: “Do not say ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.” As I prepared for yesterday’s 50th anniversary March on Washington observance, it occurred to me that Dr. King was only 39 when he died and only 34 when he delivered his “I have a dream” speech. It humbles me, now nearly in my sixth decade, to realize how much he accomplished in so many fewer years.

Still, we are all called to serve where we are with the gifts entrusted to us. A woman handicapped for eighteen years was healed. God has the final word. As the young people say: “Bam!”

*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 Coordinators Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Dave Doyle

Greeters – Dot and Bruce Long

Liturgist – Lisa Gloates

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Lisa Gloates at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in celebration of Carol Galloway's birthday, with love from the congregation of Mary Taylor.

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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

SERMON COPIES from August 18 are available in the rear of the church and on-line: 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

- **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 worship in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Enjoy light summer refreshment hosted **today** by Paul and Bev Downing. **Next Sunday we do not currently have a host.** Sign up on the Dodd Hall refrigerator.
- **UPCOMING OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES** include September 1, October 6, 13, & 27, November 17, and December 1, 8, 15 and 29. See Beth O'Brien today or contact her as listed under "Our Life in Prayer, Ministry and Mission."
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact (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 from Aug. 27 – Aug. 30. Rev. Yost can be reached at 203.606.3894 (cell), 203.931.9943 (home) or arty43@comcast.net. Dr. Bodt is away these days visiting his father in Maryland, returning for Holy Communion on Sept. 1.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1ST are **due by Noon on Wed., August 28th,** hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XV: "Who's Invited?" is the message based on Luke 14:1, 7-14 with Psalm 81, Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16. **This is our last service on the 9:30 a.m. summer schedule.** We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. After worship a meeting of Sunday School teachers is planned in the Wesley Center.

OTHER MINISTRY INVITATIONS

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY: Enrollment is now sufficient to offer “Disciple” Bible Study. This 34 week course has been positively experienced by a number of our church members. The course will start September 10 and meet Tuesdays from 7 – 9:15 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at 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 7th/8th. 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 or log on to www.relayforlife.org/milfordct. This year’s theme is – Lights, Camera, Relay!

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