

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” D. Hegerty

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 15:2, 18 (ed.)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation;

People: *this is my God to whom belongs glory and praise!*

ALL: *The Lord will reign forever and ever.*

*HYMN #553 “And Are We Yet Alive” Dennis

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*) Richard Allen, African Methodist Episcopal Bishop, 19th cent.

We believe, O Lord, that you have not abandoned us to the dim light of our own reason to conduct us to happiness, but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice. How noble and excellent are the precepts, how sublime and enlightening the truth, how persuasive and strong the motives, how powerful the assistance of your holy religion. Our delight shall be in your statutes, and we will not forget your Word. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We’re sorry, Lord. Not the “oops” kind of sorry when we bump a neighbor in the check-out line. But deep-down sorry: the kind of regret that wakes us up at night because we know we messed up. Maybe not today. But some day—past, present or future—we’re sorry, Lord. So help us to be sorry enough to quit, with your help, whatever it is that we did wrong, or failed to do right. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 19 Hymnal p.750, Resp. 1

THE EPISTLE James 3:1-12 Bible p.1101

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #415 “Take Up Thy Cross” Germany

*THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38 Bible p.919

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

THE SERMON “Small Talk, Big Talk” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

RECOGNITION OF THE OUTREACH PASTOR Dr. Bodt and Dennis Darak, SPRC Chair

Rachel Duncan, you have been called by God and chosen, according to the order established by The United Methodist Church, by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for staff leadership in this church in the new and part-time position of Outreach Pastor.

Your ministry will help further develop and expand Christian education, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Evangelism and Member Care and Worship. In love we thank you for accepting this ministry and its challenge to offer your best to the Lord, to this people and to our ministry in the world.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God through this church? I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace? I will.

Will you do all in your power to be faithful in this ministry? I will.

Prayer of blessing (congregation)

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon your servant Rachel Duncan, whom you have called to particular ministries in your church. Grant her grace to give herself fully in your service. Keep before her the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself but gave himself for us all. Let her share his ministry that she may enter into his joy. Grant us, also, grace to assist and encourage her in every good work. Guide Rachel in this ministry and reward her faithfulness with the knowledge that through her your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.)

MISSION MINUTE Super storm “Sandy” response in Milford Leigh Bak

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory:
*Presentation:
*Prayer of Dedication

“Majesty”
“Bless Thou the Gifts”

arr. by Schraeder
Hymnal #587

*HYMN #568

“Christ for the World We Sing”

Italian Hymn

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

*POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

G. Martin

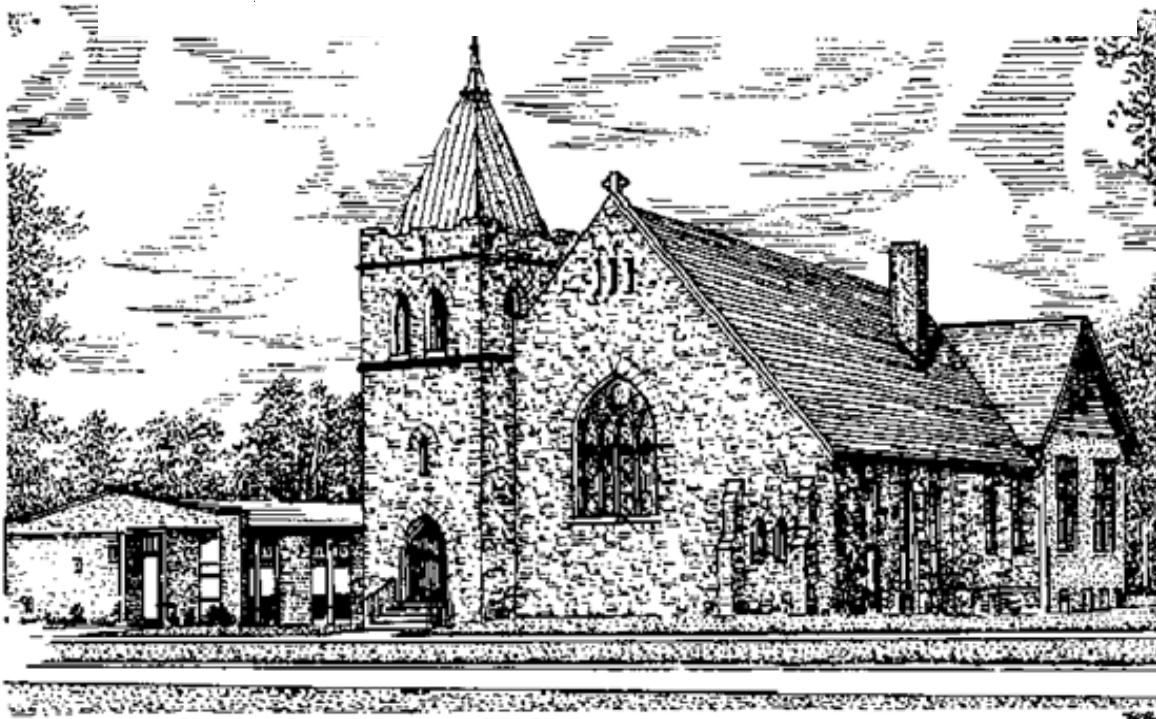
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de -
cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low
Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.



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 XVI
September 13, 2015**

*End Homelessness in New Haven
Mission Concert
featuring Life Road Singers*

라이프로드 싱어즈 초청 선교 음악회



**Saturday, October 3, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

First & Summerfield United Methodist Church
425 College Street, New Haven, CT 06511

\$20.00 (Adult) & \$10.00 (Senior, Student, Child under 10)

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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	Outreach Pastor	Rachel Duncan
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

*Grace Notes
September 13, 2015*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

It is a joy to formally welcome Rachel Duncan today in the new and part-time position of Outreach Pastor. Rachel will be with us 15 hours per week, concentrating on Christian education (especially Sunday School), Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), Evangelism and Member Care and Worship. Her presence is the culmination of a two year process to establish this position and hire someone for it.

Pastor Rachel graduated from Yale Divinity School in 2011 and served three years as a local pastor at North Canaan U.M. Church before starting nursing school last summer. She is a candidate in the ordination process. By month's end she will complete her B.S. in Nursing and expects to work as a nurse full-time. Our mutual hope is that her new employment will require alternate weekends. She will then be with us two Sundays a month as well as at times during the week. Since the position is new to all of us and her employment as a nurse is not yet finalized, we are still working out her schedule.

Pastor Rachel began September 1 and has been busy learning about us. She visited the hospital and one nursing home with me. She met with the Sunday School staff in early August and had a consultation with our Senior High teacher about curriculum. Today will be a marathon day for her, starting with the Families with Younger Children event that began at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with the MYF picnic that ends at 7 p.m.

A reception in Pastor Rachel's honor will be held in Dodd Hall during Fellowship Time. Please come by and introduce yourself.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ed Pineau
Liturgist – Lorraine Carr
Bible Bearer - Selena Gonsalves

Greeters – Joyce Haig and Judy Dennis
Acolytes – Aaliyah and Abigail Gonsalves
Cross Bearer – Josh Carr

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Lorraine Carr.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Stacey Riccardi's birthday, given by a grateful friend.

A **MISSION CROSS** has been placed and a donation made to our missions in celebration of and in honor of Hal Vink's birthday on September 15th, given by his wife, Jane.

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

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.

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), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The unison confession was written by the pastor. The Outreach Pastor recognition was edited by the pastor from The Book of Worship.

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! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Families with younger children continental breakfast and tour-Wesley Center- 2nd floor, Gunn Library

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship time and Rachel Duncan Welcome - Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. "Fair on the Green" follow-up meeting – Wesley Center

11:30 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor's study

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. MYF Picnic – Leigh Bak's home, 15 Seaside Ct.

Bishop's Retreat – Stony Pt. NY noon Mon.-noon Tues. (Pastor Brian)

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

7:00 p.m. UMW preparation for Club 80 Luncheon-Dodd Hall

8:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting – Wesley Center

BEACON Information Due Today

12:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Club 80 Luncheon – Dodd Hall

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room- Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Noon Taize Worship – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Wesley Center

8:30 p.m. Taize Worship – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

9:00 a.m. Milford Arts Council – MTM Parking lot

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Chapel Service, Wesley Center, 2nd floor

9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn singing – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship and Teacher Dedication – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Gay/Straight Alliance meeting – Wesley Center 1st floor

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary- Brenda Pineau

2:00 p.m. Private Party – Dodd Hall – Laura Perregaux

Monday, September 21

6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center

6:00 p.m. Historical Society meeting – Dodd Hall – Marcia Winter

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

Tuesday, September 22

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Egan Room, Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, September 24

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Dinner – Dodd Hall

6:00 p.m. Conference – Parish Development Com., White Plains, NY

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting – Wesley Center

Friday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Office volunteers – Gunn Library – Wesley Center

Saturday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Healing and Wholeness meeting – Wesley Center

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

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 still needed for seniors with pets: please leave these in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. They also request towels and blankets for the animals. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention. **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.

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 September 6:

Total worship attendance all services: 161; September 6th: 157; Healing and Wholeness, September 7th : 4; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for September 6th: \$5,060.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$813.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$189.55; Engaged in Small Groups: 48; (Office Volunteers 3; United Methodist Women: 20; Bell Choir: 7; Adult Choir: 18. 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 or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall and is hosted by the Men’s Club. Please welcome our new Outreach Pastor, Rachel Duncan. Next Sunday’s Fellowship hosts will be the Missions Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation.

THE SECOND NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the pastor’s study. If you are interested in learning more about membership but did not attend last week, please see Pastor Brian about the next cycle of sessions.

“**FAIR ON THE GREEN**” **FOLLOW-UP MEETING** follows worship in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. Bring thoughts of needs, what went right/wrong, changes we could make. Everyone welcome! See you there! *Edie Reichard*

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF PICNIC TODAY, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of Leigh Bak, 15 Seaside Court, Milford. All youth of the church in Middle and High School are invited for food, fun, and an opportunity to meet our new Outreach Pastor, Rachel Duncan. Bring a friend! **Parents and guardians:** please pick up promptly at 7 p.m. Thanks!

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR BRIAN will attend the Bishop’s Retreat tomorrow and Tuesday in Stony Point, NY returning in time for Confirmation and “Revival” classes.

CLUB 80 Members will be honored at a luncheon this Tuesday, September 15th, noon in Dodd Hall. As always the food will be Mary Taylor great, and the entertainment will be provided by the Coastal Chords Men's club. If you are 80 or older and have not received an invitation, please let the office know (203-874-1982) so you can be included. Rides are available. Please call Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643 if you need transportation.

CONFIRMATION CLASS begins Tuesday, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. All unconfirmed youth entering 8th grade or older are invited to attend. For this first session I ask at least one parent to be present. **Mentors** have not yet been finalized but will be soon. You will be notified when you are to join us for your first class.

“**REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT,**” a six week study on the origins of Methodism, begins this week: **September 15/16** on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, concluding Oct. 20/21.

Currently registered are Christine MacGregor, Carol Frantz and Richard Prigge (*Tues.*) and Joyce Haig, Maureen Groves, Barbara Berglund, Priscilla James, Viola Burke, Bob Lawrence, Bev Dean, Ken Wilhelm, Eileen Doyle , Margery Zurko, and Gretchen Soule (*Wed.*) I you have previously registered and are not listed, or if you wish to register for either study, please contact Mary Lou Kampert (203.874.1982, ext. 10; mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

THIS WEEK, continued

OCTOBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 15. Please submit hard copy to the church office or electronically to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net. Many thanks!

TAIZE WORSHIP begins on Wed., September 16 at noon and Thurs., September 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will be held monthly on the third Wednesday and third Thursday at these times. Details appear on page 13 of the September “Beacon.”

CHURCH COUNCIL meets Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m. in the Dodd Hall alcove. Reports of committee chairs are due to Secretary Paul Downing (paul.downing@snet.net) on Monday, September 14th. Action items (items requiring Council approval) are due on the same date to Shelly Lapadula, Chair (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) or Pastor Brian Bodt (brian.bodt@yahoo.com). Agenda and reports will be e-mailed Tuesday, Sept. 15th.

NEXT SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20: “Kids Welcome” is the message based on Mark 9:30-37, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a and Psalm 1. We resume informal hymn singing on the third Sunday of the month beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday School teachers will be dedicated during the morning worship. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Eric Alan Pitts, son of Tim and Alison. The Stewardship Spotlight will be presented by Kelly O’Hara. Following worship blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary by Brenda Pineau, R.N. and the final new members class will be held.

COMING SOON

COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED: Looking for another way to serve? We need two people per communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month) to set up/clean up the chalices and patens. If you are interested, please come to the meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall, or call Phoebe Repetsky at 203-874-8688 for more information.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: Thursday, Sept. 24, for any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help please contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY is a 24 week study broken into three 8-week sessions beginning **September 29**, meeting Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9:15 p.m., High School Room, Wesley Center, 1st Floor. Class is limited to 12. **Currently registered** are Sara Ice, Bev Dean, Beth O’Brien, Christine Volgmuth, Ken Wilhelm, and Margery Zurko. You may learn more from Sandy Morgan (203.874.4274) or Holly Firmender (203.878.6257) or register with them.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact 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 on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.
AVAILABLE DATES: October 11 and 18.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

FIRST UMC OF SHELTON presents **Pennsylvania Dutch Tour** with Biblical Show “JOSEPH” September 29 to October 1, 2015. Flyers are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary if you would like to sign up for this fun trip.

WESLEY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING and celebration will be Saturday, October 3, 4-6 p.m. and a formal litany of dedication at 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 4.

