

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.)

Please remember to mute or turn off cell phones and other electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

THE “LIFT US UP” CAMPAIGN Tom Beyer and Rachel Merva, Co-Chairs

INTROIT “Breathe”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” I am Thine

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(seated, unison)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal #890

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THE PSALTER Psalm 148 Hymnal p.861

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

THE EPISTLE Romans 13:8-14 Bible p.1034

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*HYMN #2163 “He Who Began a Good Work in You” rear cover

THE SERMON “Let’s Play Dress Up” Dr. Bodt

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

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 Anthem: “Table of Plenty” D. Schutte

(The Adult Choir)

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11

(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come.

After the celebrants, ushers and choir commune, the ushers will direct you forward to the serving stations. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated in your pew please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: # 462, 468, 614, 618

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 #277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Stories of Jesus

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You” 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 “Dialogue” G. Martin

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GRACE

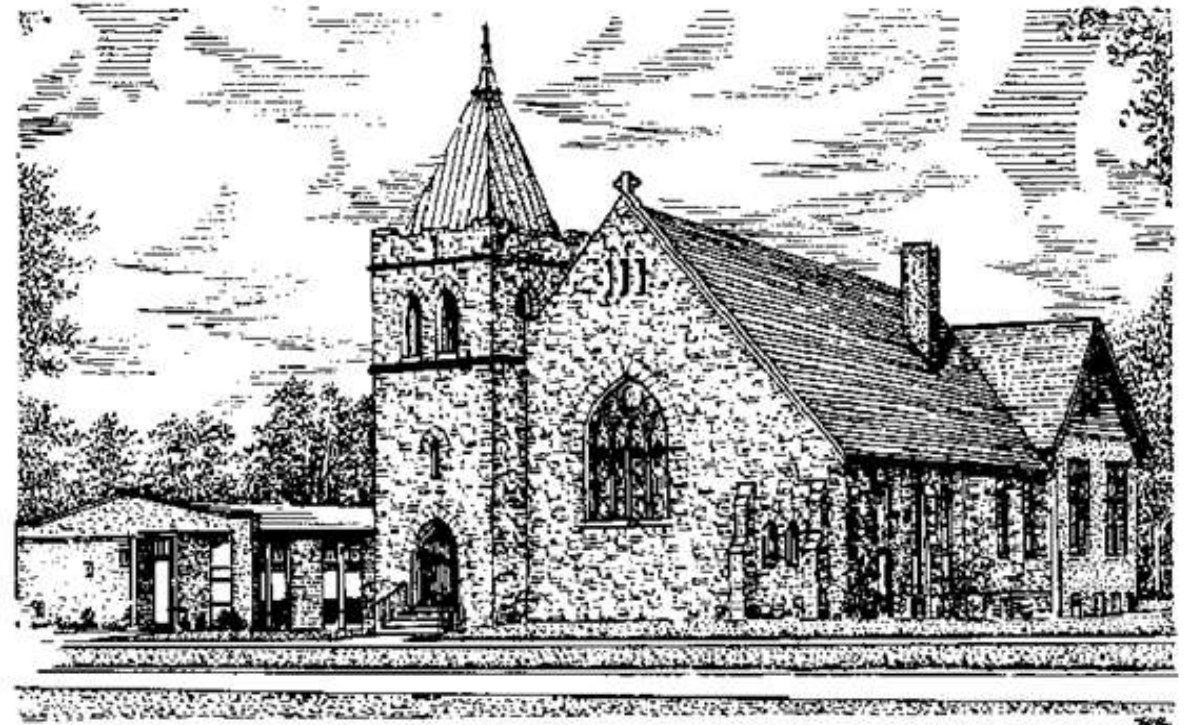
2163 He Who Began a Good Work in You

He who be - gan a good work in you, —
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— will be faith - ful to com - plete it, —
— will be faith - ful to com - plete it. — He who start -
ed the work will be faith - ful to com - plete it in you. —

WORDS: Jon Mohr (Phil. 1:6)
MUSIC: Jon Mohr

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A GOOD WORK
Irregular



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.*

**RALLY DAY
PENTECOST XIII
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
September 7, 2014**

*Grace Notes
Rally Day
September 7, 2014*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

We are happy you are here!

Whether you have returned after some time away with travel and family activities; or after recovery from illness; or because you are “bringing the children” to Sunday School; or returning with the choirs or altar serving ministries; or you have been here throughout the summer, welcome!

We hope you will remain after worship for ice cream! What more can I say?

If you are a first-time visitor, please complete a visitor’s card so we may welcome you. If you have been here more than once and desire a name tag (or need to replace one), please contact Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

Vital Christian faith is a combination of many things. Attending to the basics of hospitality and welcome in Jesus’ name is essential. Your part in helping your lay and pastoral leadership extend such a welcome is invaluable. So is prayer. Please lift your church in prayer regularly. So is information. Please read these notices and stay informed.

This is a vital and exciting time in the life of our church. We are happy you are here!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Prayer Chain Stacy Meszaros
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Superintendent The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – Bob and Maryanne Jordan

Acolytes – Ryan and Sean Kingston

Bible Bearer – Carolyn Hollyday

Cross Bearer - Olivia Kingston

Liturgist – Priscilla James

Communion Stewards –Dawn Bettencourt and Phoebe Repetsky

Communion Servers – Dr. Bodt, Rev. Vink, Kelly O’Hara and Priscilla James

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Pastor Brian and Priscilla James.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Alvin and Nilda Guilmart on their 71st wedding anniversary, given by Dick and Linda Guilmart of Chesterfield, Virginia.

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), the United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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



~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, September 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Rally Day – Sunday School begins</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Ice Cream Social – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, September 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 9</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. UMW Potluck – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Chapel</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, September 11</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, September 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, September 13</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. Conference-Dodd Hall (private use)</i>
	<i>9:00 a.m. Leadership Day Apart-Wesley Center</i>
<hr/> <i>Sunday, September 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>4:30 p.m. MYF kick-off carpool departs for Pastor’s home</i> <i>11 Prospect Road, Woodbridge</i>
<i>Monday, September 15</i>	<i>BEACON Information Due</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00p.m. UMW-Dodd Hall Club 80 prep</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 16</i>	<i>12:00 p.m. UMW Club 80 Luncheon – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Disciple 3-Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Extravagant Generosity meeting –Pastor’s study</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 17</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, September 18</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. MTMUMC Foundation Meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall Alcove</i>
<i>Friday, September 19</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>

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!

AN ICE-CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWS WORSHIP in Dodd Hall, hosted by the Sunday School. Thanks to Superintendent Cathy Cono and friends for organizing this fun event.

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.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR BRIAN will be away the next two days (the anniversary of his mother’s death) to visit his father. He will return for Wednesday. Please call the church office for the pastor on call.

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.

“DISCIPLE 3” begins **Tuesday, September 9th, 7 – 9:15 p.m.** This 32 week adult study will focus on the prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul. Completion of Disciple 1 (but not 2) is required. Last call! Please contact Don Hastings (203.877.4554).

“GOING ON TO ‘PAR’-FECTION GOLF OUTING to benefit the Connecticut District United Methodist Mission Initiative: **Thurs., Sept. 11th, 9:30 a.m.,** Laurel View Country Club, 310 West Shepard Ave., Hamden. Details on flier at rear of church and on the bulletin boards.

A MILFORD COMMUNITY 9/11 OBSERVANCE will be held **this Thursday, Sept. 11th at 5 p.m.** at City Hall. Pastor Brian Bodt will offer the benediction.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY resumes **this Thurs., 7 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. All are welcome: if you need help knitting or crocheting, we are happy to help.

LEADERSHIP DAY APART, **Sat., Sept. 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. A leader is “someone who has followers.” You need not be a committee chair to be blessed by this special time of enlightening, energizing and equipping us for ministry. Presenters are Pastors Brian and Hal, Tom Beyer and Priscilla James. Breakfast and lunch provided. Register by **this Wednesday** at 203.874.1982 or e-mailing mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

WORSHIP: The message “What Does It Take to Forgive?” will be based on Genesis 50:15-21 and Matthew 18:21-35. We will have a children’s message and the Adult Choir will sing.

MYF KICK OFF POT LUCK, Sunday, Sept. 14 at Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway’s home, 11 Prospect Road, Woodbridge. 4:30 carpool from church, 7 p.m. pick up at Prospect ROAD (not “Court”). Details in the Sept. “Beacon,” page 7.

COMING SOON

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

October Beacon articles: mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office

Church Council reports: paul.downing@snet.net

Church Council agenda items: m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com or 203.874.4466 OR brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982, ext. 11

HOLD THE DATE: CLUB 80 LUNCHEON, Tuesday, September 16, Noon, in Dodd Hall to honor our octogenarians. Members and friends 80 years of age and older are invited to a light luncheon. Our entertainment will be cellist Thirzah Bendokas. If you need a ride it can be arranged. Please call Maryann Petremont at 203.877.0612 or the church office at 203.874.1982 **by Monday, September 8th** to let us know if you are coming and/or need a ride.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS September 16th, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Letters were sent to youth known to be eligible on August 28th, echoing the details in the Sept. “Beacon,” page 3. If you have not seen either of these communications please contact the church office for details. Parents or guardians expected at the first class.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING: Calling all Sunday School teachers, MYF leaders, UMC 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.

“LIFT US UP” CAMPAIGN VISITS are currently underway. If you wish to be visited and have not yet been contacted, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are **Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

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 & 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.

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.

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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 31st:

Total worship attendance all services: 147 (August 24, 144; Healing and Wholeness, August 25th: 3) Total Offering August 24: \$5,342.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,095.15; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups 8; Office volunteers: 2; Beacon volunteers 6; 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