

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 “Meditation” A. Leclerc

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Spirit of the Living God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone,

People: ***Rejected by the world but in God’s sight chosen and precious.***

Leader: We are here to respond to Christ’s call.

People: ***Let us be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God’s presence.***

*HYMN #101 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Duke Street

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the care and nurture of children, youth and adults. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, especially those in our Sunday School. Look also with gracious favor on our universities, colleges and schools that knowledge may be increased and good learning flourish. Rejoicing in your truth, may we worship and serve you through all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Hymnal #893

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-11 Bible p.706

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #2152 “Change My Heart, O God” rear cover

*THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33 Bible p.952

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

THE SERMON “You Oughta Warn People” Dr. Bodt

HYMN #382 *(seated)* “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Adelaide

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: “Halle, Halle, Halle” arr. by H. Hopson

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*HYMN #256 “We Would See Jesus” Cushman

*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 Toccata on “Duke Street” G. Martin

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Change My Heart, O God 2152

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —

— Change my heart, O God, —

may I be like you. — You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay. —

Mold me and make me, this is what I

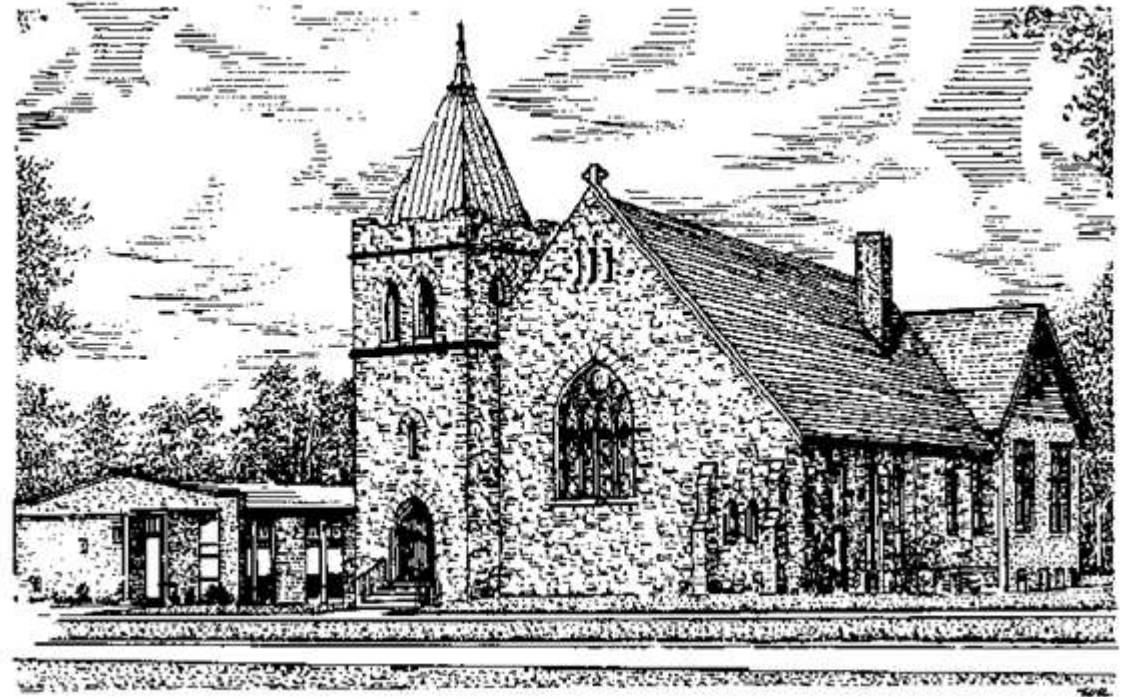
pray. Change my heart, O God, —

make it ev-er true. — Change my heart, O God, —

— may I be like you. —

WORDS: Eddie Espinosa (Isa. 64:8)
 MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa
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CHANGE MY HEART
 Irregular



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.*

RALLY DAY
PENTECOST XVI
 September 8, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, September 8 **PENTECOST XVI - RALLY DAY**
7:00 a.m. *Relay for Life concludes*
9:00 a.m. *Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center*
10:00 a.m. *Worship – Sanctuary*
11:00 a.m. *Ice Cream Social hosted by the Sunday School*

Monday, September 9
7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*
7:15 p.m. *Extravagant Generosity Meeting – Gunn Library*

Tuesday, September 10
12:00 noon *Greater Bridgeport U.M. Cluster – Nichols UMC*
12:00 noon *UMW Meeting – Wesley Center, 1st floor*
7:00 p.m. *Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library*

Wednesday, September 11
10:00 a.m. *Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library*
6:30 p.m. *Bell Choir – Sanctuary*
7:45 p.m. *Adult Choir – Dodd Hall*

Thursday, September 12
7:00 p.m. *Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library*
7:00 p.m. *Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center*
7:00 p.m. *Long Range Planning Committee – Egan Room*

Sunday, September 15 **PENTECOST XVII**
Beacon Information Due
9:00 a.m. *Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center*
9:45 a.m. *Informal hymn singing - Sanctuary*
10:00 a.m. *Worship – Sanctuary*
11:15 a.m. *Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. *MYF Fall Kick-Off Picnic-Georgelos' home*

Monday, September 16
7:00 p.m. *Nominating Committee-Pastor's study*
7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*

Tuesday, September 17
12:00 noon *UMW Meeting and Club 80 Luncheon*
5:30 p.m. *Milford Pastoral Counseling Center Board*
5:45 p.m. *2014 Confirmation Class-Egan Room*
7:00 p.m. *Disciple I Bible Study-Wesley Center*
7:00 p.m. *Adult Bible Study-Library, Wesley Center*

Wednesday, September 18
10:00 a.m. *Adult Bible Study-Library, Wesley Center*
10:00 a.m. *Milford Clergy Assn. – Trinity Lutheran*
6:30 p.m. *Bell Choir – Sanctuary*
7:45 p.m. *Adult Choir – Dodd Hall*

Thursday, September 19
9:30 a.m. *District U.M. clergy – Great Hill UMC, Seymour*
7:00 p.m. *Church Council Meeting – Dodd Hall alcove*

Grace Notes
September 8, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Welcome back? Some folks never left. Excepting vacation they've been here Sundays throughout the summer. Others, like myself, were mostly here but were privileged to be able to enjoy some vacation time. Still others take the "summer off" from church. So whether "welcome back" is an appropriate greeting today is yours to decide.

Yet the fact is that this Rally Day Sunday reflects the resumption of more active church life for most of us: not only in Christian education and worship, but throughout our programs and ministries. The Weekly Calendar alone reflects that activity as do the listed opportunities for spiritual formation and service.

I hope you can linger to day to enjoy the bonds of fellowship and some wonderful ice cream. Whether or not you are able to do so, I hope all of us will reflect on how God is calling you and me through this renewed cycle of activity.

Whether home, away, or somewhere in between this summer, may the "fall season" be a channel to re-consider God's call on your life and re-commit to one aspect of your spiritual life at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. If that is matter you'd like to explore further in conversation, please do let me know.

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 –Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Pat Jaser and Ruth Starcher

Liturgist – Laura Perregaux

Cross Bearer – Jamie Georgelos

Acolytes – Ryan Lapadula and Cody McFadden

Bible Bearer - Taylor Wilmot

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Laura Perregaux at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in celebration of Dawn Bettencourt's birthday, Tuesday, Love, Mom and Dad; and also dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Alvin and Nilda Guilmart on their 70th wedding anniversary, given by Dick and Linda Guilmart of Chesterfield, VA.

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 Book of Worship (1964), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

SERMON COPIES from September 1 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.*



OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS this week: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 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 typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.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 SEPTEMBER 1:

Total worship attendance all services: 133 (Sept. 1: 125 Healing and Wholeness Sept. 2: 8; Total Offering: \$5205.56; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$129.56; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 9; 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.

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!
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** follows worship in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Our Ice Cream Social for “Sunday School children of every age!” (everyone!) is hosted today by the Sunday School, with thanks to the Men’s Club for providing cake. *“Life is uncertain: eat dessert first!”*
- **SEPTEMBER “BEACON” MISSING:** As of September 4, the Milford Post Office was unable to locate this issue entrusted to them for mailing on August 28th. Please pick up a copy in the Narthex if you have not received yours.
- **LITURGISTS FOR THE FALL** are now being scheduled by Laura Perregaux, Worship Chair. Speak with Laura today or at 203.520.8183.
- **UPCOMING OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES** include 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 Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

ADULT BIBLE STUDY taught by Pastor Hal resume their sessions on *Tuesday, Sept. 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) and Wed., Sept. 11 (10 – 11:30 a.m.)* in the Gunn Library. This four-week study will run through Oct. 1-2 and focus on Second Peter, the three letters of John and Jude. Study guide is \$8. Those who studied in June and July with Pastor Brian already have this study book. Please sign up with Pastor Hal (203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com).

UMW MEETING - First of the Fall: Tues., Sept. 10, Noon, Wesley Center. All women of the church welcome. Bring a sack lunch.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 15th are due by Noon on Wed., September 11th, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XVII— “*The Lost Wallet*” is the message based on Luke 15:1-10. Additional lectionary readings are Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and I Timothy 1:12-17. Informal hymn singing will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Long Range Planning Committee will update us on their recent work. Following worship blood pressure screenings will be held in the sanctuary by Sheryl Hollyday, R.N.

OCTOBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is next Sunday, Sept. 15. Please submit materials on or before this date to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF: Sunday, Sept. 15, 5-7 p.m. at the Georgelos’, 80 Pine Knob Terrace, Milford. All youth grades 7-12 welcomed!

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY starts September 17, 7 p.m. in the Wesley Center. If you have not registered consider doing so today! This 34 week course has been positively experienced by a number of our church members. The course meets Tuesdays from 7 – 9:15 p.m. and will conclude before Memorial Day, 2014. Please contact Pastor Brian brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982, ext. 11.

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 8th grade or older who have not yet been confirmed. See Pastor Brian for more details.

COMING SOON

CLUB 80 LUNCHEON: Tuesday, Sept. 17, Noon, Dodd Hall. If you’re 80(+), you’re welcome to come! Faye Zeiner joins this group September 14th, her name unbolded in the September “Beacon” birthday list.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Dodd Hall alcove. Please submit agenda items to the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com) with a copy to Council Chair Shelly Lapadula (m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com) by Monday, Sept. 16. Reports are due to Secretary Paul Downing (paul.downing@snet.net) that same date: Monday, Sept. 16. Thanks!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DOUBLEHEADER, Tuesday, October 8: regular meeting at noon; meeting for women who work during the day, 7 p.m. Details from Joan Zauner at 203.283.5643 or jzauner@yahoo.com.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Our crew helps prepare to feed 100+ people the fourth Wednesday (every other month). Maryanne Meehan Jordan is our coordinator. We need 6-8 people age 13 (grade 7) or older to help. 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, right off I-95 and the Route 8/25 connector.

NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: Thursday, Sept. 26, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner, UMW President, at jzauner@yahoo.com or 203.283.5643. The supper will be hosted by the Missions Committee.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH? Interested in doing something for God? The Committee on Nominations and Leadership is currently meeting to prepare to staff our committees for 2013. Those nominated will stand for election at Church Conference on November 21st. If you’d like to know what some of the venues are in which to serve, please contact Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.895.3753) or any member of the committee: Chris Carveth (203-795-9015), Deb Dubien (203-877-4959), Susan O’Shea (203-874-5136), Laura Perregaux (203-283-5758), Brenda Pineau (203-783-9039), Edie Reichard (203-882-0683), Jim Repetsky (203-874-8688) and Bob Volgmuth (203-878-8190).

INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH?

Preparation and reception of new members will be held the Sundays of October. New member orientation sessions will be held Sundays after worship, 11:30 – 1 p.m. on October 6, 13 and 20 in the Pastor Brian’s study. **New members will be received on Sunday, October 27.**

Letters will be sent in early September to people we know, or believe we know, have interest in joining. If you do not receive such a letter by September 15, please call the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest in participating.

CHURCH SECURITY should be foremost in our minds. If you are using the church or Wesley Center, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK UP WHEN YOU LEAVE.** Someone gained access to Dodd Hall through an unlocked door, and misused one of the restrooms. Let’s keep our facilities clean and safe by remembering to lock up!