

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.)

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” arr. by W. Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “How Great is Our God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 105:1-2 (ed.)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God’s name and make known God’s deeds to all!

People: *Sing to God! Sing praises to the Lord and tell of all God’s wonderful works!*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD.

*HYMN #127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

THE COLLECT *(seated, unison)*

O God, the Hound of Heaven: may you find us today wherever we are and, not leaving us where we are but drawing us close to you, find that in the intimacy of love we may become better reflections of the Lord of Love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you continually hear the cries and complaints of your people and respond in love. Centuries ago you freed us from slavery and we complained. You guided us across the wilderness with provisions and we complained. We confess that we too often forget your faithfulness, are too quick to complain and too slow to listen to you and others. Sometimes it even seems easier to remain in places of slavery.

Forgive us for staying just because it seems easier or safer than the unknown. Forgive our forgetfulness. Help us to remember that you hear us, provide for us and deal mercifully with us every day. As you forgive us, give us strength to confront our life situations and courage to trust you as you lead us to freedom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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DEDICATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS *(insert)*

*HYMN #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Faithfulness

THE PSALTER Psalm 105:1-11 Hymnal p.828

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 16:2-15 Bible p.62

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

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 Bible p.897

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

THE SERMON “God’s Mountainous Grace” Dr. Bodt

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

*HYMN #2036 “Give Thanks” rear cover

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 Anthem: “God’s Peace” arr. by B.F. White

*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #378 “Amazing Grace” Amazing Grace

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen, Amen” Hymnal #898

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

*POSTLUDE “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. by P. Manz

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

2036

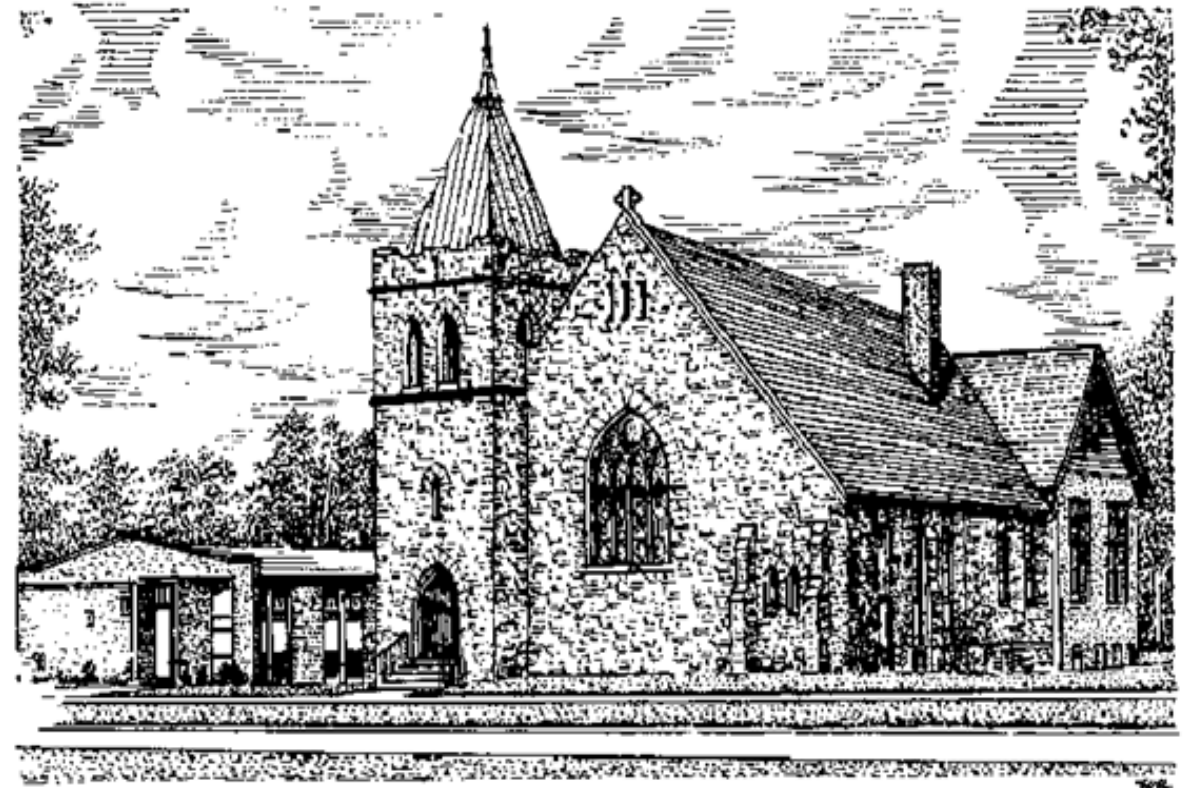
Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's
 giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the
 poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has
 done for us." And us." Give
 us." Give thanks!

WORDS: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)
MUSIC: Henry Smith

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GIVE THANKS
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.*

PENTECOST XV
September 21, 2014

DEDICATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
September 21, 2014
Listed on reverse

Welcome and prayer by the pastor

Charge to the Church School staff, MYF leaders and adult teachers

Superintendent: You have recognized God's call in your lives. Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith? Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time and talent? Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and the traditions of the faith?

Christian Educators: *We have heard God's call to teach and have responded to that call. We teach, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives. We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.*

Congregation: *We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.*

Unison Prayer: *Gracious God, your Son Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." Bless these who lead in teaching children, youth and adults. As scripture says, grant that we may, like Jesus, "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and people." In that growth give us power and courage to live lives of loving service in Jesus' name. Amen.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH
2014-2015

Sunday School Staff

Superintendent: Cathy Cono

Assistant Superintendent: Holly Firmender

Pre-K:

Wendy Hoffmann and Paige Librandi

Kindergarten/1st Grade/2nd Grade:

Susan Pitre and Susan Pitre

3rd/4th Grade:

Beth O'Brien and Michele (Shelly) Lapudala

5th/6th Grade:

Debbie Leum and Bev Downing

7th/8th Grade:

Stacy Meszaros and Kathleen Bacon

Confirmation:

Pastor Brian Bodt

High School:

David Bak and Paul Downing

Adult Discussion Group:

Lorraine Carr

Child Care Coordinator:

Nicole Ellerbeck

Curriculum:

Lisa Gloates

Photography:

Kelly O'Hara

Substitutes:

Kelley Patterson, Megan Leum, Hayley Lapadula,
Noel Fino, Janice Fino, David Carr, Rachel Merva

Methodist Youth Fellowship Advisors

Paul Downing

Penny Seaman

Dawn Bettencourt

Shelly Lapadula

Rachel Merva

Stacy Meszaros

Catherine Meszaros

Dawn Fino

Wendy Hoffmann

Through 2014: Leigh Bak and Kate Georgelos

Seasonal adult study teachers

Don Hastings

Kelly O'Hara

Pastor Hal Vink

Pastor Brian Bodt