

Grace Notes  
October 4, 2015

**The Building Committee**

*for handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center  
Elected June 20, 2013*

Bill Petremont, Chair

Dennis and Judy Darak, Ken Hawkins,  
John Henry, Jim Repetsky and Faye Zeiner

**The “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign Committee**

*for funding handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center  
Elected May 15, 2014*

Tom Beyer and Rachel Merva, Co-Chairs

Judy Darak, Maryann Petremont, Missy Hackett,  
Jennifer Gregory, Ken Hawkins, Ty Gage and Ann Loesch

Nancy Bennett, Chris Carveth and Tom Griggs, *of counsel*

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*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*It is a joyous “Day 2” as we dedicate our handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center with a formal litany, anthem and hymn written for this occasion. “Day 1” was yesterday’s informal celebration with ice cream, praise music and elevator rides. I trust these events are enjoyed by all who attended and pleasing to God.*

*Many people—most notably our many financial supporters—have made this project a reality. I extend special thanks to two committees: the Building Committee, chaired by Bill Petremont; and the “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by Tom Beyer and Rachel Merva. The full rosters of these committees are on the rear cover of these notices.*

*We also wish to acknowledge Maureen Groves, whose winning suggestion gave us the title of our campaign, “Lift Us Up” and, with our Lord Jesus Christ and his power to lift and redeem, the inspiration for today’s message and anthem.*

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

*P.S. Please accept my thanks to all who were able to give to last Sunday’s special offering for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Your gifts of \$2,192 enabled us to respond to two MTMUMC families in need: one for home winterization, the other for debt reduction. Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Liturgist** – Christine Volgmuth

**Bible Bearer** – Paige Perregaux

**Communion Stewards** – Phoebe Repetsky and Maryann Meehan Jordan

**Communion Servers** – Pastors Brian and Hal, Leigh Bak and Christine Volgmuth.

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Kelly O’Hara and Christine Volgmuth. Rev. Bodt is one of the hosts of Fellowship Time today.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Cathy Cono’s birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The lyrics for “Where All Are Welcome” were written by the pastor. The anthem “Lift Us Up” was written with words and melody by the pastor and harmonization and interpretation by the Director of Music Ministries. The litany of dedication was adapted “A Service for the Consecration of an Educational Building.”

**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](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## ~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, October 4</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship/World Communion Sunday/Building Dedication</i>
<i>Monday, October 5</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 6</i>	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 7</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Endowment Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, October 8</i> <i>Ctr</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
<i>Friday, October 9</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library - Wesley Center</i>
<i>Saturday, October 10</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sandy recovery painting – Point Beach area (see notice)</i>
<i>Sunday, October 11</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship and Sacrament of Baptism - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Membership and Evangelism Fellowship Lunch – Pizza on the</i>
<i>Green</i>		
	11:30 am	<i>– TBD Methodist Youth Fellowship event – Trip to Lyman Orchards</i>
<i>Monday, October 12</i>		<i>COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED – Church office closed</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Men’s Club – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 13</i>	Noon	<i>United Methodist Women – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom</i>
	Noon	<i>Greater Bridgeport U.M. Cluster – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	5:45 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 14</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nominating Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, October 15</i>		<b>NOVEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE!</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Missions Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Worship Committee – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	8:30 p.m.	<i>Taize worship - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Friday, October 16</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library - Wesley Center</i>
	5 – 6:45 pm	<i>Devon Duckpin Bowling sponsored by MTMUMC Gay-Straight Alliance – 551 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford</i>
<i>Saturday, October 17</i>	8:30 a.m.	<i>UMW Fall Gathering Luncheon – Great Hill UMC in Seymour, CT</i>
		<i>Joan Zauner contact 203-283-5643 for information</i>
	8:30a.m.	<i>Open Discussion – Human Trafficking, Trinity UMC in Windsor, CT</i>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 27th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 136; September 27th: 131; Healing and Wholeness, September 28th: 5; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for September 27th: \$5,420.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$330.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$92.97; Engaged in Small Groups: 114; (Community Supper, Sept. 24: not reported; MYF, Sept. 27: 12; Office Volunteers 13; Sunday School: 39; Confirmation: 10; Revival Bible Study: Tues: 7, Wed: 15; Bell Choir: cancelled; Adult Choir: 18 Total persons received on profession of faith: 4; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Small Groups – please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 Laurie Nichols, Tom Chaffin, Pastor Brian Bodt, Carol Galloway and Leigh Bak. Next Sunday's Fellowship hosts will be the Trustees. Join us for fellowship and conversation.

**A FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** originally scheduled for today will be next Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Milford Green Pizza on Broad Street (several blocks east of the church) after Fellowship Time. **All are welcome** to this event sponsored by the Membership and Evangelism Committee.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

### THIS WEEK

**COLLEGE CONNECTION** asks church members to "adopt" college students and fill a padded mailer with Mary Taylor information, photos, local newspaper clippings, inspirational items, and other goodies. The mailers are sent to the students by the Membership & Evangelism committee to let them know their church family is thinking of them.

If you wish to adopt a college student and gather goodies for their package, please contact **Michelle Craig at [michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com)**. **Packages will be collected by the end of October and mailed on November 2nd.** The deadline to submit student names was last Thursday but Michelle may be able to take yours still. Contact her for that as well.

**SUPERSTORM SANDY RELIEF EFFORT:** Have you often thought that you'd like to experience mission work but Haiti or Mozambique seemed too far away? Through the United Methodist Church we have the opportunity to join in mission with our Milford neighbors who were impacted by Super Storm Sandy and are still trying to rebuild three years later. The opportunity is **HERE IN MILFORD** (Point Beach neighborhood) this Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 9 a.m. Work will likely be exterior painting on a home partially restored by other groups. If you can assist contact Leigh Bak at [leighb619@gmail.com](mailto:leighb619@gmail.com) or 203.215.0470.

**A NEW CLASS AT THE MILFORD SENIOR CENTER** is being offered by Beth O'Brien. It began last Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and continues for the next three Fridays. “Stretch, Move and Connect” to the Rhythm of World Music. A light-hearted and safe way to move to the beat of music using chairs as needed. Improve your balance, energy and flexibility. Connect with others in a fun & non-judgmental environment. No experience required. For more info call Beth at 203-877-8668.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST XX:** The message “Real Love” will be based on Psalm 22:1-15 and Mark 10:17-31. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Mary Colleen Repetsky, daughter of Mark and Barbara. Our Mission Minute will be “Stop Hunger Now” ( Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.)

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**THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF)** will be headed to Lyman Orchards Corn Maze after worship. Youth grades 6-12 are eligible. Permission slips a must, please contact Shelly Lapadula at 203 874-4466 or [m.lapadula@Rubens-lazinger.com](mailto:m.lapadula@Rubens-lazinger.com). Friends welcome if we have enough drivers so watch your e-mail for details and respond. If you're not on MYF e-mail, contact Paul Downing [paul.downing@snet.net](mailto:paul.downing@snet.net)

## COMING SOON

**THE MEN'S CLUB** will hold a 2016 Planning meeting on Monday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Dinner will be provided. Call Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 for details.

**TAIZE WORSHIP** returns on Thursday, Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This monthly contemplative service lasts about 30 minutes and brings one's day to a peaceful close.

**DEVON DUCKPIN BOWLING** will be held on Friday, October 16, 5 – 6:45 p.m. at the lanes on 551 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. Join Callie M., Olivia D'A, and Sarah O. along with members of the MTMUMC Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) and Diversity clubs from Foran, Law and Platt Tech High Schools and The Academy for fun and fellowship. Sponsored by our GSA. Questions? Contact Eileen Doyle at 203.878.9049 or [ddoyle51@aol.com](mailto:ddoyle51@aol.com).

**DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Saturday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Great Hill UM Church, Seymour. For details contact Joan Zauner (203.283.5643).

## **COME AND MEET PROPHETS ISAIAH & JEREMIAH**

**WHAT?** Study led by Pastor Hal Vink, using your Bible and “Immersion” study guide (\$10.00)

**WHEN?** Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm or  
Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

**WHO?** “ISAIAH” – 4 SESSIONS – October 27/ 28 to Nov. 17/18  
“JEREMIAH” – January 5/6 to January 26/27, 2016

**WHERE?** Wesley Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Church Library (handicapped accessible!)

**INTERESTED?** Tell Pastor Hal (203-878-8977 or [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com))  
Study Guide available after church in October or in the Church office.

**UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE:** An order for the Upper Room Discipline will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 or [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com). The cost for regular and large print is \$10 each.

The Upper Room Discipline is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, which is the basis of most sermons on Sunday mornings. During the past few years many members of Mary Taylor have begun reading the Discipline as a way to increase their knowledge of the Bible. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all the parts of the Bible.

The Upper Room devotional booklets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary are not the same as the Upper Room Discipline.

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER:** the first Sunday of the month will now be hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a committee of the church. Our hope is to involve others besides committee members in this ministry of hospitality. The first open Sunday is December 6. A “How to Host Fellowship Time” guide is available and others will help you. It's easy-peasy. To volunteer, sign up in the kitchen in Dodd Hall or call Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10)

## **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK DURING OCTOBER.**

If you are interested in serving in any aspect of our church's ministry, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com)) or those Nominating Committee members listed with their telephone numbers on page 5 of the October “Beacon.”

**DID YOU SIGN UP FOR “STOP HUNGER NOW?”** Last year we had over 100 volunteers prepare 10,000 dry meals to ship to crisis points in the world. The date this year is Saturday, November 7. We have booked 9 a.m. – Noon but last year we were done in under an hour. You may register one of two ways:

1. Go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM2015> and follow the instructions, or
2. See Deb Dubien or call her at 203.877.4959 and she will register you.

Remember that **this event is fully funded** so you do not need to donate to participate.

**TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS,** contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com), or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com), if you would like to volunteer.

# 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 “Abide With Me” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Come, Share the Lord”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP I Corinthians 10:16-17

L: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

*P: The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?*

**ALL: BECAUSE THERE IS ONE BREAD, WE WHO ARE MANY ARE ONE BODY,  
FOR WE ALL PARTAKE OF THE ONE BREAD. LET US WORSHIP GOD.**

\*HYMN #60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” Old 113th

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.***

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON Hymnal #893

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THE PSALTER Psalm 26 Bible p.492

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

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Bible p.1090

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

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR THE WESLEY CENTER

*Dear friends, our Wesley Center hums as a center for Christian education, community service, worship and church administration. By the favor of God and human labor have been completed renovations that make it handicapped accessible. Let us, therefore, give God praise*

*for this undertaking and thanks to all who, by gifts of time, talent and treasure, brought us to this day. Therefore, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:*

**P: We consecrate these renovations.**

*L: That all may enter, and that “all” may always mean “all:”*

**P: We consecrate these renovations.**

*L: That the ministries of teaching, learning, worship, service and administration may thrive by the wise conduct of our life together and through our ministry in Milford and the world.*

**P: We consecrate these renovations.**

**Unison Prayer: Almighty God, hear us who gather to consecrate this building and ourselves to your service. Grant that all who come here may come with open hearts and open minds and a steadfast yearning to do your holy will. When all come, may they find doors that are truly open to all. We thank you, O God, for all your servants whose love and devotion have bequeathed our great inheritance of faith. Grant that we, guarding this treasure and equipping it for a new generation, may be ever more able to serve you; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *(insert)* “Where All Are Welcome” Sine Nomine

THE SERMON “Christ Lifts Us Up” Dr. Bodt

ANTHEM “Lift Us Up” Bodt/Riccardi  
(The Adult Choir)

*Lift us up, Yes, Lord! Lift us up, Yes, Lord! Lift us up, Yes, Lord! Lord, Lift Us Up!*

A man had friends who cared enough The leader of the church was sad  
To climb on the roof and lift him up For surely was his own daughter dead  
‘Cause he couldn’t walk. But they set him free But Jesus did not shrink or balk  
With the touch of the man from Galilee. “Get up,” said Jesus, “Rise and walk.” CHORUS

A father cried, “Lord, I believe, Then Lazarus did surely die  
but my son’s illness makes me grieve.” Made his friend Jesus stop and cry.  
Then Jesus took the boy by hand So Jesus called “Hey! Lazarus!  
And lifted him so he could stand. It’s time right now to lift you up.” CHORUS

Then evil came and had its day  
And our Lord wicked men did slay  
Then God said, “Whoa! That is enough  
I’ll move the stone and lift you up! CHORUS

Disciples looked with awe and love So follow we our Risen Lord  
As Christ went up to God above That we may live in one accord  
He promised all “I’ll lift you, too Christ beckons us to live in love.  
From doubt and loss to life anew.” He lifts us up: here and above. CHORUS

**\*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, including the special offering for

World Communion Sunday

Offertory: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" J. Raney

\*Presentation: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal #94

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Hymnal p. 9-11

**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 #368 "My Hope is Built" The Solid Rock

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

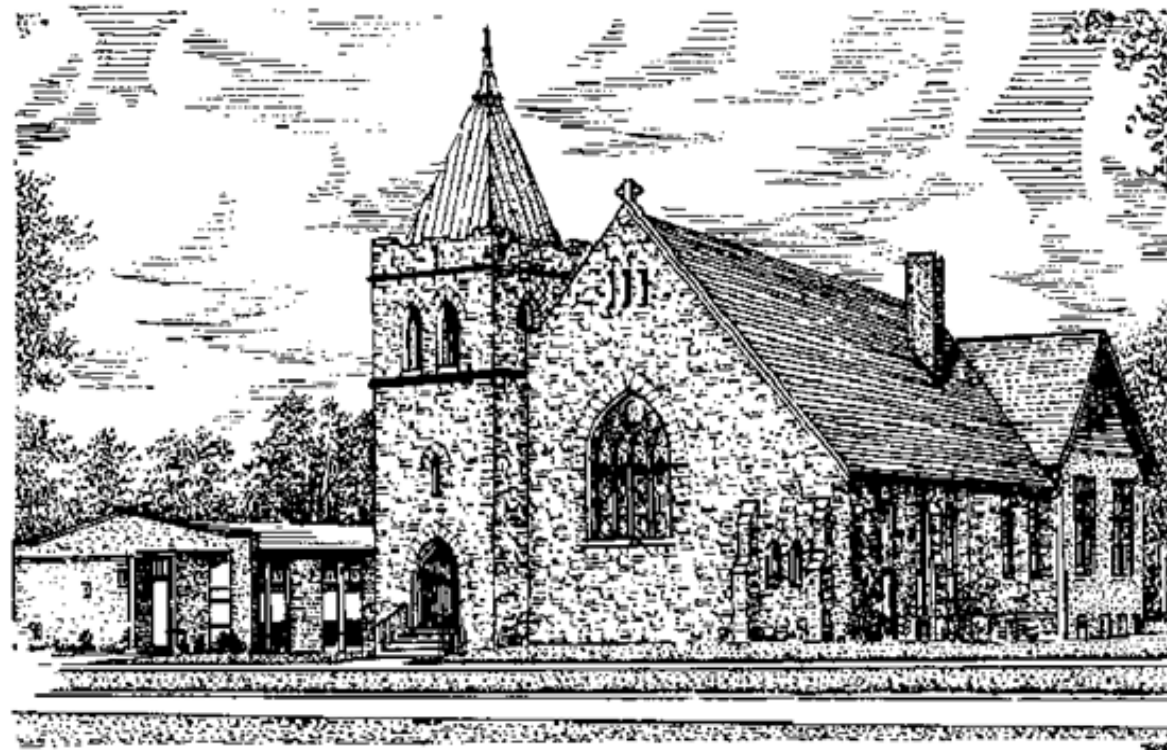
\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" Hymnal #897

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

\*POSTLUDE "Toccata" M. Leclerc

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**



## 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.***

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST XIX**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**October 4, 2015**