

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 “ Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” arr. by P. Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT: “Make Me a Servant”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN # 111 “How Can We Name a Love” Terra Beata

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Thou who art over us, though who art one of us, Thou who art:

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;

A humble heart, that I may hear thee;

A heart of love, that I may serve thee;

A heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

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THE SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-4, 42-47 Bible p. 992

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN “Save me a Seat!” Matthew 18:20 Leigh Bak

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 19-25 Bible p.1095

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

*HYMN #558 “We Are the Church” Port Jervis

THE MESSAGE “Good Things Happen in Small Groups” Kelly O’Hara

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A Modern Affirmation” Hymnal #885

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #70

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #894

*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: “Take My Life, and Let It Be” Havergal/Landgrave

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN # 571 “ Go Make of All Disciples” Lancashire

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Go now into the world to love and serve one another.

People: ***Go and let your love be a witness to others of the sustaining power of our living God.***

All: ***Go to love and be loved because God first loved us.***

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God’s full mercies, bless you my friends.

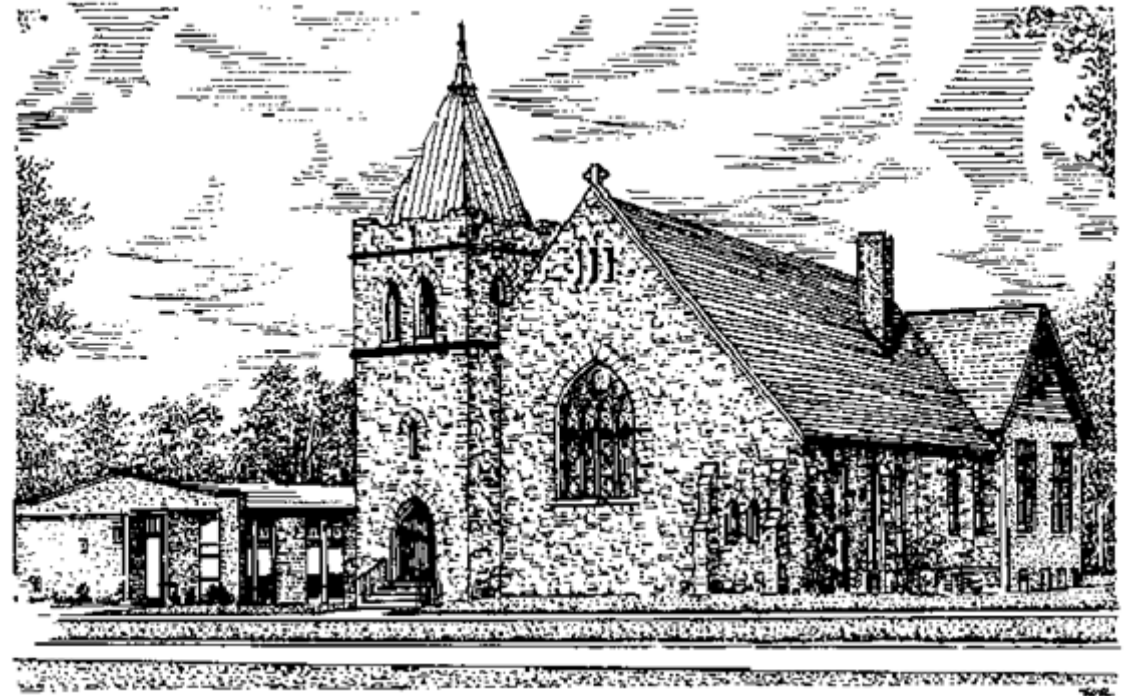
In all your living, and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE “ Rigaudon” A. Campra

(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: 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.*

**LAITY SUNDAY
PENTECOST XIX
October 19, 2014**



ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

*Grace Notes
October 19, 2014*

We annually remember those who have died since the last All Saints (Nov. 1, 2013), in the church and among our dear ones, on the first Sunday in November. If you would like your dear one on the remembrance list, please send the name and family or friendship relationship to Mary Lou Kampert, Administrative Assistant, at mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or call her at 203.874.1982, ext. 10. **Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 29th.** We currently have received these names:

- Andrew Beyer (Tom Beyer's father)
- Jerry Brown (Dennis Brown's brother)
- Carl Banks (brother-in-law to Pastor Hal and Jane Vink)
- Harlan Craig
- Martha DuBois Rachael Gallant Nettie F. Phillips
- Michael Groves Henry Steele Laurel Steigler
- Julie Elise McGee (Cathy Cono's mother)
- Bishop Martin D. McLee
- Peter W. Smith (Lydia Smith's father)
- George Wydra (husband of Carol)

A PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE REV. FRANK SCHAEFER

will be held **today Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m.** at First and Summerfield United Methodist Church, 425 College Street, New Haven. The prayers are for Rev. Schaefer's Judicial Council hearing on October 22nd in Memphis, Tennessee. The Judicial Council is the "supreme court" of the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Schaefer was originally charged with violating Methodism's Book of Discipline for conducting his gay son's wedding. Convicted and defrocked by the clergy session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, the conviction was overturned on appeal to the Northeastern Jurisdiction Appeals Committee last June. The Church appealed and the case is now before the Judicial Council. You may read more about Rev. Schaefer's case at www.mindny.org.

The outcome of this appeal should be of interest to us as a congregation publicly committed to welcoming all, including offering all sacraments and rituals of the church after proper preparation. Whatever your opinion on this matter, I encourage you to hold Rev. Schaefer and the United Methodist Church in prayer.

Pastor Brian

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

The word "laity" comes from the Greek "laos totheon," "people of God."

Today is Laity Sunday throughout the world-wide United Methodist Church, recalling our roots as a renewal movement comprised of laity. Our Co-Lay Leaders, Leigh Bak and Kelly O'Hara, planned today's service. We thank them as well as all the laity participating today, and every week, in leadership in worship and service.

If you'd like to order a pie to support MTMUMC missions, today is the deadline. See the table in Dodd Hall. If you'd like to have your blood pressure checked, please see Bob Virgalla, EMT, in the sanctuary after worship.

Let us give thanks to God for the active and vital ministry that is Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Interim Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Ernest S. Lyght
Lay Leaders	Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak	Bishop-elect	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Stacey Riccardi

Greeters – Carol and Roger Swarney

Acolytes – Antonio Oliveras and Cody McFadden

Cross Bearer – John McFadden

Liturgists – Leigh Bak and Kelly O’Hara

Bible Bearer – Taylor Wilmot

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Leigh Bak and Kelly O’Hara.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Elaine’s birthday, given by Ken Hawkins.

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) 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~

Sunday, October 19

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

9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship/Laity Sunday – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall

11:00 a.m. Last Day - Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. New Member Session – Pastor’s Study

5:30 p.m. Leadership Dinner – Aldario’s

6:30 p.m. Extravagant Generosity Adult Study – Gunn Library

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

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers- Egan Room

10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Luke Study - Gunn Library, Wesley Center

4:00 p.m. Extravagant Generosity Adult Study – Gunn Library

5:00 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

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

Thursday, October 23

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper- Dodd Hall

7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting-Gunn Library

Friday, October 24

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

2:00 p.m. Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival-Church and Wesley Center

Saturday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival -Church and Wesley Center

8:30 a.m. MYF Beth-El “Trick or Trot” fundraiser race-Lisman Landing

Sunday, October 26

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

10:00 a.m. Worship/Choir Recognition Sunday – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Caring Ministry – 1st Floor, Wesley Center

3:00 p.m. Sunday School Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

6:00 p.m. Historical Society Meeting – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Extravagant Generosity Adult Study – Gunn Library

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

Tuesday, October 28

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, October 29

10:00 a.m. The Gospel of Luke Study - Gunn Library, Wesley Center

4:00 p.m. Extravagant Generosity Adult Study – Gunn Library

5:00 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

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

Friday, October 31

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION by Pastor Brian is always available. 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 OCTOBER 12th:

Total worship attendance all services: 200 (October 12, 196; Healing and Wholeness, October 13; 4) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up) for October 12: \$4,663.67; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: \$125.00. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$130.46; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 96; Office Volunteers: 3; Sunday School: 44; Disciple 3, 14; Adult Bible Study-Tuesday 13; Adult Bible Study-Wednesday 13; Confirmation: cancelled this week; Adult Choir and Bell Choir cancelled this week; Prayer Shawl 5; Trash & Treasures 4; 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.

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 TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today’s hosts are the Gay/Straight Alliance. Next Sunday’s hosts are the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be offered in the sanctuary after worship by Bob Virgalla, EMT.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: last class today from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor. All are required (or alternate arrangements made) for joining. New members will be received on Sunday, October 26. The next class will be in January, 2015 or in November if interest surfaces sooner.

MISSIONS FALL FUNDRAISER- LAST DAY!: please make your **Lyman Orchard pie reservation today**. Delivery will be November 15, just in time for Thanksgiving. Let us help you save time with your baking while supporting the Mission projects of this church!

TRUNKS NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!” If you are interested in decorating your car trunk and handing out treats we need you for this event for our children on Sunday, October 26th, 3 – 5 p.m. Please sign up today with, or contact, Rachel Merva (rmerva@optonline.net; 203.641.5088) or Michelle Craig (michellemtmumc@gmail.com; 203.877.4332).

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES: Please see the rear cover about submitting your loved ones’ name for reading and publication on November 2nd.

FREE BOOKS in the **TRASH AND TREASURE’S MAIN AISLE** (T & T is in our basement: ask an Ambassador (with the white ribbon) for directions. Take as many as you would like.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

“EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY” ADULT STUDY is a four week study taught by Kelly O’Hara on *Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3, 10; and Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12* in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please see Kelly today or contact him: 203.913.2969 or yankee89@optonline.net.

PRAISEMAKER’S: (children grades 1-5 at 5 p.m.), will resume on *Wednesday, October 22nd* in Dodd Hall, the church hall behind the sanctuary. **New Singers Welcome!**

“TRICK OR TROT” 5K RUN/WALK is the **annual benefit for the Beth-El Center**, a Milford church-based agency that help people who are homeless get back on their feet. The event is *Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.* race/walk start at Lisman Landing on Helwig Street. Registration and sponsor forms are in the rear of the sanctuary. Cost is \$25 or that amount in sponsors. **If you are a Methodist Youth Fellowship member**, please let Kate Georgelos (203-878-5388; kite1220@sbcglobal.net) know you are participating.

NEXT SUNDAY

REFORMATION/ CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY/Pentecost XX

“Is the offering an opportunity to love?” will be the message based on Matthew 22:34-46 with Psalm 90. We will observe Choir Recognition Sunday and the first of four Sundays of our “Extravagant Generosity,” our annual appeal for financial support for 2015. The theme will be “Ministry Flows from the Heart.” Program Director Tina Gage will share this year’s details. New members will be received and healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: Mark your calendars for our annual Sunday School Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on *Sunday October 26th!* Children of all ages are welcome to come dressed in costume (adults too!) and enjoy games, crafts, music, and "trick or treating" in our church parking lot. Families are invited to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and provide treats to the children who will go from trunk to trunk. All are requested to keep costumes and decorations family-friendly and appropriate so as not to frighten our youngest guests. Pizza and snacks will be served. Please see Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net or 203-645-2362), Holly Firmender at holly.firmender@gmail.com), or any Sunday School teacher with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: This year's Extravagant Generosity Campaign will kick off October 26. Our focus this year is based on the Contemplations of Abundance that create relevant synergy with our program of Extravagant Generosity. Stay tuned for opportunities in education and spiritual development. The culmination of the campaign will be November 16th, which is also the date of our annual church conference. So mark your calendars now and plan to stay after church for this special program.

SAVE THE DATE

MILFORD’S VETERAN’S DAY PARADE: will be *Sunday, Nov. 9th at 2:00 p.m.*

UMW POT LUCK DINNER, on Veteran’s Day, *Tues., Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.* at the home of Diana Cable, 115 Berner Terrace. Let Sue O’Shea (203.494.5339; sueoshea@optonline.net) know if you need a ride. Soup sales coming in November, too!

MILFORD BLOOD BANK-WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE in the MTMUMC Sanctuary and Dodd Hall *Monday, November 24th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.*

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

THE "LIFT US UP!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for handicapped accessible renovations to the Wesley Center is in recess until November 23rd. We are at 65% of our \$400,000 goal. We welcome individuals or organizations wanting to converse about the campaign. Please contact co-chairs Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; tom.beyer@cort.com) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; rmerva@optonline.net).

ALTAR FLOWER OR 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS/MISSION CROSS ORDERS are needed for October 26, November 16 and 30, and December 21 and 28th. Thanks for contacting Beth!

THANK YOU FROM GLADYS HULSE on her 96th birthday: to my Mary Taylor Church Family, UMW and Club 80 – many thanks for all the beautiful cards, greetings and flowers! You made my day!

NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK-help around the house – snow shoveling? Joe Hotaling is available. Contact him at 203-676-3410 or JHotaling1@comcast.net.