

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship 9:30 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 “Largo” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19:1-2, 5-6 The Message

Leader: God’s glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.

People: *Madame Day holds classes every morning,
Professor Night lectures each evening.*

Leader: The morning sun’s a new husband leaping from his honeymoon bed,

People: *The day-breaking sun an athlete racing to the tape.*

ALL: *That’s how God’s Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset.
Let us worship God!*

*HYMN #185 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) The Book of Worship, 1944 (alt.)

O God of heaven and earth, we adore you whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. To you be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION “For Guidance” Hymnal #366

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39 and #881

*Joseph Michael Heery, Jr.,
son of Joseph, Sr. and Shelley*

THE PSALTER Psalm 119:105-112 Bible p.557

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

HYMN #601 (*seated*) “Thy Word is a Lamp” Thy Word

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:1-11 Bible p.1029

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

*HYMN #2165 “Cry of My Heart” rear cover

THE SERMON “Night Vision” Dr. Bodt

COMMISSIONING OF “UM ARMY” VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: All who take the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by Christ’s example. As *David Bak, Leigh Bak, Miriam D’Andrea, Shelly Lapadula, Alicia Meszaros, Hayley Lapadula, Elizabeth Repetsky, Sarah O’Brien, Callie Merva and Bob Volgmuth* prepare to go to their work on behalf of United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY), we pray God’s blessings on them and those they serve.

BLESSING (*prayed by all*) *O God, we ask you to bestow your Spirit on these ambassadors of this church in ministry with the people of Eliot, Maine and Bradford, Vermont. As we dedicate them to service in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask that this prayer unite us with them in their work and that you may richly bless their labor; in the name of the carpenter’s son from Galilee, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. by Innes and Fasig

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #404 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Pentecost

*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 “Fanfare” J. Lemmens

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Cry of My Heart

2165

Refrain

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low you.



It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low



all of the days of my life. —



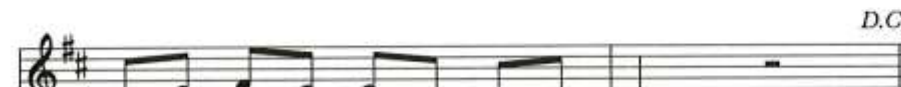
1. Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, —
 2. O - pen my eyes so I — can see the



so I can walk in your truth. —
 won - der - ful things that you do. —



Teach me your ho - ly ways, — O Lord, and make me
 O - pen my heart up more — and more, and make me

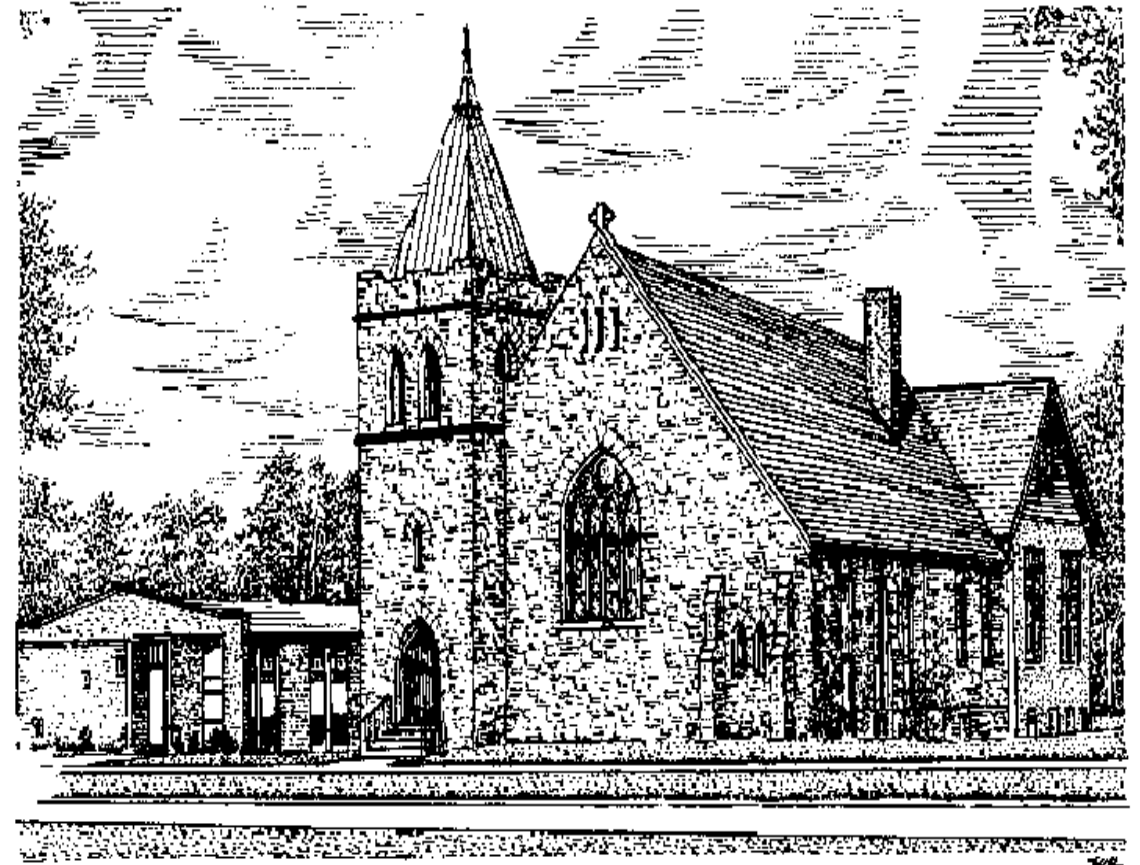


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CRY OF MY HEART
 Irregular with Refrain



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 V

July 13, 2014



Grace Notes
July 13, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

Today's article is a potpourri of thoughts:

MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO GREET ONE ANOTHER! Sharon and Joseph, Sr. Heery are here for young Joseph's baptism with family and friends; and we are commissioning a sizeable work crew for UMARMY. A "tried-and-true" greeting useful for anyone is "Hi, are you new, or new to me?" Try it!

STAY FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL, even if you don't usually. Have something cool to drink, say "Hello" to a few folks, and enjoy the blessing of this sacred place God has given us.

PRAY FOR BISHOP McLEE AND BISHOP IRONS. Bishop McLee has been with us since August, 2012 but has now been granted a medical leave from July 1 – Dec. 31, 2014. Please pray for his health. Assuming his duties will be Bishop Neil Irons, retired a decade ago after serving with distinction in the New Jersey and Harrisburg areas of the United Methodist Church. Please pray for his leadership.

READ THIS EDITION OF THE "GRACE NOTES." Note especially that we have TWO different worship services NEXT SUNDAY in TWO different locations: one here, and one at Walnut Beach. All the details should be in this issue but if you have a question, please ask me or call the church office. If you're coming to the beach service, bring a chair.

COME TO THE SUMMER BEACH PARTY NEXT SUNDAY! Again, all the details are here. You can worship in the sanctuary and still come out to the beach. We hope you will.

Let us give thanks to God for opportunities for fellowship and service.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, July 13 PENTECOST V
9:30 a.m. Worship/Heery baptism – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl

Monday, July 14 8:30 a.m – 12:05 p.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Tuesday, July 15 BEACON INFORMATION DUE
8:30 – 10:30 a.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 16 8:30 a.m – 12:35 p.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. "Just Because I Am Old" study – The Chapel
7:00 p.m. "Just Because I Am Old" study – Gunn Library

Thursday, July 17 8:30 a.m – 12:35 p.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center

Friday, July 18 8:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center

Saturday, July 19 8:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center

Sunday, July 20 9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Worship– Walnut Beach, B'way at Viscount Dr.
10:45 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. All church Picnic at Walnut Beach

Monday, July 21 8:30 a.m – 12:05 p.m. "Education First" – Wesley Center

Wednesday, July 23 10:00 a.m. "Just Because I Am Old" study – The Chapel
5:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper-Bridgeport
7:00 p.m. "Just Because I Am Old" study – Gunn Library

Thursday, July 24 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Dave Doyle

Greeters – Mary Lou and Don Hastings

Liturgist – Leigh Bak

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Leigh Bak at the Narthex door.

TWO MISSION CROSSES TODAY are in celebration of Stefano Cono's 10th birthday on July 14, given by his family; and in honor of Viola and Charles Neely.

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 from Holy Scripture, The Book of Worship (1944), The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church at 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 an adult or guardian.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY NOTICES

SUMMER "DROP IN PLAY DATES FOR AUGUST: The July "Beacon" announced the dates below for our summer play date series for all children and families. Join us on any or all of these dates as we enjoy summer's slower pace in the great outdoors. In case of poor weather, play dates will be cancelled via a communication on the Yahoo group. For questions, contact Cathy Cono at 203.645.2362 or spikkio@optonline.net:

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 4 p.m. at Silver Sands State Park, Milford (bring beach gear)

Sat., Aug. 23, 10 a.m. at Bodie's Place boundless playground, 725 North Street, Milford.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m. at Boothe Park Main playground, 5774 Main Street, Stratford.

OUTREACH PASTOR POSITION APPROVED: At its June 19th meeting the Church Council approved a 15-20 hour per week position to develop and implement plans in Christian education, youth ministry, evangelism and member care, and worship. In keeping with our employment policy, candidates may not be members of Mary Taylor Memorial Church. If you know potential candidates, invite them to contact Mary Lou Kampert (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) who will e-mail them the position posting. **Application deadline is July 28th**.

MTMUMC HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for students enrolled in a full time program of post high school studies: 1. Kelsey-Worley Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a college/university program and 2. Men's Club "Jimmy" Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a trade/vocational program. For information and applications, refer to the church website at www.mtm-umc.org and select the "Scholarships" button. Committee Members are: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D'Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner. Questions? Please contact Wil Wright at wwright7@fordham.edu or 203-877-5021.

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.

INTERESTED IN "DISCIPLE 3?" This 32 week adult study will focus on the prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul, Tuesdays, 7 – 9:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. Anyone who has completed Disciple 1 may be in this class. Disciple 2 is not required. To register please contact the church office (203.874.1982) or Don Hastings (203.877.4554).

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

SUMMER BEACH PARTY

- When:** Sunday, July 20th following 9:30 a.m. worship
- What:** Two worship services that day: one at church, one at the Rotary Pavilion, both at 9:30 a.m. Picnic follows the worship at the pavilion.
If you want a chair at the beach for worship or the party, please bring it.
- Where:** Walnut Beach Rotary Pavilion, Broadway at Viscount Drive, Milford
We have the shaded Rotary Pavilion for our use until 2 p.m.
The party may continue on the beach! Don't forget sunscreen!
- Who:** Everyone invited. This is a child-friendly event.
It's the beach, after all!
- How:** There will be food and games and music. Here's the deal:
- Food:** Everyone is asked to bring appetizer, salad or side dish to share: **anything needing refrigeration, please bring your own cooler.** Grilled hot dogs and burgers will be provided. Membership and Evangelism will bring desserts and water; and paper goods/cups/utensils. Those desiring non-alcoholic beverages other than water may bring them.
- Games:** Water and beach-based games - Sand castle contest
Sea glass –themed treasure hunt - Sand maze
- Music:** We'll have a beach music jam session.
Bring your favorite instrument!
We'll have song sheets and lots of fun!



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!

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MYRTLE BEACH BELL? Two Sundays ago the **Myrtle Beach Church Bell** was rung following worship. The Myrtle Beach Community Church (Methodist) was a predecessor congregation that had its building razed by urban renewal and merged with Mary Taylor Memorial in 1969. The bell has traveled many miles since (including a long sojourn in Florida) before returning to us last year for refurbishing and installation. Thanks to **Sally Chapin** for her tireless vision for this project; to **Dennis and Judy Darak** and **Allen Berrien** (Trustee liaison) serving on the committee; **Jim Repetsky** who guided the final installation and **the Board of Trustees** for their support and siting guidance. Special thanks to **Suzio Concrete** who donated the concrete for this project. A formal dedication will be scheduled in the fall.

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL follows worship in the outside courtyard between the sanctuary and the Wesley Center, weather permitting. This is the same as our Fellowship Time but with cold beverages outside. Today's host is Cathy Cono.

REMAINING OPENINGS FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL HOSTS ARE August 3 and 17; and Sept. 7. Hosts bring a light snack and punch and set up in the courtyard between sanctuary and Wesley Center, weather permitting. To express interest please see or contact Michelle Craig: michellemtmumc@gmail.com or 203.877.4332.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER DESIRED! If you are interested in providing special music any Sunday from now until September 7, please contact Rick Riccardi at 203.506.7270.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS ARE NEEDED for July 20th. Due to the summer schedule, please place your July and early August orders for flowers and mission crosses by July 19th. Flowers are \$20, payable to MTMUMC and mailed or given to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460. A donation in lieu of altar flowers to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list) is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. If you would like to place an order please contact Beth at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net to arrange a suitable date.

TRASH AND TREASURES is now accepting donations for the Oyster Festival sale. Due to very limited space, we can only accept gently used winter clothing. **Reminder:** no TV's, computers, printers, child car seats or helmets. Thanks for donating early!

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

AUGUST “BEACON” DEADLINE is Tuesday, July 15. Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office, M-Th, 9 am – 1 pm.

“**EDUCATION FIRST**” is a 501(c)3 non-profit home-stay educational program that is using good portion of our Wesley Center through July 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students experience daily language and culture lessons with off-site activities. This use has been approved by our Board of Trustees and works around existing 12-Step group commitments. Our MTMUMC point of contact is Missy Hackett. The students at our site will be Italian and French. Stop and say “Bonjourno!/Bonjour!”

ADULT STUDY ON JUST BECAUSE I AM OLD, the Rev. Jim Stinson’s new book, continues Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (choose morning or evening session) until August 6. If interested contact the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) or speak with Pastor Brian. The book, normally \$14, will be \$10. One of our members recently chimes “*This should be read by anyone over 25 years old!*”

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH will be Wed., July 23rd, 2:30 – 5 p.m. Please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan to assist: maryannej@charter.net or 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). We prepare the meal for 100+ people. Golden Hill is about 20 minutes away, right off I-95.

MTMUMC COMMUNITY SUPPER: will be Thursday, July 24, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Debbie Dubien at 203.877.4959.

THE NEXT SUMMER PLAY DATE is Tuesday, August 5th. See details under “Additional Ministry Notices.”

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST VI : There will be **two** worship services on July 20th, **both at 9:30 a.m.**

At Mary Taylor Memorial: Laura Perregaux, Certified Lay Speaker, will preach the message “The Thorn in My Side” based on Psalm 139:1-12 and Matthew 13:24-30. Music will be by Rick Riccardi. After worship free blood pressure screenings will be offered by our parish nurses.

At the Walnut Beach Rotary Pavilion: Pastor Brian Bodt will preach the message “Ladder Climbing” based on Genesis 28:10-19a with music coordinated by Steve Bettencourt. The pavilion is located at Broadway and Viscount Drive, Milford.

FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES, a **SUMMER BEACH PARTY** will be held at Walnut Beach. See the dedicated page in this issue for details.

COMING SOON

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 16th, Oyster Festival. The Men’s Club plans its usual presence, so come patronize them, have a great day on the Milford Green and support our church. More details in the August “Beacon.”

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS THROUGH AUGUST 31 are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon each 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.

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.

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 JULY 6:

Total worship attendance all services: 131 (July 6, 123; Healing and Wholeness, July 7: 8) Total Offering July 6: \$5,004.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$400.00; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 2 (Office volunteers: 2; 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.