

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 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have heard the call to “Come.”

People: ***But that takes risk to step out of the boat, head for the promised land, leave on a journey through the water.***

Leader: We have been baptized by water and the Spirit. God is with us. God has called us to “Come.” God goes before us in the journey.

ALL: ***LET US THEN RISK RESPONDING. LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS PLACE. LET US WORSHIP, LISTEN FOR GOD’S CALL AND PREPARE TO FOLLOW.***

*HYMN #398 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” Galilee

PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison)

O God of the Covenant, in Jesus Christ you come across the troubled waters of our lives and bid us not to be afraid. Grant us faith to trust in you and courage to follow where you lead, that we may be your messengers of good will and fulfill your call to share the good news of redemption in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Book of Worship, 1964 (adapted)

Gracious God, you are rich in mercy to all who call on you. Hear us as we confess our sins to you. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing you. Help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness and make us to come, as came your Son Jesus, not to be ministered to as much as to minister to others. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 14:19-31 Bible p.60

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 14-22-33 Bible p.892

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*HYMN #509 “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” Pilot

THE SERMON “Faith is More than Knowing Where the Rocks Are” Dr. Bodt

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 “That’s What Faith Must Be” M. Card

(Lisa Gloates, soloist)

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #130 “God Will Take Care of You” Martin

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

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

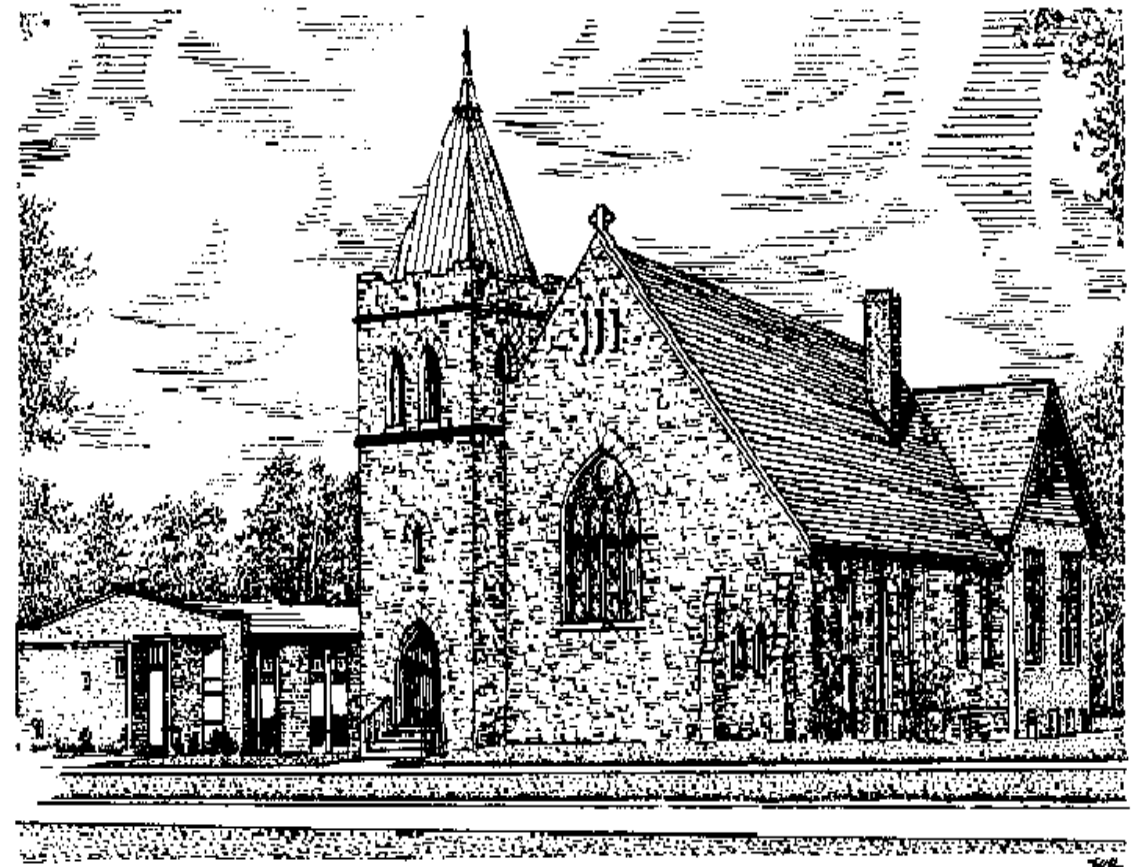
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.

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

*POSTLUDE “Vivace” R. Gerber

(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.*

PENTECOST IX

August 10, 2014



~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, August 10	9:30 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl - Courtyard
Monday, August 11	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel 7:00 p.m. MYF Staffing Meeting-Merva home: 90 Dart Hill Road, Milford
Thursday, August 14	4:30 – 9 a.m. “Gil on the Green” feature, Milford Green
Friday, August 15	BEACON information due today Pastor Brian vacation 8/15-8/23 6:00 p.m. Oyster Festival set-up – church grounds
Saturday, August 16	7:45 a.m. Oyster Festival prep – church grounds 10 am. – 5 pm Oyster Festival – church grounds
Sunday, August 17	9:30 a.m. Worship– Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard 10:45 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings-Sanctuary
Monday, August 18	7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel
Wednesday, August 20	9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Wesley Center 7:15 p.m. Capital Campaign Committee – Wesley Center
Saturday, August 23	10:00 a.m. Summer Drop-In Play Date-Bodie’s Place North Street, Milford

August 10, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial community,

I wish to be a better writer than I am, especially when I read someone whose writing I admire.

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove in this week’s August 4th entry for The Upper Room Disciplines, 2014 comments far better than I on today’s passage from Matthew 14:22-33:

“The miracle of Jesus walking on water follows immediately after the feeding of the five thousand in Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus knows...we are often more interested in the miraculous signs of God’s power than we are in the kingdom movement that they point us toward. Jesus calls the disciples oligopistoi – ‘little faiths.’ He is talking to all of us. It’s one thing to see the power of God and know it’s real; it’s something else entirely to trust the Lord who asks for everything, even as the storm rages about you.”

May we hunger and thirst for the Kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry Greeters – Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway

Liturgist – Steve Wasko

REETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Steve Wasko by the Narthex door. Pastor Brian will greet you at Summer Punch Bowl where he is serving with Carol Galloway.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of our 64th wedding anniversary on August 9th given by Michael and Maureen Groves; and in memory of my brother, Richard Porter, on his 80th birthday on August 1st, given by his sister, Carol Porter Hubbell.

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 (1964) and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

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, 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.

THE 40TH ANNUAL MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 16th, 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. In addition to the Main Stage entertainment and live local bands, the event includes the Children's Stage at Fowler Pavilion, the Harbor Stage and Festival Car Show at Lisman Landing, Armory Square Big Toys, 200 Arts & Crafts vendors on the green, amusement rides, schooner cruises, canoe & kayak race, and 30,000 oysters from the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association.

The Oyster Festival will host Bret Michaels at the Festival Main Stage on Saturday, August 16th.

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEN'S CLUB will have its usual booth on the Green featuring the following food items for sale:

Bacon/Egg/Cheese Breakfast Sandwiches
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Fried Dough
Coffee
Soda
Water

Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Friday night (August 15th) at 6 p.m. and during the Festival – 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you can help out for any portion during this time, please contact Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 or Bob Volgmuth at 203-710-9468. Sign-up sheets will be available after worship service.

COME PATRONIZE THEM, HAVE A GREAT DAY ON THE MILFORD GREEN AND SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

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!

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL follows sanctuary 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 hosts are Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway.

REMAINING OPENINGS FOR SUMMER PUNCH BOWL HOSTS ARE August 24 and 31. 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING "GIL ON THE GREEN?" See the detailed notice under "This Week." If you'll attend please speak with Pastor Brian this morning.

ALTAR FLOWER AND 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 may be made payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, 06460.

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!

BEDROOM AND BATH NEEDED IMMEDIATELY (in-law or house-sharing desired) for a woman in her 30's. If you have a place or know of possibilities, please contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan at 203.268.8850 (home) or 203.610.4936.

CORRECTION: ELECTRIC WHEEL CHAIR (was listed as electric scooter) AND LIFT RECLINER CHAIR GIVEAWAY: the son of a neighbor of Joan Zauner is moving and willing to give these away. Contact Joan at 203.283.5643.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

“GIL ON THE GREEN,” a weekly summer feature of WTNH News 8, New Haven, will broadcast from the Milford Green this Thursday, August 14th from 4:30 – 9 a.m. Yes, A.M.! But what a great opportunity for publicity for our church! Come anytime: we have no way of knowing “if,” or “when,” we may get on the tube! Volunteers known to us so far are Pastor Brian, Carol Galloway, Dick and Diana Cable, Dave and Eileen Doyle, Bob Lawrence and Faye Zeiner. If you know you’re coming let Pastor Brian know if you can.

SEPTEMBER “BEACON” DEADLINE is this Friday, August 15th. LEADERS! Please think about September programming and what needs to be publicized. It seems a long way away: it isn’t. Submit materials on or before August 15th to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office. Many thanks!

OYSTER FESTIVAL, this Sat., Aug. 16th. The Men’s Club will offer its usual great food. If you can help set up Fri. night (Aug. 15) at 6 p.m. or work anytime from 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat. please contact Jim Repetsky (203.530.4557) or Bob Volgmuth (203.710.9468).

LYDIA SMITH will be playing with the Beth Patella Band once again this year at the Milford Oyster Festival on Saturday August 16th. Full band to play 2:00pm on the Lisman Landing Stage. Come on down and support your local music scene!

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST X: Weather permitting, our annual Tent Meeting will be held outside in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Wesley Center. The message, “A Big Deal Happening Here” will be by the Rev. Hal Vink, Pastoral Assistant, based on Matthew 15:21-31. Other readings are Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133 and Romans 11:1-2a and 29-32. Blood pressure screenings follow worship offered by Sheryl Hollyday, R.N.

COMING SOON

THE NEXT SUMMER “DROP IN” PLAY DATE is Saturday August 23 at 10:00am (Bodie's Place boundless playground, 725 North Street, Milford). Future dates are August 23 and September 21. Details in the August “Beacon,” p. 7.

A CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, August 24th, 10:45 a.m. to receive the combined report of the Building Committee and “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign recommending handicapped-accessible renovation to the Wesley Center. The architectural plans, cost estimate and financial plan and will be presented for discussion and final approval as required by The Book of Discipline. Anyone may attend; vote is reserved to full members of the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. Those “present and voting” constitute the quorum for this and all meetings in the United Methodist Church.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

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.

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 AUGUST 3rd:

Total worship attendance all services: 125 (August 3, 119; Healing and Wholeness, August 4th: 6)
Total Offering August 3: \$3,648.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 39 (Office volunteers: 4; Adult Study 10 am, 12; Adult Study 7 pm: 14; Trash and Treasures: 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.