

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Please stand if able. °°° Late arrivals seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” D. Hegarty

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

INTROIT “We Are One In the Spirit”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: ***We are here to do that very thing!***

L: So let us praise God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength.

P: ***So we shall! So we shall!***

ALL: ***Let us praise God, for meaningful life and sacred service in Jesus’ name.***

*HYMN #152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” Forest Green

PRAYER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM *(seated, unison)* Hymnal #412

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THE PSALTER Psalm 19 Hymnal p.750
(Response 1)

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 12:12-31a Bible p.1046
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #550 “Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Canterbury
(verses 1-3)

THE SERMON “A Question of Body Parts” Dr. Bodt
(The second of three sermons on “The Corinthian Questions.”)

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

HYMN #550 “Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Canterbury
(seated, verses 4-6)

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: “We Are One With You, O Lord” J. Althouse

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Katherine

*HYMN #2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Shine, Jesus, Shine
(rear cover)

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of others. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak the name and need to the anointer. This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #488

(Please consider refraining from hand-holding during the flu season.)
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

*POSTLUDE “Chaconne” L. Couperin
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire;
 flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,
Fine
 send forth your word, — Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

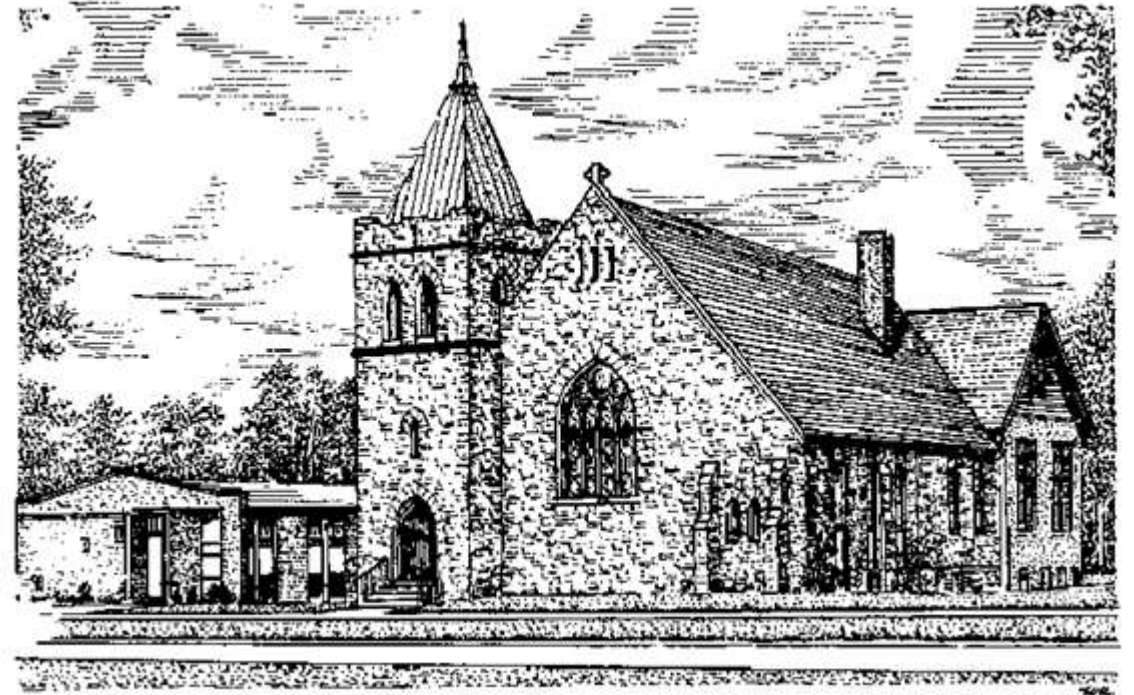
in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

D.C.

Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.



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.*

EPIPHANY III

January 27, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, January 27

Epiphany III

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Visitation Team meeting – Wesley Center

4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

5 – 7 p.m. MYF – “Surprise Night” –Dodd Hall

Monday, January 28

7 p.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, January 29

6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center

Wed., January 30

9 a.m. Office volunteers to mail Feb. “Beacon” – Wesley Center

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

Thursday, January 31

5 p.m. Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting

7 p.m. Membership and Evangelism – Wesley Center

7 p.m. Worship – Wesley Center

Sunday, February 3

Epiphany IV

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. – “Souper” Bowl luncheon – Dodd Hall

4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, February 4

7 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, February 5

6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center

Wed., February 6

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Missions Committee – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees – Wesley Center

Saturday, February 9

5:30 p.m. Valentine’s Dinner Dance – Dodd Hall

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
	Interim Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	

Grace Notes
January 27, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Paul’s use of body parts as a metaphor of the importance of each person’s gift to the well-being of the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-31a) is persuasive. It was designed to quiet a conflict that arose because some members thought they were more important than others. An effective church knows Paul’s wisdom, prizing and valuing each person’s gift and participation in the Body of Christ.

One of the ways we are hospitable to one another is Fellowship Hour, which follows worship. Going forward, I will be greeting people after worship at the entrance to Dodd Hall to encourage you to come. For those who cannot, our lay liturgist will be greeting at the Narthex door.

On a different note, our hands are one of the greatest transmitters of infectious disease. In consultation with our Parish Nurses and in response to concerns expressed by a number of you, we encourage you to refrain from hand-shaking and holding during this flu season. During the Peace, make the “V” sign of peace and smile your biggest smile!

In this same vein, Phoebe Repetsky and our Communion stewards will prepare next week’s Sacrament using individual cups. This was standard practice in many Methodist congregations for over a century, and still is in some. Interestingly, this practice emerged in the last decade of the 19th century as greater understanding of microbiology and how disease is transmitted got translated regarding concerns about the common cup.

I encourage everyone to take care of their health. If limiting, or avoiding, public assembly is required, so be it. I do hope, however, that some common sense steps may allow us to continue to gather each Lord’s Day with minimal risk: to worship God, to exercise our freedom of assembly, and to be energized for mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Bill Katt

Liturgist – Tom Griggs

Greeters – Phoebe and Jim Repetsky

Cross Bearer – Nicholas Bettencourt

Acolytes – Kayleigh Patterson and Shannon Thompson

Bible Bearer - Joe Wessinger

Dramatist – Eileen Doyle

TODAY'S ALTAR GIFTS ARE:

- **Flowers** given in celebration of the Hackett family birthdays, from Poppy.
- **A mission cross** for a donation to UArmy by Edie Reichard.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God's presence among us. Please introduce yourself to the pastor or greeters.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall hosted by Education/Sunday School. Next Sunday's hosts are the Worship Committee.

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 will 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. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

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 these children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

INFORMATION: All informational sheets are available in the back of the church.

SERMON COPIES from January 20 are available in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church Missions Committee

Supply collection for Beth-El Center: Today through next Sunday

Please support the Missions Committee supply collection for Beth-El Center. The following kitchen and paper supplies are greatly needed:

Hot/Cold Cups (6oz or 8oz)	Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
Heavy Duty Bags (55 gal)	Paper Napkins	Facial Tissue
Anti-Bacterial Soap	Hand Sanitizer	Paper Placemats
Lysol or Clorox Wipes	Surgical Masks	Plastic Wrap
Latex or Vinyl Powder-Free Gloves (large & medium)		8 oz. Bowls
Lawn and Leaf Trash Bags	Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (13 gal)	
Food Storage Bags (gallon size)	Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil	

Please place donated items in the Missions collection box in Dodd Hall.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jane Vink.

THANK YOU!

Beth-El Center's Mission:

To alleviate homelessness and hunger in the Milford area through shelter, support services, advocacy and community education in partnership with the faith-based community and public and private organizations.



OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OUR INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT is Mary Lou Kampert of Milford. Office hours are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please welcome her when you call. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

OUR ADMIN. ASSISTANT SEARCH continues, led by Staff-Parish Relations. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to church168@yahoo.com.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers,” an opportunity to give to missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). Flowers may be ordered at any time. **When a donation is made in lieu of altar flowers, the cross with a miniature mission scarf will be displayed on the altar in place of flowers.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or by email at bgobrien11@optonline.net or mail: Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.

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** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

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 JANUARY 20:

Total worship attendance all services: 208 (203 + 5 Healing and Wholeness); Total Offering: \$5,496; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$302; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 12; 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) the number of persons that met.*

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **VISITATION COMMITTEE** meets in Wesley Center at 11:30 a.m.
- **MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE** with Jim Repetsky (203.874.8688; repetsky@optonline.net) or any member of the Men’s Club. It will be held on **Saturday, February 9 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. All adults welcome.
- **SHIRT HANGERS FOR THE TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET ARE NEEDED** by the Foran High School Gay-Straight Alliance. The Closet benefits homeless teens in the area. Please put hangers in the box labeled “GSA Hangers” in the rear of the church for the next several Sundays. Thank you. *Kaylyn Bettencourt*
- **OUR CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION FUND BEGAN LAST SUNDAY** with \$765 received as of Jan. 22. We seek gifts toward a \$5,700 goal to reinstall the stained glass in the Chapel’s north wall. Checks may be made payable to the church, memo “Stained Glass Windows.” See any member of the restoration committee for more details: Bill Petremont, Jim Repetsky, Joan Zauner or Marjory Zurko.
- **PAPER GOOD DONATIONS FOR BETH-EL CENTER** may be left in the collection box in Dodd Hall. **This drive concludes today.** See the inside rear cover for items needed and the mission of the Beth-El Center.
- **MYF** meets from 5 – 7 pm in Dodd Hall. Surprise Night! Come and be surprised!
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **LITURGY TODAY** comes from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The U.M. Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

THIS WEEK

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday, **Jan. 30, 9 a.m.** for Feb. “Beacon” mailing.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DISTRICT DAY APART REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THIS WEDNESDAY! The event is **Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, 188 Rocky Rest Road (at Long Hill Avenue), Shelton, 06484. Registration fee of \$8.50 includes lunch. Joan Zauner writes: *Every year the District has several programs for learning and fellowship. The speaker in Shelton is Rev. Wendy Vencuss, Coordinator of ‘Mountains of Hope for Haiti.’ Because of our close connection to Haiti, I wanted to make all women aware of this opportunity to learn more. If you are interested in attending, please let me know by Wed., Jan. 30th.*”

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FOOD COLLECTION is **this Saturday, February 2nd, from 8:30 – 11 a.m.** The MYF will host a pancake breakfast and food collection, with all proceeds going to the Milford Food Pantry, in Dodd Hall. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for an unlimited pancake breakfast. Non-perishable food donations will be collected in the parking lot!!! Support our youth and the Milford Food Pantry! Please contact Rachel Merva for further information (rmerva@optonline.net / 203-641-5088).

NEXT SUNDAY

- **EPIPHANY IV** will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As noted in today's *Grace Notes* we will use individual cups. The message "A Question of Priorities" is based on I Corinthians 13. See following notice.
- **"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY LUNCHEON** follows worship next Sunday. A free-will monetary offering and/or canned and boxed goods for hunger needs is your ticket to soup, sandwiches and dessert. Thanks to the Men's Club, the Missions and Worship Committees, and other volunteers. If you'll help make sandwiches, speak with Jane Vink today.
- **DENTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTION** for folks in Appalachia begins next Sunday. See the enclosed flier. Both Sunday and Tuesday Confirmation classes have chosen this as a mission project. Let the competition begin!

COMING SOON

"SOUP'S ON!" WINTER SOUP SALE after worship on Feb. 10th. No orders: "first-come, first-served." Monies benefit missions. Please contact me if you are interested in making soup.
Susan O'Shea (203.494.5339 (cell))

BOWLING PARTY – hold the date: Sunday, Feb. 10, 5 – 7 p.m. at the Milford AMF Lanes. Pizza, beverage and shoes included. Reserve your spot now with Marcia Winter (mwinter@optonline.net) or Cathy Cono (spikkio@optonline.net). Hosted by the MTMUMC Gay-Straight Alliance and Membership and Evangelism Committees.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 12, Noon, Wesley Center. Details from President Joan Zauner (203.283.5643/ jzauner@yahoo.com).

ADULT LENTEN STUDY begins **Feb. 12/13** taught by Pastor Hal. Please register at (203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Classes are Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Feb. 12 – March 26 and Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 13 – March 27 in the Church Library,

Wesley Center. The study is Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore, who challenges us to eliminate one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. How much better life would be! The study book is \$8 and scholarship help is available.

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION AWARDS can be earned if your daughter is in Girl Scouts and would like to participate. Pastor Brian will conduct the instruction. Please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814; mwinter@optonline.net) and she will order the appropriate grade curriculum. Any Girl Scout, grades 1-12, is welcome.