

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Blessed Assurance”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Alcuin of York, England, 8th century

Leader: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

People: *Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.*

Leader: Eternal Power, be our support.

People: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Leader: Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,

All: *That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*HYMN #368 “My Hope is Built” The Solid Rock

CANTICLE OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS *(seated, unison)* Hymnal #125

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION “For Guidance” Hymnal #366

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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A RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS AND SCOUTING

Let us pray: *O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.*

We lift to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks—

for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;

for study and work, to build character;

for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Bible p.105

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

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48 Bible p.881

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*HYMN #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Wellesley

THE SERMON “An Eye for an Eye” 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 Anthem: “More Love To Thee, O Christ” O. Speaks

*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee, O Lord” Hymnal #588

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #348 *(seated)* “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Thompson

HYMN #359 *(seated)* “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Hudson

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak 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 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” Hymnal #663

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise;

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,

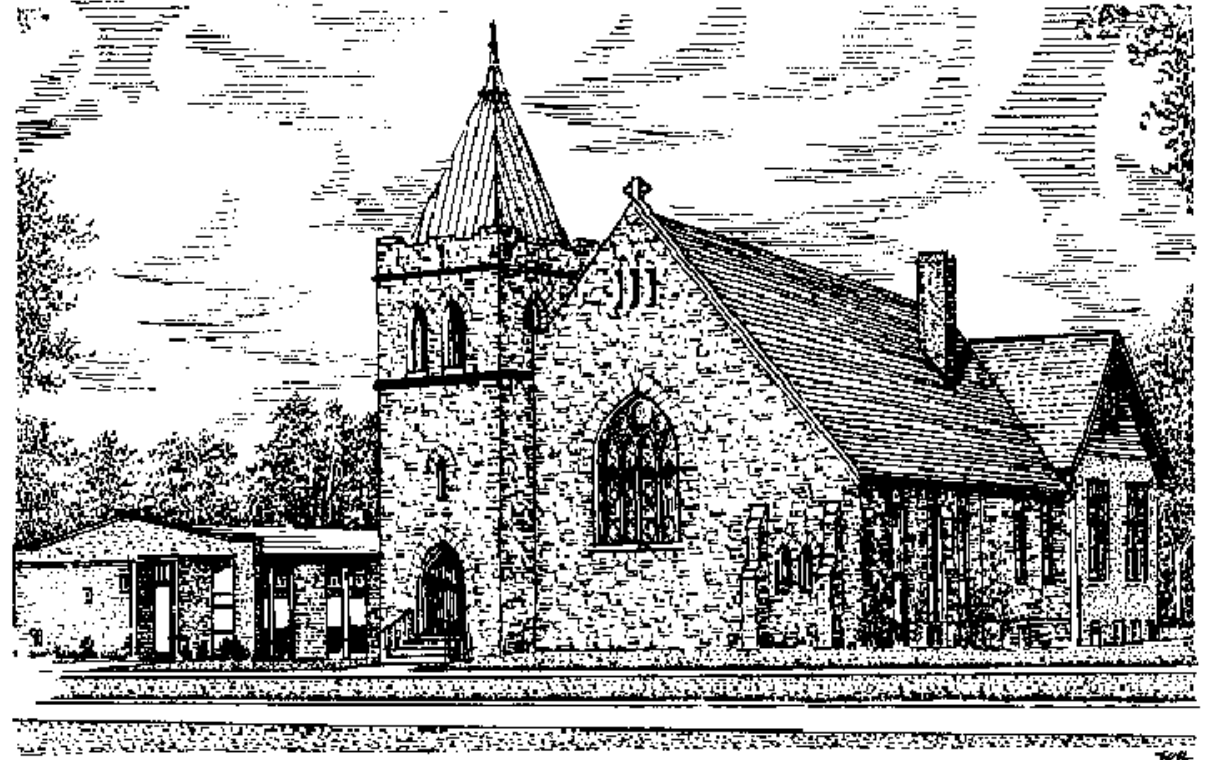
that in this house have called upon thy name.

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

*POSTLUDE “March in G” G. Young

(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.*

EPIPHANY VII
February 23, 2014

Sunday, February 23

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/SCOUTING SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. Visitation Team Meeting-1st Floor, Wesley Center

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd trimester quiz) – Egan Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 a.m. Incubator Training-Egan Room, Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall

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

Thursday, February 27

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

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

7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Egan Room

Friday, February 28

10 am – 2 pm Clarke funeral - Sanctuary and Dodd Hall

Saturday, March 1

12:30 p.m. CPR Training- Dodd Hall

Sunday, March 2

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. “Covenant of Conscience” conversation – Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. “Mountains of Hope for Haiti” meeting – Dodd Hall

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper-Dodd Hall

Confirmation Class to attend Pancake Supper

7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Noon: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

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Thursday, March 6

5:00 p.m. Pastors/Lay Leaders Meeting – Pastor’s study

6:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting- Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting- Egan Room

7:00 p.m. Covenant of Conscience discussion at Bettencourts home

7:15 p.m. Long Range Planning Meeting – Chapel

Friday, March 7

7:00 p.m. – MYF Rock-a-Thon – Dodd Hall (ends 7 am Sat)

Saturday, March 8

3:00 p.m. Crisafi-Meraviglia wedding - Sanctuary

Grace Notes
February 23, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Scouting in all its forms is a great program for boys and girls to experience life skills, the great outdoors, and the formation of personal character. We thank all the young people recognized today and their parents for their involvement.

We will be receiving new members at the end of March. Please see me if you think you are ready to join the church or would like to know more about it.

We encourage you to plan to join us next Sunday after worship as we discuss the Covenant of Conscience and the possibility of our congregation endorsing it. Please also note the 2 – 4 p.m. meeting of Mountains of Hope for Haiti, the Methodist mission to that country about which we have come to know so much.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will soon be requesting your support for missions if not this very day! Please do support them.

This issue of “Grace Notes” is filled with the vibrations of an active parish. May these activities continue to inspire others to say “See how those Christians love one another.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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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
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Liturgist – Sylvia Elliott

Acolytes – Chris Leum and Nate Carr

Anointers – Pastor Hal, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James and Faye Zeiner

Greeters – The Thompson family

Cross Bearer – John Leum

Bible Bearer – Stefano Cono

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Sylvia Elliott at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the greater glory of God and in celebration of John Henry's birthday today.

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 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. 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.

TODAY'S LITURGY is from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are available in the rear of the church. Previous messages are available there and on-line: 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 a parent or guardian.*

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

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 and dog food is desperately needed for seniors with pets. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS: Beth is now accepting orders for 2014. Orders are taken at any time for Altar Flowers OR "In Lieu of Flowers" to support missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). **A donation in lieu of altar flowers is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar.* Please contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

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 FEBRUARY 16:

Total worship attendance all services: 157 (Feb 16, 148; Healing and Wholeness, Feb 17, 9)
Total Offering: \$5,528.99 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$777.43; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 118 (Sunday School: 38; Disciple 1, 9; Confirmation, 14; Adult Bible Study Tuesday, 11; Adult Bible Study Wednesday 15; Office volunteers, 2; Praisemakers, 4; Bell Choir, 9 Adult Choir, 16; 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.

CPR Class

March 1, 2014

Start 12:30pm Dodd Hall

Class is offered by Bill Katt

sponsored by The Parish Nurse Group

FREE!

Reserve your spot by calling Mary Lou in the church office by February 24, 2014 203- 874-1982

Or email mtmumc@sbcglobal.net

CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can save a life

(Age limit: 13 years and up)

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 HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Membership and Evangelism Committee hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are the Gay/Straight Alliance.

SOUP SALE: The United Methodist Women is offering carrot soup, corn chowder and stuffed cabbage stoup (Rachael Ray calls it "stoup" because it is thicker than soup but thinner than stew) for sale at Fellowship Hour today. First come, first served.

"COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE:" Please consider signing this statement welcoming all people regardless of sexual orientation or identity. See the table in Dodd Hall or go to www.mindny.com. You may also register for **"COTTAGE MEETING" DISCUSSION** of the Covenant at the Bettencourt's home on Thurs., March 6 at 7 p.m. Registration is limited to 20. Other discussions are planned in addition to next Sunday's presentation. Contact Marcia Winter at mwinter@optonline.net or 203.878.0814 if you'd like to know more.

VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, first floor.

ROCK-A-THON to support MYF Missions will be held from 7 p.m. March 7 to 7 a.m. March 8. Support our MYF members by making a pledge.

MARCH "BEACON" (our monthly newsletter) was mailed Thursday. Extra copies are in the Narthex. **JANUARY CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES** are also available.

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATION CLASS has a second trimester quiz at its regular **5:45 p.m. Tuesday** meeting. Materials for the March 15 NYC trip will be distributed. Memory work should be presented if students have materials ready. On **Shrove Tuesday (March 4)** the youth are invited to the Pancake Supper during the Confirmation Class time as guests of Pastor Brian.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting help now for the next supper, **this Thursday, February 27, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at (203-877-4959).

ALL ARE WELCOME to **Thursday's 7 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting** where we will discuss, among other topics, the **City of Milford's 375th anniversary**. We will also plan the **March 30 "Friends and Family" Day**. We meet in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor (next to the sanctuary). Please contact me for further information. Michelle Craig, Chair, Membership and Evangelism michellemtmumc@gmail.com; 203.877.4332

NEXT SUNDAY

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper using Setting IV. The message “Extreme Makeover, Church Edition” is based on Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9. Both Bell and Adult Choirs will offer music.

COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION: a light lunch will be offered after worship in Dodd Hall followed by a discussion in the sanctuary to discuss the possibility of becoming a congregational signer of the “Covenant of Conscience.”

MOUNTAINS OF HOPE FOR HAITI will have a presentation from 2 – 4 p.m. in Dodd Hall. All welcome.

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to participate in our Adult Discussion Group which meets every week during Sunday School hours in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide to direct their meeting. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

A COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE COTTAGE MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m. at the home of Steve and Dawn Bettencourt, 144 Timber Trail, Milford. Attendance is limited to 20. Sign up today at the table in Dodd Hall.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY – “Parables and Passion,” a six session Lenten study by the Rev. John Indermark, will examine the parables of Jesus in light of his betrayal and death on the cross, applying the truths and significance of the parables to our daily life. Pastor Hal Vink will teach this in two weekly sessions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., from March 11/12 – April 15/16 in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please let Pastor Hal know of your interest: vinkhaljane@yahoo.com or 203.878.8977.

A FASTING COVENANT GROUP will be offering by Pastor Brian the first five Sundays in Lent, March 9 – April 6, 9 – 9:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library. The first session will cover the practice of fasting in the history of the church and developing our individual covenant for fasting during Lent. Fasting need not be from food, especially if medical needs dictate otherwise. Other earthly hungers may also be abstained from to engage a deeper Lenten reflection. If you would like to register or know more, contact Pastor Brian at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.895.3753 or the church office.

INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH? We will receive new members on “Friends and Family Day,” Sunday, March 30th. Preparation for membership will be three required sessions: March 9 (getting acquainted and membership vows), March 16 (UMC and MTMUMC history) and March 23 (mission and service). Preparatory sessions will be in the pastor’s office, Wesley Center, 2nd floor, at 11:30 a.m. following morning worship. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE, CROSS-BEARER OR BIBLE BEARER? Contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ SCRIPTURE IN 2014? Contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742 or pcjames60@gmail.com.

Thank you for your financial support for the Ed Beardsley family who were burned out of their home on Nobel Ave. in Bridgeport on Friday, December 20th. Over \$600 was received. As those present know, the family lost everything in the fire. We are now beginning a clothes collection – donations may be brought to Dodd Hall. The following sizes are needed:

6 year old daughter – size 6x 8 year old daughter – size 8-10
12 year old son size 12-14 17 year old daughter – size 16
Mom – size 18 Dad – size 3x shirts, 40w32L pants
Socks and mittens would be greatly appreciated!

They also need wet and dry cat food, and kitty litter.