

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 “Picardy” A. Rowley

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

REPORT FROM THE 44th ANNUAL “FAIR ON THE GREEN”

Edie Reichard and Christine Volgmuth, Co-Chairs

INTROIT “Life-giving Bread: Taste and See”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

People: *We come to his banquet table with praise and thanksgiving!*

*HYMN #154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Coronation

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(seated, unison)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE PSALTER Psalm 138 Hymnal p.853

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 Bible p.1053

*THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35 Bible p.912

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

*HYMN #142 “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” Wer nur den lieben Gott

THE SERMON “The End of the Civil War” Dr. Bodt

HYMN #599 *(seated)* “Break Thou the Bread of Life” Bread of Life

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO JOHN AND ANNA HENRY

Introduction by the Pastor

Congregational response: *We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives. We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.*

Prayer by the Pastor

*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: “Come to Jesus” C. Rice

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11
(Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. The elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. We will sing hymns #612, 613, 614 and 616, as needed, during the distribution.)

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS *(unison)*

Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

Grace Notes
June 7, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

We near the end of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Many Americans typically think of the war's end on April 9th, 1865 when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant and the Army of the Potomac at Appomattox Court House, Virginia

Yet due to poor and uncertain communication, conflict continued throughout the southern United States until June 19th (known in the African-American community as "Juneteenth") when the last Confederate armies surrendered and fighting ceased.

While social, economic and military historians attribute the Civil War to multiple causes, there is no question that the future of American slavery was at its heart. Today's Gospel reading (Mark 3:20-35) reminded me of this history. Jesus, responding to this critics, said "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Abraham Lincoln famously quoted this text in his speech to Illinois Republicans on his June 16, 1858 nomination as their candidate for U.S. Senate against Democrat Stephan A. Douglas; and the "Lincoln-Douglas Debates" prophesied the gathering war clouds. Lincoln's speech said, in part,

"A house divided against itself cannot stand.

I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free.

I do *not* expect the Union to be dissolved – I do not expect the house to *fall* – but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided.

It will become all one thing or all the other."

The end of the American Civil War determined finally that we would truly be "the land of the free." Jesus' declaration announced the end of spiritual civil war. More on that in today's sermon.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Brian

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AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry

Greeters – Nita Prior and Barbara Macisco

Cross Bearer – Lillia Downing

Acolytes – Amanda Repetsky and Stefano Cono

Liturgist –Sandy Morgan

Bible Bearer – Mateo Cono

Communion Stewards – Mary Lou Hastings and Deb Dubien

Communion Servers – Pastor Brian, Pastor Hal, Sandy Morgan and Leigh Bak.

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Sandy Morgan.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in memory of their daughter Robin, whose 50th birthday would have been on June 4th, given by her parents Carole and Robert Sattler.

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

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.

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 United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is available in the racks in back of the church.

SERMON COPIES from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, June 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion–Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time–Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Planning meeting – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, June 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 9</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>UMW meeting/Potluck in Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 10</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
<i>Thursday, June 11</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Missions meeting – Gunn Library</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Egan Room</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl meeting – Wesley Center, 1st floor</i>
<i>Friday, June 12</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 13</i>		<i>New York Annual Conference-Hempstead, NY</i>
<i>Sunday, June 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Christian Education</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship–Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time–Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>MYF Brownstone Quarry outing</i>
	<i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Private party- Rachel Merva</i>
	<i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism luncheon – off site</i>
<i>Monday, June 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information Due Today</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, June 16</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Stewardship meeting-Dr. Clayton Miller speaker – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 17</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Building Committee meeting – Egan Room</i>
<i>Thursday, June 18</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council meeting – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, June 19</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, June 20</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Church-wide Workday – Dodd Hall – Rachel Merva contact</i>
	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry course-New Milford, CT</i>

YOU'RE INVITED...

to become a Lay Signer of the Covenant of Conscience. Being a Lay Signer means you believe all God's children, regardless of sexual orientation, should be given the privilege and honor to be married in our sanctuary by our Pastor.

As you may know, Mary Taylor Memorial UMC is a Congregational Signer of the Covenant of Conscience. HOWEVER, our work is NOT DONE! One action that we all can take is to become a LAY SIGNER of the Covenant of Conscience. Letting our voices be heard is especially important now with the New York Annual Conference just days away when the subject of Marriage Equality will definitely be a topic of discussion.

To sign, please go to the MIND (Methodists In New Directions) Web site at <http://www.mindny.org/mind-initiatives/marriage-initiative/covenant-of-conscience/> and click on the link "To add your name."

Thank you ~ Eileen Doyle, Gay/Straight Alliance Co-chair

SPRING INTO SUMMER WORK DAY

THE TRUSTEES HAVE ORGANIZED A WORK DAY FOR

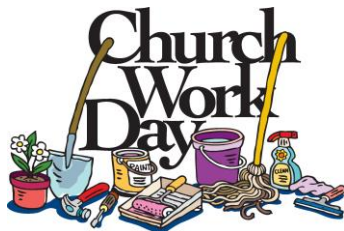
SATURDAY JUNE 20TH FROM 8AM – 12PM

TO DO LIGHT CLEANING, ORGANIZING AND DECLUTTERING.

Please bring window / furniture cleaner, dust rags, dust pan/broom, sponges and buckets if you can. Cleaning supplies will also be available on site.

When you arrive, please come to Dodd Hall to check in and you will be assigned to a work area. Water and snacks will be provided. Let's make our church sparkle!!

Contact Rachel Merva for more information (rmerva@optonline.net / 203-641-5088).



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary). Fellowship Time host is the Finance Committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation. Next week's Fellowship Time host is the Worship Committee.

THANKS TO ALL for an outstanding 44th Annual "Fair on the Green." While there are too many names to mention, please extend your appreciation to Edie Reichard and Christine Volgmuth for their excellent leadership in this important community event and fund-raiser for our church. *Pastor Brian*



TRASH AND TREASURE UPDATE: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for your generous donations and to all the wonderful volunteers who pitched in to make this year's Fair on the Green Trash and Treasures sale extremely successful!!

We will let you know when we will accept donations for our next event which will be the Oyster Festival.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK (regional) CONFERENCE will be **Wednesday, June 10 through Saturday, June 13**. Meetings are held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. Lay members of Conference are Rachel Merva and Kelly O'Hara. Clergy members are Dr. Bodt and Rev. Vink. Please keep them all in your prayers for the business the conference will transact.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com, or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 nctmwash@aol.com, if you would like to volunteer.

★ **METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP YEAR END ACTIVITY:** Swimming, cliff jumping, rock climbing, zip lines and waterslides at **Brownstone Quarry** in Portland, CT on **Saturday, June 13th**. **We will leave from the church at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.** \$16 per person, MYF permission slips and Brownstone waivers required. For these required forms or for scholarship help, contact Shelly Lapadula at 203.874.4466 or m.lapadula@rubens-lazinger.com.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST III/ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

We celebrate Christian Education Sunday with a service prepared and presented by our Sunday School based on Mark 4:26-34, the parables of the Growing Seed and the Mustard Seed. The Grades 7-8 class will present a skit, other classes will lead various parts of the worship, and our teachers will be recognized.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

We will recognize all graduates in worship on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Please submit the name of your graduate, the school from which they are graduating, degree conferred (if any) and potential future plans to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or by calling Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10 **no later than Monday, June 15th**.

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL will start on June 21st through September 6th. Instead of Fellowship time in Dodd Hall, we will move outside to the courtyard. If you or your family would like to host a summer punch bowl which entails bringing juice and a snack, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Dodd Hall, or contact Michelle Craig at michellemtmumc@gmail.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO....

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS? Contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien@optonline.net. Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

LEAD IN WORSHIP AS....

...a liturgist (reading scripture and leading prayers)? Please contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742.

...an acolyte, cross bearer or Bible bearers? Children and youth serve in these roles. Please contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005. **We have only two Sundays after today until the summer recess for these opportunities to serve** until resuming in September.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

HOME VISITATION by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. 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 still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples' released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request 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: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR May 28th:

Total worship attendance all services: 208; May 28th: 199; Healing and Wholeness, June 1st: 9; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for May 28th: \$4,688.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$1,721.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$80.00; Engaged in Small Groups: 135 (Office Volunteers 3; “Trash and Treasures” workers: 14; Sunday School:41; Adult study Tues: 8/Wed: 16; MTMUMC dinner: 53; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.