

# Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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*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 IV FATHER'S DAY June 21, 2015

### Order of Worship 10:00 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.

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” E. Broughton

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

INTROIT “Saranam, Saranam”

\*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (*unison*) “Lead Me, Lord” Hymnal #473

\*HYMN #513 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” Diademata

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

*O God, in you every family on earth receives its name. Illumine our homes with fathers whose strength is perfected in weakness; whose certainty is perfected in humility; whose courage is perfected in compassion. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from fathers, mothers and all who nurture us. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord God, we mourn the violence that marks our world, and us. In gathering courage to fight injustice and intimidation, help us to keep from becoming what we abhor.*

*Turn us again to Jesus and the light of his glory and grace as we confess our need for healing. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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HYMN #465, vs. 1 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Canterbury  
*All graduates are invited forward to be recognized.*

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*The insert in today's “Grace Notes” reflects those names given to us.*

BLESSING (*prayed by all*) *O only wise God, in whom are all treasures of wisdom and knowledge: we ask you earnestly to illumine all schools, colleges and universities with the light that comes from you, that those who teach may be taught of you, and those who learn may be led by your Spirit; and that by the increase of knowledge your truth be confirmed and your glory made known, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN #465, vs. 2 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Canterbury  
*All Disciple 3 graduates are invited forward to be recognized.*

### A RECOGNITION OF “DISCIPLE 3” GRADUATES

*Completing Disciple 3 are Beverly Dean, Holly Firmender, Barbara Ann Griggs, Tom Griggs, Don Hastings (instructor) Sandy Morgan, Maryann Petremont, Diana Titus, Bob Virgalla, Christine Volgmuth, Marcia Winter and Margery Zurko.*

BLESSING (*prayed by all*) *Gracious God, bless these servants whose engagement of the Holy Scriptures has helped them deepen their commitment as “disciples through Bible study.” May the Word made flesh find fertile ground in their lives, bringing a harvest of good deeds and service in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

HYMN #465, vs. 3 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Canterbury

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41 Bible p.914  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN 2191 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” rear cover, “Grace Notes”

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.*)

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT *Debbie, Megan and John Leum*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “We are the Hands of Christ” J. Raney  
\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #710 “Faith of our Fathers” St. Catherine

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES I Samuel 17 (selected verses) Bible p.257

THE SERMON “David and Goliath” Dr. Bodt

\*HYMN #2218 “You Are Mine” insert

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #349

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.*

\*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.**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save 2191

Grace Notes  
June 21, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*Happy Father's Day! If we are not a father, we all have fathers, and I trust the recollection is pleasing. Nonetheless, earthly fathers sometimes disappoint or fail. Let us always pray for fathers and especially so in those times when we fathers are less than God intends. A small token given to fathers today is a coin inscribed with Philippians 3:14: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." May this reminder from St. Paul help us be better dads. Thanks to Mary Lou Kampert for this thoughtful recognition.*

*Father's Day in our church is also a day to recognize graduates from both school and Bible study. The names of our graduates are listed elsewhere in this issue and the Disciple Bible Study names are in the liturgy. Please congratulate them.*

*Finally, this day is a transitional day as we move into "summer mode." Sunday School is ended and this is our last 10 a.m. worship until September 6<sup>th</sup>. We worship at 9:30 a.m. next week and through July and August. "Fellowship Time" becomes "Summer Punch Bowl" as, weather permitting, we gather after worship in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Wesley Center.*

*While most meetings are in recess during the summer, there will be many other events for ministry and fellowship, noted in the July "Beacon" and in this issue. Please note them and join in as often as you can. Regardless of where you are, please keep your church community in your prayers.*

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Brian

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
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		

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the wind and waves sub -  
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os  
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bid the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 wild and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we  
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Dennis Darak

**Cross Bearer** – Shannon Thompson

**Liturgists** – Bob Lawrence

**Greeters** – The Thompson family

**Acolytes** – Devon and Ethan Weed

**Bible Bearer** – Addyson Perregaux

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Bob Lawrence.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in celebration of two birthdays; one for Margaret Beyer's 94<sup>th</sup> and one for Virginia Chittam (mother of Wendy Hoffmann) who would have turned 76. Both were born on June 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**A MISSION CROSS** has been placed and a donation has been made in honor of the *Friends of Appalachia* volunteers traveling to Tennessee to repair homes for Central Appalachian families in need, given with prayers of thanksgiving and inspiration.

**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), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000). The Prayer of the Day and Unison Confession are original compositions of the Pastor.

**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](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## ~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, June 21*

*Father's Day/Graduate Recognition*

*9:45 a.m. Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary*

*10:00 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary*

*11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time-Hosted by the Bak family - Courtyard*

*11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary*

*Monday, June 22*

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

*Wednesday, June 24*

*9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting – Egan Room*

*9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers – Gunn Library*

*Thursday, June 25*

*5:30 p.m. Community Dinner – Dodd Hall*

*6:30 p.m. Pastors/Lay Leaders meeting – Pastors study*

*7:30 p.m. "Lift Us Up" Committee - Gunn Library (tentative)*

*Friday, June 26*

*10:00 a.m. Office volunteers – Gunn Library*

*Sunday, June 28*

*Summer Worship Begins*

*9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary*

*10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard*

*10:45 a.m. Caring Ministries – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

*Monday, June 29*

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

*Wednesday, July 1*

*9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting (as needed) - Egan Room*

*2:30 – 5 pm Community Supper at Golden Hill UM Church (see notice)*

*Friday, July 3*

*10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.**



## ADVANCE PLANNING AND "SAVE THE DATES"

**SUMMER WORSHIP MOVES TO 9:30 A.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28.** We worship at that hour through Sunday, August 30. 10 a.m. worship resumes September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL** will be Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Men's Club typically serves food on the church campus and invites any who wish to assist them to do so. Contact Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688.

**OUTSIDE TENT WORSHIP** will be Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. If you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial Church you will enjoy this special opportunity to worship outside in the courtyard under the tent!

**OUR SUMMER CHURCH PICNIC** will be Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Rivercrest Farm (and home of Maria and Andy Macri). More to come in the July "Beacon."

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be taught Tuesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. beginning September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Egan Room, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Unconfirmed youth entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are encouraged to attend.

**DISCIPLE 1**, a 34 week comprehensive study of the Bible, will be taught on Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9:15 p.m. High School Room, Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, beginning in September by Sandy Morgan, Certified Lay Servant. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Sandy ([sgmorgan@aol.com](mailto:sgmorgan@aol.com) or 203.874.4374) or Don Hastings ([nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com) or 203.877.4554).

**"REVIVAL: Faith as Wesley Lived It"** is a six-week study of the origins of Methodism. It will be taught by Pastor Brian September 15/16 – October 20/21 on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to attend ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982).

**ISAIAH, JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS** is an eight-week Immersion Bible Study course of these prophets. It will be taught by Pastor Hal. We will divide the study around the holiday time from Thanksgiving through New Year's, so there will be two four-week sessions: October 27/28 – November 17/18 (Isaiah) and January 5/6-26/27, 2016 (Jeremiah/Lamentations). These sessions will be Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Please contact Pastor Hal if you would like to attend ([vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com) or 203.878.8977).

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** starts today and continues through September 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship, in the Courtyard - weather permitting. Today's host is the Bak family. 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](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com).

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** are offered after worship in the sanctuary by Emily Bak, BSN, GN.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

### THIS WEEK

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC** is this Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959.

**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](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com), or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com), if you would like to volunteer.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Worship hour moves to 9:30 a.m.** and will continue at 9:30 a.m. through August 30<sup>th</sup>. The message "The Gospel of Interruptions" will be based on Mark 5:21-43 with Psalm 130. Healing anointing will be offered. The Caring Ministries Team meets after worship in Wesley Center.

**MILFORD SENIOR CENTER GOSPEL CHOIR** will perform next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. at the Center, 9 Jepson Drive, Milford. All invited. Concert is free.

**PERFORMANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER HANG OUT:** Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – Ice Cream Social at Scoopy Doo's and Milford Landing, 37 Helwig Street, Milford. Cathy Cono contact at [spikkio@optonline.net](mailto:spikkio@optonline.net) or 203-645-2362

### ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**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. To sign, please go to <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

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS-CONTINUED

### **WE SEEK MUSICIANS TO OFFER SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE SUMMER.**

Our choirs are in recess in the summer, so we welcome special music. Contact Rick Riccardi ([riccardir1@southernct.edu](mailto:riccardir1@southernct.edu); 203.506.7270).

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS?**

Contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien@optonline.net](mailto: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.

### **NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:**

**Wednesday, July 1st, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We prepare the meal, led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Bob Jordan. Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector. **NOTE NEW DATE CHANGE TO 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

## MTM HEALING MINISTRY IN REVIEW

- ◆ **WHO'S INVITED?** Anyone interested in how Christian Healing goes on in our church.
- ◆ **WHEN & WHERE?** **Sat., July 25, 11 am to 1 pm in Wesley Center** (bring lunch if you wish.)
- ◆ **WHAT'S HAPPENING?** Briefly review how Christian Healing goes on in MTMUMC (last Sunday anointing & Monday pm Healing and Wholeness Services).
- ◆ **ANY SUGGESTIONS?** New changes for consideration; what might God be leading us to develop?
- ◆ **INTERESTED?** Tell Pastor Vink ([vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com) or 203-878-8977) or Mary Lou Hastings (203-877-4554).

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**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, thank you for calling the office (203.874.1982) or ringing the Broad Street doorbell. **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JUNE 29: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 June 14th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 219; June 14th: 212; Healing and Wholeness, June 15th:7; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for June 14: \$5,788.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$2,108.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$372.71; Engaged in Small Groups: 65 (Sunday School 53; Office Volunteers 2; Annual Conference: 3; Prayer Shawl:7; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.