

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

(Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)

(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:15 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” arr. W. Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who trust power other than God’s easily fall prey to the power of evil;

People: *But those who trust in God discover that the steadfast love of God lasts forever.*

ALL: *In the presence of your people, O God, we proclaim the goodness of your name.*

\*HYMN #2172 “We Are Called” rear cover

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

*Slow us down, Lord. Slow us down from the mad scramble of preparations and busy-ness, from the to-do lists and the calendars. Slow us down to hear your Word, to listen to your voice, to sit at your feet. Then stir us up, Lord. Stir up our hearts to reach out to others in love. Stir up our minds to explore your Word. Stir up our spirits to offer you praise. Stir us up to do your will! This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p.39 and #881  
*Ryder James Kingsley, son of Elizabeth and Steven*

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42 Bible p.946

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN #405 “Seek Ye First” Seek Ye

THE SERMON “A New Look at Mary and Martha” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

DEDICATION OF AMBASSADORS

Pastor: Today we dedicate *Christine Volgmuth* and *Dottie Long* as Ambassadors. As regular worshippers trained in welcoming hospitality they will, for six months, briefly greet people new to them immediately after worship and invite new people to Fellowship Hour and to meet the pastors, lay leaders and other church members. They are identified by white ribbons so that all may know of, and support, this ministry. They join others engaged in this ministry.

Ambassadors, do you acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? **I do.**

Do you understand and agree with this call to ministry? **I do.**

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace? **I will.**

Members of the congregation, will you support these ambassadors in their dedicated task of radical hospitality and singular welcome to new people among us? **We will.**

Let us pray: *Almighty God, you call us all to return to Godly living. Pour your blessings on these servants and their special responsibility to welcome. Help us support them, infected by a contagion of kindness and hospitality worthy of you who welcomes all home. Amen.*

\*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: “My Life is in Your Hands” Lisa Gloates, soloist K. Troccoli

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #359 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Hudson

\*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 “Fanfare” J. Lemmens

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

# We Are Called

2172



1. Come! Live in the light! \_\_\_\_\_ Shine with the  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! \_\_\_\_\_ Show your  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! \_\_\_\_\_ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, \_\_\_\_\_ and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the  
 hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will  
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -



*Refrain*

cit - y of God! \_\_\_\_\_  
 be no more! \_\_\_\_\_ We are called to act with  
 nit - ed in love! \_\_\_\_\_



jus - tice, \_\_\_\_\_ we are called to love ten - der - ly, \_\_\_\_\_



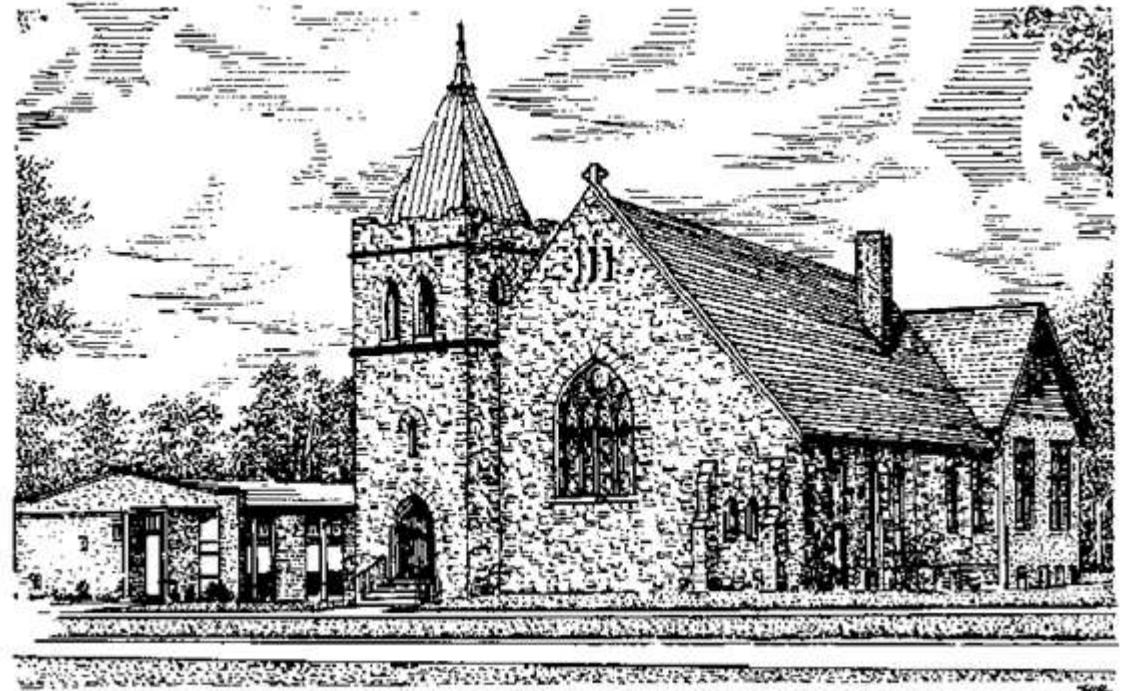
\_\_\_\_\_ we are called to serve one an - oth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ to



walk hum - bly with God! \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)  
 MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED  
 Irregular with Refrain



## 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.*

**PENTECOST IX**

July 21, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Sunday, July 21*      **PENTECOST IX**  
*9:15 a.m. Informal Singing - Sanctuary*  
*9:30 a.m. Worship/Ryder James Kingsley Baptism – Sanctuary*  
*10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary*  
*10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl*  
*10:45 a.m. Worship Committee – Wesley Center*

*Monday, July 22*      *7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*

*Wednesday, July 24*      *9:00 a.m. Office volunteers for August Beacon*  
*10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study – The Chapel*  
*2:30 p.m. Community Supper – Golden Hill*

*Thursday, July 25*      *2:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall*

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*Sunday, July 28*      **PENTECOST X**  
*9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary*  
*10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl*

*Monday, July 29*      *7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*

*Friday, August 2*      *7:00 p.m. UMC Night – Ballpark in Bridgeport*

INFORMATION FROM OUR PARISH NURSES

Milford Hospital offers free support groups for community members in 2013. For additional information call 203-876-4004. Scheduled monthly groups include:

- Alzheimer’s: First Monday, 6:30 p.m.;
- Stronger Together (a group for the parents and caregivers of children and young adults with medical complexities): Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Lupus: Third Thursday, 6:30 p.m.;
- Epilepsy: Second Monday, 7 p.m.;
- Breast Cancer: First Wed., 6 p.m.;
- Multiple Sclerosis: Second Sat., 1:30 pm

Grace Notes  
July 21, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

*Life balance: we hear about it in work and school and from self-help gurus of all stripes. Rightly so! Moderation in most things is essential for a healthy life.*

*In today’s Gospel, Jesus guides us in right priorities for a healthy spiritual balance as well. As with a number of familiar Gospel stories, the simplicity of the narrative belies the complexity of our lives and how we make choices that exalt Jesus, place spiritual priorities first, and live in ways that honor him and bring us joyful obedience.*

*My hope is that today’s sermon, “A New Look at Mary and Martha,” moves beyond the familiarity of this story and our familiar interpretations of it to something that, as our Prayer of the Day asks, both “slows us down” and “stirs us up” in relation to God and how we live our faith.*

*Sincerely 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 Coordinators	Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck		

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** –Stacey Riccardi

**Greeters** – Mary Lou & Don Hastings

**Liturgist** – Jane Vink

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door with Jane Vink at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given in honor of our UMARMY volunteers.

**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. 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 Faith We Sing (2000).

**SERMON COPIES** from July 14th are in the Narthex or on-line: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** continue through August 30: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 1 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:** Dog and cat 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS 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](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

**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@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 14:**

Total worship attendance all services: 179 (July 14: 168; Healing and Wholeness July 15: 11; Total Offering: \$4529; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: *(coming next week)*; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 16; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 8. *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.*

**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.

**ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY**



**Boys and Girls Village Backpack/Supply Collection**

Mission will be helping children at Boys and Girls Village by donating backpacks and school supplies. **Please consider making a donation of a backpack and school supplies**, from the list below. **All items must be new.**

Backpacks and supplies will be distributed to the students in August....so that is why this notice may seem early but you can get in on the sales!

**DEADLINE for collecting is AUGUST 4th.**

**Please look for the collection box in Dodd Hall.**

**ELEMENTARY**

- Book – Age Appropriate
- Small Packet of Tissues
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Drawing Pad
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Journal
- Markers - Washable
- Notebook, Loose-leaf paper
- #2 Pencils & Sharpener
- Ruler
- Blunt Scissors
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Tape

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

- Book – Age Appropriate
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- Pens
- Drawing Pad
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Journal
- Markers (NON-PERMANENT)
- Notebook, Loose-leaf paper
- #2 Pencils & Sharpener
- Ruler
- Small Stapler & Staples
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Tape

- **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 worship, in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Enjoy light summer refreshment hosted **today** by the Bettencourt family. **Next Sunday’s host** is Joan Zauner. Hosting dates still open are August 25 and Sept. 1. Please sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the Dodd Hall kitchen.
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** We have transferred name tag production to the church office. Please notify us ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) of your need for a new or replacement tag. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Summer Punch Bowl and return them before leaving.
- **A GREEN “FIX IT BOX”** is now located in Dodd Hall. If you see something that needs attention, fill out the form and drop it in the box.
- **BACKPACK COLLECTION:** We are collecting for the Boys and Girls Village. See enclosed flier. **DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS SUN., AUGUST 4.**
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **AN EARRING** was found in the sanctuary. It may be claimed at the church office.

**THIS WEEK**

**BULLETIN NOTICES FOR JULY 28** will be **due by Noon on Wednesday, July 24th,** hard copy or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

**OUR COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT** is **this Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We prepare the meal led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan. We need 6-8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may serve. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: [mjbmj@att.net](mailto:mjbmj@att.net), 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about a 20 minute drive from MTMUMC.

**THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC** is held the next day, **this Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Dodd Hall.** Help is needed anytime between 2:30 – 7 p.m. for prep, cooking, serving and clean-up. Please let Jim Repetsky, Men’s Club President, know if you will assist by calling 203.874.8688.

Wil Wright, Joan Zauner.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST X** - The message “Do You Want to be Healed?” will be on the theme of healing ministry based on James 5:13-16 and brought by the Rev. Hal Vink, Pastoral Assistant of Mary Taylor Memorial Church. Healing anointing will be offered.

### COMING SOON

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PICNIC AND MUSICAL “JAM SESSION”** on **Sunday, August 4, 5-7 p.m.** at River Crest Farm, (534 Oronoque Rd. in Milford), home of Maria and Andy Macri. Beverages and paper goods will be provided. Attendees will bring their main dish/meat for the grill, a dish to share, and a lawn chair. Bring your voices and musical instruments of all sorts to make a joyful noise with our first ever informal “jam session.” Retreat go-ers, take note, your musical skills will be appreciated!

“**GRADUATE LIST**” **DEADLINE is Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to have your graduate recognized on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, please email your information to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or submit a hard copy to the church office.

### OTHER MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**PASTOR BRIAN** continues **house-to-house visitation** on request with the goal of building on relationships begun last summer through the cottage meetings. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. Please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10 if you would like to schedule a visit.

**DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY:** I am considering offering an entry level class for “Disciple” Bible Study. This 34 week course has been positively experienced by a number of our church members. If there is interest, the course will start mid-September and meet Tuesdays from 7 – 9:15 p.m. If you are interested, please contact me at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11; or speak with Don Hastings on Sundays. *Pastor Brian*

**MTMUMC has two Scholarship programs** for students enrolled in a full time program of post high school studies:

1. Kelsey-Worley Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a college/university program
2. Men’s Club “Jimmy” Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in a trade/vocational program.

For information and applications, refer to the church website at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org) and highlight **Scholarships**. Committee Members: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D’Andrea,

### SAVE THE DATES

- **Oyster Festival, Saturday, August 17, all day (10am – 6pm).** “It’s that time again... The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Festival is just around the corner. Join the Men’s Club for fun, fellowship, food and fundraising as we operate our traditional MTMUMC Food Court. Contact David Carr at 203-931-0516 to volunteer (8am – 4pm). Pick your favorite place on the team today.” For more information about the Oyster Festival, visit their website: [www.milfordoysterfestival.com](http://www.milfordoysterfestival.com).

**Our resident drummer Lydia Smith** will be performing with The Beth Patella Band as part of the annual Oyster Festival this month. She is very excited to be part of one of the bands opening for the Blues Trackers Band at the Main Stage. Please come and support her and the local music scene in Milford. She will also be traveling to Lake Junaluska, N.C. to be part of the worship team the leads the 2013 New District Superintendent Orientation for the United Methodist Church. Please keep her in your prayers.

- **“Mountain Top Experience” for Young Adults in Furcy Haiti.**

Are you a young adult (aged 18-23), looking for a tremendously rewarding experience? If so, consider joining our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team as we return to Furcy Haiti, **January 4-11, 2014**. The anticipated cost of the trip will be \$1,500 if airfare is booked soon; expenses subject to increase based on airfare at time of booking. A deposit of \$750 is required to secure your spot on the team. Our VIM Team is nearly full, so speak to one of us TODAY if it is on your heart to participate in the life-changing mission experience.

Leigh (203-215-0470) & Emily Bak (203-215-8288).