

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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” arr. by W. Weld

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*INTROIT “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place” Hymnal #328

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May grace and peace be yours in abundance!

People: *And yours also in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: *And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!*

Leader: The Lord redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

ALL: *God satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*

\*HYMN #496 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Walford/Bradbury

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

*Almighty God, shield of the oppressed: hear us as we pray for the friendless and the lonely, the tempted and the unbelieving, within and outside this community of faith.*

*Be merciful to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: to those who are in danger or distress; and to those who have suffered loss. Let your special love surround people who are infirmed or aged. Be especially near to those who are passing through the valley of death. May they find eternal rest, and light at evening time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (unison)

*We are here in the name of Jesus Christ. We are also here because we are human beings in need of healing. Yet too often we deny our humanity. We are stubborn in our ways and deceive ourselves. We war against life and keep away from involvement in suffering.*

*Forgive us, Lord. Reflecting on our sin is painful to us. Cleanse its memory and impact that we might seek and find forgiveness. Amen.*

(Let each one confess in silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE EPISTLE James 5:13-16 Bible p.1103  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN Sylvia Elliott

\*THE GOSPEL John 5:1-9 Bible p. 970  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #273 “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” Au Clair De La Lune

THE SERMON “Do You Want to be Healed?” Rev. Vink

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN #347 (seated) “Spirit Song” John Wimber

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: Gaither Medley – Barbara Repetsky, soloist

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #130 “God Will Take Care of You” Martin

*(During the hymn, those who wish may come forward to receive a healing anointing for them or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisle and stand or kneel at the Communion rail. Whisper the name and need to the anointer. This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God’s mysterious love. It is not “curing” but a “caring” expression of God’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.)*

\*THE BENEDICTION

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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*

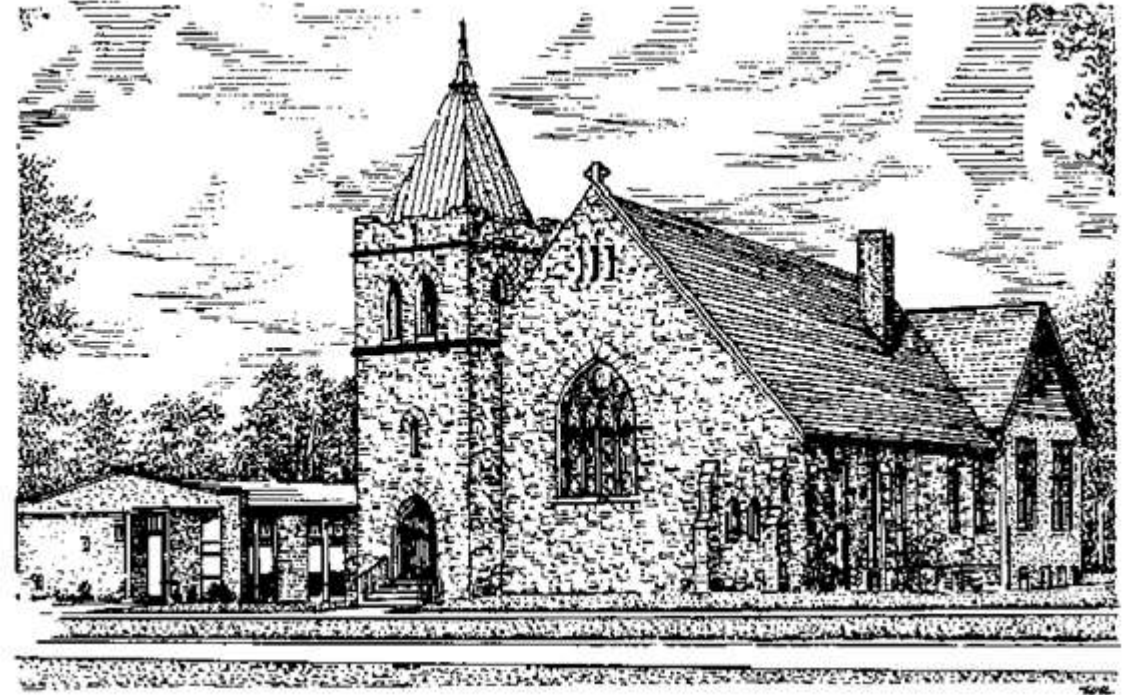
\*POSTLUDE

“Vivace”

R. Gerber

*(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.*

**PENTECOST X**

July 28, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

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

<i>Sunday, July 28</i>	<i>PENTECOST X</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl</i>
<i>Monday, July 29</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Thurs., August 1</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Long-Range Planning Committee – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, August 2</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>UMC Night – Ballpark in Bridgeport</i>
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<i>Sunday, August 4</i>	<i>PENTECOST XI</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl</i> 5 – 7 p.m. <i>Church picnic and “jam” at River Crest Farm</i>
<i>Monday, August 5</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, August 8</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>“Extravagant Generosity” committee – Wesley Ctr.</i>

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 28, 2013*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*Many thanks to the Rev. Harold V.W. Vink, Pastoral Assistant, for preaching today. “Pastor Hal,” as he is known to most of us, brings a wealth of pastoral and life experience to a life of service in the name of Jesus Christ. You will be blessed by his message today.*

*Carol and I are on a brief vacation through month’s end. I will return to the office on Thursday, August 1 and to preaching and worship on August 4.*

*May God richly bless our worship and our community as we open ourselves to the healing and wholeness God so freely offers.*

*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** – Rita Brown & Flo Berrien

**Liturgist** – Dawn Bettencourt

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

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given in honor of Charlene Riccardi's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in heaven, given by Rick and Stacey Riccardi and Jen, Jason, and Aiden Calabrese; and in celebration of Lillia Downing's birthday today and in memory of Josephine Downing, given by Bev and Paul Downing.

**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 21st 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 is away until Thurs., Aug. 1.** After that, he can be reached at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com): 203.874-1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. **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 21:**

Total worship attendance all services: 143 (July 21: 135; Healing and Wholeness July 22: 8; Total Offering: \$3765; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: July 14: \$32; July 21: \$7); 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: 8. *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (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.



### 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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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  
 Geometric Stencils & Compass

### 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!
- **SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** follows worship, in the churchyard (weather permitting) or in Dodd Hall. Enjoy light summer refreshment hosted **today** by Joan Zauner. **Next Sunday’s host** is Edie Reichard. 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?** Please contact ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Summer Punch Bowl and return them before leaving.
- **AUGUST “BEACON,”** our monthly newsletter, was mailed Wed. Extras in the rear of the church.
- **“FIX IT BOX”** is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.
- **BACKPACK COLLECTION DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY:** We are collecting for the Boys and Girls Village. See enclosed flier.
- **CAN YOU HELP WORK AT THE OYSTER FESTIVAL?** The date is Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact David Carr at 203.931.0516 or speak with him or any member of the Men’s Club in worship today. See more info in “Save the Dates.”
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **AN EARRING** was found in the sanctuary. It may be claimed at the church office.
- **A STRATFORD NEIGHBOR** is looking for a reliable car for sale under \$10,000. If you know of someone who might be selling, please contact Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982 or [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)).

### THIS WEEK

**BULLETIN NOTICES FOR AUGUST 4** are **due by Noon on Wed., July 31st,** hard copy or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST XI** - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The message "Preparing Your Will" will be based on Colossians 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21.

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PICNIC AND MUSICAL "JAM SESSION"** is **next 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!

## COMING SOON

**"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, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner.

## 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 that 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).