

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 #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" The Ash Grove

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Shalom to You" 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, Christ be your shalom."

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

POSTLUDE

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

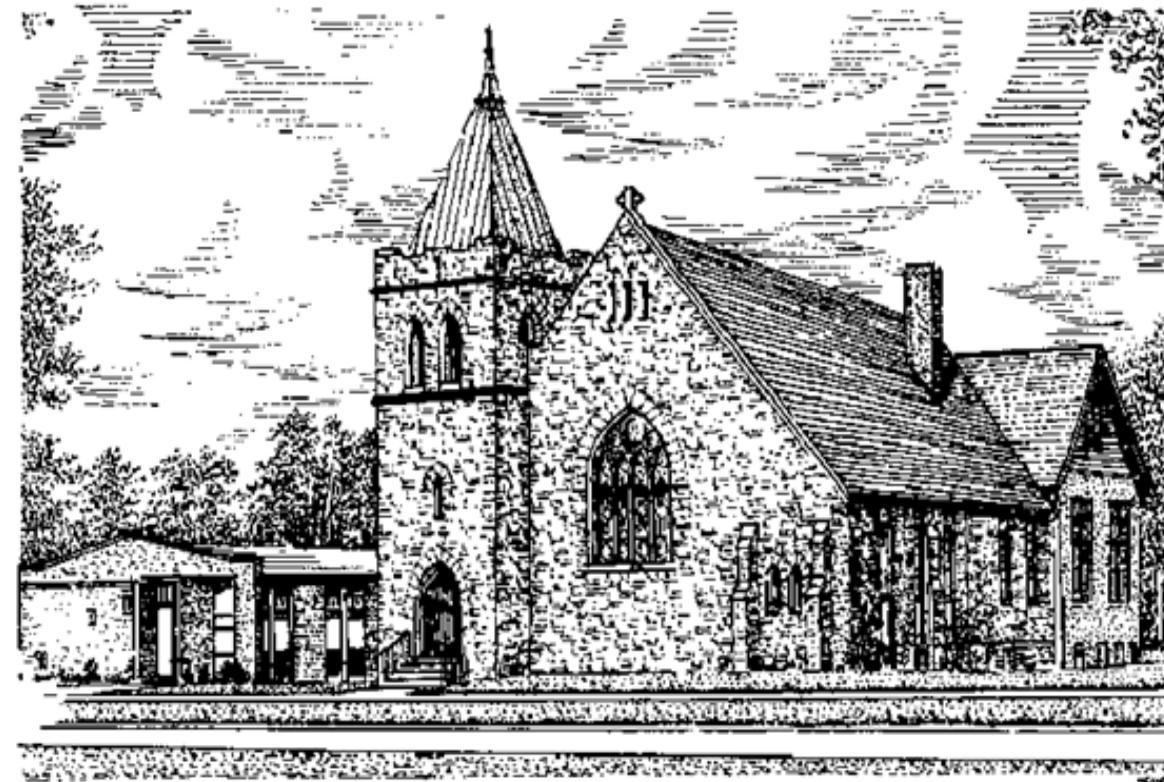
THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GUEST PREACHER AND CELEBRANT TODAY

is the Rev. Cynthia Dodd. Known to many as "Cindy," she was raised in this church and is an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church. She has been appointed to extension ministry to work at Bridges, in Milford, for the past 25 years. She lives in West Haven with her husband Joe and their cat, Pauda. She is actively involved in the life of First and Wesley UMC in West Haven, the Tres Dias community of Fairfield County, and in Mary Taylor Memorial's Healing and Wholeness ministry. We are delighted to have her with us today.

THE REV. DR. BRIAN BODT

Pastor of Mary Taylor Memorial, is on vacation with his family and will return in time for the August 20th Oyster Festival.



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

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 XII

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 7, 2016

MARY

TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**168 South Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460**

**Phone: 203.874.1982
FAX: 203.877.8973**

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

Leigh Bak, Co-Lay Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us into life. How we live is our response to God’s call.

People: ***God calls me to this day!***

Leader: God calls us to love, to give ourselves in service to those in need.

People: ***God calls me to this day!***

Leader: God calls us to step into our joy and celebrate God’s mercy, grace and love for all!

People: ***God calls me to this day!***

Leader: Rejoice in God always! God calls us to be present in the joy of this day and to be one in Christ. Rejoice in God always! God calls us to this day!

People: ***In God we live and move and have our being! God calls me to this life, this time, this day!***

*HYMN #2032 “My Life is in You, Lord” insert

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*unison*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleans 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 121 Hymnal p.844, R.2

*THE GOSPEL John 11:1-4, 17-44 Bible p.978
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON “Where Were You, Lord?” Rev. Dodd

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)
God, our maker and judge, we confess the sins no one knows and those everyone knows. Our regret and sorrow over these failings is earnest. Recalling them now is unpleasant and grieves us. We know it grieves you, too. We ask your forgiveness so that, with a fresh start, we can leave these burdens to be free to love you fully. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION
Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: ***Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*responsive*) From New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

L: Our Father, who art in Heaven, @ Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
P: Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven,

L: Hallowed be thy name.

P: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

L: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

P: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

L: Give us this day our daily bread,

P: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

L: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

P: In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

L: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

P: For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN.

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: ***And also with you.***

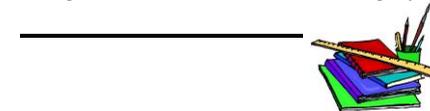
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Duet: “The Gift of Love”
Lydia Smith soloist Mary Lou Kampert harp
*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN #2268 “As We Gather” insert

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (Setting A) Hymnal p.17

*THE COMMUNION
The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the distribution we will sing hymns #623, 624, 630 and 632.



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 Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Boys and Girls Village School Supply Drive

If you attended the Mission Fair and spoke with the Boys and Girls Village representative, you will know of the good work provided by this organization. Here is their mission statement:

Our mission: Boys & Girls Village serves children and families in at-risk situations by strengthening their ability to succeed in life.

This said – we will again support the children with collecting school supplies. The list is below. There will be a collection box in Dodd Hall beginning July 3 and ending on August 14. All items must be new.

ELEMENTARY	Middle/High School
Book -- age appropriate	Book -- age appropriate
Composition Books	Composition Books
Colored pencils	Colored pencils
Crayons	Pens
Drawing pad	Drawing Pad
Erasers	Erasers
Glue sticks	Glue sticks
Journal	Journal
Markers (washable)	Markers (washable)
Notebooks, non-wire bound	Notebooks, non-wire bound
#2 pencils	#2 pencils
Folders - colorful	Folders - colorful
Binders	Tape
Elementary Lined Refill Paper	Red Pens
	Calculators
	Binders
	College Ruled Refill Paper



Also needed on a regular basis are arts and craft supplies – Crayons, Coloring Pencils, Acrylic paint, Washable Tempera paint, Construction paper, Elmer's glue sticks, Sidewalk chalk, Colored tissue paper, Mod Podge, Crayola Model Magic – colored and white, Poster Board – colored and white, Permanent markers (Sharpies), Colored and Patterned Duct Tape, Blank books (for decorating/making journals), Paperboard boxes (for decorating memory boxes).

*Grace Notes
 August 7, 2016*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

The Rev. Cynthia Dodd, a daughter of our congregation, is our preacher and celebrant today. She is a blessing to our ministry in many ways, most of them unseen in her confidential work as a counselor at Bridges in Milford. You will find her bio on the rear cover of the liturgy, as well as my whereabouts.

I extend gratitude to all who “step up” to fill my various roles while on vacation. For pastoral needs, please contact Dennis Darak (203.988.3554) and he will reach one of the pastors on call.

Please note that August is anything but dull around here. We especially appeal for assistance for the Men’s Club and Trash and Treasures for the August 20th Oyster Festival. See the notice under “Save the Dates” for who to contact.

May our summer ministry continue in faithfulness to the ministry of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ethan Weed

Greeters – Carol Koch and Flo Berrien

Liturgist – Steve Wasko

Communion stewards: Brenda Pineau and Phoebe Repetsky

Communion celebrants: Rev. Dodd, Rev. Judith Bennett, Steve Wasko and Leigh Bak

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Dodd and Steve Wasko.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren who bring us so much joy, given by Faith and Steve.

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. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

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).

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God’s presence today. Please complete a red visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and wear the “Visitor” name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

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

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE AND TRASH AND TREASURES – Monday, August 14th

OYSTER FESTIVAL – Saturday, August 20th. Tell Jim Repetsky (203.874.8688) if you’d like to give the Men’s Club a hand; or Dolly Bonisch (203.783.9952) if you’d do the same for Trash and Treasures.

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT RIVERCREST FARM – Sunday, August 21, 2-6 pm, 534 Oronoque Road, Milford.

~THREE WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, August 7</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl - Courtyard</i>
<i>Monday, August 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 10</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>“Christianity and World Religions” study - Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, August 12</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Rumrunners Pop and Rock concert - Fowler Field behind the Milford Library</i>
<i>Sunday, August 14</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer punch bowl – Courtyard</i>
		<i>Boys and Girls Village school supply drive ends today</i>
<i>Monday, August 15</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UMARMY Movie Night – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 17</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Smith and Baez wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>
<i>Thursday, August 18</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Smith and Baez wedding – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Mark Schultz-Christian music artist –Black Rock Church-Fairfield</i>
<i>Friday, August 19</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, August 20</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Trash and Treasures open for Oyster Festival</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Oyster Festival-Church campus (10am-6pm)</i>
<i>Sunday, August 21</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:45a.m.</i>	<i>Blood Pressure screenings – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Summer Picnic at Rivercrest Farm</i>
<i>Thursday, August 25</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>MTMUMC Community Supper</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Council – Dodd Hall alcove</i>
<i>Friday, August 26</i>		<i>Office Closed – Summer Hours</i>
<i>Saturday, August 27</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Private Event – Boy Scout Troup 196 Eagle Scout Ceremony – Dodd Hall</i>

SAVE THESE DATES – details in the August “Beacon!”

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are *due by noon Wednesday* for the following Sunday bulletin.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@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.

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: "Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets. Also wet and dry dog food for the canine facility. Towels and blankets **are** needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur." **If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.**

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Brian Bodt:** brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. **Pastor Hal Vink:** 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com.

“**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 July 31st:

Total worship attendance all services: 146; July 31st:138 ; Aug. 1st Healing & Wholeness: 8; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for July 31st: \$8,680.46; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$939.34; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$137.66; Engaged in Small Groups: 26; “Christianity and World Religions” study, August 3rd: 17; Trash & Treasures: 6; Office Volunteers: 3; 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.

TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL follows worship in the courtyard hosted by the Cono family. Next Sunday’s Summer Punch Bowl host is Vilma Rendon. Thanks to all our hosts!

BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE CONTINUES. Please leave items in the collection box in Dodd Hall. See the rear cover for a detailed list of needed items.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available by calling the church office (203.874.1982). While previously been available in the literature racks, an astute parishioner observed this might be a little too public in this age of identity theft and child exploitation. They are now removed.

NAME TAGS MAY ALSO BE ORDERED through the church office.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

RUMRUNNERS POP AND ROCK CONCERT – Friday, August 12. Gather at 6 p.m. at Fowler Field behind Milford Library with chairs and your picnic basket for the 7 p.m. concert. For details contact Cathy Cono at 203.645.2362.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 14

PENTECOST XIII: “How Well Do You Know Your Neighbor?” will be the message preached by Laura Perregaux, Certified Lay Servant. The sermon will be based on Jeremiah 1:4-8 and Matthew 16:13-16.



TRASH AND TREASURES needs your help again for our sale on August 20th during the Oyster Festival, **but we have no more room for clothing, winter or summer.**

Donations can be made Sundays after church or call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 for specific days T&T will be open. August 14th will be the last day we accept donations for this sale.

Seriously needed: bags with corded handles, all sizes; plastic bags, medium and large sizes. We do not need grocery bags.

Items too big for T&T to handle can be donated to Helping Hands in Orange. Call Dolly Bonisch to learn how T&T can benefit from this donation.

Please do not donate the following, due to regulations and disposal problems:

Hangars, computers, old printers, old electronic equipment, automotive parts, car seats, cribs, beds, food or drinks, clothing in poor condition, large entertainment centers, hospital beds, commodes, large exercise equipment, mattresses, helmets of any kind, records, old computer books, obsolete editions of educational books, propane and fuel tanks of any size, items that need repair or have parts missing!

PLEASE BOX OR BAG YOUR DONATIONS LIGHTLY. Nearly all of our T&T volunteers are 70 years of age and older. Thanks for assisting them by packing lightly for ease of movement.

CHRISTMAS UPDATE! We respectfully ask that you hold future Christmas donations for the Fair on the Green in 2017. Our stock is overflowing and most is boxed and stored for the spring sale.

