

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

9:30 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.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Meditation” B. Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I was glad when they said to me

P: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

L: For this is none other than the house of God.

P: And this is the gate of heaven.

All: Let us worship our loving God.

*HYMN #2117 “Spirit of God” rear cover of Grace Notes

OPENING PRAYER *(seated, in unison)*

O God of love, you have called us to be your church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another and for our neighbors, both near and far. May this congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond our church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding, through Christ our example, and your Holy Spirit, our strength. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 130 Hymnal p. 848

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Bible p.1066

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN #2218 *(seated)* “You Are Mine” rear cover

*THE GOSPEL John 6:35; 41-51 Bible p. 972

*HYMN #549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” St. Peter

THE SERMON “Who Would Have Thought...” Pastor Dodd

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL FOR BETTY COLLINS

Introduction by the Dr. Rick Riccardi, Director of Music

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 Director of Music

*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 Solo “I Believe” Drake and Graham

Judy Darak, soloist

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #399 “Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated” Havergal/Herold

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ sends us out, just as he sent his disciples so long ago, to speak words of hope and to heal human hurts.

People: *We accept this mission to be God’s people, looking first at ourselves, and then carrying the Good News out into the World.*

Leader: Go out rejoicing in the presence of God’s Spirit, and in the power of the gospel of love and hope.

ALL: THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD’S SPIRIT AND LOVE, MAY WE SERVE OTHERS AS THOUGH WE WERE SERVING YOU, O CHRIST! AMEN.

*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 “Carillon Toccata” D. Wagner

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

2218

You Are Mine



- 1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —
- 2. — I am hope for all who are hope - less, —
- 3. — I am strength for all the de - spair - ing, —
- 4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the —
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —
 am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. —
 come and rest in —
 all will know my —
 up, now walk, and —



me. —
 name. — Do not be a - fraid, I am
 live! —



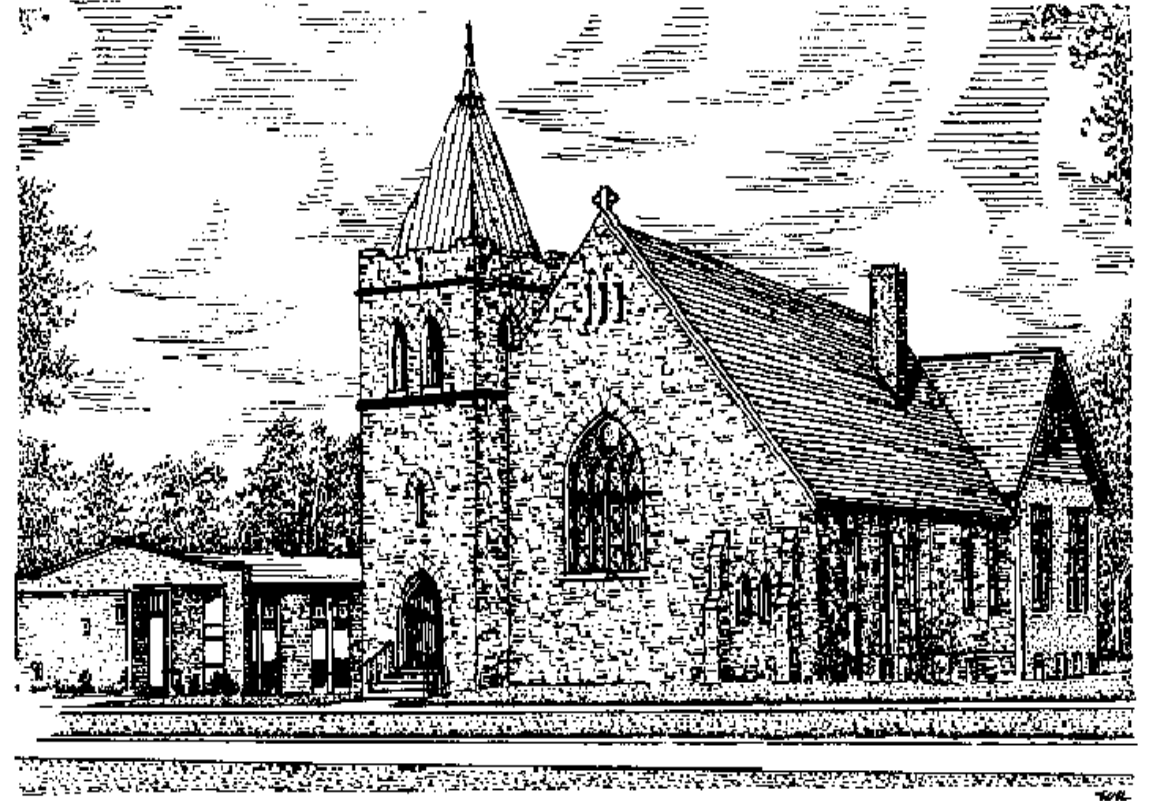
with you. I have called you each by name.



Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine. —



Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836

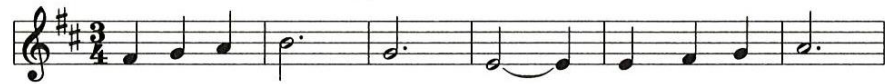
Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

PENTECOST XI

August 9, 2015



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
 2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
 3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
 4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
 5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



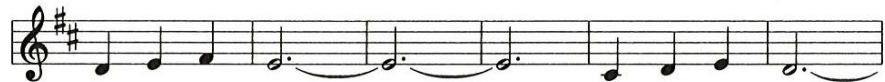
be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
 all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
 one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
 love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
 power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,
 your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,
 we go, you hold us to - geth - er so,
 or fall, or know de - feat at all,
 we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,



held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. _____

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

Ministers All the People of God
 Lay Leaders Kelly O'Hara & Leigh Bak
 Prayer Chain Stacy Meszaros
 Administrative Assistant Mary Lou Kampert
 Sexton Bruce Rumford
 Child Care Coordinator Nicole Ellerbeck

Bishop The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
 Superintendent The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
 Pastor The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
 Pastoral Assistant The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
 Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Grace Notes
 August 9, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Cynthia Dodd. Known to many as "Cindy," she was raised in this church and is an ordained Elder of the UMC. She has been appointed through extension ministries, 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 bid farewell to Betty Collins, a member of our church for nearly 60 years, a chorister, and active participant in Bible studies. Betty has recently retired and is moving to South Carolina to live with her daughter. May God bless this new beginning.

Carol and I return tonight from a visit with my dad in Maryland. Prior commitments have me out of the office tomorrow and in office Tuesday-Friday, August 11-14.

A story is told of the Rev. Dr. Henry Ward Beecher, for forty years (1847-1887) the celebrated preacher at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York. (His history and that of the church is worth a look at www.plymouthchurch.org). Dr. Beecher and his family were active in the anti-slavery movement (his sister was Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin) and he was widely-acclaimed as an orator.

One Sunday Dr. Beecher was absent and he asked his brother, Charles, to preach. When some worshippers saw that the esteemed Dr. Beecher was not present, they began to leave. Dr. Beecher's brother asked for silence and said "All who came this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher will now leave. The rest will remain to worship God."

May we remember always the mighty and loving God who is the focus of our worship.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Pastor Brian

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Greeters – Nita Prior and Ken Hawkins

Liturgist – Brenda Pineau

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Dodd and Brenda Pineau.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are from Maureen Groves in loving memory of Michael who would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary today, August 9th.

A MISSION CROSS has been placed and a donation has been made to UMARMY by Edie Reichard in honor of Dean Reichard's 50th birthday on August 8.

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) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

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.



SAVE THE DATE...
41ST ANNUAL OYSTER FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
10AM TO 6 PM

**THE MEN'S CLUB WILL BE SERVING THE FOLLOWING
ON THE CHURCH CAMPUS:**

- ♦ "World Famous" bacon, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich
- ♦ Hamburgers
- ♦ Hot dogs
- ♦ French fries
- ♦ Coffee, water and soda



IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT,

please contact Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688.

(Another satisfied customer!)



SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, August 23rd 1pm—5pm

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT RIVERCREST FARM

(the home of Maria and Andy Macri).

Bring your own chairand a dish to share Beverages and paper goods will be provided.

Attendees bring their main dish or meat for the grill, a dish to share, and a lawn chair. You won't want to miss this wonderful evening of summer fun and fellowship with your church family.

For those who've not yet visited River Crest Farm, you'll be treated to all the excitement and good old fashioned fun of a real working farm including chickens, ducks, goats, peacocks, donkey, and even a cow! The farm is located at 534 Oronoque Road in Milford.

Their phone number is (203) 876-9786.

See their website at <http://rivercrestfarm.com/> for more information.



ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

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.

AVAILABLE DATES: August 9, 16, 23, 30 and September 6 and 13.

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to take our animal food donations to the Silver Sands Shelter at Silver Sands State Park starting in August. Please contact Lexie Winkleman at 203-876-7593 for details. **THANK YOU LEXIE** for your dedication and service to seniors with pets. All donations to the animal shelter are available to seniors with pets at no charge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MILFORD HOSPITAL. The Milford Hospital Volunteer Services Department seeks volunteers. Opportunities include patient care areas, early or mid-afternoons at the Information Desk or Gift Shop, or afternoon or evening hours in the Emergency Room or Walk In Center on the Post Road. The hospital desires a weekly minimum commitment of two to three hours. To learn more, please contact the Volunteer Service Department at 203-876-4062 to register for our next Orientation Session which will be offered on Thursday, August 20th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in Auditorium B.

COMING SOON AND "SAVE THE DATES"

WESLEY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING and celebrative will be Saturday, October 3, 4-6 p.m. and a formal litany of dedication at 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 4. Watch for details in the September "Beacon."

FIRST UMC OF SHELTON presents **Pennsylvania Dutch Tour** with Biblical Show "JOSEPH" September 29 to October 1, 2015. Flyers are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary if you would like to sign up for this fun trip.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL continues through September 6th, following worship, in the Courtyard – weather permitting. **Today's hosts** are Cathy Cono and family. **Next Sunday's hosts** are Ty and Tina Gage. **THE ONE REMAINING OPENING IS SEPT. 6.** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in Dodd Hall, or call the church office at 203-874-1982. **Thanks to all who responded to fill the August hosting calendar.**

REMINDER: THE BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ends today. Please place donations in the collection box in Dodd Hall, by the back wall near the rear door.

REMINDER: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING after worship today in the Sunday School office.

THIS WEEK

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

TRASH AND TREASURES DONATION DEADLINE for the Oyster Festival is this Tuesday, August 11th. Please note we are only accepting winter clothing. Put them near or on the cashier tables. We are experiencing growing pains along with less storage space so please check with Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952 before dropping off large items. **Please do not donate: hangers, summer clothing, TV's, computers, old printers, mattresses, baby car seats or helmets of any kind, ski boots, old computer books, obsolete editions of educational books or books in disrepair. Thank you in advance for donating items that are clean and not in need of repair. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE FOOD OR BEVERAGE ITEMS.**

MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL will be this Saturday, August 15th. 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.**

UMW IS HOSTING A BAKE SALE to benefit the "Lift Us Up" campaign Saturday, August 15th at the Oyster Festival. We're asking all our bakers for help in 2 ways:

- Bake for the sale – drop off Friday, Aug. 14th between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall
- Help staff the table – we will be there starting at 9:30 a.m.

If you can help for a couple of hours, please call Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643.

SEPTEMBER "BEACON" DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 15. Please submit articles to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or hard copy to the church office.

CAMPING WEEKEND: Members Tom Chaffin and Laurie Nichols offer a camping weekend for anyone not participating in Oyster Festival activities. It will be this Friday, August 14 through Monday, August 17 at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, CT. The site is reserved and suitable for tent or camper plus vehicle. Cost \$20 for three nights. Meet at church at 12:30 pm on Friday to caravan to the park. Contact Laurie at 203-928-7788 for further details.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XII: This is our annual **outside worship under the tent in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Wesley Center** following the previous day's Oyster Festival. **Informal hymn singing begins at 9:15 a.m.!** Sandy Morgan, MTMUMC member and Certified Lay Servant, will preach the message "We're Only Here on a Visit." Lectionary readings are I Kings 2:10-12 and 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6:51-58. After worship blood pressure screenings will be offered.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., closed Fridays until Sept. When only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. To enter, call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell.

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 and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is still needed for seniors with pets: please leave these in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. They also request towels and blankets for the animals.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention. **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 August 2nd:

Total worship attendance all services:151 August 2nd: 146; Healing and Wholeness, August 3rd: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for August 2nd: \$4,838.25; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$775.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups:3; (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.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, August 9</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship-- Sanctuary</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. Boys & Girls Village School Supply Drive ends today</i>	<i>11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher's meeting – Sunday School office</i>
<i>Monday, August 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>	
<i>Wednesday, August 12</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Building Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>	
<i>Thursday, August 13</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers</i>	
<i>Friday, August 14</i>	<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>	
<i>Saturday, August 15</i>	<i>Beacon Information is Due today</i>	
	<i>10:00 a.m. Milford Oyster Festival</i>	
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<i>Sunday, August 16</i>	<i>9:15 a.m. Informal singing – Outside Tent</i>	
<i>Tent Service</i>	<i>9:30 a.m. Worship—Outside Tent</i>	<i>10:30 a.m. Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings - Sanctuary</i>	
<i>Monday, August 17</i>	<i>6:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism meeting – Wesley Center</i>	
	<i>7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>	
<i>Wednesday, August 19</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Beacon Volunteers- Gunn Library</i>	
<i>Thursday, August 20</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library</i>	
<i>Friday, August 21</i>	<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>	
<i>Saturday, August 22</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Sunday School spruce up classrooms –</i>