

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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. by D. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP Sing four times: all, women, men, all

Jesus, We Are Here 187

Je - sus, we are here, Je - sus, we are here,
Je - sus. we are here, we are here for you.

*HYMN #514 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Webb

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

Thank you, Lord, for calling us together today. We thank you for the privilege and challenge of living as Christ’s body. Thank you for the challenge to fight for what we think is right. Thank you for forgiveness when we get it wrong. Most of all, thank you for your Son Jesus, who has the words of eternal life and whom we have come to believe and know as the Holy One of God. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lavon Bayler, USA, 20th cent., adapted

O merciful God, we confess that we have not worshipped you above all things. Our success and substance become gods and we are far more ready to complain when these gods fail us, as surely they must. We too often feed our bodies without so much as a table grace to feed our souls. Power and wealth rise above sensitivity and service. We substitute religious words and forms to replace living encounters with people: people you have called us to love. Forgive us and grant us the chance to start over again. In the name of Christ whose sacrifice secured our pardon and deliverance, we offer this prayer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 84 Hymnal p.804-5

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-20 Bible p.1067

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL John 6:56-69 Bible p.973

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

*HYMN #600 “Wonderful Words of Life” Words of Life

THE SERMON ”Headed for Home” Dr. Bodt

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 Dawn Bettencourt

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “The Stone” S. Bettencourt

Steve Bettencourt, soloist

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #84

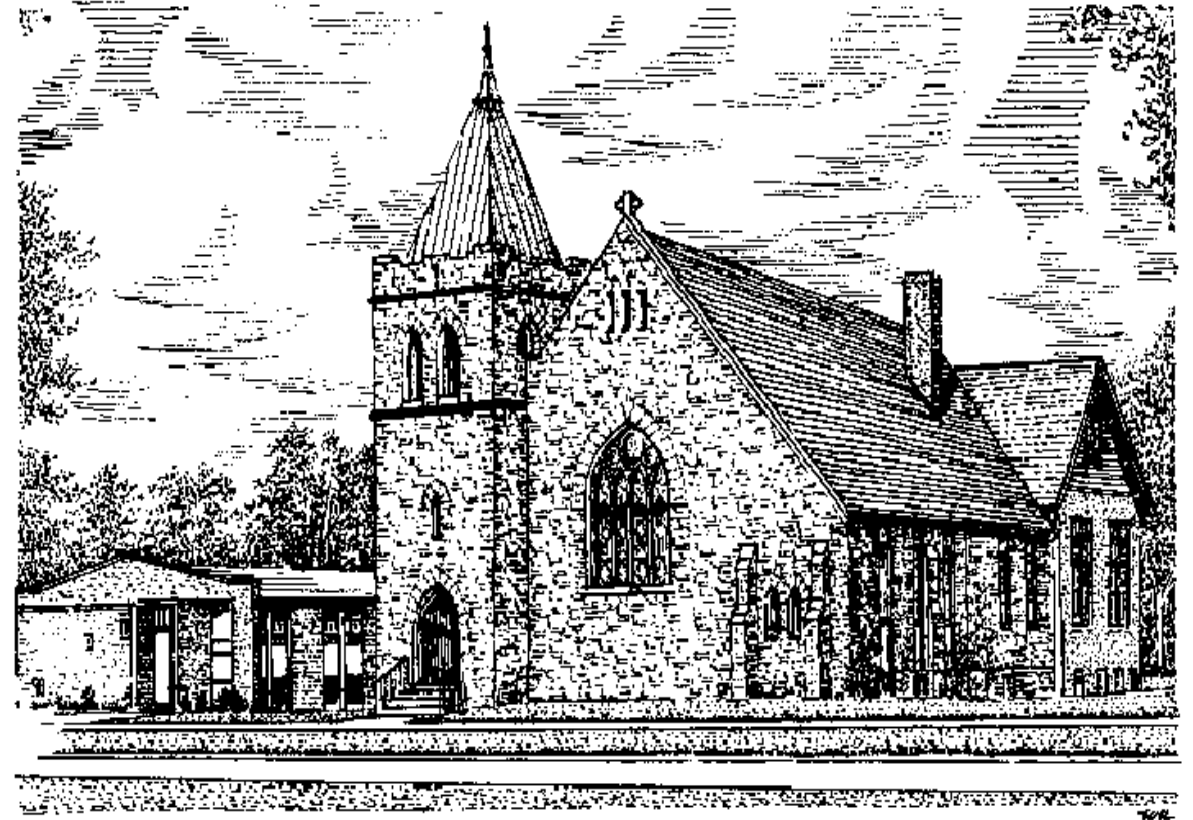
Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

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

*POSTLUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” arr. by G. Lorenz

(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: 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 XIII

August 23, 2015

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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 23, 2015*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

I'm really happy to be returning to church from vacation for a picnic! See you there!

Pastor Brian



TODAY
Sunday, August 23rd 1pm—5pm
CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT RIVERCREST FARM
(the home of Maria and Andy Macri).

Bring your own chair ... and a dish to share ... Beverages and paper goods 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 afternoon 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.



AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Stacey Riccardi

Greeters – Beth and Sarah O'Brien

Liturgist – Jamie Georgelos

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Jamie Georgelos.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of my parents, Berkley and Dorothy Bray, given by Bev Pierpont.

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).

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.



FREE BOOKS IN TRASH AND TREASURE. Our team will be packing up all of our books shortly. Before this happens, please help yourselves to any books, no charge. If you have a special place you would like to donate to, you are very welcome to take them there! Take some books. Make our load lighter!

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 DATE: August 30.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to take our animal food donations to the Silver Sands Shelter at Silver Sands State Park. 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. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

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.

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 TUTORS NEEDED: Mercy Learning Center located at 637 Park Ave. in Bridgeport is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as reading and math in its one-on-one or small group tutoring program. Tutors meet with their students at the Center twice weekly for two hours each session. A one day training session is provided for all new tutors; teaching experience is not necessary. Upcoming training sessions will take place on Tuesday, August 25th, Wednesday September 2nd and Friday September 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Lunch will be provided). For more information or to register please contact Lynn Gabriel or Sandra Santy at 203-332-6699.



ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL continues through September 6th, following worship, in the Courtyard – weather permitting. **Today's hosts** are the O'Brien family. **Next Sunday's hosts** are the Downing family. **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.**

AUGUST "BEACON" (our monthly newsletter) will be mailed this Wednesday at 9 a.m. We can always use a few more volunteers to prepare it, so come to the Wesley Center at that time or let Mary Lou Kampert know of your interest (203.874.1982)

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XIV: The message "Contaminants" will be based on James 1:17-27 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. The scripture translation this week will be from the Common English Bible (CEB). Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST WORSHIP ON THE 9:30 A.M. SUMMER SCHEDULE.

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. If you and your pet are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.

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.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION CONTINUED

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 16th:

Total worship attendance all services: 113; August 16th: 108; Healing and Wholeness, August 17th: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for August 16th: \$3,649.14; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$1,920.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Engaged in Small Groups: 38; (Office Volunteers 3; UMW: 20; Oyster Festival bake sale: 7; Club 80 Planning meeting: 8; 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.

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.

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY is a 24 week bible study broken into 3 eight-week sessions: Creating the Covenant (**September 29 – November 17**), Living the Covenant (**January 5, 2016 – February 23**) and Trusting the Covenant (**March 29 – May 17.**) It encompasses daily readings that help nurture the impact the Bible has on our lives. This is the first time MTMUMC has offered this class and we hope many of you will be joining us for this spiritually rewarding adventure. Class size limit is 12 so please see/call Sandy Morgan at 203-874-4274 or Holly Firmender at 203-878-6257 to sign up or you can call Mary Lou at the church office at 203-874-1982.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary

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

1:00 p.m. Church picnic – Rivercrest Farm 534 Oronoque Rd. Milford

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 p.m. Lift Us Up meeting – Gunn Library

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Beacon volunteers – Egan Room

9:00 a.m. Building Committee – Gunn Library

Thursday, August 27

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper - Dodd Hall

Friday, August 28

The Church Office is closed – summer hours

Sunday, August 30

9:30 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary – Last worship on the 9:30 a.m. schedule

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

Monday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 p.m. Golden Hill Community Supper – Bridgeport

Thursday, September 3

6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor's study

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee meeting – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center

Friday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers

Saturday, September 5

Milford Relay for Life

