

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460

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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 all electronic devices to preserve the dignity of worship.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Picardy” arr. by T. Kenall

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #404 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Pentecost

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*) “For True Life” Hymnal #403

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THE EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-11 Bible p.1073

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

*THE GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 Bible p.949

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN 2152 “Change My Heart, O God” rear cover

THE SERMON “Preparing Your Will” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II Hymnal p.12

*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 “Ain't Got Time to Die” Hal Vink, soloist
*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II Hymnal p.13

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so all may come.

After the celebrants and ushers commune, the ushers will direct you forward to the serving stations.

Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat. If you need to receive seated in your pew please notify an usher.)

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: # 623, 626, 635

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 #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” World Peace

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Fill My Cup, Lord” Hymnal #641
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

*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.

Change My Heart, O God 2152

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —

— Change my heart, O God, —

may I be like you. — You are the

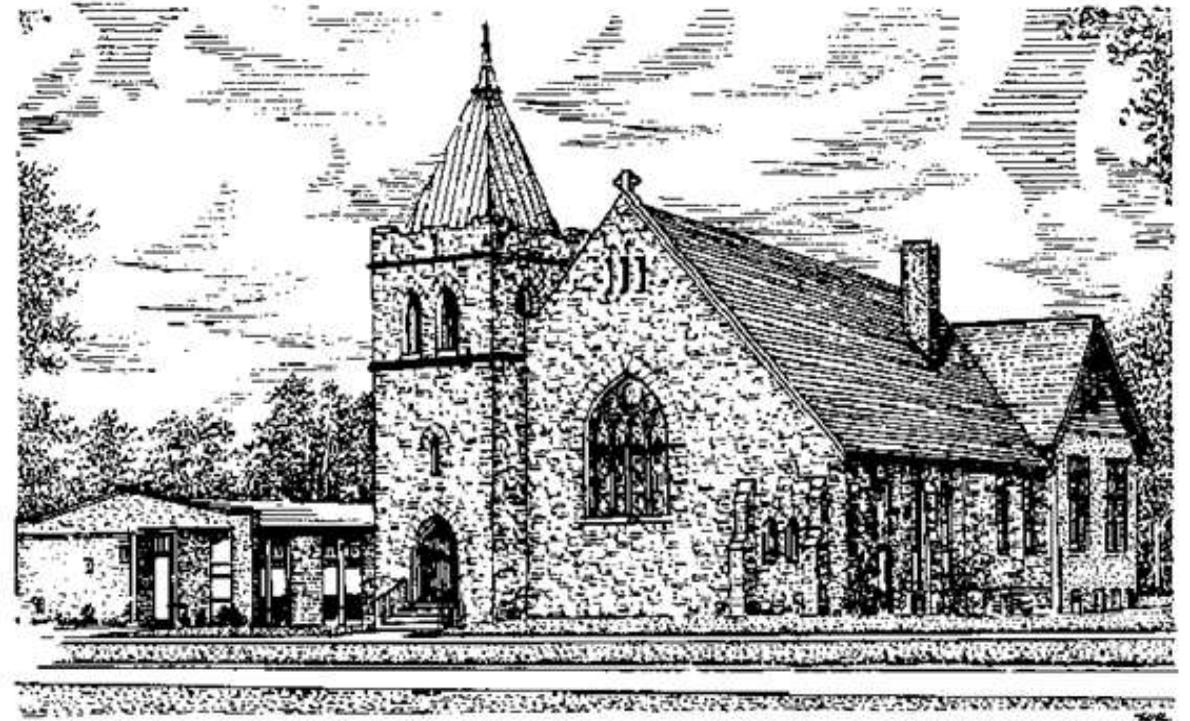
Pot - ter, I am the clay. —

Mold me and make me, this is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God, —

make it ev-er true. — Change my heart, O God, —

— may I be like you. —



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 XI
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 August 4, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

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

Sunday, August 4 **PENTECOST XI**
9:30 a.m. *Holy Communion – Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. *Summer Punch Bowl*
5 – 7 p.m. *Church picnic and “jam” at River Crest Farm*

Monday, August 5 7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*
Thursday, August 8 7:00 p.m. *“Extravagant Generosity” committee – Wesley Ctr.*

Sunday, August 11 **PENTECOST XII**
9:30 a.m. *Worship – Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. *Summer Punch Bowl*

Monday, August 12 7:00 p.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel*
Thursday, August 15 *Beacon Information Due*
Saturday, August 17 *Oyster Festival 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Volunteers 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)*

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
August 4, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Thanks to Pastor Hal for preaching and leading worship last Sunday and covering July 26-31 while I was away; and to those additional clergy (Rev. Art Yost, Rev. Cindy Dodd and Rev. Jim Stinson) available to support him. A “break” is good for us all and I hope you have similar opportunity this summer to travel or alter your routine.

There is an old bumper sticker that says “The one that dies with the most toys wins.” The rebuttal bumper sticker said “The one that dies with the most toys still dies.”

Today’s Gospel story reminds us of the inevitable. As a treasurer in one of my churches was fond of saying “None of us gets out alive.” The message is designed to prod us to temporal and celestial thinking about our “stuff” and its impact on our relationship to God. The context of Jesus’ riff—a request that he arbitrate a family squabble over possessions—is far too familiar. Our quest for things and the damage it can do to human relationship is also another way to pray about how this story may speak to us.

May our first priority be to be “rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

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 –Dave Doyle

Greeters – Carol Koch and Frieda Pope

Liturgist – Ken Hawkins

Communion Stewards – Joan Zauner and Karyn Doherty

Special Musician – Lydia Smith

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Ken Hawkins at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Michael and Maureen Groves in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

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 will return next week, hard copy and on-line: 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 or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian Bodt** (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. 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 28:

Total worship attendance all services: 141 (July 28: 129; Healing and Wholeness July 29: 12; Total Offering: \$2625; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$57; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 31; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions:0. **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 TODAY, 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 Edie Reichard. **Next Sunday’s hosts** are Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway. Hosting dates still open are August 25 and Sept. 1. Please sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the Dodd Hall kitchen.
- **BACKPACK COLLECTION DEADLINE IS TODAY:** We are collecting for the Boys and Girls Village. See enclosed flier.
- **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PICNIC AND MUSICAL “JAM SESSION”** is **TODAY, 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!
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact (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.
- **“FIX IT BOX”** is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.
- **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 “Coming Soon.”
- **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).

THIS WEEK

“GRADUATE LIST” DEADLINE is **tomorrow, August 5th**. If you would like to have your graduate recognized on Sunday, August 11th, please email your information to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or submit a hard copy to the church office.

MEN’S CLUB Meeting tomorrow, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Dodd Hall regarding the Oyster Festival. Please call Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 or Dave Carr at 203-931-0516 if you cannot attend.

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR AUGUST 11 are **due by Noon on Wed., August 7th**, hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST XII- “You’re kidding, Jesus, right?” will be the message based on Luke 12:32-40. Other readings include Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; and Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16. We will recognize our recent graduates. Our Mission Minute will be on the Red Bird Mission.

COMING SOON

OYSTER FESTIVAL, Saturday, August 17, all day (10am – 6pm). “It’s that time again... The 39th 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.

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.

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 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 and highlight Scholarships. Committee Members: Diana Cable, Chris Carveth, Greg D’Andrea, Wil Wright, Joan Zauner.

SAVE THE DATES

- **August 24, 2013 is the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington.** Join us for the 50th anniversary of the **1963 Civil Rights March on Washington** on August 24th. Buses will be leaving from 3 locations in NYC as well as White Plains. Seat: \$40 per person. Buses will depart from each location at 5:00 a.m. and return to NYC at 10:30 p.m. You can find more details and register at www.nyac.com/march. If there is enough interest, there may be a bus available from Connecticut. Please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10, if you are interested in going. (See the enclosed flyer for more information).
- **“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).