

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Order of Worship
10:00 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Book of Worship, 1965, alt.

L: May those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

P: *Yes, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God’s holy name.*

L: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

P: *We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.*

*HYMN #181

“Ye Servants of God”

Hanover

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*)

The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 1979, alt.

Almighty God, you created us in your own image. Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression. And, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Michael J. O’Donnell, USA, 20th cent.

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER

Psalm 91

Hymnal p.810

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Bible p.954

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #436

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

Meirionydd

THE SERMON

“In Clear Line of Sight”

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

Carol Galloway

RESERVATION CARD COMPLETION Don Hastings, Chair, *New Consecration Sunday*
(*Consecration Sunday will be October 16. Please make your reservation for the complimentary catered luncheon in Dodd Hall by completing the card and placing it in the offering today.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Duet:

“El Shaddai”

Harpist: Mary Lou Kampert

Baritone: Rev. Brian Bodt

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

(*Let the ushers retire and the anointers come forward.*)

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

Each last Sunday of the month, all are invited to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing hymns 408, 407, 405 and 397. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice of God’s love is a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.”

Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.

*HYMN #413

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

Boylston

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Shalom to You”

Hymnal #666

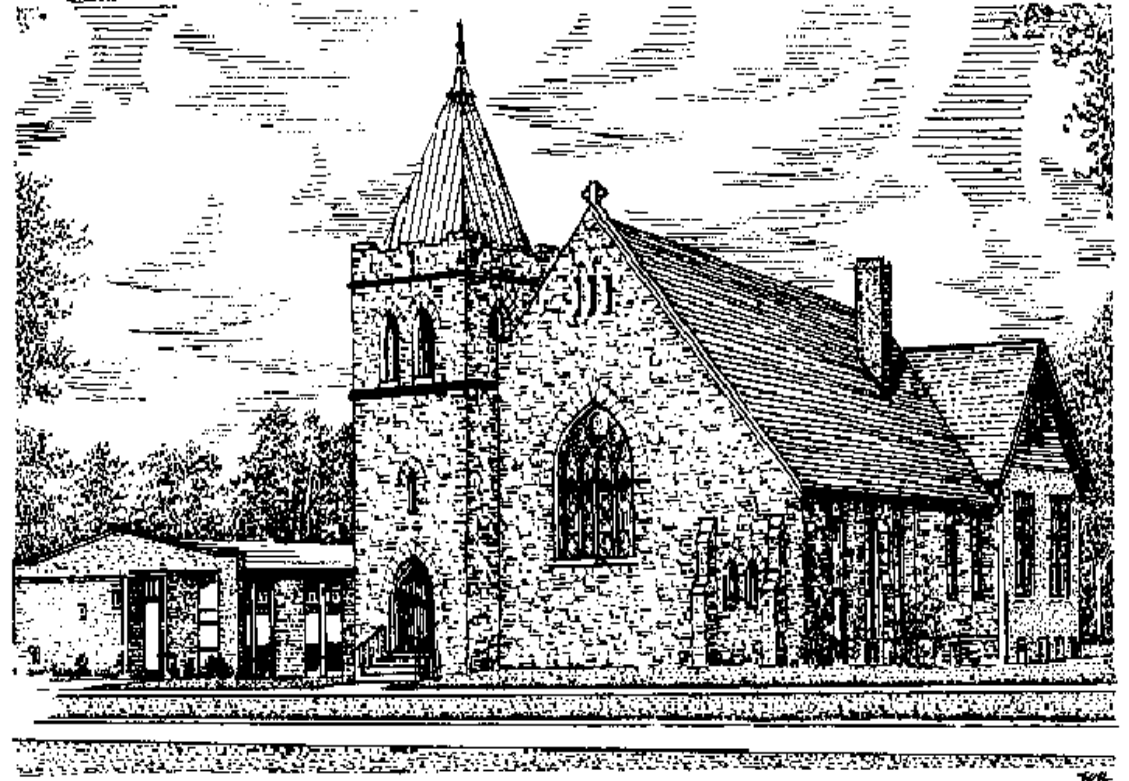
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*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.



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 XIX

September 25

~TWO WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL~

<i>Sunday, September 25</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time - Dodd Hall</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Visitation Ministry meeting – Wesley Center, 1st Floor</i>
	3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Bishop Bickerton welcome, Salem UM Church, NYC</i>
<i>Monday, September 26</i>	5-7 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC leadership meeting – Egan Room</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 27</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 28</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>“Beacon” volunteers – Egan Room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
	Noon	<i>Taize worship – sanctuary</i>
	Noon	<i>Bishop’s Retreat – Stony Point, NY (Pastor Brian)</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
		<i>NO Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, September 29</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>MTMUMC Foundation – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Gay-Straight Alliance ministry – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, September 30</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Sunday, October 2</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday School-Wesley Center</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Fellowship Time and Bruce Rumford recognition - Dodd Hall</i>
	3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Ghana Emmanuel UMC – Chapel and classrooms</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship – Youth Lounge, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Monday, October 3</i>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 4</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Confirmation class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 5</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	7:45 p.m.	<i>Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 6</i>	5:30 p.m.	<i>Pastors – Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s study</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Missions Committee – Gunn Library</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, October 7</i>	10:00 a.m.	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, October 8</i>	9 am – 2:15 p.m.	<i>CT District United Methodist Women meeting – Dodd Hall, Sanctuary and Wesley Center</i>

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton
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	Nelson V. Brown	Outreach Pastor	Danielle Levine
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
		Theologian-in-Residence	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

*Grace Notes
September 25, 2016*

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

“It’s Coming – October 16.” You’ve seen a few of those fliers posted around our campus as you arrived today. Listen in our service for what “It” is.

We are assembling a team of people to continue the monthly Taize worship first brought to us by the late Bob Lawrence, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 5. If you are interested in being part of this team, or leading service periodically, please contact Priscilla James (203.804.0279; pcjames60@gmail.com) or me.

Although “The Beacon” (our monthly newsletter) is being mailed this Wednesday, two events are coming up with short lead times worth noting here:

- All are invited to attend the CT District United Methodist Women (UMW) Fall Gathering hosted here by our UMW, Sat., Oct. 8, 9 am – 2:30 p.m. The topic is “Racial Justice: Empowering Women.” The registration deadline is this Saturday, Oct. 1 so we have enclosed a form today for your convenience.*
- Walt and Myrna Clinton from First and Wesley UM Church will be with both Sunday School and worship next Sunday, Oct. 2. Native Americans, they will speak next Sunday on the theme of caring for our earth. You are invited to join their presentation at Sunday School at 9 a.m. in the Chapel as well as in worship at 10 a.m.*

I will be on a 24 hour retreat with Conference clergy, led by our new Bishop, Thomas Bickerton, from mid-day Wednesday to mid-day Thursday. Please keep us in prayer.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian Bodt*

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Carol Degnan and Diana Titus

Liturgist – Christine McGregor

Bible bearer - Zoe Browne

Acolyte – Amanda Repetsky

Intercessor – Rev. Hal Vink

Healing Anointers – Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James and Mark Platt

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Reverend Bodt and Christine McGregor.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given To the Glory of God.

A **MISSION CROSS** has been placed and a donation made to UMARMY from Flo Berrien, in celebration of Barbara Repetsky's birthday today.

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 based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

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.

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. **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or Danielle.levine@mail.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 September 18th:

Total worship attendance all services: 200; September 18th: 172, Ghana Emmanuel UMC: 21; Sept. 19th, Healing & Wholeness: 7; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for September 18th: \$4,778.50; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$289.34; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence \$2,297.79; Engaged in Small Groups: 146; Methodist Youth Fellowship Picnic: 24; United Methodist Women Club 80 Luncheon, 27; Confirmation: 6; Adult Bible Study, Tues.: 13; Adult Bible Study Wed.: 9; Sunday School: 50; No Bell Choir; Adult Choir, 15: Office volunteers: 2; 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

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted by the Men's Club. **Next Sunday** will be hosted by the Downing Family and friend(s), with a cake provided by Staff-Parish in honor of Bruce Rumford's August 27th retirement as Sexton. We will present Bruce with a retirement "purse" at that time. See "This Week" notice on how to contribute.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets tonight, 4-5 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, Wesley Center, 1st Floor. All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. A calendar of events will be distributed tonight. We will meet most Sundays from 4-5 p.m.

T-SHIRT ORDERS FOR THE "TRICK OR TROT" RACE ARE DUE TODAY! Complete the enclosed order form and **give it to Paul Downing this morning!** It's not just any T-shirt! Our Mary Taylor Memorial Church customized t-shirt, designed by "our own" Bev Downing, supports the shelter ministry of the Beth-El Center. The "Trick or Trot" run/walk is Sat., Oct. 29.

REGISTRATION FORMS TO RUN/WALK "TRICK OR TROT" are found on the tables in the front and rear of the sanctuary, or go to www.milfordtrickortrot.com. The course is 3.1 miles.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

LAST CALL FOR "WHAT IS THE BIBLE?" class meeting Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. (attendees choose one or the other). Please see Pastor Brian for a book. Chapter 2 should be read for this week's session. The study ends November 1-2.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BRUCE RUMFORD'S FAREWELL GIFT may be made today. Place a **check** in the offering plate, payable to "MTMUMC" and memoed "Bruce Farewell Gift." **Cash** gifts may be given to any member of the SPRC: Dennis Darak, Eileen Doyle, Tina Gage, Richie Perregaux, Edie Reichard, Becky Virgalla, Tom Beyer and Wil Wright, along with Lay Leaders Kelly O'Hara and Leigh Bak. **The deadline for contributions is this Wed., Sept. 28.**

TAIZE WORSHIP is offered this Wed., Sept. 28 at noon. This 30 minute service is offered every 4th Wednesday at noon and 4th Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

CALLING HOURS FOR JULIA YOUNG, mother of Cheryl Griffin, are this Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-7 p.m. at Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 North Broad Street, Milford. The memorial service immediately follows at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. For Julia's biography and to post on-line condolences, go to www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR ALL MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 2nd

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY We will celebrate Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting B). The sermon, "*Call to Duty or to Encourage the Heart?*" will be based on Luke 17:5-10. Lisa Sobolewski will be our second "*New Consecration Sunday*" speaker. We will also have a special presentation on Native American ministries by Myrna and Walt Clinton, members of First and Wesley UM Church, West Haven. (Myrna and Walt will also present at the Sunday School at 9 a.m.) After worship, we will have a farewell reception for Bruce Rumford, our sexton who retired Aug. 27.

COMING SOON

ORDER FOR THE UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE, 2017 An order for the 2017 edition of The Upper Room Discipline will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Don Hastings (203.877.4554 or nctmwash@aol.com). The cost of \$10 is the same for regular or large print.

The Upper Room Discipline is a book of daily devotionals, following the calendar year and based on the lectionary, the scripture readings that are the basis of most Sunday sermons. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all parts of the Bible. During the past few years many members of Mary Taylor have begun reading the Discipline as a way to increase their knowledge of the Bible. ("The Upper Room" daily devotional booklets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary are not the same as The Upper Room Discipline.)

RUNNING WATER FOR AFRICA, a 5k Race and Walk, will be held **Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.** at the Walnut Beach Pavilion, 242 East Broadway, Milford. **Sue O'Shea** (203.494.5339; sueoshea@optonline.net) intends to run and invites others to join her. The proceeds of the event will be used to expand the water project in the village of Nganiko, Uganda and provide thousands of people with running water, including a school and medical clinic. Contact race director Marty Schaivone at msrunningproductions@yahoo.com for more information or to register for the race.

PEER-TO-PEER JOB SEARCH GROUP meets each 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the convent meeting room at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford. Experts in hiring, resume-building and interviewing lead the group. For more info, contact Andy Ancel at adancel@yahoo.com.



SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR REGISTRATION.