

Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

*Sunday, September 28*  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall  
11:00 a.m. Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall  
11:15 a.m. Parish Nurse meeting - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Wesley Center  
4:00 p.m. MYF “Mission Possible” event – Dodd Hall

*Monday, September 29*  
8:00 a.m. Bishop’s Retreat – Stony Point, NY – Pastor Brian  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

*Tuesday, September 30*  
8:00 a.m. Bishop’s Retreat – Stony Point, NY – Pastor Brian  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study  
7:30 p.m. “Extravagant Generosity” team – Egan Room

*Wednesday, October 1*  
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall  
7:00 p.m. Fall Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – Supt. ’s office

*Thursday, October 2*  
10:00 a.m. Social Service meeting – Dodd Hall – Pastor Brian  
6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders Meeting – Pastor’s study  
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – Egan Room

*Friday, October 3*

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*Sunday, October 5*  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Wesley Center  
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary/Bell Dedication  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall  
11:00 a.m. Mission Pie Sale Fundraiser-Dodd Hall  
11:30a.m. New Member Session – Pastor’s Study

*Monday, October 6*  
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

*Tuesday, October 7*  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Disciple 3 – Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center  
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study

*Wednesday, October 1*  
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall  
7:00 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study – Gunn Library  
7:00 p.m. Fall Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting

*Thursday, October 2*  
10:00 a.m. Social Service Meeting –Dodd Hall-Pastor Brian  
6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

*Friday, October 3*  
10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

*Grace Notes*

*September 28, 2014*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*My comments today fall under the heading “Heads Up!”*

*“Heads up” to welcome Mark C. Kasmin as our guest organist. No stranger to our console, Mark resides in Colebrook, CT but is a native of Milford and a public school teacher here and in Simsbury, CT for many years. He is past Dean of the Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Riccardi returns for choir rehearsals on Wednesday.*

*“Heads up” for Nick Bettencourt and Amanda Pitre, both K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday School teachers with Susan Pitre. Their names were omitted in last Sunday’s printed recognition.*

*“Heads up” for the pies coming from Lyman Orchards. Don’t take one in the face but do take one for the (Missions) team by placing your order today or any Sunday through October 19<sup>th</sup>. Pies will be delivered November 15 and proceeds support Missions.*

*“Heads up” as we near the Oct. 1 – Nov. 23 hibernation period for our “Lift Us Up” capital campaign to fund handicapped-accessible renovations to the Wesley Center. Please help us meet our goal of \$250,000 in gifts and pledges by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. There is information at the table in Dodd Hall after worship today.*

*“A busy place” people often say to me on reading our program. “You bet,” I reply. However busy we are, may our actions and words reflect the love of Jesus always.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Ministers	All the People of God	Interim Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Neil Irons
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Bishop-elect	The Rev. Jane Allen Middleton
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Kelly O’Hara

**Acolytes** – Cody McFadden and Antonio Oliveras

**Liturgist** – Bob Virgalla

**Healing anointers** – Mary Lou Hastings, Bob Lawrence, Barbara Ann Griggs, Priscilla James and Faye Zeiner

**Greeters** – Sally Chapin and Pat Jaser

**Bible Bearer** – Taylor Wilmot

**Cross Bearer** – John McFadden

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Bob Virgalla.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of mother, Ruth Farence and in memory of husband, Pierre Burke, given by Viola Burke..

**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. 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 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

**SERMON COPIES** from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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, 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.



## MISSIONS UPDATE

- **Fall Fundraiser –In Progress Now.** This year the Mission Committee will again be selling delicious Lyman Orchard pies for \$16.00 each. Order taking begins on September 28 and will continue through October 19 with delivery just in time for Thanksgiving on November 15. Please support the Mission projects of this church. LOOK for the Missions table in Dodd Hall each Sunday.



Feeding 5,000 men (plus the women and children) WOW - what a miracle was performed; they all ate and were satisfied ([Matthew 14:20](#)).

Do you think we at Mary Taylor Memorial UMC can feed 10,000 in 3 hours? No, you say; well...YES it can be done, just ask Ed and Brenda Pineau. Missions was presented with a program that Brenda and Ed participated in at their church in FL that assembles 10,000 dry meals. It speaks to the heart of

many to help in feeding the poorest of people around the world. SO, Missions is taking on the challenge of packaging 10,000 meals through the organization Stop Hunger Now, <http://www.stophungernow.org>

**Stop Hunger Now** began its meal packaging program in December 2005 to fulfill its mission to provide food and lifesaving aid to the world’s most destitute and hungry. Since then, more than 600,000 volunteer hours have been donated to package more than 85 million meals to feed the world’s impoverished.

The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. These meal packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf-life of two years.

What can you do to help –**VOLUNTEER**. We have booked November 8 to participate in this packaging program. We need a minimum of 75 volunteers BUT many hands make light work. It is estimated that 75 people can package 10,000 meals in 3 hours. Brenda has told us that her FL church packaged 10,212 meals in 1 hour and 20 minutes with 150 volunteers. This event will be a fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for anyone in our church age 12 and above. Please see Brenda Pineau, Deb Dubien or Maryann Petremont to get your name on the list for this exciting program. No experience necessary!

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

### OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION** by Pastor Brian continues. The purpose of these visits is to continue to get to know our members and friends. Visits may also occur in his office. Weekday, evening and Sunday appointments are available. If you would like to arrange for one, please contact Mary Lou Kampert at 203.874.1982, ext. 10.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that when only one staff person is in the Wesley Center during office hours the building is locked. If you find this, please call the office (203.874.1982) or ring the Broad Street doorbell. Thank you.

**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 & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** Wet and dry cat food is desperately needed for seniors with pets. They are also requesting towels and blankets for the animals. Please leave food items in the back of the church or take to the Milford Animal Shelter at Silver Sands State Park.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Pastor Brian ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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:** 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.

### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 21st:**

Total worship attendance all services: 184 (September 21, 180 Healing and Wholeness, September 22: 4) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up”) for September 21: \$6,766.33; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: \$19,622.16. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$200; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups 101; Office Volunteers: 8; Sunday School: 47; Disciple 3, 15; Adult Bible Study-Tuesday 5; Adult Bible Study-Wednesday 10; Confirmation: 16 (youth and parents) Adult Choir, 0; Bell Choir, 0; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

**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!

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today’s host is the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday’s hosts are Membership and Evangelism.

**THE "LIFT US UP!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** for handicapped accessibility in Wesley Center nears its October 1 – Nov. 23 “time out.” Avail yourself of information at the table in Dodd Hall staffed by Rachel Merva and friends. We need less than \$15,000 to reach our Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> goal of \$250,000 (toward a total of \$400,000). We’ll have an updated report next week. Not available after church? Please contact Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; [tom.beyer@cort.com](mailto:tom.beyer@cort.com)) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net)) for conversation or to obtain these materials. Thanks!

**VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM** meets today after worship, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Wesley Center.

**PARISH NURSE TEAM** meets today after worship in the sanctuary. You need not be a nurse or healthcare professional to participate in this ministry! Anyone with an interest in promoting health and wellness within our church and community is invited to attend. We’ll meet no more than 40 minutes to discuss potential topics of health promotion for the next 12 months. Just come with ideas: no idea is too big or too small! For more information, please contact Sheryl Hollyday by phone or email: [doulee@aol.com](mailto:doulee@aol.com) or 203-874-7325.

**MISSIONS FALL FUNDRAISER:** please make your **Lyman Orchard pie reservation** today through October 19. Delivery will be November 15, just in time for Thanksgiving. Let us help you save time with your baking while supporting the Mission projects of this church!

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** meets tonight, 4-6 p.m. in Dodd Hall. We will hold our annual “Mission Possible” event in Dodd Hall to discuss our mission projects for the year. Contact person for this event is Kate; 203-878-5388 ([kite1220@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kite1220@sbcglobal.net)). If you are new to MYF or your e-mail address has changed, please send an e-mail to [kite1220@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kite1220@sbcglobal.net) to make sure you get on our e-mail list!

**THE OCTOBER “BEACON”** (our monthly newsletter) was mailed this past Wednesday. Extra print copies are in the rear of the sanctuary.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

## NEXT SUNDAY

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/Pentecost XVII**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The message "Lost Gains" will be based on Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14 and Matthew 21:33-46. Our denominational offering will be received for World Communion Sunday. We will have a litany of blessing for the Myrtle Beach Church bell. Following worship, the first of three new member preparatory classes will be held in the pastor's study in the Wesley Center.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** begin next Sunday, 11:30 – 1 p.m. in Pastor Brian's study.

Sessions will also be October 12 and 19. All are required (or alternate arrangements made) for joining. New members will be received on Sunday, October 26. If you have not received a letter of invitation and desire to join the church, please call the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest in participating.

## MINISTRIES IN PROCESS

**COLLEGE CONNECTION** is back again. If you have a student in College and would like them to receive a personal note and a little something from Mary Taylor please contact Michelle Craig with their name and address. Michelle can be reached at 203-877-4332 or michellemtmumc@gmail.com. Deadline is October 12, 2014.

**"TRICK OR TROT" 5K RUN/WALK** is the annual benefit for the Beth-El Center, a Milford church-based agency that help people who are homeless get back on their feet. The event is Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. race/walk start at Lisman Landing on Helwig Street. Registration and sponsor forms are in the rear of the sanctuary. Cost is \$25 or that amount in sponsors. If you are a Methodist Youth Fellowship member, please let Kate Georgelos (203-878-5388; [kite1220@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kite1220@sbcglobal.net)) know you are participating.

**ALTAR FLOWER AND MISSION CROSS ORDERS** may be placed with Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien1@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien1@optonline.net). Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf placed on the altar. Please see Beth or information in the back of the church on missions to support. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.



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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 “Three Short Pieces for Organ” Flor Peeters  
(Mark C. Kasmin, guest organist)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, when all who are here - hearing Your Word - are so awakened that they truly turn to Thee, and offer Thee their hearts and souls and very all,

**ALL: *Within such people Thou dwellest. That is the Lord’s house. Let us worship God.***

\*HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy” Nicaea

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)*

***Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***For your mercy and forgiveness, Lord, I confess gratitude and humility - if “gratitude” is adequate for your infinite patience as I make the same mistakes and learn the same lessons again; and if “humility” is truly possible when “pride” is often an easier bulwark against insecurity and fear.***

***O holy, pure, patient and loving God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness and the privilege of serving you all my days. Help my servanthood to mirror your Son’s, whose love is the pattern and means of salvation: even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 78 (selected verses) Hymnal p.799

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Exodus 17:1-7 Bible p.63  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:1-13 Bible p.1069  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

\*HYMN #526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Converse

THE SERMON “Stay Hydrated” 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.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “I Am Yours” Jesus Culture/Rooftop Lyrics  
(Steve Bettencourt, guitarist)

*Here I am before you, falling in love and seeking Your truth  
Knowing that Your perfect grace has brought me to this place.  
Because of You I freely live, my life to You, oh God, I give  
So I stand before You, God, I lift my voice cause You set me free.*

*So I shout out Your name, from the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours.*

*All the good You’ve done for me, I lift up my hands for all to see  
You’re the only one who brings me to my knees  
To share this love across the earth, the beauty of Your holy worth  
So I kneel before You, God, I lift my hands cause You set me free.*

*So I shout out Your name, from the rooftops I proclaim  
That I am Yours, I am Yours.*

*Here I am, I stand, with arms wide open to the One, the Son, the Everlasting God.*

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

AN INVITATION TO HEALING ANOINTING

*You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.*

*This practice from the earliest days of the Church expresses God's love as 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 #496	"Sweet Hour of Prayer"	Sweet Hour
HYMN #546	"The Church's One Foundation"	Aurelia
HYMN #534	"Be Still, My Soul"	Finlandia

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

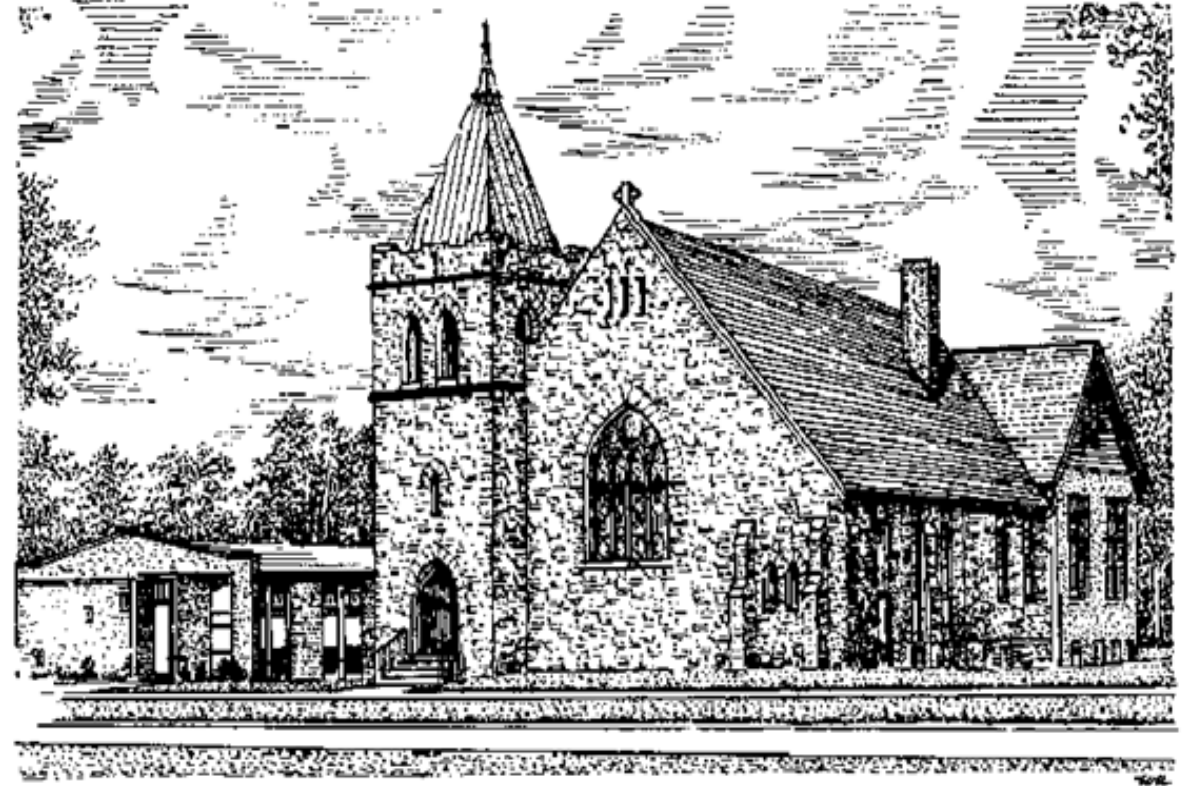
*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.*

*In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.*

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

\*POSTLUDE "Postlude on a Traditional Irish Melody (Slane)" Gordon Young  
*(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 XVI**

**September 28, 2014**