

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*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.*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
November 29, 2015

**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 “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” J.S. Bach  
*(“Awake, calls the Voice to us”)*

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

INTROIT “Wounded World that Cries for Healing”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 80:1-3, CEB (edited)  
Leader: Shepherd of Israel, listen! Show yourself, wake up your power!  
People: ***Come to save us! Restore us, God!***  
All: ***Make your face shine so that we can be saved!***

\*HYMN #211 (verses 1,2,6, 7) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (seated) The Candle of Hope  
*Shelly, Dennis, Hayley and Ryan Lapadula*

SUNG RESPONSE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Hymn #206, vs. 1  
***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.***  
***God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.***  
***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.***  
***The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (seated, unison) Hymnal #201  
***Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and***  
***prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our***  
***sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with***

***joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the***  
***Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p. 33

*Aria Everly Washenko,*  
*daughter of Paul (P.J.) and Tamara (Tami)*  
***Godparents: Alyssa Washenko and Teresa Malins Sponsor: Alison Pitts***

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bible p.724  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

THE EPISTLE I Thessalonians 3:9-13 Bible p.1076  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36 Bible p.960  
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

\*HYMN #202 “People, Look East” Besancon

THE SERMON “Time to Watch” 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.)*

MISSION MINUTE “Alternative Gift-Giving Guide” Deb Dubien, Missions Co-Chair

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Anthem: “A Litany for Advent” S. McRae  
\*Presentation: “What Child Is This” Hymnal #219, vs. 3

***“So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;***  
***The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.***  
***This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;***  
***Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.”***

\*Prayer of Dedication

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*On the last Sunday of each month all are invited to come forward*  
*to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself 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.*





# DEEP: Do it Right!



On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) presented plans for significant changes to Silver Sands State Park. Outstanding questions remain around the impact of these proposed changes which may:

- Cost *all* Connecticut taxpayers money
- Create new access fees that do not exist today
- Increase congestion and exacerbate existing parking challenges in surrounding neighborhoods

Join us in asking state leaders to confirm publicly the impact of their proposed plans by doing the following:

- **Respect the environment:** Complete a new Environmental Impact Study to determine the effects of construction on wildlife and the wetlands and share with the people of Milford before plans move forward;
- **Assess the traffic impact:** Complete a traffic study on the impacts of parking and traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods and share with the people of Milford before plans move forward;
- **Deliver an operating budget:** Complete an operating budget analysis to determine the financial impact of the park on the state and the city and to determine whether charging a parking fee for the first time is truly necessary;
- **Remedy parking issues:** Work with Milford government and community leaders to remedy any parking hardships on the residents of Walnut Beach, East Broadway, and other neighboring areas and streets.

Email these 4 requests to [deep.adjudications@ct.gov](mailto:deep.adjudications@ct.gov)



<http://www.weconnect.org>



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### Grace Notes

November 29, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

*Yes, the sanctuary was filled with pumpkins last Sunday. Today a huge evergreen dominates the sanctuary's southeast corner. What's up?*

*Most years—and this year is no exception—the transition is quick from Thanksgiving to the beginning of the Christian year with the First Sunday of Advent. “Advent” comes from a Latin word meaning “coming.” It is the season of the four Sundays prior to Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Messiah, the Savior of the World. Colors of the season are blue (the color of hope traditionally associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus) and purple (signifying the color of the royalty of Christ).*

*We observe Advent to prepare us for the coming of Jesus Christ. We prepare to remember his past coming in Bethlehem long ago. We prepare to celebrate his coming among us this year on his birthday at Christmas. We prepare for his coming again, as the creed says, “to judge the living and the dead.”*

*Why do we even need Advent? All the people that should have been looking weren't ready or able to see the Messiah born as a vulnerable child in a rude stable. We need a time of preparation to look beyond the obvious to see God's revelation where others can't or won't. May your Advent journey make this possible.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

*P.S. Outreach Pastor Rachel Duncan, R.N., has her first assigned work Sunday at Yale-New Haven Hospital, hence her absence today. We will publish her schedule as it becomes available.*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Ethan Weed

**Liturgist** – Lisa Sobolewski

**Bible Bearer** – Natalie Rendon

**Intercessor** – Pastor Hal Vink

**Healing Anointers** – Barbara Ann Griggs, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, Sandy Morgan and Mark Platt

**Greeters** – Lynn Natlo and Nita Prior

**Acolytes** – Allison Bennett and Amanda Repetsky

**Cross Bearer** – Olivia D’Andrea

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt and Lisa Sobolewski

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are for Lucy, seven years.

**THE MISSION CROSS** is given in memory of Barb Wolf and her dad, Cliff Hulse. Love and miss you—Mom.

**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 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](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

## ~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, November 29</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship and Sacrament of Baptism - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Visitation Ministries meeting – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i>
	<i>Noon</i>	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship treat making (8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school) – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Intergenerational Caroling – gather in Dodd Hall, reception following at Bak’s home, 15 Seaside Court, Milford</i>
<i>Monday, November 30</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>AA meeting/Health care workers – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 1</i>		<i>NO Confirmation Class - Confirmands attend Conference</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Church Conference – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 2</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Praisemaker’s Children’s Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, December 3</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Pastor’s office</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees – Egan Room</i>
<i>Friday, December 4</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>United Methodist Women set-up for Cookie Walk – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Cookie Walk set-up by MYF with pizza dinner – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Saturday, December 5</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Cookie Walk (open to all, sponsored by United Methodist Women) followed by MYF lasagna assembly – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Sunday, December 6</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Adult Christmas party and Yankee Swap – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, December 7</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 8</i>	<i>Noon</i>	<i>United Methodist Women – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Gay-Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 9</i>		<b>POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE!</b>
	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Praisemaker’s Children’s Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, December 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>
<i>Friday, December 11</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Saturday, December 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Creche Assembly – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Christmas pageant children report</i>
	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Christmas pageant – sanctuary</i>
		<i>MYF dinner and dessert auction following – Dodd Hall</i>

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**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 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.

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

**Pastor Brian Bodt** can be reached at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. He 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](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com).

**Pastor Rachel Duncan** can be reached at 203.874.1982 or [rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.e.duncan@gmail.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 November 22nd:**

Total worship attendance all services: 219; November 22nd: 188; Healing and Wholeness, November 23rd: 7; Taize worship Nov. 18: 14; Nov. 19: 10 Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for November 22nd: \$6640; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$18,890; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$2,900; Engaged in Small Groups: 49; (Office Volunteers: 2; Sunday School: 47; No Confirmation or Choir rehearsals this week; 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](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) and is today hosted by Sunday School/Christian Education. Next Sunday’s host is not yet determined. If you can host, please contact the church office (203.874.1982) and we will give you guidelines.

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING is today, 4 p.m.**, gathering in Dodd Hall and carpooling to Milford health care facilities to sing using our voices and choir chimes. **After caroling**, all are invited to the Bak’s home at 15 Seaside Court for refreshments and fellowship. If you’d like to contribute to the food being served, contact Leigh at 203.215.0470.

“**LIVING CRECHE**” **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SIGN-UPS** are today in Dodd Hall or by contacting Rachel Merva (203.641.5088 or [rmerva@optonline.net](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net)) or Priscilla James (203.804.0279 or [pcjames60@gmail.com](mailto:pcjames60@gmail.com)). We need your support in these ways:

- **Be in the crèche** as part of the tableau of Holy Family, shepherds, magi. Times are **Tues., Dec. 22 and Wed., Dec. 23 from 6 – 8 pm** and **Thurs., Dec. 24 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.**
- **Assemble the crèche** on **Sat., Dec. 12** or **dismantle the crèche** after worship on **Sun., Dec. 27.** We need a crew of at least five people.

**LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** to benefit “Lift Us Up” handicapped accessible renovations to Wesley Center are available in Dodd Hall at \$12 each.

**COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH PLAQUES** designed by Cat’s Meow are for sale at \$20 after worship in Dodd Hall from Jane Vink. Proceeds benefit Missions work.

“**THE ANGEL GIFT-GIVING GUIDE**” of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport (CCGB) is available after worship in Dodd Hall. Our congregation became a member of CCGB earlier this year. Our delegates are Diana Cable and Deb Dubien. See Diana for this guide.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS** are due **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. They are \$10 each. Please return the enclosed flier with payment to the church office.

**STAFF APPRECIATION AT CHRISTMAS:** We customarily give our staff a Christmas gift. Please see the enclosed notice and respond if you are able. Deadline: **Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

*Dennis Darak, Staff-Parish Relations Chair*

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR 2016 “ESTIMATE OF GIVING” CARDS** to the offering plate or church office or by mail. Extras are in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you ! *Tina Gage*

**SILVER SANDS STATE PARK RENOVATIONS:** Our Church Council voted unanimously on Nov. 19 to support St. Gabriel’s Church’s request to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to re-examine the data on which the proposed Silver Sands Park renovations are based. Details are in the enclosed flier. If you would like to sign your support for this message, see the petition in Dodd Hall or visit [deep.adjudications@ct.gov](mailto:deep.adjudications@ct.gov).

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

## THIS WEEK

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MARY LOU KAMPERT** is away through December 6. This week's volunteers are Eileen Doyle (Mon., Tues. and Wed.) and Priscilla James (Thurs. and Fri.). Deadline for notices is **noon Wed.** to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE** is **Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. Agenda for the conference includes electing officers, committees and Trustees; setting the pastor's salary; approving Certified Lay Servants; and reviewing the ministry of the past year. The Conference is open to all, with vote reserved to full members of Mary Taylor Memorial Church. The Rev. Jim Stinson, retired elder currently serving Jesse Lee Church, Easton, will preside.

**THE COOKIE WALK** is **this Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** in Dodd Hall and ends when cookies run out: they go fast! Different prices purchase differently-sized cans that can be filled with home-baked cookies. Proceeds benefit the mission activities of the United Methodist Women. If you would like to bake, just do it. You can drop them off at 10 a.m. Friday when Dodd Hall is set up for the walk; or on Saturday morning before 9:30 a.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**ADVENT II:** We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using a liturgy set to the tune of familiar carols. The Advent wreath will be lit by the Cono family and we will bless our Chrismon tree. The message "Time to Get Ready" will be based on Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11 and Luke 3:1-6.

**ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be **next Sunday at 5 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. This "fun and fellowship" event is for all adults. If your **last name begins A-K**, please bring an **appetizer**. If your **last name begins L-Z**, please bring a **dessert**. The Yankee Swap is a game of luck and dare! To participate, please bring a **wrapped gift of no more than \$10 value**. See you then! See the enclosed flier and share it with a friend!

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER:** the first Sunday of the month is hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a church committee. We hope to involve others in this hospitality ministry. **The first open Sunday is Dec. 6.** A "How to Host Fellowship Time" guide is available and others will help you. It's easy-peasy. To volunteer, sign up in the kitchen in Dodd Hall or call Mary Lou in the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10)

**TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS**, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto: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.

## MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UMC TRANSPORTATION CAREGIVER PROGRAM

The intent of the Transportation Caregiver Program is to provide transportation to worship on Sunday mornings and at other days and times that worship is held (Ex: Good Friday). Transportation would also be available to church events that may occur at other times and days of the week (Ex: Club 80 Luncheon) and other needs that may arise.

To procure a ride, a member should call Don Hastings (203-877-4554) or Michelle Craig (203-877-4332) or Judy Darak (203-874-5881). If at all possible, at least a **24-hour notice** would be helpful, but an attempt will be made to deal with last minute situations or emergencies.

## ADVENT AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH

*Advent is a busy time of ministry at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. **These special events** are offered in addition to weekly worship as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. We provide these events today for all, but especially those new to our church. Details can be found in the December "Beacon," available in the back of the church or on-line.*

**BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Gift tags available **today**, gifts are due Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** **Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.** in the sanctuary presented by the Sunday School with dinner and dessert auction following hosted by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

**SOUP SALE AND BAKED GOODS SALE:** **Sunday, December 13 after worship.**

**JANUARY "BEACON" DEADLINE:** **Tuesday, Dec. 15** with articles sent to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or hand-delivered to the church office.

**SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON:** **Sunday, Dec. 20, following worship**, hosted by the Men's Club.

**LIVING CRECHE:** **Tues., Dec. 22 and Wed., Dec. 23, 6-8 p.m. and Thurs., Christmas Eve, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.,** outside the sanctuary.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** **5 and 10:45 p.m. - Sanctuary**

**NEW YEAR'S ALCATHON:** **Dec. 31, 7 p.m. to Jan. 1, 7 p.m.**