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Grace Notes

September 27, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Today's worship is a particular expression of healing ministry. We typically offer prayer and healing anointing the last Sunday of each month. It happens this week that the reading from the apostle James (chapter 5, verses 13-20) speaks directly to the practice of the early church which is the forebear of our practice. The verses of today's special music also reflect on this theme, drawing on this scripture using a reflective tune from a Handel opera.

I've often said there's no place I'd rather be than America in the 21st century for medical care. Still, there are answers that escape the best that modern medicine offers. Dr. Bernie Siegel has done for the relationship between medicine and spirituality what Dr. Sydney Blanton and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale did for the relationship between psychoanalysis and spirituality in the 1930's. That is, two disciplines that seem at odds were brought together, to everyone's benefit.

Consider again the significant theological statement made by our invitation to prayer and healing anointing: "This ancient church practice expresses God's love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ's promise 'I will be with you always.'"

Let whoever desires come to leave burdens at the altar of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

*End Homelessness in New Haven
 Mission Concert
 featuring Life Road Singers*

라이프로드 싱어즈 초청 선교 음악회



**Saturday, October 3, 2015
 7:30 p.m.**

First & Summerfield United Methodist Church
 425 College Street, New Haven, CT 06511

\$20.00 (Adult) & \$10.00 (Senior, Student, Child under 10)

Contact Information: 203-500-1119 (Rev. Soon Kook Ahn) or soonahn@sbcglobal.net

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AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Ed Pineau

Liturgist – Bob Virgalla

Bible Bearer – Addyson Perregaux

Intercessor: Mary Lou Hastings

Healing Anointers – Pastor Hal, Barbara Ann Griggs, Priscilla James, Bob Lawrence, Sandy Morgan and Mark Platt.

Greeters – Carol Alex and Liz Dillon

Acolytes – Amanda Repetsky and Aaliyah Gonsalves

Cross Bearer – Lillia Downing

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Rev. Bodt and Bob Virgalla.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in memory of her mother, Ruth Farence, and her husband, Pierre Burke, from Viola Burke; and to celebrate the life of Michael Groves, given by his wife Maureen.

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). The words of the offertory duet were written by the pastor.

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.

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

<i>Sunday, September 27</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship and New Members received – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:30a.m.</i>	<i>Visitation Ministry- Wesley Center, 1st floor</i>
	<i>4 – 6 p.m.</i>	<i>Methodist Youth Fellowship “Mission Possible” event – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Monday, September 28</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School teachers meeting – Sunday School office</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 29</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, September 30</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Nominating Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Thursday, October 1</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center</i>
<i>Friday, October 2</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library - Wesley Center</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Wedding rehearsal - Sanctuary</i>
<i>Saturday, October 3</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Duskin-Carlino wedding – Sanctuary</i>
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Building Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Courtyard</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Life Road Singers – First and Summerfield UMC, 425 College St., New Haven</i>
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<i>Sunday, October 4</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship/World Communion Sunday/Building Dedication</i>
<i>Monday, October 5</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 6</i>	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confirmation Class – Egan room, Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 7</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Revival Bible Study – Gunn Library, Wesley Ctr.</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall</i>
<i>Thursday, October 8</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Wesley Center</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center 1st floor</i>
<i>Friday, October 9</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers – Gunn Library - Wesley Center</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 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.

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 20th:

Total worship attendance all services: 196; September 20th: 190; Healing and Wholeness, September 21st: 6; Total Offerings (minus “Lift Us Up) for September 20th: \$6,180.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts \$2,768.33; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,961.21; Engaged in Small Groups: 124; (Office Volunteers 11; Sunday School: 46; Confirmation: 11; Revival Bible Study: Tues: 6, Wed: 14; Taize Service Thurs, Sept. 17: 9, Bell Choir: 9 Adult Choir:18 Total persons received on profession of faith: 4; 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.

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Dodd Hall and is hosted by the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday's Fellowship hosts will be the Membership and Evangelism committee. Join us for fellowship and conversation.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF) invite youth (6th grade - 12th grade) and adults alike to join us **TODAY Sunday September 27 , 4 – 6 p.m. for our annual "Mission Possible"** meeting in Dodd Hall. You are invited to present to our youth a Mission that you would like their help to support. The youth will then vote on the Mission they feel most connected to or most inspired by. Please RSVP to Stacy Meszaros at stacymesz@gmail.com or 203 414-9235 (text or call).

THE VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Center, 1st Floor.

THE OCTOBER “BEACON” WAS MAILED THIS PAST WEDNESDAY. Extra copies are in the Narthex (Broad Street end of the sanctuary).

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS TUESDAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED. This study will be offered again after the first of the year. Please contact Sandy Morgan at 203-874-4374 ; sgmorgan@aol.com or Holly Firmender at 203-878-6257; holly.firmender@gmail.com if you are interested in taking the class at that time.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.

THIS WEEK

COLLEGE CONNECTION IS BACK! **Membership & Evangelism** helps members "adopt" college students and fill a padded mailer with Mary Taylor information, photos, local newspaper clippings, inspirational items, and other goodies. The mailers are sent to the students by the Membership & Evangelism committee to let them know their church family is thinking of them.

If you know of a Mary Taylor student to whom we could send a care package, or would like to prepare a package for a student, **please send their name and address to Michelle Craig at michellemtmumc@gmail.com by this October 1st.** If you wish to adopt a college student and gather goodies for their package, please her know as well. **Packages will be collected by the end of October and mailed on November 2nd.**

WESLEY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING AND DEDICATION EVENTS:

Saturday, October 3, from 4-6 p.m.: celebratory ribbon cutting with ice cream social, balloons, praise music and elevator rides.

Sunday, October 4, 10 a.m. worship. See “Next Sunday” article following. Let us join together and commemorate our newfound ability to welcome all who seek to enter the Wesley Center.

NEXT SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION AND DEDICATION SUNDAY We will celebrate Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Setting A). The worship will include a formal litany of dedication for our handicapped accessible renovations of the Wesley Center. A new hymn is written for this occasion and the Adult Choir will sing an anthem also written for this event. The message “*Christ Lifts Us Up*” will be based on Psalm 26 and Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12.

THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM LUNCHEON scheduled for next Sunday, October 4th has been **moved to Sunday, October 11th**. We will meet at Milford Green Pizza on Broad Street (several blocks west of the church) after Fellowship Time.

COMING SOON

THE MEN’S CLUB will hold a 2016 Planning meeting on **Monday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. Dinner will be provided. Call Jim Repetsky at 203-530-4557 for details.

COME AND MEET PROPHETS ISAIAH & JEREMIAH

- WHAT?** Study led by Pastor Hal Vink, using your Bible and “Immersion” study guide (\$10.00)
- WHEN?** Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm or
Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am
- WHO?** “ISAIAH” – **4 SESSIONS – October 27/ 28 to Nov. 17/18**
“JEREMIAH” – **January 5/6 to January 26/27, 2016**
- WHERE?** Wesley Center – 2nd Floor, Church Library (handicapped accessible!)
- INTERESTED?** Tell Pastor Hal (203-878-8977 or vinkhaljane@gmail.com)
Study Guide available after church in October or in the Church office.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINE: An order for the Upper Room Discipline will be made in early December. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 or nctmwash@aol.com. The cost for regular and large print is \$10 each.

The Upper Room Discipline is a daily devotional based on the lectionary, which is the basis of

most sermons on Sunday mornings. 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 lectionary is a 3-year cycle of scripture readings which cover nearly all the parts of the Bible.

The Upper Room devotional booklets that are on the table in the back of the sanctuary are not the same as the Upper Room Discipline.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER: the first Sunday of the month will now be hosted by a family, couple or group of church friends rather than a committee of the church. Our hope is to involve others besides committee members in this ministry of hospitality. The first open Sunday is October 4. 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)

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK THIS WEEK. If you are interested in serving in any aspect of our church’s ministry, please contact Pastor Brian (203.895.3753 or brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or those Nominating Committee members listed with their telephone numbers on page 5 of the October “Beacon.”

DID YOU SIGN UP FOR “STOP HUNGER NOW?” Last year we had over 100 volunteers prepare 10,000 dry meals to ship to crisis points in the world. The date this year is **Saturday, November 7**. We have booked **9 a.m. – Noon** but last year we were done in under an hour. You may register one of two ways:

1. Go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/MTM2015> and follow the instructions, or
2. See Deb Dubien or call her at 203.877.4959 and she will register you.

Remember that **this event is fully funded** so you do not need to donate to participate.

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.

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.

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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 “Cantilene” 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 #126 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Mit freuden zart

A COLLECT FOR THE SICK (*seated, unison*) Hymnal #457, from the Book of Common Prayer, alt.

O God, source of compassion life and health: strengthen and relieve your servants. Give healing power to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may find help in weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through him who healed the sick and is the physician of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Michael J. O’Donnell, USA, 20th cent., alt.

Almighty and all-loving God, you have reconciled the world to yourself through your Son Jesus Christ. Help us now be reconciled with one another that we might again live in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE PSALTER Psalm 124 Hymnal p.846

THE EPISTLE James 5:13-20 Bible p.1103

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

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*THE GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50 Bible p.920

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

*HYMN #488 (*sung thrice*) “Jesus, Remember Me” Remember Me

THE SERMON “If Any of You Are Sick”

Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Hymnal p.33

Barbara Bergland, by Profession of Faith, sponsored by Don and Mary Lou Hastings

Christine McGregor, by Letter of Transfer, sponsored by Joan Zauner

Jim Page, by Profession of Faith, sponsored by Jim Repetsky

Grethe Popp, by Letter of Transfer, sponsored by Diana Cable

*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 Duet: “May All Who Suffer”

(Barbara Repetsky, Soprano Mary Lou Kampert, Harp)
Music adapted from *Lascia Ch’io Pianga* from the opera *Rinaldo* by G.F. Handel
Words by Brian R. Bodt based on James 5:13-20

May all who suffer pray and find peace and those that are ill receive the gift of grace.

Let those who love these lay hands upon them: with holy oil anoint.

May all who suffer pray and find faith, faith that leads to healing, forgiving all of sin.

Let now the elders offer their prayers, prayers of the righteous have power to redeem.

The Lord will raise us up, healing in heart and mind, in body and soul.

May all who suffer pray and find peace and those that are ill receive the gift of grace.

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #186 “Alleluia” Alleluia

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

On the last Sunday of the 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.

This ancient Church practice 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.

HYMNS (*seated, as needed*) #142, 463, 472 and 393

*HYMN #347 “Spirit Song” Spirit Song

*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

“Rondeau” (from *Premier Suite*)

Jean Joseph Mouret

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

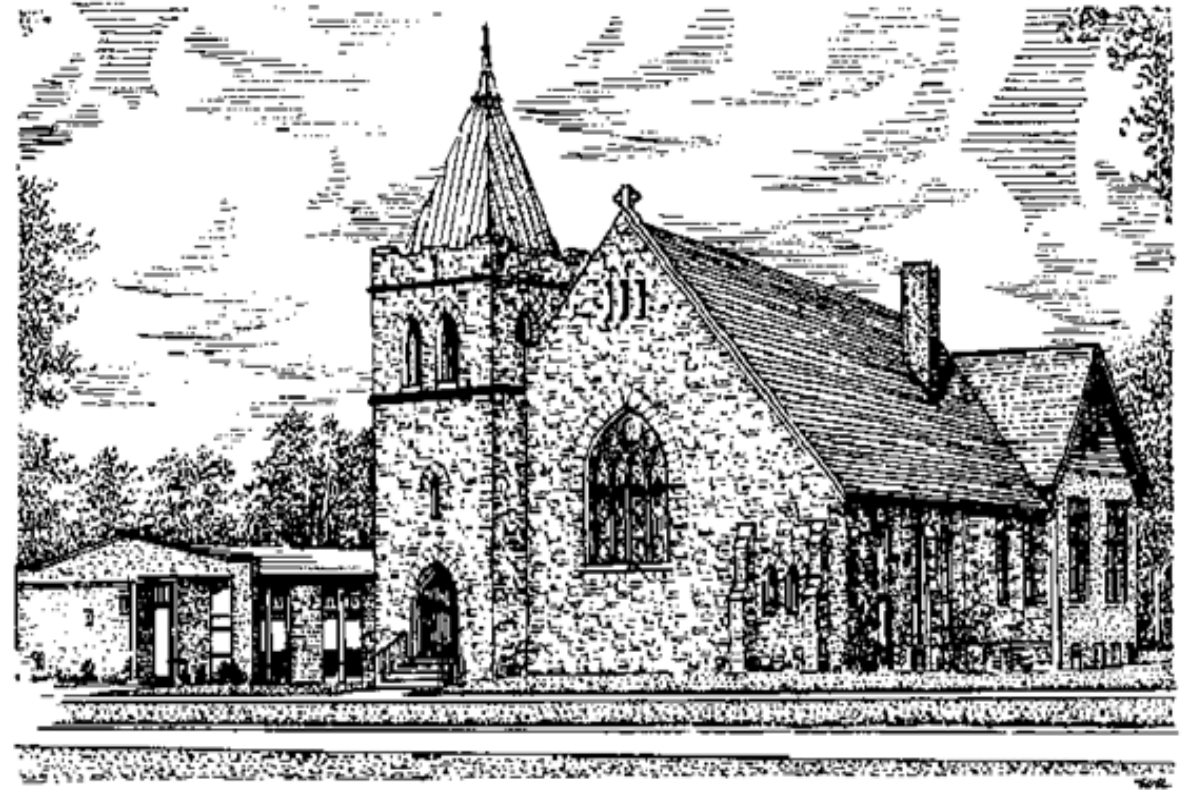
THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

AMONG OUR STAFF TODAY

OUTREACH PASTOR Rachel Duncan is away in Barillas, Guatemala helping teach techniques to prevent and address childbirth emergencies to Mayan midwives. She is working with local Guatemalan leaders and U.S.-based healthcare providers to help reduce the high infant and maternal mortality rates among the Maya surrounding birth. The journey is long and she appreciates your prayers for safe travels and good energy for all involved. She returns to the United States on October 5.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES Dr. Rick Riccardi is away on spiritual retreat and will return this week.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is Mark Kasmin, a native of Milford living in Colebrook, CT since 2005. He holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford in Liturgical Music and Music Education. Mark taught in the Simsbury and Milford public schools and then became Minister of Music at St. Pius X R.C. church in Fairfield. He has served many churches in CT and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, (a national honorary musical fraternity) and a member of the Greater Hartford chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Mark is a past Dean of the Bridgeport chapter AGO. He is now retired while substituting at various churches throughout CT.



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 XVIII

September 27, 2015