

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 “Yankee Doodle Rondo” Carr

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come into this holy place for renewal.

P: God’s Spirit washes over us in love.

L: We are God’s children, loved from our very birth.

P: And heirs of God’s abounding grace.

L: We come to seek God anew

P: Knowing that God is here before we even ask.

All: We come to worship our God.

*HYMN #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory” Cwm Rhondda

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

Freedom-giving God, we gather in your name to worship you. We are here to lift our hearts in praise, to open our minds to hear your Scriptures read and proclaimed, to be placed upon a new path for righteous living. We pray that as we come to worship you that you would free us from whatever it is that is weighing us down—our sin, our sorrow, our shortcomings and our fears. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES II Kings 5:1-14 Bible p.332

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

THE EPISTLE Galatians 5:13 – 6:7 Bible p.1062

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*HYMN #432 “Jesu, Jesu” Chereponi

THE SERMON “The Risks and Joys of EASY Living” Rev. Yost

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

Organ Offertory “Dixiana Caprice” Hoffman

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation, Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution Rev. Yost

*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 pita 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: # 620, 624, 630, 634

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 #437 “This Is My Song” Finlandia

*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.

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

*POSTLUDE “East Nook of Fife” Reinagle
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY...

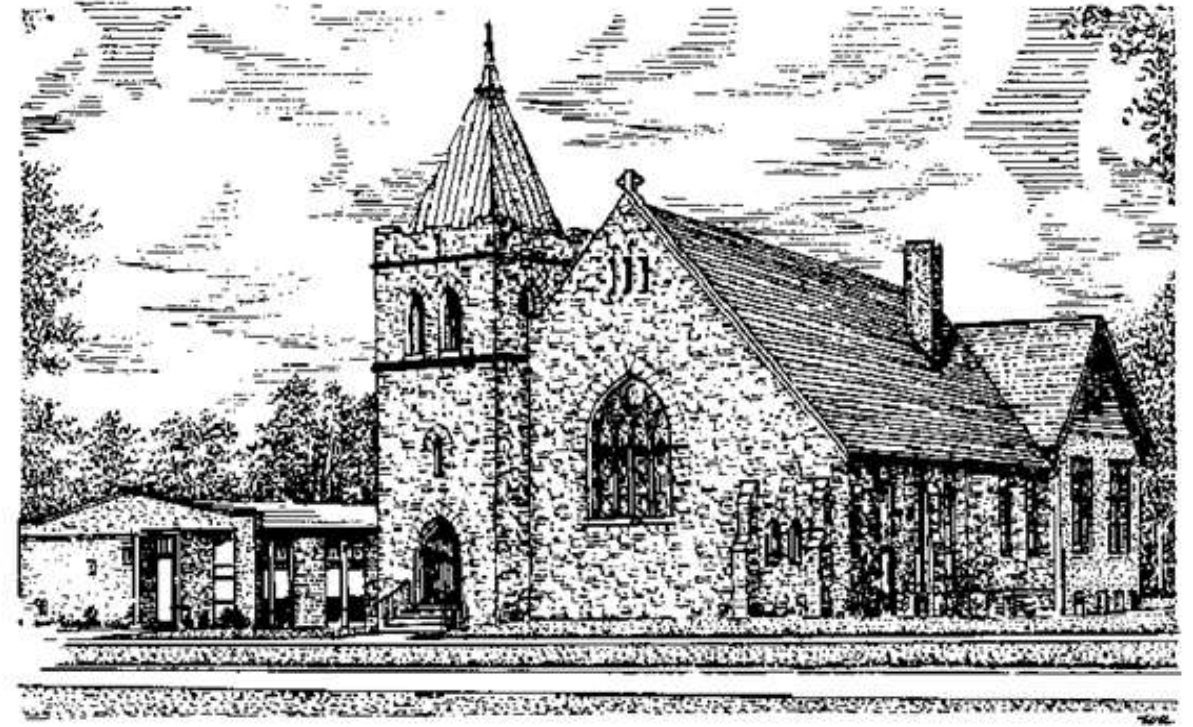
...are the Rev. Art Yost, preacher and Communion celebrant, and Carol Osgood, organist. The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, pastor and Dr. Rick Riccardi, organist are on vacation and will return next Sunday.

The Rev. Art Yost last served for 20 years at First United Methodist Church (now First and Wesley), West Haven. After facilitating the merger he retired in June, 2007 after 40 years of serving churches in Connecticut. He has asked, effective today, for his orders to be registered with us. His wife, Ann, retired two years ago from Bridgeport Hospital where she served as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker both supervising and working in pediatrics. They like to travel, enjoy music, live theatre, photography and volunteer with Bridges Mental Health and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven.

Carol Osgood has been with us often when Dr. Riccardi is away. She has her BA from UConn in Music Education and a teaching certificate in New York State.

Carol has taught Nursery through 8th grade for many years; played organ/piano/conducted choirs in more than nine churches; has taught piano for over 60 years, and teaches now in Fairfield. She also loves to sew, bake and volunteer at Wesley Village where she and her husband Doug, a retired United Methodist pastor, live and do social justice. They have two children and three wonderful grandchildren.

Please extend warm greetings to Rev. Yost and Mrs. Osgood.



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 VII
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

July 7, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

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

<i>Sunday, July 7</i>	PENTECOST VII 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship/Holy Communion – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl</i>
<i>Monday, July 8</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 10</i>	10:30 a.m. <i>Adult Bible Study – The Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>MYF Advisors – 90 Dart Hill Road, Milford</i>
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<i>Sunday, July 14</i>	PENTECOST VIII 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship/Jackson Patrick Darcy Baptism – Sanctuary</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Summer Punch Bowl</i>
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 16</i>	<i>Membership and Evangelism Meeting – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	10:30 a.m. <i>Adult Bible Study</i>

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

Milford Hospital is also offering a cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure screening Monday, July 15,, 4 to 6:45 p.m., at Milford Hospital. A finger stick blood sample is obtained for the cholesterol reading with results of the total and HDL ratios available within minutes. Fasting is not necessary. Education, counseling and referrals will be available. The fee for the cholesterol screening is \$15. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Department of Education at 203-876-4004.

Grace Notes
July 7, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Please welcome the Rev. Art Yost as our preacher and Communion celebrant today, and Carol Osgood as our organist. Their brief bios appear on the reverse cover of the Order of Worship.

Rev. Yost comments on his message today in a “Sermon in a Sentence” with this observation: “My mom had a saying that I remember: ‘There are two ways to learn: by heeding advice or by sad experience.’” Let’s hope God’s wise counsel through him leads us to embrace the former and avoid the latter!

Carol and I are in Massachusetts with her sons Aaron and Ryan, returning this evening. I will return to the office tomorrow. May God give traveling mercies to all of us in this summer season.

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 – David Doyle

Greeters – The Repetsky family

Liturgist – Steve Wasco

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Yost at the Narthex door and Steve Wasco at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God.

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, Sourcebook of Worship Resources, Vol. 5 and The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).

SERMON COPIES from June 30th are in the Narthex or 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** (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 JUNE 30:

Total worship attendance all services: 174 (June 30: 165; Healing and Wholeness July 1: 9); Total Offering: \$4,817.50; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$609; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 8; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 15. **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!

Missions will be collecting in June and July.

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 the Repetsky family. **Next Sunday’s hosts** are the Missions Committee. Hosting dates that remain open are July 28, August 4, August 25 and Sept. 1. Please sign up on the sheet on the refrigerator in the Dodd Hall kitchen.
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** We are currently transferring name tag production to the church office. Please notify us (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) of your need for a new or replacement tag. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Summer Punch Bowl and return them before leaving.
- **A GREEN “FIX IT BOX”** is now located in Dodd Hall. If you see something that needs attention, fill out the form and drop it in the box.
- **BACKPACK COLLECTION:** We are collecting throughout the summer for the Boys and Girls Village. See the flier in this issue.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

THIS WEEK

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR JULY 14 will be **due by Noon on Wednesday, July 10th**, hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT SUNDAY

PENTECOST VIII - “Why Red Means ‘Stop’ and Green Means ‘Go’” will be the message based on Psalm 19 and Luke 10:25-37. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Jackson Patrick Darcy, son of Patrick and Rebecca. We will commission UM ARMY high school volunteers traveling to Scotia, New York.

COMING SOON

AUGUST “BEACON” DEADLINE is **Monday, July 15**. Please submit to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or submit hard copy to the church office.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP will meet **Sunday, July 21** after worship in the pastor’s study. The positions for which we seek disciples are our Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Head of Fair on the Green, and a Christian Education Committee. If you feel led to serve in any of these capacities please speak with Pastor Brian or any member of the committee: Chris Carvath, Deb Dubien, Susan O’Shea, Laura Perregaux, Brenda Pineau, Edie Reichard, Jim Repetsky and Bob Volgmuth.

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT is **Wednesday, July 24th, 2:30 – 5 p.m.** We prepare the meal led by Maryanne Meehan Jordan. We need 6-8 people and anyone 13 or in the 7th grade or older may service. Please let Maryanne know if you can help this month: mjlbwmj@att.net, 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about a 20 minute drive from MTMUMC.

THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC is held the next day, **Thursday, July 25th in Dodd Hall**. Help is needed anytime between 2:30 – 7 p.m. for prep, cooking, serving and clean-up. Please let Jim Repetsky, Men’s Club President, know if you will assist by calling 203.874.8688.

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.

COOKIE WALK CANS NEEDED! Yes, it’s only July, but we ask you to save the large metal ones in 34-36 oz. or 42-46 oz. sizes for the United Methodist Women. (Sorry, we cannot use the plastic or cardboard kind.) Please leave them in Dodd Hall.

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*

“GRADUATE LIST” DEADLINE is **Monday, 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Summer church picnic, Sunday, August 4, 5-7 p.m.** at River Crest Farm, home of Maria and Andy Macri. More details to follow!
- **Oyster Festival, Saturday, August 17, all day**. The Men’s Club will have their usual presence on the church grounds. More details to follow!