

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 “Mediation in F” D. Hegarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach
(The Bell Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV*

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

People: *Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;*

Leader: Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

People: *and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

*HYMN #173 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Ratisbon

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(unison)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #82 *(seated)* “Canticle of God’s Glory” Old Scottish Chant

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 24:12-18 Bible p.69

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

ANTHEM “God is So Good” Traditional
(The Praisemakers Choir with Sarah Brockett, Tina Gage and Lisa Gloates, bells)

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9 Bible p.894

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

*HYMN #258 “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair” Wareham

THE SERMON “Extreme Makeover, Church Edition” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE IV Hymnal p.26

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “All Hail the Power” arr. D. Marsh

(The Adult Choir)

*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE IV Hymnal p.27

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS AND AGNUS DEI Hymnal p.30

*THE COMMUNION

(The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. Juice and gluten-free bread are the elements. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as it is served. Leave the cup in the holder at the rail and await a blessing before departing.)

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.

*HYMN #127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

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

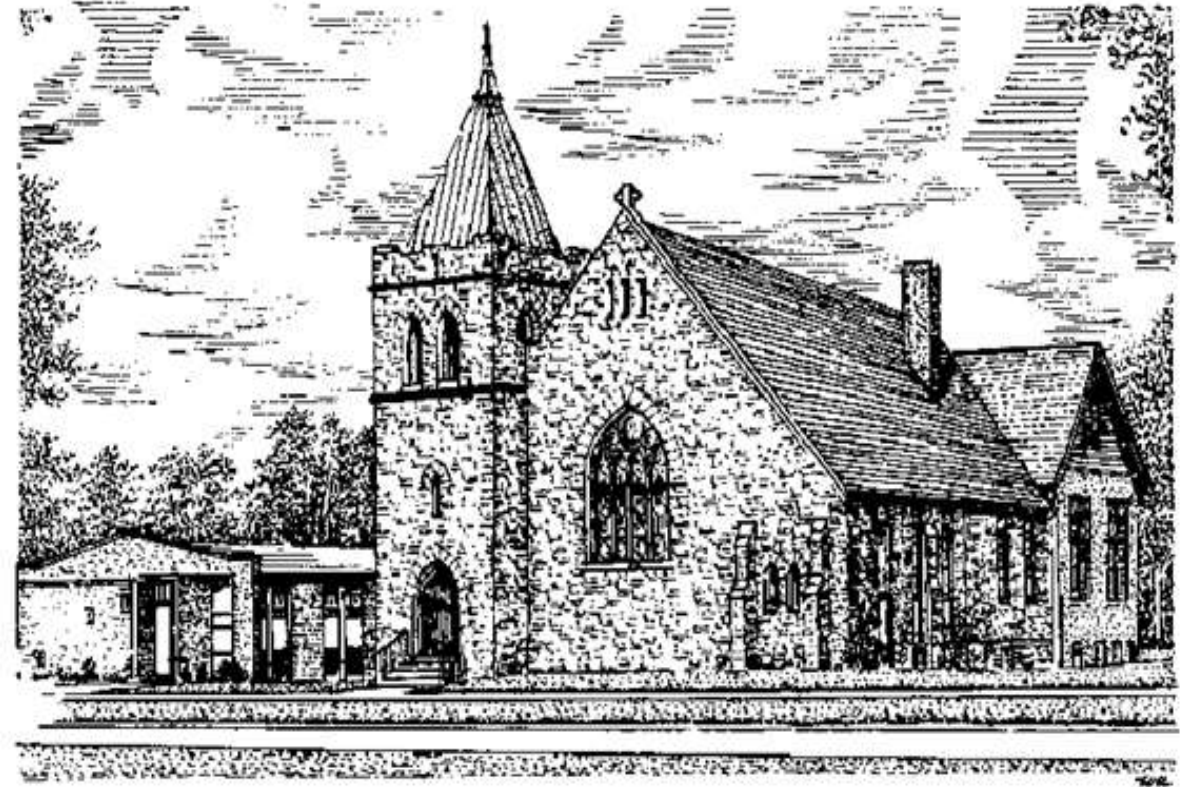
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.

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

POSTLUDE “Standin’ In the Need of Prayer” Bell Choir

(Please remain seated during the postlude).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.



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.*

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
March 2, 2014

Sunday, March 2

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall
11:30 a.m. “Covenant of Conscience” conversation – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. “Mountains of Hope for Haiti” meeting – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper-Dodd Hall
Confirmation Class to attend Pancake Supper
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library

Monday, March 3

Tuesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. “Dare to Dream” Adult Study – Gunn Library
Noon: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, March 6

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
5:00 p.m. Pastors/Lay Leaders Meeting – Pastor’s study
6:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting- Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting- Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Covenant of Conscience discussion at Bettencourt’s home
7:15 p.m. Long Range Planning Meeting – Chapel
7:00 p.m. MYF Rock-a-Thon – Dodd Hall (ends 7 am Sat)
3:00 p.m. Crisafi-Meraviglia wedding - Sanctuary

Friday, March 7

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9

LENT I

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Dodd Hall

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
Noon UMW Meeting – Wesley Center
5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd trimester quiz) – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. UMW Evening Meeting/Pot Luck - Dawn Bettencourt’s home
10:00 a.m. “Parables and Passion” Adult Study – Gunn Library
5:30 p.m. Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/ 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. LRP Cottage Meeting at Lorraine Carr’s home

Wednesday, March 12

Thursday, March 13

Saturday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Confirmation Trip to New York
5:30 p.m. Men’s Club-Corned Beef Dinner-Dodd Hall-All welcome

Grace Notes

March 2, 2014

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

It is a busy week, with and without food!

Please join us today for a light lunch in Dodd Hall and conversation following concerning the possibility of our church being a congregation signer of the “Covenant of Conscience.” A full review of this subject will be presented.

On Tuesday, come celebrate Mardi Gras at 6 p.m. with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. There is no Confirmation class session so that the confirmands are free to attend the supper as a continuation of last Tuesday’s discussion on the meaning of Lent.

Lent begins Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, with worship services at Noon and 7:30 p.m. Imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at both services; and the choir will sing at 7:30 p.m.

Two Lenten studies begin soon: Pastor Hal’s “Parables and Passion” study beginning March 11/12 and Pastor Brian’s Fasting Covenant Group beginning next Sunday, March 9 at 9 a.m. See the two articles, the first under “Coming Soon” and the second under “Next Sunday” in this issue.

May we continue to grow in grace and faithfulness toward God and one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
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Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Nicole Ellerbeck		

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Betty and Paul Daneault

Liturgist – Beth O'Brien

Cross Bearer – Cassie Bennett

Acolytes – Allison Bennett and Julianna Patterson

Bible Bearer – Anna Wessinger

Communion Stewards – Dawn Bettencourt and Karen Doherty

Communion servers: Dr. Bodt, Rev. Vink, Kelly O'Hara and Beth O'Brien

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Beth O'Brien at the Narthex door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Ada Weyant, by her family, and in celebration of Michael Groves' birthday today, given by Maureen with much gratitude for all the prayers for us given by our Mary Taylor family.

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 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, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992).

SERMON COPIES from last Sunday are available in the rear of the church. Previous messages are available there and 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

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753). **BULLETIN NOTICES** are *due by noon each 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 and dog 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS: 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 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.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR FEBURARY 23:

Total worship attendance all services: 177 (Feb 23, 168; Healing and Wholeness, Feb 24, 9)
Total Offering: \$3,440.00 Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$1,210.46; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 113 (Sunday School: 39; Disciple 1, 9; Confirmation, 9; Adult Bible Study Tuesday, 9; Adult Bible Study Wednesday 15; Office volunteers, 2; Praisemakers, 5; Bell Choir, 10; Adult Choir, 15;) 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) or call (203.874.1982) with your attendance.

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!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Gay/Straight Alliance hosts today. Next Sunday our hosts are MYF.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL has endorsed a study of the "COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE" beginning with today's **LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION**, a light lunch after worship in Dodd Hall followed by a discussion in the sanctuary. What will be discussed is the possibility of becoming a congregational signer of the "Covenant of Conscience." Copies of the Covenant, along with "Frequently Asked Questions" will be available. Please also consider becoming an individual signer at the table in Dodd Hall or at www.mindny.com.

ADDITIONAL "COVENANT OF CONSCIENCE" DISCUSSIONS are currently scheduled in a "cottage meeting" format in the homes of MTMUMC members. Groups are generally limited to 15-20 attendees. You may sign up at the table in Dodd Hall or contact Marcia Winter at mwinter@optonline.net or 203.878.0814. If more groups are needed they will be scheduled:

This Thurs., March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Bettencourt's home, 144 Timber Trail, Milford

Sunday, March 16th, 2 p.m. at the Doyle's home, 14 Andover Drive, Milford

Tuesday, March 18th, 10 a.m. at the church (Library or sanctuary)

Saturday, March 29th, 10 a.m. at the Darak's home, 21 Kay Avenue, Milford

MOUNTAINS OF HOPE FOR HAITI will have a presentation **today from 2 – 4 p.m.** in Dodd Hall. All welcome.

PLEASE DONATE OR PLEDGE TODAY TO ANY MYF MEMBER for their **ROCK-A-THON** to support MYF Missions. It will be held this coming weekend from **7 p.m. March 7 to 7 a.m. March 8.** Support our MYF members. Support missions!

CHAIRS FOR SALE: we have approximately 30 chairs for sale at \$15 each that are being stored in Jesse Lee Hall. Please see me today or email me if you are interested in purchasing: rmerva@optonline.net Thanks. **Rachel Merva, Trustee Vice-President**

NEW CRIB, CHANGING TABLE AND MATTRESS: Bill Katt has this available for a young family who might be able to use it. billkatt@sbcglobal.net or 203.376.9176

SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!!

March 30th, 2014

*open hearts
open minds
open doors*



Invite your friends and family to Church on March 30th to celebrate our Faith. Service is at 10:00 and there will be special surprises at fellowship hour.

The people of The United Methodist Church

THIS WEEK

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: on March 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for a celebration in honor of Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras! The Men's Club will be serving up the traditional pancake supper with all the trimmings. We'll also have crafts and games for the kids. You won't want to miss the fun of the "king cake" and this relaxing evening of fellowship before we move into the solemn time of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at Noon and 7 p.m. The Noon service will be about 30 minutes long to accommodate work schedules; the evening service will be longer and include music by the Adult Choir. The readings are Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 and the message entitled "Repentance."

NEXT SUNDAY

LENT I – The readings of Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11 frame the message "Obedience." A mission minute speaker will be announced. The first new member class will be held after worship in the pastor's study.

NEW MEMBERCLASS BEGINS next Sunday, March 9th and continues March 16 and 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Pastor's study, 2nd Floor of the Wesley Center, our educational building adjacent to the church. March 9 will be an opportunity to become acquainted with one another as we share a bit about our faith journey and more especially how we ended up at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. March 16 will be an overview of United Methodist history and doctrine and Mary Taylor Memorial Church history. March 23 you will meet with other leaders, based in part on areas of interest you share on March 9, who can share with you about our current ministries. New members will be received on Sun., March 30th. Please do consider attending these sessions even if you are unsure about membership. If you know in advance you will attend, please let Pastor Brian know at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.874.1982, ext. 11. While this helps prepare materials and hospitality, no advance reservation is necessary. If you can come, do!

COMING SOON

A FASTING COVENANT GROUP will be offered by Pastor Brian the first five Sundays in Lent, March 9 – April 6, 9 – 9:30 a.m. in the Gunn Library. The first session will cover the practice of fasting in the history of the church and developing our individual covenant for fasting during Lent. Fasting need not be from food, especially if medical needs dictate otherwise. Other earthly hungers may also be abstained from to engage a deeper Lenten reflection. If you would like to register or know more, contact Pastor Brian at brian.bodt@yahoo.com or 203.895.3753 or the church office.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY – "Parables and Passion," a six session Lenten study by the Rev. John Indermark, will examine the parables of Jesus in light of his betrayal and death on the cross, applying the truths and significance of the parables to our daily life. Pastor Hal Vink will teach this in two weekly sessions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., from March 11/12 – April 15/16 in the Gunn Library, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor. Please let Pastor Hal know of your interest: vinkhaljane@yahoo.com or 203.878.8977.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are doing it again! March 11 will be a double-header. First we'll meet in Wesley Center at noon for a service of Prayer and Self Denial. We will discuss allocating funds we have in excess of. Bring your lunch and join us. For those who can attend in the evening we will meet at Dawn Bettencourt's home at 7:00 pm for a pot-luck supper/meeting. Hope to see you! Questions? Contact Joan Zauner at 203-283-5643.

THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE offers its first **cottage meeting** to discuss future ministry and goals for God's work at Mary Taylor Memorial Church. It will be held on Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. at the home of Dave and Lorraine Carr, 29 Lake Street, West Haven. Other cottage meetings will be announced soon.

THE MEN'S CLUB will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. All are welcome, and as usual, there is no charge for the dinner.

CONFIRMATION TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY is currently set for Saturday, March 15th 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (return approximate). Both hard and electronic copies of the event were sent last Tuesday. Deadline for paid reservations are due **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 11th.** Questions? Contact Pastor Brian

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are welcome to participate in our Adult Discussion Group every Sunday during Sunday School time, 9 – 9:50 a.m. in Wesley Center, 2nd floor. The group uses a weekly study guide. This is a great opportunity to share time and reflections with other parents while your children participate in Sunday School.

NEW ACOLYTE ROBES are being purchased to replace the current robes, worn with time and increasingly difficult to repair. We have one donor and need five more at \$100 each to underwrite this expense. If you are interested in so doing, please contact Pastor Brian.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE, CROSS-BEARER OR BIBLE BEARER? Contact Noel Fino at 203.877.3005.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ SCRIPTURE IN 2014? Contact Priscilla James at 203.874.2742 or pcjames60@gmail.com.