INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – Welcoming us to worship God

Prelude

“Cantabile”

J. Brahms

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(please keep your focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere)

INTROIT

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thought from afar.

Leader: How profound and vast are your thoughts, O God!

People: If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

All: When I awake, I am still with you.

HYMN #519

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift Every Voice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

“For Holiness of Heart”

Hymnal #401

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Isaiah 40:4; Galatians 6:9; Luke 1:37

Lord, we confess that sometimes we lament with the prophet ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity.’ Keep us from being weary in well doing and for thinking things only depend on us. Help us to remember that you, and you alone, are God. Inspire us again with a great vision and with the assurance that nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

HYMN #430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Maryton

(The officers and leaders return to the congregation)

“Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.”

PRAVERS 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, including Human Relations Sunday

Offertry Anthem: “Here I Am, Lord”

D. Schutte

Stacey Riccardi – signer

Presentation: “The Doxology”

Hymnal #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #444

“O Young and Fearless Prophet”

Blairgowrie

*THE BENEDICTION
THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!"

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

POSTLUDE

“March in G Minor” G. Widor

(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.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY
January 18, 2015
January is the month that we support the Beth-el Shelter with paper goods, kitchen and other supplies. It is our ongoing commitment to support the shelter in the work that they do in providing a safe and warm shelter for those less fortunate. Please help to provide the necessary and most needed items below:

**Kitchen Supplies,**
Lawn & Leaf Trash Bags - Heavy Duty (55 gal), Food Storage Bags (snack, sandwich and gallon size), Plastic forks and spoons, Plastic Wrap, Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil, Latex free or vinyl powder-free gloves (large & medium), Anti-bacterial Lysol or Clorox Wipes and hand sanitizer, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent.

**Paper Supplies**
Paper Towels, Toilet paper, Facial tissue, Paper Placemats, Paper Napkins, Hot/cold cups (6oz or 8oz), 8 oz. bowls.

**Other items**
Hand soap, feminine hygiene products, band aids, gauze and medical tape, hotel size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

There will be a collection box in Dodd Hall for the month of January.

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**Grace Notes**
January 18, 2015

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Shane Claiborne (born July 11, 1975) is founder of The Simple Way in Philadelphia, in part to help it live up to its moniker as the “City of Brotherly Love.” He once was arrested for violating a law making it a crime to sleep on the sidewalk. At the trial the judge remembered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and remarked: “What is in question is not whether these folks broke the law…but the constitutionality of these laws.”

When the prosecuting attorney argued that the constitutionality of the law is not before this court, the judge retorted: “The constitutionality of the law is before every court. If it weren’t for people who broke unjust law, we wouldn’t have the freedoms we do. That’s the story of this country from the Boston Tea Party to the Civil Rights movement. These people aren’t criminals; they are freedom fighters. And I find them all not guilty, on every charge.”

When standing for equality for all people, as we say in our church mission statement, those who imagine alternatives to oppression, injustice and war have been called crazy, or worse. At our core as Christians is not whether or not we, or the country, have “made progress.” At our core is whether we are working to fulfill Christ’s prayer, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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The Rev. Harold V. W. Vink

Sexton
Bruce Rumford
Music Director
Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

Child Care Coordinator
Nicole Ellerbeck

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AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – John Henry
Greeters – Susan Matthews and Nancy Cicarella
Acolytes – Ethan and Devon Weed
Cross Bearer – Kayleigh Patterson
Liturgist – Shannon Thompson
Bible Bearer – Mateo Cono

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP are Pastor Brian and Shannon Thompson.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins in celebration of their 57th anniversary.

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.


SERMON COPIES from recent weeks are in the rear of the church or 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.

SOUP SALE TODAY: Our United Methodist Women are selling Split pea with ham, Broccoli Cheddar, Beef Vegetable and a Bean Surprise. Pints are $4.00, Quarts are $8.00: first come, first serve after worship in Dodd Hall Alcove. Proceeds benefit UMW mission.

IN REPONSE TO LAST SUNDAY: In response to last Sunday’s sermon (copies in the rear of the church), thanks to Bob Lawrence and Priscilla James for volunteering to begin assembling a Cradle Roll; to Carol Galloway to help with follow-up calls to baptismal families; and to Jim Repetsky and Bob Volgmuth for being willing to coordinate an event for baptismal families through the Men’s Club. To God be the Glory!

| Sunday, January 18 | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Informal Hymn Singing - Sanctuary |
| 10:00 a.m.  | Worship and Installation of Officers - Sanctuary |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall |
| 11:00 a.m.  | UMW Soup Sale – Dodd Hall |
| 11:15 a.m.  | Blood Pressure Screenings – Sanctuary- Sheryl Hollyday, R.N. |
| 11:15 a.m.  | Fair on the Green Meeting – Wesley Center – 1st floor |
| 11:30 a.m.  | New Members Class – Pastor’s study – Wesley Ctr. - 2nd floor |
| Monday, January 19 | Church Office is closed in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Historical Society Meeting – Dodd Hall |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel |
| Tuesday, January 20 | Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Disciple 3-Wesley Center |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Adult Bible study – Gunn Library |
| Wednesday, January 21 | BEACON Volunteers – Egan Room |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Adult Bible study – Gunn Library |
| 10:00 a.m.  | Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Bell Choir! 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall |
| Thursday, January 22 | MYF – Community Supper – Dodd Hall |
| 5:15 p.m.  | MTMUMC- Community Supper – Dodd Hall |
| 6:30 p.m.  | MTMUMC Foundation Meeting – Gunn Library |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Membership and Evangelism Meeting – Egan Room |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Worship Committee Meeting – Chapel |
| Friday, January 23 | 10:00 a.m.  | Office Volunteers – Gunn Library |
| Saturday, January 24 | 12:00 p.m.  | Rachel Merva-Private Party-Dodd Hall |
| Sunday, January 25 | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center |
| 10:00 a.m.  | Worship - Sanctuary |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall |
| Monday, January 26 | 7:00 p.m.  | Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel |
| Tuesday, January 27 | Confirmation-Egan Room, Wesley Center |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Disciple 3-Wesley Center, 1st Floor |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Adult Bible study – Wesley Center, Gunn Library |
| Wednesday, January 28 | Adult Bible study – Wesley Center, Gunn Library |
| 10:00 a.m.  | Praisemakers rehearsal – Dodd Hall |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Bell Choir! 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall |
| Thursday, January 29 | Stewardship Committee meeting-Wesley Center |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Office Volunteers – Gunn Library |
| Friday, January 30 | 10:00 a.m.  | Play Date-Audubon Costal Center, 1 Milford Point Rd. |
| Saturday, January 31 | Monday, January 19 | -Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial- Continued |
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 (behind the sanctuary).  Fellowship Time host is the Methodist Youth Fellowship.  Join us for a few moments of fellowship and conversation.  Next week’s host is the Education Committee.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS by Sheryl Hollyday, R.N. will follow worship today in the sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY at 11:30 a.m. following worship for those already registered.  Our next class for which to register will be in March.  If you are interested in joining our church, please speak with Pastor Brian this morning.

THE FAIR ON THE GREEN MEETING will be held today, right after worship in Wesley Center - 1st Floor.  We will:

- Stuff envelopes  
- Go over the menu and the new ticket system  
- Look for new volunteers and anyone who would like to take on a committee  
- Look for any new ways to make the Fair on the Green a success  
- Old and new business and more  

We look forward to seeing everyone there.  Christine and Edie

"LIFT US UP!!" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN continues for handicapped accessible renovations to Wesley Center.  See the info table in Dodd Hall with our new brochure.  For more information please speak with co-chairs Tom Beyer (203.525.2265; tom.beyer@cort.com) or Rachel Merva (203.641.5088; rmerva@optonline.net).

THE MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY offers 30 hours of information and instruction designed to provide the public with knowledge and understanding of the police department’s personnel, policies, and practices. The program is comprehensive, covering different areas of the department’s services each week. Officers and supervisors conduct each informational session. The sessions will be held Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm, February 18-May 6th at the Police Training Facility at Simon Lake, 59 Devonshire Rd., Milford. Applications are on the bulletin board in Dodd Hall. Application deadline is January 23rd. For more information call 203-874-2366 or wwwCPU@ci.milford.ct.us.

APPLICANCES AVAILABLE:  Penny Seaman has a stove, fridge, microwave, dishwasher as well as some furniture that she would like to donate to someone that could use them. If you are interested, contact her at 203-713-6613.  Must be taken before month’s end.

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

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the holiday that bears his name.

THURS., JANUARY 22nd SUPPER AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL: We seek volunteers for our fourth Thursday supper at 5:30 p.m. in Dodd Hall. If you can help, contact Deb Dubien at 203.877.4959. Needed tasks include Shopping and set-up, prep and cooking; serving; and clean-up. **Join our youth helping this month!**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - “Jesus Calling: Can You Hear Me?” is the message by Certified Lay Servant Minister Sandy Morgan, based on Mark 1:14-20 with Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and Psalm 62:5-12. We will have a Stewardship Spotlight by Eileen and Dave Doyle, Stewardship co-chairs. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn. Following worship our Visitation Ministries team will meet.

**COMING SOON**

WED., JANUARY 28th SUPPER AT GOLDEN HILL, BRIDGEPORT: Please join Maryanne Meehan and Bob Jordan from 2:30 – 5 p.m. in preparing this meal for our neighbors who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. A crew of 6-8 is needed. We only prepare; others serve and clear. Anyone 13 or in the 7th grade and older may serve. Contact Maryanne at maryannej@charter.net, 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home). Golden Hill Church is about 20 minutes away: I-95 to Exit 27A to Exit 2 off the Route 8/25 connector in downtown Bridgeport.

**ON-GOING MINISTRIES**

2015 ALTAR FLOWER OR MISSION CROSS ORDERS are now being received by Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or bobrien11@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. Checks for either one payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

ACOLYTES, CROSS BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARERS WANTED! Our children and youth make a positive contribution to our worship. See or contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.

THE LITERACY CENTER of Milford is offering a five-week volunteer TUTOR TRAINING class in English as a Second Language. Additionally, if you are interested in working with students preparing for their GED or with basic literacy skills, call the Center’s office at 203-878-4800 or www.literacycenterofmilford.com.

**HOME VISITATION** by Pastor Brian is available to become better acquainted. 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 still needed for seniors with pets, but the Animal Control is not allowed to take in peoples’ released pets. However, they do take care of kittens and will spay and neuter feral cats as has been the policy for years. They also request 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: 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. 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 JANUARY 11th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 182 (Jan. 11th, 177; Healing and Wholeness, Jan. 12th: 5) Total Offering (minus “Lift Us Up”) for Jan. 11th: $5019.00; “Lift Us Up” Capital Campaign gifts: $308.33. Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: $1,464.39; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 111 (Office Volunteers 3; Sunday School: 35; Disciple 3: 12; Adult Bible Study Tues.: 4; Adult Bible Study Wed.: 16; Confirmation: 8; Prayer Shawl: 5; Praisemakers:1; Bell Choir 10: Adult Choir:17; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) *Important! Small Groups – please contact the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net / 203.874.1982) with your attendance.