

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

“Hymn Tune - Finlandia”

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 here, hear 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 #660

“God Is Here”

Abbot’s Leigh

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

For your abundant blessings, Lord, I give you thanks – if “thanks” is an adequate word to the One who has blessed us beyond deserving.

For your mercy and forgiveness, Lord, I confess gratitude and humility- if “gratitude” is adequate for your infinite patience as I make the same mistakes and learn the same lessons again; and if “humility” is truly possible when “pride” is often an easier bulwark against insecurity and fear.

For the beauty of creation and of this day in early autumnal splendor in Milford, Connecticut, I bow in awe- if “awe” is adequate to marvel at the capillary structure of falling leaves, the glistening sun on the breaking surf, the warmth of a sun 93 million miles away.

For your constant presence and abiding love, I overflow with joy – if “joy” is adequate to express happiness too often inconsistent and loving too often miserly.

O holy, pure, patient and loving God, thank you for the gift of life and the privilege of serving you all my days. Help my servanthood to mirror your Son’s, whose love is the pattern and means of salvation: even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Haggai 2:1-9

Bible p.863

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

AN ORDER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2013 CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Receive the Word of God. Continue to learn its stories and study its words, for they belong to us and speak to us all. They tell us who we are and that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Confirmands: ***We will continue to read and study the Bible together.***

Congregation: ***We rejoice in your continuing journey with God and God’s Word. We pray that God will guide you, your family and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, church school class and in worship. Together we grow in our love for God’s Word.***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Hymnal #881

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #70

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Bible p. 954

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*HYMN

“Arise, and Praise God’s Sacred Name”

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THE SERMON

“In This Place”

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.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Organ Offertory:

“Miniature”

Kasmin

*Presentation:

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #95

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #496 (seated)

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet Hour

HYMN #546

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

You are invited to come forward to receive a healing anointing for yourself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer.

This practice from the earliest days of the Church 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.

*THE BENEDICTION

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*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

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

*POSTLUDE "Largo" G.F. Handel

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Arise and Praise God's Sacred Name

Text: Rev. Dr. Brian Bodt

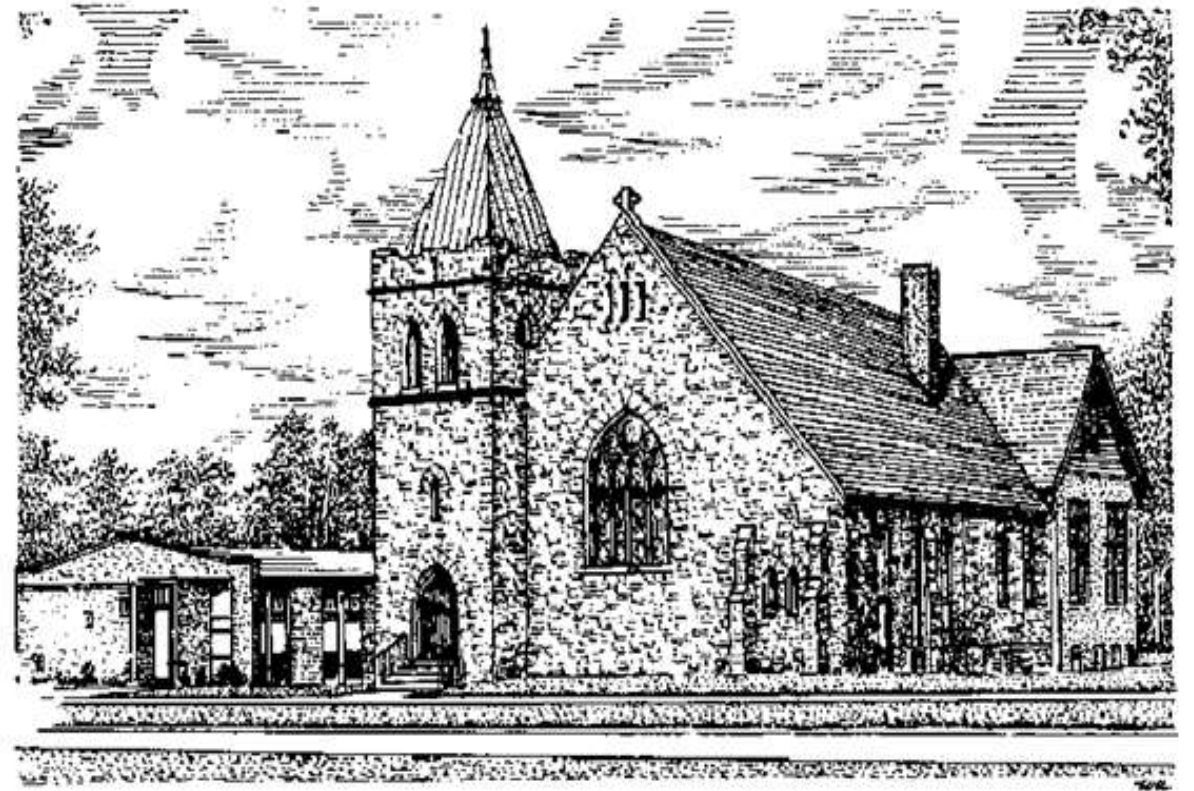
Music: Dr. Paul Knox
arr. by Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

A - rise! and praise God's sac - red name, for
 A - rise! and praise Lord Je - sus Christ, whose
 A - rise! and praise the Spir - it's power, in
 A - rise! and praise One God in three, who

all the bles - sings of the years, Of
 sac - ri - fice in spires our own; in
 pulse of love be - yond all space, has
 prom - is - es sal - va - tion won. By

vi - sion hope and right - eous gain, that
 peace and par - don in strife, to
 in these walls, nave, arch and tower, made
 grace un - it - ed, lord, may we, make

1, 2, 3. 4.
 made this wor - thy church ap - pear,
 make this ser - vant church our home,
 of these stones a ho - ly place.
 true our prayer, "Thy King - dom come."



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 XIX
September 29, 2013**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, September 29 **PENTECOST XIX**
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
11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries Team – Wesley Center
4:00 p.m. MYF “Mission Possible” – Dodd Hall

Monday, September 30 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel
7:00 p.m. Extravagant Generosity-Gunn Library

Tuesday, October 1 5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class-Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study-Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library

Wednesday, October 2 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study-Gunn Library
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

Thursday, October 3 6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders – Pastor’s study
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee – Gunn Library
7:00 p.m. Trustees – Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Long-Range Planning – Pastor’s study
7:00 p.m. Finance – Chapel

Fri and Sat., Oct. 4-5 **Dulcimer Festival, Wesley Ctr., Dodd Hall, Sanctuary**

Sunday, October 6 **PENTECOST XX**
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
11:30 a.m. New Member Class – Pastor’s study
1:15 p.m. Depart from MTMUMC parking lot for “I Wage Peace”
Walk, New Haven
6:00 p.m. Leadership Summit dinner, Aldario’s
7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

Monday, October 7 Noon United Methodist Women, Wesley Center
Tuesday, October 8 Noon Gtr. B’port U.M. Cluster – Golden Hill UMC
5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class Meeting-Egan Room
7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – 1st Floor
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women at Rachel Merva’s home,
90 Dart Hill Road, Milford

Wednesday, October 9 No Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 10 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library

Grace Notes
September 29, 2013

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

Today’s notes are a potpourri of our life together.

We extend a warm welcome to our guest organist, Mark Kasmin. Mark, who has served many local churches in our area during his career, has been with us on many previous occasions. Currently a resident of Colebrook, CT, he is a native of Milford and was a public school music teacher in Milford and Simsbury, CT for many years. He is a past Dean of the Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Rick Riccardi is on his annual fall spiritual retreat and returns for Wednesday rehearsals.

We are glad to see many of our 2013 confirmands back today to receive their presentation Bibles. Please seek out and remind these newest members of our church that this is their church, too!

As announced last week at Fellowship Hour, we are pleased to report the election of Edie Reichard and Christine Volgmuth as Assistant Co-Chief of Operations for the 2014 “Fair on the Green.” They will work with Eileen Doyle in preparation for assuming COO leadership in 2015-16. Many thanks to them and all who work on the Fair.

May God continue to richly bless us “in this place.”

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		

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher –Nick Bettencourt

Greeters – Carol Alex and Dawn Bettencourt

Liturgist – Ryan Lapadula

Cross Bearer – Sarah O'Brien

Acolytes – Josh and Nate Carr

Bible Bearer – Joe Wessinger

Anointers – Pastor Hal Vink, Mary Lou Hastings, Priscilla James and Laura Perregaux

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Dr. Bodt at the Narthex door and Ryan Lapadula at the Dodd Hall door.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in memory of my husband, Pierre Burke; and in memory of my mother, Ruth Farence; given by Viola Burke.

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). The Prayer of the Day was written by the pastor while on the Bishop's Retreat last Monday. The verses of the hymn, "*Arise, and Praise God's Sacred Name*," were written by the Pastor in 2004, with tune by Dr. Paul Knox in 2004 and harmonization by Dr. Rick Riccardi in 2013.

SERMON COPIES from September 22 are available in the rear of the church 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.*

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).

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: 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 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 SEPTEMBER 22:

Total worship attendance all services: 162 (Sept. 22, 153; Healing and Wholeness Sept.23: 9)
Total Offering: \$5,217.95; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$27; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 94; (Sunday School, 29; Church Council, 14; Confirmation, 9; Disciple, 9; Bell Choir 0; Adult Choir 15; Adult Bible Study, 14; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 4. **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.



Fall Fundraiser - Think Holidays!

This year the Mission Committee will be selling Lyman Orchard pies that will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Mission had the pleasure of taste testing a pie and it was **Delicious**. Look for us during Fellowship Hour to place your orders. (and maybe consider taking an order form with you for outside orders)

Lyman Orchard Pies "Bringing the orchard right to your table". Lyman Orchard pies are hand-made all natural fruit pies made one at a time. Starting from scratch with every pie, they peel and slice fresh hand-picked fruit from their Middlefield Orchards. Fruit pies are frozen unbaked, so you bake them at your convenience. All other pies are thaw and serve.

Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to order pies!

\$15 pies:

Hi-Top Apple Raspberry

Chocolate Cream

Hi-Top Apple

Banana Cream

Apple Crumb

Bumbleberry (apples, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, & blackberries)

Pumpkin

\$16 pies:

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cream with Brownie Bottom

Orchard Blueberry

Strawberry Rhubarb

Pecan

Collect the money when taking orders. Turn all forms and money in to Anna Henry; 203-339-5091; annamhenry@gmail.com

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, hosted today by the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday's hosts are Membership and Evangelism.
- **CARING MINISTRIES TEAM** meets at 11:30 a.m., Wesley Center, 1st Floor.
- **MYF "MISSION POSSIBLE"** gathering is 4 – 6 p.m. in Dodd Hall. Youth grades 6-12 please plan to attend. If you can, let Rachel Merva know you will at 203.641.5088 or rmerva@optonline.net.
- **WE WELCOME NEW YOUTH TO SERVE AS BIBLE BEARERS, ACOLYTES AND CROSS BEARERS.** Please contact Noel Fino: 203.877.3005.
- **LITURGISTS** volunteers are still welcomed, by Laura Perregaux, Worship Chair. Speak with Laura today or at 203.520.8183.
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982, ext. 10) with your request. **PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS** on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.
- **SEE THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **CHURCH SECURITY:** please look to see if you are the last to leave the sanctuary complex or Wesley Center. If so, please lock up! Many thanks.

THIS WEEK

BULLETIN NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 6th are due by Noon on Wed., October 2nd, hard copy to the church office or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

PLAY DATE for families with young children will be Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. – Noon behind the Milford Library/Fowler Field. (Rain date Oct. 19). We'll have coffee for the grown-ups and snacks for the kids. Come one, come all: children, grandchildren, friends, nieces/nephews, neighbors and their grown-ups! Bring your ideas for future play dates.

NEXT SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – PENTECOST XX We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and receive a denominational offering for World Communion Sunday. "Remembering in Times of Crisis" is the message based on Lamentations 1:1-6 and II Timothy 1:1-14. Following worship, the first of three new preparatory classes will be held in the pastor's study in the Wesley Center. See below.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held the Sundays of October after worship, 11:30 – 1 p.m. on October 6, 13 and 20 in the Pastor Brian's study. **New members will be received on Sunday, October 27.** You may attend the classes to learn and without making a commitment to membership. It is helpful to know if you intend to attend. Please let the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) know of your interest.

PEACE WALK: Join with us and brothers & sisters of different faiths for the "***I Wage Peace Walk***" **next Sunday, October 6th in New Haven.** We will leave from Mary Taylor's lot at 1:15 pm, car-pooling to the New Haven Green. The Walk will be from the Green to the Masjid Al-Islam mosque on George Street. There, we will share openly our unity pledge of support for all Muslim's, Jews, Christians, people of all faiths and no faith, welcoming and honoring all members of our community. As a sign of welcome and respect for our brothers and sisters, (as we are visiting a mosque,) **please dress modestly**, as is appropriate for this wonderful occasion. Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak.

COMING SOON

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DOUBLEHEADER, Tuesday, October 8: regular meeting at **noon**; meeting for women who work during the day, **7 p.m.** Details from Joan Zauner at 203.283.5643 or jzauner@yahoo.com.

ADULT STUDY ON "EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY:" A four week study on the joy of generosity will be taught in October and early November. The sessions are **Sundays, October 13 – Nov. 3** from 9:-9:50 a.m. taught by Laura Perregaux; **Tuesdays, Oct. 15 – Nov. 5,** 7 – 8 p.m. taught by Kelly O'Hara; and **Wednesdays, Oct. 16- Nov. 6,** 10 – 11 a.m., taught by Laura Perregaux. Please register with Laura at misslmp@yahoo.com or 203.520.8183.

LYMAN ORCHARD CORN MAZE will be the next **MYF EVENT** on **Sunday, October 13.** We will leave immediately after worship with a light lunch of PB & J sandwiches (or bring your own). \$10 admission plus money if you want to purchase snacks. We will return by 4 p.m. **Please let Eric Georgelos know by Thursday, Oct. 10 if you will attend:** georgelos.eric@sbcglobal.net. **A REPLY IS REQUIRED SO WE HAVE ENOUGH DRIVERS. YOU MAY BRING A FRIEND BUT WE NEED THEIR REPLY, TOO!**

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MILFORD 5K TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK EVENT on **Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at 8:30a.m. at Lisman Landing in Milford. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. Costumes are encouraged! For more information, visit www.milfordtrickortrot.com. Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak, 203-877-4807. As always, friends are welcome for these events.

THE 2014 NOMINATING PROCESS HAS BEGUN! Nominations and Leadership met last week. We didn't call you yet and you'd like to serve? No problem! Contact any member of the committee with your area of program or ministry interest: Pastor Brian (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.895.3753) or any member of the committee: Chris Carveth (203-795-9015), Deb Dubien (203-877-4959), Susan O'Shea (203-874-5136), Laura Perregaux (203-283-5758), Brenda Pineau (203-783-9039), Edie Reichard (203-882-0683), Jim Repetsky (203-874-8688) and Bob Volgmuth (203-878-8190).

COLLEGE CONNECTION: We reach out to our college students with this special program of mailers and fun stuff! If you know of a Mary Taylor Memorial student to whom we could send a care package, please provide his or her name and address to Meg Dennis (megdennis@optonline.net) or Shauna Paton (203.874.9390) by **Sun., Oct. 20th.**

TRASH & TREASURES SPECIAL: Several custom framed prints, some Claude Monet, with attractive frames and some with non-glare glass, have been donated to Trash and Treasures and can be purchased anytime. Check them out and beat the crowd!

NETTIE PHILLIPS-long time MTM member, moved to Paradigm Nursing Home, 181 Clifton St., New Haven. She is in room 2116 and would appreciate visits and cards.

2013 CONFIRMANDS RECEIVING BIBLES TODAY

Samantha Elizabeth Bennett
Nicholas Stephen Bettencourt
Noah Joseph Brown
Sean Alan Clark
Eileen Victoria Craig
Olivia Winter D'Andrea
Krista Leigh Doherty
Jamie Catherine Georgelos
Tanner Eric Georgelos
Megan Suzanne Leum

Trygve Karl Lund
Callie Elizabeth Merva
Sarah Elizabeth O'Brien
Paige Nicole Oliverio
Matthew Richard Porter
Elizabeth Mae Repetsky
Julia Margaret Rodriguez
Kenneth Bernard Szygiel
William Robert Thompson Tait