

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 “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

INTROIT “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

P: *Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me.*

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

\*HYMN #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

THE COLLECT *(seated, unison)*

*Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O only Wise God, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge: we repent of our arrogance when we believe we have all the answers. Illumine our hearts with wisdom born of compassion. Help us, before we speak, to think; and to consider our neighbor’s point of view. Then, free our hearts to love above all else, in the name of the One of loved even to death on a cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE EPISTLE I Timothy 2:1-7 Bible p.1080

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

DEDICATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Listed on rear cover

Welcome and prayer by the pastor

Charge to the Church School staff, MYF leaders and adult teachers

Superintendent: You have recognized God’s call in your lives. Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith? Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time and talent? Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and the traditions of the faith?

Christian Educators: *We have heard God’s call to teach and have responded to that call. We teach, trusting in God’s promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God’s call in their lives. We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.*

**Congregation: We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.**

\*HYMN #191 “Jesus Loves Me” Jesus Loves Me

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN #465 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Canterbury

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13 Bible p. 953

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

THE SERMON “No Lie” 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

Offertory Anthem: “Holy Darkness” D. Schutte

\*Presentation: “The Doxology” Hymnal #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #413 “A Charge to Keep I Have” Boylston

\*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      Postlude on “St. Denio”      G.Young

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

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

***CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS  
MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH  
2013-2014***

The Sunday School

Superintendent: Sylvia Elliott

Assistant Superintendent: Cathy Cono

Infant/Toddler and Pre-K: Holly Firmender, Kaylyn Bettencourt,  
Amanda Pitre and Paige Librandi

Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Susan Pitre and Carol White

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Beth O’Brien and Michele (Shelly) Lapudala

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Debbie Leum and Bev Downing

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Stacy Meszaros and Bob Elliott

High School: David Bak and Paul Downing

Adult Discussion Group: Lorraine and Dave Carr

Child Care Coordinators: Betty Laferriere and Nicole Ellerbeck

Methodist Youth Fellowship Advisors

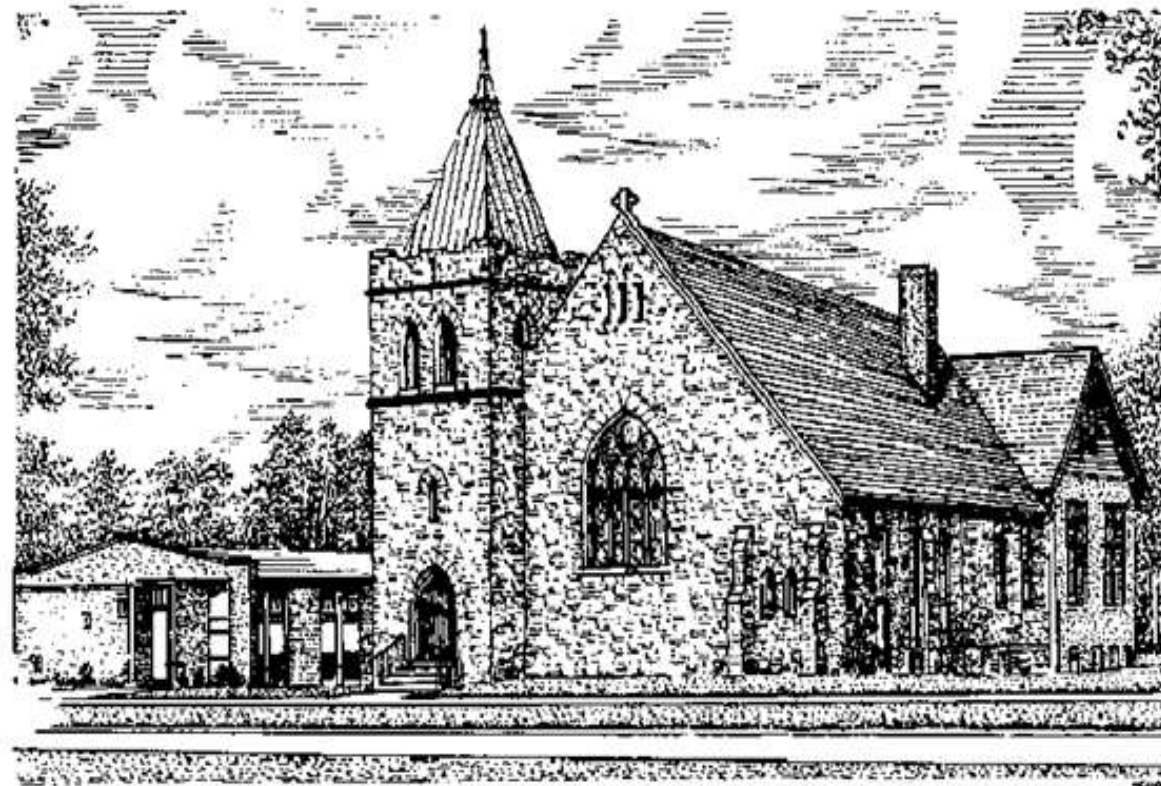
Leigh Bak      Eric Georgelos      Kate Georgelos

Shelly Lapadula      Rachel Merva      Stacy Meszaros

Seasonal adult study teachers

Don Hastings      Kelly O’Hara      Laura Perregaux

Pastor Hal Vink      Pastor Brian Bodt



**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 XVIII**

**September 22, 2013**

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

**Sunday, September 22** **PENTECOST XVIII**  
 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. Ambassador’s Meeting-Wesley Center

**Monday, September 23**  
 All Day Bishop’s retreat, Stony Point, NY (Pastor)  
 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – The Chapel

**Tuesday, September 24**  
 5:45 p.m. 2014 Confirmation Class Meeting-Egan Room  
 6:30 p.m. Parish Nurse Meeting-Hollyday’s house  
 7:00 p.m. Disciple I Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library

**Wednesday, September 25**  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Gunn Library  
 10:00 a.m. Office volunteers mail Oct. “Beacon” –Egan Rm  
 10:00 a.m. Incubator group – District clergy - Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Community Supper – Golden Hill – Bridgeport  
 6:30 p.m. Communion Stewards – Dodd Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir – Sanc.; 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir – Dodd Hall

**Thursday, September 26**  
 5:30 p.m. MTMUMC Community Supper – Dodd Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Membership and Evangelism – Gunn Library  
 7:00 p.m. MTMUMC Foundation – Egan Room

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**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  
 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 – Sanc.; 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

*Grace Notes*

*September 22, 2013*

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,*

*The horror of yet another domestic terrorist gripped the nation as 12 people were killed by an apparently disgruntled former sailor-turned-information technology consultant in the Washington Navy Yard last Monday.*

*Twelve lives snuffed out. Twelve nuclear families torn apart. Twelve extended families whose lives will never be the same.*

*Each incident raises questions about individual liberty versus community security. One wonders if it could have been prevented with mandatory national background checks or updated mental health screening. Until we enact these things, we will never know.*

*I’m glad my sister-in-law wasn’t there. She works for Naval Intelligence in another part of the D.C. metro area. But 12 other civilians were, never to return.*

*So let us pray for them; for the killer whose tortured mind we cannot begin to imagine; and for the day when we are truly a people of peace.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

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**E-mail:** [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)

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** –Nick Bettencourt

**Liturgist** – Paul Downing

**Acolytes** – Julianna Patterson & Ryan Lapadula

**Greeters** – Maryann & Bill Petremont

**Cross Bearer** – Kayleigh Patterson

**Bible Bearer** – Anna Wessinger

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** is Dr. Bodt at the Dodd Hall and Paul Downing at the Narthex door.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of our Mom, Hazel Carveth, from the Carveth/Pineau 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 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, The Book of Worship (1964) The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Prayer of Confession was written by the pastor.

**SERMON COPIES** from September 15 are available in the rear of the church and on-line: [www.mtm-umc.org](http://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

**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](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net) or Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS: Pastor Brian** ([brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vinkhaljane@yahoo.com). Please inform them or the office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 15:**

Total worship attendance all services: 157 (Sept. 15, 151; Healing and Wholeness Sept.16: 6)  
Total Offering: \$4,386.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 207; (Sunday School: 33 on Sept. 8 and 25 on Sept. 15; Long Range Planning, 7; MYF Kick-off, 28; Nominations, 7, Club 80 Luncheon, 48; Confirmation, 16; Disciple, 9; Bell Choir 8; Adult Choir 12; Adult Bible Study, 14; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 2. *\*Important! Small Groups – please email the church office ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 Missions Committee. Next Sunday's hosts are the United Methodist Women.
- **AMBASSADORS** meet at 11:30 a.m., Gunn Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wesley Center.
- **LITURGISTS** volunteers are still welcomed, by Laura Perregaux, Worship Chair. Speak with Laura today or at 203.520.8183.
- **UPCOMING OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES** include October 6 and 27; December 1, 15 and 29. See Beth O'Brien today or contact her as listed under "Our Life in Prayer, Ministry and Mission."
- **NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME TAG?** Please contact ([mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** are due by Noon on Wed., September 25<sup>th</sup>, hard copy to the church office or to [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net).

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Egan Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wesley Center, to mail the October "Beacon."

### **COMMUNITY SUPPERS THIS WEEK:**

**GOLDEN HILL CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:** Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Contact Maryanne Meehan Jordan to assist if you are age 13 (grade 7) or older: [maryannej@charter.net](mailto:maryannej@charter.net), 203.610.4936 (cell) or 203.268.8850 (home).

**MTMUMC:** Thursday, Sept. 26, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Joan Zauner, UMW President, at [jzauner@yahoo.com](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com) or 203.283.5643. The supper will be hosted by the Missions Committee.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST XIX**—The message “*In this Place*” will be the sermon based on Haggai 2:1-9; I Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31. Bibles will be presented to last spring’s 2013 Confirmation class. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymns. The Caring Ministries team will meet after worship.

**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](mailto:rmerva@optonline.net).

## SAVE THE DATE

**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.

**PEACE WALK:** Join with us and brothers & sisters of different faiths for the “*I Wage Peace Walk*” on **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.

**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](mailto:jzauner@yahoo.com).

**MYF EVENT** on **Sunday, October 13**. MYF will be planning a fun event based on the ideas gathered at the MYF kick off picnic. Time and event will be announced. Eric Georgelos will be the contact person for this event. Contact him at 203-878-5388. **The next following event will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**MILFORD 5K TRICK OR TROT RUN/WALK EVENT** on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.milfordtrickortrot.com). Contact person for this event is Leigh Bak, 203-877-4807. As always, friends are welcome for these events.

## OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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](mailto:misslmp@yahoo.com) or 203.520.8183.

**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](mailto: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).

## **INTERESTED IN JOINING MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL CHURCH?**

Preparation and reception of new members will be held the Sundays of October. New member orientation sessions will be held Sundays 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.** Letters will be sent in early September to people we know, or believe we know, have interest in joining. If you do not receive such a letter by September 15, please call the church office (203.874.1982, ext. 10) or Pastor Brian (ext. 11) to indicate your interest in participating.

**COLLEGE CONNECTION:** We reach 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](mailto:megdennis@optonline.net)) or Shauna Paton (203.874.9390) by **Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, has move to Paradigm Nursing Home, 181 Clifton St., New Haven. She is in room 2116 and would appreciate visits and cards.