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Wear your name tag and say "Hello" to at least one person you don't know!

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers when entering the sanctuary

Session encourages you to complete a *feedback card* available in the pews and to return it in the offering plate, to a designated box outside the church office or by post to the church office. Please be sure to include today's date on the card.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY

the Congregation voted

- To receive as information the mission and ministry reports of staff, Session and its Committees and the Board of Deacons;
- To receive as information the 2008 financial reports of the Church Treasurer;
- To receive the 2009 Operating Budget as adopted by Session;
- Elected Lisa Lillie as a Ruling Elder (Class of 2009);
- Elected Tom Mann, Perry Seelert, and Sandy Shifrin as members of the 2009 Nominating Committee of the Congregation.

As a follow-up to this meeting, there are two upcoming events:

- **Next Sunday, February 1, Ruling Elders will lead worship on the theme of "Spiritual Gifts."** Following Worship (and remaining in the Sanctuary), the Pastor will lead members and friends in some brief exercises focusing on their spiritual gifts. Those attending are urged to complete the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Survey distributed at the Annual Meeting (or pick a copy up in the church office through this week) and bring the completed survey with them to church next Sunday morning.
- **A Game Plan Group** (currently Ruling Elders Dan Delmar and Amy Roberts, Deacon/former Elder Barbara Quincy, and members/former Ruling Elders Joe Dionne and Sandy Shifrin) will meet on Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 PM at the church. This group is charged with preparing an initial "game plan" for closing our budget gap to Session at its February 10 Stated Meeting. Any member of the congregation who wishes to contribute to this discussion is welcome. Come as you are inspired and able.

INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS. We welcome friends and visitors at worship this morning. Should this be the right time and season for you to join this family of faith, please speak with the Pastor or call the church office (762-5514). The next regularly scheduled Session meeting to receive new members will be **Sunday, February 8, 9:30 AM** in the Quiet/Meditation Room.

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: Len Rovins, husband of Judy Rovins, is a resident at The Jewish Home in Fairfield, CT. He expects to return home in Westport sometime this coming week.

HIGH SCHOOL DC MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS. Members of the high school youth group are preparing for the annual mission trip to Washington DC, where they will spend a week serving the hungry and homeless. As in years past, they are collecting new (or clean and very gently used) mittens, gloves and hats to distribute to the men, women and children living on the streets of our nation's capital. If you would like to donate, please be sure to bring those items to the collection box outside of the church office by Wednesday, February 11.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! "By popular demand" the Men's Bible Study group (Every Tuesday, 12 Noon – 1 PM in the Alcove; bring your own lunch!) is resuming its study of Scripture. This Tuesday's study will focus on Psalm 121. Join us!

“**THIS I BELIEVE**” is a small spiritual formation group that meets twice to prepare short essays focusing on their core values, beliefs, and/or faith stories. One group met last fall and shared their essays with one another. Three WPC members indicated interest last weekend...with six needed for a “critical mass.” If you are interested in joining a second group this winter, please speak with the Pastor, indicate your interest by initialing “TIB” next to your name on the Fellowship Pad, or email/call the Church Office (wpchurch@snet.net; 762-5514).

WEBSITE PHOTOS NEEDED! The WPC web site is being updated and Paul Lourd is in need of good digital photos from recent WPC events. If you have any 2007/2008 photos, please burn to CD and leave at the church office, or mail to Paul at 173 Old Boston Rd Wilton, CT 06897.

ANOTHER KATRINA TRIP! There is another trip being planned for the dates April 15th through April 18th. The dates for arrivals and departures are flexible, some may arrive on the 15th or the 16th and some may depart on the 17th or the 18th; whichever is more convenient for anyone interested. For this trip to Katrina we would love to have a full team of both new and experienced people who would like to take part in a once in a lifetime opportunity to help the needy on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. No skills are required- just an open mind and a big heart. Unfortunately we need to limit the amount of people coming this year to 14. We will also be collecting a fully refundable \$100 check that would preferably be collected by the end of February. If you want to go or have any questions, please contact Sabrina Gutknecht at 722-7867 sabrinagutknecht@yahoo.com or Mac Keers at 216-7414, mpkeers5050@yahoo.com.

**The COATMOBILE is Coming Again!
Please Bring a Good Used Coat for the Homeless and
Working Poor to Church on Sunday Morning, February 1.**

Over the past 7 winters, members of the Wilton Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, the other churches in Wilton, and hundreds of individual members of the Wilton community have donated a total of 4,413 warm winter coats to men, women and children who have no homes, who are sleeping at shelters, who are wearing faded, ragged, worn-out coats or no coats at all. Thank you for your help in the past. We need your coats again this winter. Shelters have already called and faxed us their “orders” for hundreds of men’s, women’s and children’s coats - small, medium, large and extra large. We need more. If you can, please bring a coat to church on Sunday, February 1. On the next bitter, windy, winter day you will know that someone is warm because of you. **Thank You for Your Coats! - The Coatmobile Volunteers.**

NEXT SUNDAY
“Spiritual Gifts”
The Service for the Lord’s Day
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Worship led by Ruling Elders
Max Gabrielson and Cathy Thomas, preaching

CALENDAR

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| Sunday | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 AM | Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Sanctuary |
| Tuesday | 12:00 PM | Men’s Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 10:30 AM | Ogden House Luncheon preparation |
| | 4:30 PM | Sexuality Seminar |
| Thursday | | Morning Prayer |
| | 7:30 PM | Sanctuary Choir |
| Sunday | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship, led by Ruling Elders |