

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN

March 8, 2009

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*Four listening devices are available on the table in the Narthex*

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.

**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, April 26, 9:30 AM** in the Quiet/Meditation Room.

**GOD'S PEOPLE HERE:** There will be a memorial service for Len Rovins, husband of Judy Rovins, on Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 PM at the Westport Town Hall.

**WPC CHURCH DIRECTORY:** The 2009 church directory is available on the credenza in the Narthex or in the church office. Please take one!

## **"PASTA PLUS FELLOWSHIP" DINNERS**

**Continue Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Gathering Space.**

Pasta and beverages will be provided. Please bring salad and bread or a dessert to share. To help defray expenses, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of \$5 per person, \$15.00 for families of 3 or more. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the Narthex (so we can better plan quantities) – but RSVP not necessary. Just come! These dinners will continue every Wednesday through April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to join the Pasta Team to help – even if only for one week – contact Cathy Thomas at 914-533-2580 or [bg1canton@aol.com](mailto:bg1canton@aol.com).

## **SECOND ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT!**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary**

Mark your calendars for an **outstanding FREE event**. The Second Annual **Wilton Spring Choral Concert** will be held in our WPC Sanctuary on **Friday, March 13, beginning at 8:00 p.m.** Choir members from WPC, St. Matthews, Wilton Congregational, Wilton Baptist, Our Lady of Fatima and Zion's Hill Methodist and members of the Wilton Singers will be performing **Gabriel Faure's "Requiem."**

In addition, the massed voices will sing three spirituals, two arranged by John Rutter, "God So Loved the World" by John Stainer, and the world premiere of "O Vos Omnes" written especially for the concert by Clay Zambo. The Spring Concert Chorus will be conducted by Al Galletly. Accompanying on organ and piano will be B. P. Thomas from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan. Guest soloists will be Mary Bozzuti Higgins, soprano, and Chris Monteleone, baritone. Mr. Monteleone is a graduate of Wilton High School, and went on to star in Broadway's "Beauty and the Beast", playing the roles of both the Beast and Gaston.

**The Outreach Committee has graciously offered to host a reception following the concert in Parish Hall. If you would like to contribute either an appetizer or a bottle of wine, please contact Patty Connor at [shelby27@optonline.net](mailto:shelby27@optonline.net) or 761-0163. Thanks so much. It will create the perfect ending to a wonderful concert!**

**INTERESTING READING:** Have you read or heard about the current New York Times bestseller, The Shack, by William P. Young? What is behind the overwhelming success of this Christian-themed work of fiction? Here's what a reviewer had to say...

"The Shack is a one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God. Through my tears and cheers, I have been indeed transformed by the tender mercy with which William Paul Young opened the veil that too often separated me from God and from myself. With every page, the complicated do's and don'ts that distort a relationship into a religion were washed away as I understood Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for the first time in my life." Patrick M. Roddy, *Emmy Award Winning Producer of ABC News*

Sandy Shifrin is seeking other WPC members who are interested in reading and discussing this provocative story. Eight copies are available in a box in the church office - please help yourself. When you've finished the book, please return it to the office for others who are interested. Please sign your name on the sheet next to the books or e-mail Sandy at [sjshifrin@optonline.net](mailto:sjshifrin@optonline.net) so we'll know who to contact to put together a discussion group (hopefully right after Easter). This invitation is open to all men, women and teens in the congregation who are interested in reading and discussing The Shack. We hope you'll be one of them!

**THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** The Men's Bible Study group meets every Tuesday, 12 Noon – 1 PM in the Alcove; (bring your own lunch!). This Tuesday's study will continue WPC's Lenten study of Marcus Borg's Reading the Bible Again for the First Time. Join us!

**WPC is "Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time"** during Lent this year. Please join one of the study groups listed below to learn more about "taking the Bible seriously, but not literally." There is no homework, and each class is a "stand-alone" session so all are welcome to attend as their schedules permit. (For those interested in reading the companion book for the study, it is entitled Reading the Bible Again For the First Time by Marcus Borg.)

- Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Library
- Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Alcove (bring your lunch)
- Women's Bible Study on Fridays at 10:30am in the Alcove (continues through May 8)

***JUMP START MY HEART!***  
**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**

**Hear all about the Automatic External Defibrillator (A.E.D.)** WEPCO has purchased for the church complex. A member of the Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps will demonstrate this device and explain how you can save a life. All are welcome

**CALENDAR**

Sunday	9:30 AM	Called Meeting of Session to receive New Members
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Finance Committee
Monday	10:00 AM	Staff
	7:30 PM	Lenten Bible Study
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Manna House
	12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Pasta Dinner
	7:00 PM	WEPCO
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	5:00 PM	Sixers
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Friday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	8:00 PM	Spring Choral Concert
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Jump Start My Heart: A.E.D. Demonstration
	4:30 PM	High School Youth Group Faith in Action