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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: We hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, who began regular radiation treatments for cancer at Yale-New Hospital this week. Gladys is visiting with her son's family from her home in Florida... We hold close in prayer Doon Foster at the death of her father, John Allen, at her sister, Dana's home in Ipswich, Massachusetts last Monday, March 16. Interment of his ashes in a family cemetery plot is planned for this August in Chatham, Massachusetts... Lisa Hofrichter will be undergoing surgery to unclog a liver shunt at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, this Wednesday, March 25... We hold close in prayer David Hull, who this week has been attending his mother, Jeanette, as a patient with congestive heart failure at a hospital in Gowanda, New York... Thank you to Patty Connor, Adele MacGregor and all the other volunteers who made the reception following the concert last Friday such a success. What a wonderful evening of music and fellowship!!!... Thanks to Carolyn Wheeler for donating a GPS system to our adopted family from Iraq.

"PASTA PLUS FELLOWSHIP" DINNERS

Continue Wednesday, March 25th 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. RSVP not necessary. Just come! These dinners will continue every Wednesday through April 1st. 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.

Mission at the Eastward (M.A.T.E.) Alumni turn their sights to local fundraising! This May we will create and deploy the first **Mission at the Homeward (M.A.T.H.)** crews. We will offer Spring Cleaning services, such as window washing, and porch furniture set-up, to the Wilton community. This is also a great opportunity to get a feel for what M.A.T.E. is like without having to commute or devote a full week. We welcome anyone to join us for this weekend of hard work and fellowship. Our services are tax deductible and all proceeds goes towards the Mission budget at WPC. If you are interested in being a part of a **Mission at the Homeward** crew this May or would like your home to be one of those we clean, please contact me at secarta@loyola.edu or 203-216-7537. Dates TBA.

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

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

EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC FUNDS

Contributions are being accepted in memory/honor of loved ones for both the Music Fund and the Flower Fund. Their names will be listed in the bulletins for the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday. Please have your contributions (of any amount) to the church office no later than Friday, April 3rd. Remember to include your name as well as the names of those people you wish remembered. Be sure to stipulate either the Flower and/or Music Fund and in memory or honor of.

HELP WANTED ... AGAIN!!

Additional choir members needed for Palm Sunday and Easter!! Here's a profile of the typical Choir Plus member:

- You would really LOVE to sing in the choir full time, but can't commit on a regular basis
- You may or may not read music, but you sing reasonably well (in the shower, during alumni reunions, in pubs on St. Patty's Day, etc.)
- You probably sang in your high school or college chorus, or men's glee club, or in a folk group (think Kingston Trio), but haven't done anything lately
- You think the Sanctuary Choir sings well enough for you as it is, so why bother joining up
- You're afraid you'll be intimidated by the vocalist(s) next to you ... or the prospect of Al Galletly telling you to shut up

If this is you, please understand there are no sign up sheets ... there are no auditions ... there are no Gitmo interrogation chambers. But there are some rehearsals:

- Thurs, March 26 – 7:30 p.m. – Upper Core
- Thurs, April 2 – 7:30 p.m. – Upper Core
- Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) – 8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary
- Thurs, April 9 – 7:30 p.m. – Upper Core
- Saturday, April 11 – 9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 12 (Easter) – 8:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

If you can commit to these SIX times, please come join us. Nothing makes a choir sound better than adding some extra “numbers” to our ranks. No emails or phone calls necessary ... just show up. We'll know who you are and will welcome you with open arms and an open choir folder. If you have any questions, let Al Galletly know ... 377-1831 or agalletly@optonline.net

WEPCO WORK DAY Saturday, April 4th 2009 9 AM to Noon

Back by popular demand! Early spring is a great time for the members of Wilton Presbyterian and St. Matthew's to clean and tidy the grounds of our churches. This is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for people of all ages. Activities will include:

- Repair and paint the dumpster enclosure
- Spring cleanup of planting beds, raking lawns
- Cleaning sand from the parking lot
- Spruce up of the playground
- Other needs that arise

The workday will be held unless there is heavy snow or heavy rain. Bring gardening tools, shovels, pitch forks, rakes and wheelbarrows. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Contact Jim Neighbors with your questions.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLEASE COME
To our first planning meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm at WPC

Purpose: To plan and organize a low-key, fun, and feasible yet marketable fundraiser event that will foster fun and fellowship amongst our members, promote outreach opportunities, as well as generate a modest goal of \$25,000 to \$30,000 in net proceeds.

Scheduled Date of Proposed Fundraising Event: Saturday, June 6, 2009 (that's just 9 1/2 weeks away!)

Initial Planning Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 (that's next week!)

From an enchanted evening in Paris, to a touching taste of Tuscany, to a sunny, spirited cruise through the waters of the world, where will our imaginations take us this year? Please come to the church on Tuesday, March 31 and be a part of the planning for what is sure to be a wonderful "take-your-mind-off-the-crumby-economy" fun-and-fellowship-filled evening! We can truly use your help to pull off a successful evening – and the more hands on deck – the lighter the workload for all of us. No contribution is too big or too small – please just say you will come to help us brain-storm!!

A GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Monday, March 30, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

At Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien

Presenter: Mark Tammen, Associate Stated Clerk Office of General Assembly (PCUSA)

Purpose: To understand proposed amendment to the Presbyterian Book of Order 08-B (regarding ordination standards for Pastors, Elders, and Deacons) that will be voted upon at the May 2 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Open to all officers and members of WPC.

“SECOND WAVE” Update (Tuesday, March 17, 2009)

Initial Annual Pledges	5	\$12,550.00
Additional Pledges	16	<u>\$17,879.00</u>
Total to date	21	\$30,420.00

This “Second Wave” campaign (March 1 -31), designated for program and mission, is intended to help close the 2009 General Operating Budget gap. Members are encouraged to contribute as means are available. Contact: Chip Mason (telephone: 762-2906; email:ewmason815@gmail.com).

CALENDAR

Sunday	10:00 AM	Confirmation Class
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:15 AM	Children's Choir
Monday	10:00 AM	Staff
	7:30 PM	Outreach Committee
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
	7:30 PM	People in Transition
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ogden House
	6:00 PM	Pasta Dinner
Thursday	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Friday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship