

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN

March 29, 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: We extend our Christian sympathy to Dave Hull at the death of his mother on Friday, March 20th at the age of 90. Services will be held in Cattaraugus, NY on March 28th...We hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, who is undergoing regular radiation treatments for cancer at Yale-New Hospital. Gladys is visiting with her son's family from her home in Florida

A GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Tomorrow Night—March 30, 7:30 – 9:00 PM (sharp!)

Noroton Presbyterian Church

2011 Post Road

Darien, CT

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

The first purpose of this gathering is to understand the proposed amendment to the Presbyterian Book of Order regarding ordination standards for Pastors, Elders, and Deacons that will be voted upon at the May 2 Stated Meeting of Presbytery. It is open to all officers and members of WPC.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLEASE COME

To our first planning meeting this 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

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!!

“PASTA PLUS FELLOWSHIP” DINNERS: The final dinner will be held this Wednesday, April 1st 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! If you would like to join the Pasta Team to help, contact Cathy Thomas at 914-533-2580 or bg1canton@aol.com.

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 **this 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.

WEPCO WORK DAY: **This Saturday, April 4, 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.

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)

"SECOND WAVE" Update (Tuesday, March 24, 2009)

Initial Annual Pledges	5	\$12,550.00
Additional Pledges	16	\$17,879.00
	+5	\$ 1,700.00
Total to date	26	\$32,120.00

This "**Second Wave**" campaign, designated for program and mission, **concludes this week**. It 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).

HELP NEEDED. Many of you have met Kate Kennedy who has been attending WPC the past year plus. She is a caregiver for a woman who lives in Wilton at Avalon Springs. Kate lives with her. Kate is from Ghana where her husband and most of her family live and she does visit them from time to time. Kate would like to attend WPC on many Sundays. She knows by Tuesday or Wednesday of each week whether she will be able to attend our church. By the way, Kate is a delightful woman!!! Frank and I attend choir rehearsals most Sunday mornings so cannot pick Kate up but usually are able to drive her home. Would you be willing to be available a FEW Sundays this year to drive Kate TO church? The process includes my gathering names and dates a few weeks in advance and then notifying you early in "your" week(s) confirming whether Kate is able to attend. Please call or Email me if you are interested in helping. Thank you! Judy Mabley (jmabley@optonline.net or 203-762-9584).

CALENDAR

Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Fundraiser Planning Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	7 th /8 th Grade Fellowship
	6:00 PM	Pasta Dinner
	7:30 PM	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Refugee Resettlement Group at Wilton Baptist Church
Thursday	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	5:00 PM	Sixers
	6:00 PM	JCCEC
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Friday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 AM	WEPCO Workday
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Palm Sunday	3:00 PM	High School Yoga Class
	4:30 PM	Koinonia & Katalysta

HOLY WEEK AT WPC

Monday, April 6 – Wednesday, April 8, 2009

7:00 AM	Morning Vigil in the Lounge
12:30 PM	Mid-Day Prayer in the Memorial Garden
5:30 PM	Vespers in the Memorial Garden
8:00 PM	Night Prayer in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 9, 2009
Maundy Thursday

7:00 AM	Morning Vigil in the Lounge
12:30 PM	Mid-Day Prayer in the Memorial Garden
6:30 PM	Service of the Last Supper/Service in the Lounge <i>This supper is hosted by Deacons at table for members and friends of the congregation.</i> in the Lounge 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Deacons will provide a main dish and beverages.

Last name A-J: Bring salad and bread.

Last Name K-Z: Bring dessert.

Children Welcome

At his last supper with his friends, Jesus commanded them to love one another as he had loved them. On Maundy Thursday our WPC family will commemorate this event with fellowship and a shared meal. Afterwards, the lights will be dimmed, and we will depart by candlelight, in prayer and silence, to the ringing of random bells. Please join us on this special evening as we renew our faith and recommit ourselves to live as Jesus commanded.

Friday, April 10, 2009
Good Friday

7:00 AM	Morning Vigil in the Lounge
4:00 PM	Joint Children's Good Friday Liturgy
8:00 PM	Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary