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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.

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, September 13, 9:30 AM** in the Quiet/Meditation Room.

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: We hold close in prayer Jim Truckess, former WPC now living in Bradford. The good news: the primary cancer site remains stable. The other news: it continues active. He began a new 3-4 month protocol of chemotherapy this week, leading, by the grace of God, to another respite period of several months. "Certainly that last respite period allowed us to do some very precious things together, so we are optimistic about a similar consequence after this therapy."Gretchen Collins, a former WPC member now living in Georgia (and New Hampshire) writes: "How wonderful to hear about, and think about, the new ministry Chris Delmar will find at Yale-New Haven (Hospital). How fortunate for the lives she will touch."...What a privilege and pleasure to welcome Gwen Kaplan, a former WPC member now living in Richmond, Virginia, at morning worship last Sunday, May 31...Does anyone doubt the ripple effects of this congregation through the lives of members who minister now in new places and among new people? The lives they continue to touch!...We hold close in prayer Rabbi Leah Cohen and her sister, Jill Strouss. Jill is recovering from recent surgery in Seattle, Washington for a malignant brain tumor. ...Jane Estes is recovering at home from severe bruises sustained in a recent fall....Carole Telyan continues a swift recovery following recent knee surgery.

THANK YOU! Thanks to Gail Moskow, Margaret Carkner, Janet Johnson, Judy Mabley, Barbara Quincy and members of Boy Scout Troup #121 who weeded the exterior of the building and courtyard. Nancy Gorkin replanted the barrels in the courtyard and she and Beth Mason worked on the Memorial Garden. It was a busy place this week! It looks SOOOO much better!

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK! Many families don't know that we continue Church School for children 4 years old through 4th grade all summer long beginning June 14th. Each Sunday children will have the opportunity to hear a meaningful children's book about faith and do a related craft activity. **The nursery/ 3 year old room will be open all summer for children up through 3 years of age.**

Five Reasons to Come to Summer Church School (if you are 4th grade or younger)

5. God doesn't take a vacation
4. You don't have to listen to a sermon
3. You can be in the same class as your brothers and sisters
2. You get to make something different each week.
1. You'll hear different stories about faith—old and new favorites

JOYFUL NOISE! On this last day of Joyful Noise we extend our profound appreciation to Lynn Driver for being our piano accompanist and for her caring shepherding of the Joyful Noise children throughout the year. The Joyful Noise idea was Lynn's and she has shared her time and talent to make it a reality.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION: We will be having the next meeting of the Career Transition Committee/People in Transition Group Tuesday 6/9, 7:30 PM at Saint Matthews/Wilton Presbyterian (WEPCO). We will be in the Alcove. We meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

MISSION AT "THE HOMEWARD" was a huge success! A group of 15 WPC members and M.A.T.E. Alumni are pleased to announce that they washed windows for three (3) local families and will be contributing the proceeds to this years mission budget. Thank you to all that helped make this possible.

CALENDAR

Today	9:00 AM	2 nd Grade Sacrament Education
	9:30 AM	Called Meeting of Session
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Deacons
Tuesday	7:30 PM	People in Transition
Thursday	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Saturday	11:00 AM	Memorial Service/Service of Interment for Margy Clulow
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship

OUR WILTON FAMILY FROM IRAQ AN UPDATE (JUNE, 2009)

The seed of helping to resettle an Iraqi refugee family in Wilton began with just a few folks in the fall of 2007; but the seed began to bud with the formation of a Wilton Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee (First Church of Christ, Scientist, Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, Temple B'nai Chaim, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Wilton Baptist Church, Wilton Congregational Church, Wilton Presbyterian Church, and Zion's Hill United Methodist Church) in the winter of 2008. And the bud began to flower with the arrival of Husam, Noorhan, Haneen, and Saif Khairalla on October 23, 2008.

It's only been seven months since they arrived, but in this short seven months in Wilton:

- The Khairalla family settled into a new home in Georgetown.
- The family is enrolled in the Husky Medical Insurance program and are receiving both food stamps and cash assistance from the state (and federal) government.
- They have a car (thanks to a donor), automobile insurance; Husam has a driver's license.
- Each of the Khairallas has secured a Social Security card.
- Husam is a full-time cook at Layla's Falafel on Main Street in Stamford.
- Noorhan is a Sunday morning nursery worker at Wilton Baptist Church.
- Noorhan is taking regular ESL lessons at the Wilton Library, courtesy of Literacy Volunteers
- Haneen enrolled in—and is now completing—kindergarten at Driscoll School.
- Saif is enrolled at bright Horizons in Wilton three mornings a week (again, thanks to three generous donors).

The transition for them from Iraq to the United States both culturally and personally has been an enormous challenge for the Khairallas--and for the Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee as well. But in every instance where surprises have arisen, both the Khairallas and the Committee have chosen the high road of understanding, hospitality, trust, and learning from one another. How very blessed we have been these first seven months!

Our formal sponsorship of the Khairallas will conclude on October 31, 2009. At that time the Committee's financial support will come to an end. The Khairallas are negotiating a new, less expensive place to live in Wilton. Husam is considering a new, higher paying job—or perhaps a second job. On November 1 (after just one year), the Khairallas will be financially independent.

They are committed to staying in Wilton if at all possible. One reason is for the education of their children in Wilton schools. Another reason is for the friendships they have made in this and for the support they so very much appreciate.

And the Committee is committed to helping them stay if at all possible (even after the Committee's financial assistance ends). One way is for the sponsoring religious communities to provide household and grocery items on a continuing basis. Needed items include:

For the family:

- canned meats – *no ham or pork, of course; but Hallal is not required.*
- rice
- vegetables
- canned vegetables, including sweet potatoes
- peanut butter
- spaghetti
- paper products of all kinds

For the kids:

- pretzels
- potato chips
- chocolate cookies
- Tony the Tiger Sugar Frosted Flakes
- small candy treats include lollipops and chocolate bars
- cake mixes and chocolate frosting
- Pampers Baby Dry diapers, 60 count, 35lbs+
- macaroni and cheese

To provide these household and grocery items, The Committee is suggesting that sponsoring religious communities provide as many of these items as possible on a monthly, continuing basis:

June, 2009 –	St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church
July, 2009 -	Wilton Baptist Church
August, 2009 -	Wilton Presbyterian Church
September, 2009 -	Wilton Congregational Church
October, 2009 -	Temple B’nai Chaim
November, 2009 -	First Church of Christ, Scientist
December, 2009 -	Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church
January, 2010 -	Zion’s Hill United Methodist Church

Would you please—individually and through your congregation’s appropriate committee-- consider providing these household and grocery items throughout the above designated month? This will immensely help the Khairallas “stretch” their food stamp assistance (toward purchase of perishable food items), help them toward relative financial independence, and deepen that already close relationship we enjoy with them.

The Wilton Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee

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