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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

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 an Elder, or call the church office (762-5514). The next regularly scheduled Session meeting to receive new members will on Sunday, December 20, **9:30 AM** in the Quiet/Meditation Room.

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: We continue to hold close in prayer Gladys, mother of Bill Bendix; Jim and Joan Kline, father and mother of Nancy Gorkin; and Lisa Bettke...Many thanks to everyone who participated in the annual Covenant to Care Thanksgiving Food Drive. WPC was able to provide many families and children in need with a Thanksgiving meal this year!

STAFF NOTES: Office Manager Susie Gross will return from her vacation to her office tomorrow.

2009 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2009 Budget Approved:	\$459,497
Pledges Received To Date:	\$372,080
Required Each Week:	\$ 17,483

The Session has called
A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Next Sunday, December 6, 2009
 Immediately following morning worship
 In The Sanctuary

1. To hear the report of The 2009 Nominating Committee of the Congregation regarding nominees to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon;
2. If the way be clear, to proceed to elect persons to fill these offices;
3. To conduct any other business growing directly out of the above.

**CHURCH SCHOOL
Two Mission Projects**

#1. Donate food, paper goods and personal care items to:

Norwalk Emergency Shelter: canned fruit, canned tuna, pork and beans, rice, microwave popcorn, granola bars, macaroni and cheese dinners, canned soup.

Wilton Food Bank: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, deodorant.

#2. Donate Gently Used Children's Winter Clothing

For the last 10 years we have donated "gently used" infant and children's winter clothing to the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Mothers who go to the Mercy Learning Center for a variety of literacy and job training programs can shop for free in the Center's "company store" which is stocked with donated clothing. In past years, your donations have been deeply appreciated by many mothers.

Please bring your donations to our newly painted Blue Mission Box outside the Church School office.

THE WPC CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 13

4:30 – 7:00 PM

Crafts and Carols

Food and Fellowship

For people of all ages

GREETINGS FROM THE WPC MISSION COMMITTEE! Are you going to be home from school on winter break and wondering what you are going to do with all that time after the holidays? You know you can't be on Facebook for three weeks straight. Well, the WPC mission committee has just the thing to keep you busy and help others in need: Five Days of Mission. Starting Monday, January 5th a small group from WPC will travel locally to 5 different organizations that need our help. This may include soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity, Americares, homeless shelters and other worthy causes. We are trying to arrange a different cause for each of the five days. At this point, the mission committee is looking to get a feel for how many of you would be interested in committing to 5 days of fun and rewarding mission work before you head back to school. Our days would begin at WPC, where we would assemble and depart for our work for that day. We hope to travel no more than about an hour. Everyone brings a bag lunch. At the end of the day, we will return to WPC, stopping for dinner on the way (it may depend on the schedule/location) to discuss our day and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to participate, and can commit the time for the week, please reply to me **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This is not a final decision; we will forward an application form to those who reply. Thank you, Paul Lourd, on behalf of the WPC mission committee. (P.S. Some of these email addresses might be parents. Please forward to your college kids!)

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

2009

The Greening of the Sanctuary - This Friday, December 4, 4:00-6:00 PM

Come join in the greening of the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Everyone is welcome to help decorate our worship space for these festive seasons. Led by Nancy Gorkin and Irla Landry. Happy Hour immediately following.

The Gift of Christmas - Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20, Before/After Morning Worship

This "alternative Christmas" catalogue will arrive in member homes near Thanksgiving time. The catalogue provides opportunities for members and friends to purchase a gift for some person whose needs are supplied through one of more than 30 agencies/projects. Each purchaser receives an angel and a description of this gift to give to a special person in their lives at Christmastime. Items may be purchased before/after worship on the Sundays above in the Gathering Space. Coordinated by Carol Rowe

The Mitten Tree, and its opportunities to share "warmth" with Seniors and Families, will be available in the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, December 6th. You will be able to choose to purchase gift cards that will be distributed by Social Services or to fill baskets for designated Senior Citizens. Questions? See Sue Macal or Linda Rost.

Pastor Drop-Ins - Mondays, December 7, 14, and 21, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

A casual time open to members/friends to drop in and share a story or just visit a while...in person or by phone.

Congregational Christmas Party - Sunday, December 13, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

For **every** member and friend of the congregation. Crafts for children and their families throughout WEPCO. Christmas "nog" for adults in the Gathering Space. Dinner and Christmas caroling for all in Parish Hall! Coordinated by Lelei Coyle and Loralyn Cropper

An Advent Quiet Day - Tuesday, December 15, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

During this most hectic of seasons, here's an opportunity for adults to breathe, relax, enjoy some personal silent reflection, and small group sharing on Advent themes. This second of the year's "One Shot Wonders" led by Jane Field and David Graybill. Register ahead at jane@field@snet.net or come as your schedule permits.

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: We are entering the final week of our Stewardship Campaign and I would like to thank those who have given so generously. As of last Sunday, we have received pledges totaling \$219,000 which is 48% of our goal of \$459,000. In this year of economic challenges, your willingness to support our church and its good works is testament to the faith, love and joy in our congregation. If you have not yet returned your pledge, kindly place it in today's offering tray along with your Time and Talent card - or send it via the mail to our church offices. We are hoping to hear from over 100 members who have yet to respond - please know that your participation is most important, at whatever level you are able. Please accept my sincere gratitude on behalf of WPC and the Stewardship Committee for your generosity. Buck Burnaman, Stewardship Committee Chair

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Opportunities especially for children

- **For children in 2nd through 8th grades**, there will be a youth choir singing some of the anthems along with our adult choir in the very special annual Advent Music service on Sunday, December 20. Children will rehearse with Al Galletly on Thursdays, December 3, 10 and 17 at 4:30pm and with the adult choir on Saturday, December 19 at 10:30am. If your child would like to sing in this special service, **please let Al know no later than December 1.**
- **For children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade**, there will be a Christmas pageant "tableau" presented during the Family Christmas Eve service at 4pm on December 24. The "tableau" format means the children will *not* be singing anthems, dancing, acting or speaking lines. Instead, Pastor David Graybill will read the Christmas story from scripture. Between the scripture lessons, as the congregation sings familiar Christmas carols, children will come forward and take their place in costume in the nativity scene. The only preparation required will be one costume fitting on Thursday, December 10 at 5:00pm, and one brief walk-through rehearsal on Wednesday, December 23 at 2:00pm. If your child would like to be a part of this Christmas Eve pageant, **please let Jane Field know no later than December 1.**
- Please note: children in 2nd through 5th grades are most welcome to participate in BOTH of these services if they wish!!!

Christmas Eve Services

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 PM

A Christmas tableau (Kindergarten through 5th grade noted above)

Christmas Prelude, 8:30 PM

A variety of Christmas choral and instrumental music.

Candlelight Communion Service, 9:00 PM

Our traditional service with Christmas carols, candlelight and The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship/Joint with St. Matthew's (Episcopal Liturgy) in Parish Hall
Monday	10:00 AM	WPC Staff Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Get Real: Presenter: Peter Powell, former President, Westport Interfaith Housing
Wednesday	6:00 PM	7 th & 8 th Grade Youth Group Christmas Party
Thursday	7:15 AM	Morning Prayer
	4:30 PM	Children's Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice
Friday	4:00 PM	Greening of The Sanctuary, followed by Happy Hour
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday with The <u>Times</u> Gift of Christmas
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Gift of Christmas
	11:30 AM	Deacons
	4:30 PM	High School Youth Group Christmas Party