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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 **next Sunday, December 20, 9:30 AM** in the Quiet/Meditation Room.

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: We hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Wilton as she continues her chemotherapy for lung cancer; Lisa Bettke in her continuing battle with the flu, and Jim Lillie in his bout with pneumonia... We rejoice with Bob and Lynette Darken, Resident Directors of the girls' ABC house, at the birth of their third child and first daughter, Annika Elizabeth, at Norwalk Hospital on Friday, December 4... Carol Kern is recuperating at Greenwich Hospital from recent major back surgery... Jim Kline, Nancy Gorkin's father, continues recovering from major cancer surgery this week in Michigan. As a sign of his recovery, Jim recently sang "I'll be home for Christmas." Nancy is flying today to Michigan to be with her father and mother, Joan... Thanks to the kind elf who cleaned up after coffee hour last Sunday and cleaned out the closet in the kitchen. Help is always appreciated, Pam Kelley, Deacon Moderator... Congratulations to Faith Sherman who has just been nominated for a 2010 Grammy Award! The category is "Best Opera Recording" and it's for her performance as a principal artist in John Musto's Volpone with Wolf Trap Opera. The recording is of a live performance and was recently released by Wolftrap Recordings... "The father" mentioned by the Pastor last Sunday was simply speechless in his gratitude for the varied Christmas gifts offered by the congregation last Sunday: a temporary job offer, a present for his son and daughter, and contributions through the Good Samaritan Fund toward his purchase of gifts for his children. Thank you! Thank you!

NEW STAFF EMAILS! Effective immediately the following email addresses have been changed to:

David Graybill: davidgraybill@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Jane Field: jane@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Susie Gross (church office): wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Sandy Muschler (WEPCO): wepco@optonline.net

THE WPC CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Today!

4:30 – 7:00 PM

Crafts and Carols

Food and Fellowship

For people of *all* ages

2009 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Monday, December 7)

2009 Budget Approved: \$459,497

Pledges Received To Date: \$397,790

Required Each Week: \$ 20,570

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN (Thursday, December 10)

2010 Preliminary Operating Budget: \$459,497

Pledging Units 90 (81 adults, 9 teens)

Total Dollars Pledged \$275,542

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES 2009

The Gift of Christmas - Sundays, December 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

Mitten Tree

Today is the last day to take advantage of two opportunities to spread some Christmas "warmth".

1. You may select a pair of mittens (literally) from the tree in the Gathering Space. The directions inside simply request that you purchase a gift card and return both mittens and card to the church office by Wednesday, December 16th. Social Services will distribute the gift cards to families in our area and the mittens will be distributed by our youth.

2. You may also choose to fill a basket of requested items for Senior Citizens in our area. Those needs are indicated on the numbered yellow paper mittens and also returned (in a wrapped basket) to the church office by Wednesday, December 16th. We had two highly motivated people pick out their mittens before we had a chance to get their names; please let one of us know which number you chose.

Thank you for your generosity!
Linda Rost and Sue Macal
for the Mission Committee

Pastor Drop-Ins - Mondays, December 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.

An Advent Quiet Day - *This 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@wiltonpresbyterian.org or come as your schedule permits.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND MUSIC CONTRIBUTIONS. 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 at the 4 PM and 9 PM services on Christmas Eve. Please have your contributions (of any amount) to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 16. 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.

2009 ANNUAL REPORTS. The 2009 committee annual reports are due to the church office no later than Friday, January 8, 2010. Please email them as an attachment to wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org. Be sure to include the members of your committee. Thanks very much, Susie Gross.

WOMEN’S MINSITRIES: The Women of WPC are invited to an impromptu addition to this year’s Girlfriend’s Guide to the Bible program: we have loved being together so much on Friday mornings at 10:30am that we couldn’t stand to wait until March for the next 6-week “Saving Jesus” course to start, so we’ve decided to have a “J-Term” (January term)! **Fridays at 10:30am, January 8, 15, 22 and 29**, all women are invited to join us for a study entitled, **“The Power of Forgiveness.”** We will use the award-winning documentary film of that title by director Martin Doblmeier as a starting point for studying scripture from the Old and New Testaments. The film explores the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within relationships, as well as the role of forgiveness in faith and its power for personal and spiritual transformation. Along with interviews of noted theologians, pastors and spiritual leaders, the film shows places around the world where people have struggled with the issue of forgiveness in the aftermath of tragedy and atrocity, including the Amish community of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, where a 2006 schoolhouse shooting left 5 children dead and 5 others wounded. Please join us for this important and engaging short-term Bible study—no homework, drop-ins welcome! For more information, contact Director of Spiritual Formation, Jane Field.

CALENDAR

Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday with the <u>Times</u> Gift of Christmas
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	10:00 AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00 AM	Gift of Christmas
	11:30 AM	Washington DC Orientation
	4:30 PM	Congregational Christmas Party
Monday	10:00 AM	Staff
	12:00 PM	Joint Staff Christmas Luncheon
	5:00 PM	Pastor Drop-in
Tuesday	9:30 AM	One Shot Wonder: Advent Quiet Day
	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting of Session
Thursday	7:15 AM	Morning Prayer
	7:30 PM	Small Group: “Presbys and Popcorn” Movie Group
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Saturday	9:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday	8:45 AM	Sanctuary Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday with the <u>Times</u>
	9:30 AM	Called Meeting of Session
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship