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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).

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: Carol Kern continues rehabilitation at Waveny Care Center, New Canaan, following back surgery last week at Greenwich Hospital....Nancy Gorkin has been attending her father, Jim, and mother, Joan, following Jim's recent surgery in Michigan...We continue to hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, at Sunrise Assisted Living, and Lisa Bettke, still recuperating from a loong bout with the flu.

STAFF NOTES. The Church Office will be closed from Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 through New Year's Day, Friday, January 1. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4. In situations of pastoral need during this period, do call the Pastor David Graybill at home (203-762-2916).

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

David Graybill: davidgraybill@wiltonpresbyterian.orgJane Field: jane@wiltonpresbyterian.orgSusie Gross (church office): wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.orgSandy Muschler (WEPCO): wepco@optonline.net

The 2010 JOINT OFFICERS' CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan. Elders and Deacons (Classes of 2010, 2011, and 2012) are urged to register whether (or not) they can attend by communicating with their leaders (Deacons: Rachelle Bernabei, Chair; Elders: Nancy Gorkin, Clerk) as soon as possible.

2009 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Monday, December 14)

2009 Budget Approved:	\$459,497
Pledges Received To Date:	\$406,270
Required Each Week:	\$ 26,614

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN (Tuesday, December 15)

2010 Preliminary Operating Budget:	\$459,497
# Pledging Units	98 (89 adult, 9 teen)
Total Dollars Pledged	\$343,852

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES 2009**The Gift of Christmas -****Sunday, December 20, Before/After Morning Worship**

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. Coordinated by Carol Rowe

Pastor Drop-In -**Monday, December 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 PM

A Christmas tableau (Kindergarten through 5th grade)

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.

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.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume its studies of "Saving Jesus" on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, Noon – 1 PM in The Alcove.

CALENDAR

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
Monday	5:00 PM	Pastor Drop-in
Wednesday	2:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal
Thursday	4:00 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service
	8:30 PM	Christmas Prelude
	9:00 PM	Candlelight & Communion Service
Friday		Merry Christmas!
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday with the <u>Times</u>
	10:00 AM	Service of Lessons & Carols (joint with St. Matthew's in WPC Sanctuary)