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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.

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 scheduled meeting of Session to receive new members will be 9:30 AM on Sunday, February 28.*

GOD'S PEOPLE HERE: Dave and Berta Hull are in love with a baby girl. Laurie (Hull) White celebrated her own birthday on January 21st with the birth of her daughter, Sarah Mackenzie White. Congratulations to Matt and Laurie (and Dave and Berta, the proud grandparents)!...We hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, in hospice care at Brookdale Place in Wilton and Susan Tannian, who is recovering steadily and successfully from a nasty bout with a staph infection.

TODAY!

10:00 AM – Morning Worship begins in the Courtyard!

(SHARP!!!) This morning is St. Matthew's moving day—from Parish Hall into their new Sanctuary. Wilton Presbyterians will gather at 10 AM sharp (!) in the Courtyard to form an aisle through which St. Matthew's Episcopalians will process from Parish Hall to Sanctuary at 10:05 AM. All so we may double their joy at this high time in the life of their congregation.

10:15 AM – **Morning Worship** continues in the Sanctuary with song, scripture, (really short!) sermon, and prayer.

10:45 AM - **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** in the Sanctuary

- +to hear 2009 mission and ministry reports
- +to receive 2009 financial reports of the Church Treasurer
- +to receive the 2010 WPC Operating Budget
- +to elect at-large members of 2010 Nominating Committee.

All active members of the congregation are urged to attend and participate in this meeting. Friends are invited to attend and observe the very best that is Presbyterian in action.

COPIES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT will be distributed at the beginning of the Annual Meeting this morning and are available through the week in the church office.

Do you want to sing in **LOVE FOR HAITI**? Grace Baptist Church (17 West Avenue, South Norwalk) is hosting a choral concert with area church singers and congregants on **Friday, February 12, 7 PM in their Sanctuary** to sing in Love for Haiti. If your voice is a gift you would like to share with others in response to the need of Haitians as they struggle to recover from the recent earthquake, this choir and this concert is for you. If interested in joining the choir, please speak with the Pastor. If interested in attending the concert, just come. Remember: "S/he who sings once prays twice" (according to St. Augustine).

ONE SHOT WONDER: RACE MATTERS

A conversation among Wilton Presbyterian and Grace Baptists (South Norwalk) is in the works. As soon as Grace Baptist's Pastor, Lindsay Curtis, returns from a trip to Israel, he and WPC's Pastor will set a specific date, time, and place. In the interim, if you are interested in participating in this interracial conversation, do communicate with the Pastor. It will happen; we're just sure when and where...yet.

Wilton Presbyterian Church 's Early Morning Ethics Series – **GET REAL**: Joe Dionne will be the speaker at the upcoming meeting of the Wilton Presbyterian Church 2010 Series on Ethics which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 a.m. Joe is the past Chairman of the Board and CEO of the McGraw-Hill Companies. He will discuss the role of values in the success or demise of a company and in attaining a successful career. The group meets in the Lounge at Wilton Presbyterian Church on the first Tuesday of each month. The topics chosen by our speakers give us the opportunity to reflect on current events in light of our faith. The presentations are 20 minutes long followed by Q&A discussions. You are on your way in less than an hour. Join us!

Many of you will remember from recent years plays focusing on stories of social justice, such as “My Soul Is A Witness” and “Jackie, Vi, and Lena,” produced and presented by the Jena Company in NYC. Now, the Jena Company is presenting another play focusing on stories of social justice--this time on immigration. The play, **“AMERICA AMERIQUE,”** will be on Monday, February 8, 7:30 PM at the Ponus Ridge Middle School, 21 Hunters Lane in Norwalk. The point sponsor is Norwalk Area Community College. As Jena’s two previous productions, this one will be both consciousness-raising and thought-provoking. Tickets: \$10. Call: (203) 557-3730.

The **Festival of Children** is on **Sunday, February 7th**
in keeping with the theme of the service
St. Matthew’s and WPC will be collecting donations of
**Household and Grocery Items for
Wilton Social Services Food Pantry**

Here’s what would help most:

Stop and Shop Gift cards so clients can purchase fresh produce, dairy products, meat, poultry, etc.

- Paper goods (paper towels, Kleenex, napkins)
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing detergent
- Fruit juice (bottles)
- Coffee, regular and decaf, instant and ground
- Tea
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bath soap
- Pasta Sauce
- Dinty Moore Beef/Turkey Stew
- Salad dressing, mayo, ketchup and mustard (small sizes)
- Jam and Jelly (no grape)

PLEASE, VERY IMPORTANT!

NO peanut butter, No tuna, No canned tomatoes, NO tomato paste, NO canned vegetables, NO pasta, NO beans of any kind, NO canned salmon, NO canned soups (they have an abundance of these items) and **PLEASE**, no expired or dented cans.

Please bring donations to the Festival of Children service. All donated items will directly benefit Wilton families in need during these economically challenging times. Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN OF WPC: Be sure to make your reservation for our upcoming women’s retreat in March at the beautiful Mercy Center overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Madison, Connecticut (about a one-hour drive from Wilton). You have the option of coming just for a day-long retreat on Saturday, March 27, from 9am to 4pm. Cost: \$35, includes coffee and lunch. (Registration deadline for the day-long retreat is February 26.) Or, you can add on a “sleepover” party the night before at the Waters Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook!!! Friday afternoon and evening are open for everyone to enjoy the spa, have dinner, etc. (\$62.50 per person for double occupancy, or \$125 for a single—room reservation must be made with Jane Field by February 3 to get this reduced rate). Registration form available on church website (www.wiltonpresbyterian.org), in church office, or on bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

CALENDAR

Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday with the <u>Times</u>
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship begins in The Courtyard
	10:15 AM	Morning Worship continues in Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	<i>Small Group</i> Back 2 Nature
Monday	7:00 PM	Washington, DC Orientation
Tuesday	7:30 AM	<i>Small Group</i> Get Real
	12:00 Noon	Men’s Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 PM	7 th /8 th Grade Fellowship
Thursday	7:15 AM	Morning Prayer
	6:00 PM	JCCEC
	7:30 PM	Joint Youth Ministry: Church Leader Meeting
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Saturday	9:30 AM	Stated Meeting of Presbytery at Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford
Sunday	8:45 AM	Children of the Churches
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Festival of Children in St. Matthew’s Nave
	12:00 PM	Back 2 Nature