

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN

February 14, 2010

Website: www.wiltonpresbyterian.org

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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: We hold close in prayer Gladys Bendix, mother of Bill Bendix, in hospice care at Brookdale Place, Wilton...The WPC and SM youth are on their annual mission trip to Washington, DC. They will return to Wilton this Tuesday, February 16 in the mid-afternoon. Pastor David Graybill and Director of Spiritual Formation Jane Field are accompanying them on this trip. During this period we welcome The Rev. Joan Priest as Temporary Pastoral Supply. She will be available for pastoral needs (972-7356)...We hold close in prayer Chris Evans, son-in-law of Claudia and Sam Halsey, who has been hospitalized in Doylestown, Pennsylvania...and Nancy Gorkin, as she attends her father, Jim, in hospice care in Michigan...We hold close in prayer Rosemary Rice, wife of Jack Merrill who passed away on Tuesday, February 7. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2 PM at the First Congregational Church of New Canaan. Both Jack and Rosemary are close friends with WPC member Joe Dionne.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

WOMEN OF WPC are invited to walk a labyrinth Wednesday, February 24. The WPC women's ministries program invites all interested women to stop by the **Parish Hall any time between 2 and 4pm or between 7:30 and 9:00pm** on Wednesday, February 24, to walk the large labyrinth that will be installed there. This meditative experience will be self-directed, and there will be orientation and educational materials available in the Gathering Space outside our sanctuary to help you prepare before entering the labyrinth. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth is not a puzzle—rather you silently and prayerfully follow a path through to the center and back out again. The "walking meditation" will be accompanied by candlelight and sacred music. Participants should wear or bring comfortable socks, since shoes are removed before entering the labyrinth. Elder Cathy Thomas has graciously offered to coordinate refreshments during the evening hours so that women may gather for fellowship and reflection after walking the labyrinth. If you are able to bring goodies, beverages or paper products, please let Cathy know.

On Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 PM, **WOMEN** members and friends of WPC are invited to a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, celebrated by Jane Field, at the home of Barbara Quincy, 81 Grey Rocks Road, Wilton. It will be co-hosted by Claudia Halsey and Barbara Quincy.

WOMEN OF WPC: Be sure to make your reservation for our upcoming women's retreat on March 27th from 9:30 AM to 4 PM at the beautiful Mercy Center overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Madison, Connecticut (about a one-hour drive from Wilton). Cost: \$35 (includes coffee and lunch). Registration deadline for the day-long retreat is **February 26**. The registration form is available on the church website (www.wiltonpresbyterian.org), on the bulletin board outside the church office, or on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. If you are still interested in the sleep-over on Friday night at the Waters Edge Resort & Spa, there may be space available. Please contact Jane Field.

ONE SHOT WONDER: RACE MATTERS

A conversation among Wilton Presbyterian and Grace Baptists (South Norwalk) is in the works. Date, time, and place TBD. In the interim, if you are interested in participating in this interracial conversation, do communicate with the Pastor. It will happen; we're just not sure when and where...yet.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday
The Lounge
David Graybill, leading

- 6:30 PM Pot-luck supper for children, teens, and adults (in the Lounge).
Please bring simple, natural foods to share.
- 7:15 PM The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (in the Sanctuary)

A JOYOUS FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN: Last week the children of our two churches led us in joyful worship for this year's Festival of Children. It was a time of celebration as our two congregations came together in the newly renovated St. Matthew's sanctuary. We thank all of the dozens of people who made the Festival of Children a reality through their gift of time, caring and hard work.

Thank you to.....

All of the children, teachers and JCCEC members for the liturgy and prayers
Rodney Ayers, Al Galletly and Janet Nobles for the music
Kevin Quinn for the sound system which allowed everyone to hear
Steve Hudspeth for writing and directing the sermon/play
Rachelle Bernabei and Pat Hoeg for being assistant directors of the sermon/play
Chris Magnano for his starring role as "the teacher" in the sermon/play
Austin Schaefer for reading the epistle in Koine Greek
Victor and Rachelle Bernabei for the sanctuary artwork for the sermon/play
Sam and Matt Schmitt for the WEPCO Church van prop
Erin Cobb for the bulletin cover artwork
Mary Grace Williams, David Graybill, Jane Field, Rob Ross, Sandy Muschler, Steven Arrango,
Ellen Lewis and Susie Gross for their invaluable "behind the scenes" support

And for countless others who are not listed here but whose support and work made it all happen! Steve Hudspeth asked that we let you know that the subject for this year's sermon-play arose from excellent questions asked by our confirmands on the intersection of science and religion and that a portion of the dialogue in the soup-kitchen scene is verbatim what one of the guests told our confirmands as they sat with her and other soup-kitchen guests after serving them the meal they had prepared. In answer to the question our confirmands asked her about where she lives, she replied: "For ten years now when it's not too cold outdoors and I come to the shelter, I've lived by edge of the Norwalk River in my secret place." - Becky Hudspeth and Sheri Richards, Church School coordinators

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Wilton Presbyterians and Grace Baptists

at

Grace Baptist Church (17 West Ave., South Norwalk)

10:30 AM

Sunday, March 7, 2010

David Graybill, preaching

Please Note: *This is WPC's regular worship service for this Sunday. There will be no worship service in WPC's Sanctuary this morning.*

CALENDAR

Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Joan Priest, preaching)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday		No Men's Bible Study
	mid-afternoon	Washington, DC mission trip participants return
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Supper
	7:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:15 AM	Morning Prayer
	7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday	10:00 AM	Morning Worship/DC participants
	4:30 PM	Koinonia & Katalysta