

MAY 2010



CAN YOU HELP A NEIGHBOR?

HOMEFRONT (formerly Americares') Saturday, May 1, 2010

Another WPC tradition continues on May 1st, our annual joint effort with St. Matthews, working on a Homefront project. This year we will be working for a 95 year old woman who lives alone in Weston. Mary has 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren! The primary work to be done is painting the exterior of the house, caulking and painting one bathroom, and general basement clean up. There may also be a small rear porch to rebuild. Unlike last year, this home and yard are neatly kept and there will not be a lot of planting/cleanup needed. Rather than listening to chain saws and drills, we will listen to the birds as we paint. It is a one story home, so no excessive height is involved.

If you can participate for a half day, or full day, please contact Paul Lourd (plourd@optonline.net) as soon as possible. There is also a need for two or three people to visit the home during the prior week to clean the gutters and scrape old paint from the window trim. If you can help with this, please let me know what day of the week will work for you. Come have a great time doing mission work!

It was a sermon weeks ago—on the theme of self-surrender (rather than self-control)—that prompted me to remember a call to worship Jane Neighbors offered months ago—on theme of the “quiet ones.”

The quiet ones are the people who listen more than talk.

The quiet ones are the people who work behind the curtain rather than in front of it.

The quiet ones are the ones who do what they do with little or no thought of fanfare or praise.

The quiet ones are people who are so focused on others they (sometimes literally!) forget themselves in surrender to a present moment, to a simple service, to another’s human need.

The quiet ones do not make waves so much as they ride them.

The quiet ones are the fabric of life and the glue of any and every community of which we are a part—from families to church, from community to nation and beyond.

The quiet ones are among those whose desire to love is more important than their need to be right.

And, most importantly, the quiet ones (whether they know it or not) are the people who are the body of Christ not only in the church but in the world.

And WPC is chock-full of these wondrous quiet ones.

They turn on the sound system, mark the lectern Bible, and tidy the sanctuary.

They fill water glasses, prepare communion elements and brew coffee.

They bake food for people in need, make phone calls, write condolence cards and letters.

They drive people to where they need to be and they travel to where friends need them to be.

They solicit prayers...rarely for themselves, always for others.

They show up (or so it seems) whenever the church doors are open, if for no other reason than to be in the presence of God.

They are present when others are...somewhere else.

And they...ever so patiently, generously, and, of course, quietly...serve positively and selflessly the larger community.

May is a month filled with passion of the earth and of its peoples—“of earthquake, wind and fire” both within and without. But in this month, please do not forget the quiet ones in this church and in your life. More than likely, they are somewhere on the margins of your life—so close to you, so present to you, so surrendered to you, you may not even be aware of them. Except when you think of them as one of the quiet ones who make your life wondrously worth your living. Perhaps you might offer them an intentional word of thanks or write them a brief, handwritten note. Then again, maybe not. More than sufficient for these quiet ones is your own quiet prayer of thanks to God for their being a part of the beauty and grace of your life. That makes you who you are. But in the course of this “lusty (and wild) month of May,” please do remember the quiet ones who serve you in your life.

Grace and Peace,

David Graybill

Your Pastor

WILTON GO GREEN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

11 AM – 4 PM

WILTON TOWN CENTER

*A fun way to learn about energy conservation and sustainable living—the **small things** that you can do every day to make a **big difference**.*

WORSHIP AT WILTON

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Easter 5

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Patty Connor
Scripture: John 13.31-35
Ushers: Ellen & Tom Mann, Katie & Kevin Nugent
Hymns: 455 All Creatures of Our God and King
516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation
376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Anthems: If Ye Love, Me, Keep My Commandments
Create in Me a Clean Heart

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Easter 6

The Service for the Lord's Day

Senior Recognition Sunday
Sarah Nugent & Margot Steele, preaching

Reader: Mac Keers
Scripture: Isaiah 59.21-60.5a
John 5.1b-9a
Ushers: Patty Connor, Sally Post, Jennifer & Jeff Rutishauser
Hymns: 473 For the Beauty of the Earth
335 The Gift of Love
388 O Jesus, I Have Promised
Anthems: The Gift of Love
For the Beauty of the Earth

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Easter 7

The Service for the Lord's Day

David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Jane Neighbors
Reader: Maggie Cummins, Shelby Connor, and Kyle Shifrin
Scripture: Luke 10.25-37
Ushers: Sonny Kern
Hymns: 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
407 When a Poor One
421 The Church of Christ in Every Age
Anthems: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Sunday, May 23, 2010
Pentecost
The Service for the Lord's Day

Confirmation
Jane Field, preaching

Call/Worship: Sally Carta
Scripture: Matthew 18.20
Acts 2.1-4
Hymns: 128 On Pentecost They Gathered
126 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
127 Come, O Spirit
Anthem: The Power of the Spirit

Sunday, May 30, 2010
Trinity Sunday
The Service for the Lord's Day

Memorial Day Sunday
David Graybill, preaching

Scripture: Ephesians 6.10-17
Romans 8.18-25
Hymns: Onward, Christian Soldiers
Faith of Our Fathers
262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Anthems: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
America the Beautiful

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY BULLETIN

If you would like to include names of close friends or relatives in the Memorial Day Sunday bulletin who have served or are currently serving in the military, please submit the names to the church office no later than Monday, May 24 by emailing Susie Gross at wpcchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org. Please include their name, service branch, rank and years of service.

MORNING PRAYER

Thursdays
7:15 AM
Sanctuary

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This sacrament will be administered on upcoming Sundays May 16, and June 20, 2010. Parents wishing to present their child(ren) for this sacrament are urged to contact the church office as far in advance as possible. Ordinarily, only two baptisms are scheduled at a single service.

THE WPC ENDOWMENT FUND

*has received
a memorial contribution
in memory of John Kelly
and notice of a bequest
from the estate of Jean Terrell*

NOTES ON PEOPLE

It was our privilege and pleasure on Easter Sunday to welcome former members Jack & Phyllis Blessing (Grantham, New Hampshire), Bill & Vickie Knowles (North Carolina), Tim Knowles, his wife and newborn (Darien, Connecticut) and Bob & Honey Evans (Williamsburg, Virginia) to morning worship.

David and Maureen Canary returned last month from a three-month stint in Los Angeles, California.

Congratulations to grandparents John and Jane Celentano at the birth of their fifth grandchild, Kyra Jane Anghelone, born April 13th to Laura and T. J. Anghelone in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

We rejoice with Philippe Chassagnoux at recent successful surgery implanting a pacemaker and defibrillator at Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

We hold close in prayer, George Hoftichter, father of Lisa Hofrichter, who has been admitted to a nursing home following kidney problems.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Phil Jacoby at the death of his father, Phil Jacoby, on Friday, April 24 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

We hold close in prayer Jerry and Donna Minear, parents of Jennifer Jacoby, in Iowa. Jerry underwent the second of two back surgeries Thursday, April 22 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

We hold close in prayer Courtney Kleeman's father, Richard Nelson, and her mother, Connie, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Richard is in grave condition at a hospital there with congestive heart failure, pneumonia, and a staph infection.

We hold close in prayer Louise Leinroth as she keeps vigil for her brother, Jim Dempsey, who underwent surgery Tuesday, April 20, at Dana Farber Institute in Boston.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Denise Shields, sister of Adele MacGregor, at the death of her husband, Bill, in San Francisco, California.

Mac MacGregor (Founder, Box House, Inc.) recently returned from a two week trip to Haiti to see first-hand the pressing need for shelter among the Haitian people following the January earthquake there.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Sarah and Joe Michaels (friends of WPC) at the death of his mother, Jean, on March 27th and his father, "Sonny," who is in hospice care at his home with terminal cancer.

Congratulations to Barbara Quincy who will graduate Saturday, May 7, from the University of Connecticut with a hard-earned and well-deserved Bachelor of Arts degree.

Our prayers are with former member Scott Seigfried and his wife, Stephannie and their two children, Braden and Carter. Scott is a Major in the Air Force and will be deployed to Iraq for approximately 4-5 months beginning about mid May.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Nancy Smith and her children Lynn Driver (WPC member), Wendy Swiggett (San Francisco, California), and Tim Smith (Brielle, New Jersey) at the death of her father, John Kelly, and their grandfather on Tuesday, April 20. A funeral mass was held at the Church of the Resurrection in Rye, NY on Saturday, April 17.

We hold close in prayer Cindy Watkins as she keeps vigil on behalf of her mother, Carol Wilson, who is in serious medical condition at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, in California.

We bade a fond farewell to Patti and Bob Wrobel whose last Sunday with us was Palm Sunday. They have moved to Florida. Their address is 6943 Westchester Circle, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 (941-907-3827).

MISSION COMMITTEE

LAPTOPS NEEDED FOR THANDA ZULU (SOUTH AFRICA) PROJECT

We are seeking used laptops (no more than three years old) for young people working for the Thanda Zulu program in South Africa. There are 13 of these young men and women who are currently working with children who have been orphaned by AIDS, who wish to continue their education in either medicine, nursing, or social work. All of them are struggling to work to support large families while trying to increase their skills and employment opportunities. They will not otherwise have access to a computer. If you, or someone you know, has one to donate, Paul Lourd has once again generously volunteered his time and expertise to clean it up and bring it up to speed. Please email Linda Rost at lrost0411@yahoo.com if you can help. Thanks!

FEMALE SOLDIERS FORGOTTEN HEROES

will sponsor their annual fund raising event on Saturday, May 1st, at the Wilton Library, at 7 PM, featuring cocktails, appetizers catered by Barcelona, comedic entertainment, and both a silent and live auction. Proceeds will go toward the establishment of transitional housing for homeless female veterans. Please support them!

MATE WORKCAMP

Saturday, June 26 – Thursday, July 2, 2010
Farmington, Maine

Wilton Presbyterian church is continuing our long standing partnership with Mission at the Eastward (**MATE**). This will be our 29th year sending a group of volunteers to help families in Maine who are in great need. This is a fantastic opportunity to do good mission work and enjoy the fellowship of your WPC friends. The trip dates are June 26th to July 2nd. We have great accommodations in the dormitories at University of Maine, Farmington and spend our week working on various building and fix-up projects.

Please see this WPC web page for all the information, and to get a copy of the application:

<http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org/mate/mateinfo.html> The sooner you get it in, the better! Photos from last year's trip can be seen here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/webmasterwpc/2009MATETrip?feat=directlink>.

Contact Paul Lourd (plourd@optonline.net) if you have questions.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Attention all Church School teachers & teen assistants!

**You are invited to a
Teacher Appreciation Brunch,
after worship on May 16th**

On May 16th after worship JCCEC, our Church School Committee, is hosting a special appreciation brunch for everyone who has taught Church School anytime during the year. All through the year you- our teachers-make Church School the welcoming and dynamic community that it is. This spring we want to thank you for all you do with a special brunch of delicious food prepared just for you by JCCEC and a time of relaxed fellowship. We are even providing child care! If you have taught Church School this year, come join us in the Lounge after worship on Sunday, May 16th.

Spring Mission Project

On April 25th all of the Church School classes were busy making their creation for our annual Spring Mission Project. Each class created a small gift which will be gathered together into a decorated canvas bag to be delivered after church on May 2nd to friends within our two churches. This project is a wonderful way for our children to reach out and connect with others in our church community. Children can go with their families to deliver these spring gift bags. **Please volunteer to deliver.**

Church School Needs You!

We are beginning to recruit teachers for next year and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. By assisting or leading you are giving the gift of your time and talent in a way that is very meaningful to both of our churches. Please join us in keeping our Church School program nurturing and vibrant by signing up to teach next year. Please talk with Sheri!

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

Most of the time, I have a great time being your Director of Music. I have a wonderful cast (some would add “of characters”) with whom I enjoy working every week. The Sanctuary is remarkable for its musical qualities. The music we sing is always meaningful, and always great fun to learn and perform. The organ and piano are both amazing instruments. All good stuff.

Our choir members continually talk about how much of a “family” we are. And it’s true. We enjoy each other personally, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, we share our good news and we commiserate and console each other when we need to.

Not only are we family, we’re a remarkable team. It clearly takes teamwork to make music happen. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses all have to blend together to make the music come alive. Sometimes, we may be short on tenors, so a few basses or altos will ably switch over and sing the tenor part. Much like a football team, we send in substitutes when needed and, for the most part, the home crowd doesn’t even notice the difference. The switch is seamless and produces a winning effort.

But there are times when teams lose a key player or two, and it can be devastating. Not only to the team, but to the home team crowd; and it often takes time to truly recover. To be sure, over the years, we’ve had choir members move in and out. We’ve said our fond “goodbyes”, we given each other great bear hugs, and we’ve wished them well in their endeavors.

But this time it’s different. We’ve reached one of those low points. We’re losing not one, but three key players this summer – Glenn Shattuck, Barry and Denise Gutknecht. These great friends are all moving away. As a team – as a

family – I confess we’re hurting. On the one hand, we’re thrilled they are all leaving for all the “right reasons.” But oh the loss ... and one in particular.

Glenn Shattuck has been a member of WPC – and a member of our choir – since the early 1960s. He holds several all-time WPC choir team records: for the most Sundays sung in the choir seats, for the most rehearsals attended, for the most choir directors performed under, and for most musical instruments played – organ, piano, harpsichord, bagpipes, bells, tympani, and God knows how many other percussion instruments – during WPC church services.

For any choir director, Glenn is a true rock: a reliable attendee, a musical historian, a gentle but giant presence, an incredible sight reader, always on pitch, and a friend and mentor to us all.

Glenn, we thank you so much for being a part of our WPC family for nearly 50 years. And thank you for being a true friend and colleague of mine for the past 30 years. With all the love I can offer, I wish you God speed and God’s abundant blessings to you, Alice and your extended family. We will miss you, my friend, more than you can possibly imagine.

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YOUTH & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES IN MAY

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| Sunday, May 2 | 2 nd Grade Sacrament Education, 9:00-9:45am
High School Faith In Action, 4:30-6:00pm |
| Wednesday, May 5 | 7 th and 8 th Grade Youth Group, 6-7:30pm |
| Sunday, May 9 | Senior Recognition Sunday, 10am (Includes recognition of youth group adult leaders) |
| Sunday, May 16 | 2 nd Grade Sacrament Education, 9:00-9:45am |
| Tuesday, May 11 | Sixers 6 th Grade Youth Group, 5:30-7:00pm (End-of-Year Party!) |
| Sunday, May 16 | 9 th Grade Koinonia Group, 4:30-6:00pm
10 th -12 th Grade Katalysta Group, 4:30-6:00pm (End-of-Year Bonfire!) |
| Wednesday, May 19 | 7 th and 8 th Grade Youth Group, 6-7:30pm (End-of-Year Picnic at the home of Kyle & Janet Nobles (190 Drum Hill Road) |
| Sunday, May 23 | Confirmation Sunday, 10am |

WPC is a partner in the Joint Youth Ministries Program, a cooperative venture with Zion’s Hill United Methodist and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Churches. Unless otherwise noted, youth groups meet at the WEPCO complex, 48 New Canaan Road. Please contact Director of Spiritual Formation, Jane Field, jane@wiltonpresbyterian.org or 762-5514 if you have any questions or concerns. If your family includes a 6th-12th grader and you have not been receiving our regular email reminders or “snail-mail” postcards, please let Jane know and we’ll add you to the list right away!

CONNECTICUT BICYCLE PROJECT Saturday, May 1st

Spring cleaning? Keep the Bike Project in mind! We are collecting adult and children’s bicycles, trikes, wagons and scooters. Bring them to the WEPCO parking lot Saturday May 1st 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. Yes, you may drop your donations off the week before the collection! Contact Sandy Muschler 761.8730 wepeco@optonline.net

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES NEWS

May Meetings:

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30am

in the Lounge

Get Real! Christian Ethics Lecture Series – Mark Carta: The Criminal Justice System

The title of his presentation is “There Has Got to Be a Better Way!” The financial and emotional toll of traditional dispute resolution procedures (*i.e., litigation or arbitration*) can be daunting. As a consequence there has been a proliferation of alternative ways of resolving disputes. But, exactly what are the alternatives in the alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) revolution? Mark will outline the chief benefits of various ADR procedures and survey the expanding list of ADR opportunities.

Sundays at 9am

Gathering Space Meditation Room

Sunday with the Times (Faith & Current Events)

Saturday, May 22

Back 2 Nature –Kayaking at Squantz Pond

Thursday, May 20, 7:30pm

in the Library

Third Thursday Movie Group – Film: TBD

Wednesday, May 5, 7:30pm

in the Lounge

Good Book Group - “Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis

TBD

Two By Two Wednesday Dinner Group (at the home of David & Susan Graybill)

Thursday, May 13, 6:30pm

Two By Two Thursday Dinner Group (at the home of Sam * & Claudia Halsey)

If you have participated in any of WPC’s small groups this year, or in the women’s ministries programs, please be sure to complete an evaluation form and return it to Jane Field, Director of Spiritual Formation (jane@wiltonpresbyterian.org) no later than May 10. Your feedback is very important to us and will be used to help in the planning process for the 2010-2011 program year. If you did not receive a copy of the evaluation form via email, please let Jane know and she will get one to you right away. Thanks, in advance, for your help in shaping this new and growing ministry at WPC!

If you did not have the opportunity to join a small group this year, please consider making it a part of your faith journey starting in September. At our homecoming picnic on Sunday, September 12, there will be a Small Group Ministries “fair” where you can get more information about how to sign up for or start a small group. There will also be a chance to chat with some of the WPC members who participated in this year’s program. The WPC Session encourages all members and friends of the church to experience how participation in a small group can deepen your relationships with others in our family of faith and with God and provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Make a commitment to give yourself the gift of small group membership starting in September!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its Stated Meeting on April 13, Session took actions including the following:

Received oral first quarter financial report; Declared Confirmands Alex Bendix and Molly Hoch ready to publicly affirm their faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 23; Discussed with WPC program staff the 2010-2011 calendar Received an update on the June 5 fund-raising event, “Hooray for Wilton Pres!” Concurred in appointment by Moderator of Deacons of Carol Rowe to fill the position of Dacon Marianne Krumm during her leave of absence; Referred three outreach suggestions to their respective committees; Approved letter of agreement between WPC and Director of Music Al Galletly.

♪ Hoo-ray for Wilton Pres ♪

Saturday, June 5th will be an evening of fabulous fellowship, food & wine, and great entertainment.....AND (lest we forget) FUNDRAISING!!

WPC needs to fill the coffers to close a gap in our 2010 operating budget. A silent and live auction will be part of our evening's festivities.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DONATE?

An item... do you have access through your business or associates to something fabulous that would really bring out the bids? Artwork, furniture, lawn/garden items, themed baskets, autographed memorabilia...

A service... babysitting, piano lesson, lawn clearing - your talents may be valued by another member of our congregation!

Entertainment... sports or theater tickets, backstage passes, limousine service (that we can package with above), party packages, or restaurant gift certificates are great!

Experiences... vacation time shares, V.I.P. tours - always big sellers!

Be creative, team up with other WPC members, ask your friends in the community, and submit your donation to Sandy Shifrin (sjshifrin@optonline.net) OR you can leave them with Susie in the church office. Auction forms are available in the church office, on the credenza in the Narthex or on WPC's website at wiltonpresbyterian.org.