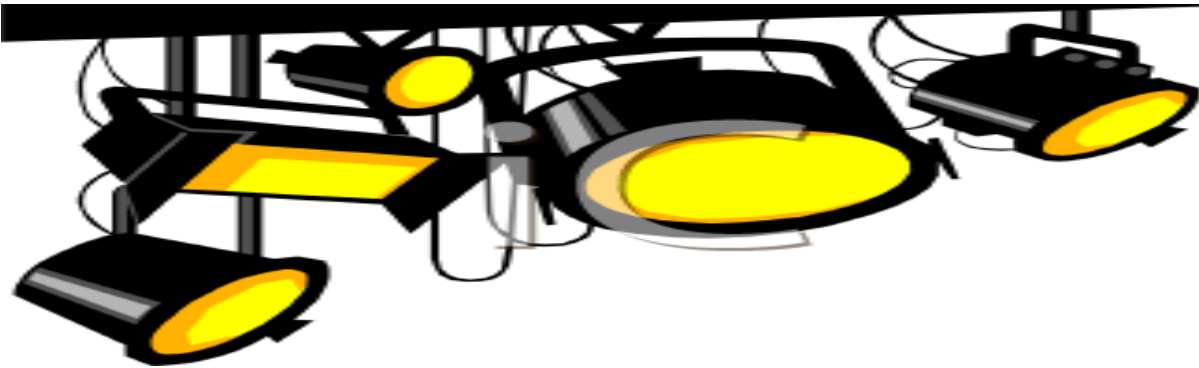


JUNE 2010



## "HOORAY FOR WILTON PRES"

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR EVENING  
OF EPIC PROPORTION FEATURING TALENTED  
MEMBERS OF THE WPC COMMUNITY

**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**  
**6:30pm**

ENJOY...AN EVENING OF FINE FOOD, WINE TASTING AND  
ENTERTAINMENT, including...MAUREEN CANARY, ALEX BERNABEI,  
CHERYLL & GEORGE RYDER, AL GALLETLY, MATT GREENE AND MORE

BID... ON FABULOUS SILENT & LIVE AUCTION ITEMS, including...

**An Unforgettable Wine Tasting Party for 12 !!**

Enjoy an evening of wines (tailored to your tastes) and a selection of appetizers from Ellen Mann that will be expertly paired with the wines you're tasting. It could be An Evening in Provence; A Tour of Tuscany; a Summer in Sonoma... Jeff Barbour, of New Canaan Wine Merchants, will work with you in developing a great wine tour for you and your guests. The evening will be complemented by Al Galletly tinkling the ivories, a beautiful centerpiece from Earth Garden; sinful home-baked desserts by Sandy Shifrin, and to even festive and edible party favors - individually wrapped 'painted cookies' complements of Susan Schmitt.

It's sure to be an evening you and your guests will long remember!

**Valued at \$1,000 - bid together with friends on this great LIVE auction item.**

Reserve your tickets by emailing [wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org) or by calling 203-762-5514.  
\$45 for adults, \$35 for senior & \$20 for teens  
(9<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

Two adults were graduated from schools of higher education last month, and each of them threw a party—no gifts please, just come! What was most interesting about these two parties was that the focus for each and both of them was not on the hosts/graduates but on the guests. Guests didn't have to bring anything except themselves. The events were the treat of the host/graduates. Why? Because they simply wanted to say thank you to those friends who helped them and stuck with them through their treks toward higher education degrees. Without their friends they knew they would not have made it; and they wanted to say thanks. **Relationships matter.**

One element in the “backstory” of Jane Field's sermon focusing on small group ministries last Sunday is a recent study of new members six months after they joined their respective churches. If, in the first six months after joining a church, they could name seven members of their new church, they tended to remain engaged in their new church home. If not, they drifted away. It is this phenomenon that is the wellspring of the adult small groups (along with the youth groups) that Jane has so capably coordinated this year. **Relationships matter.**

Or consider the Adult Choir. Their musical offerings we know full well at morning worship each Sunday...and so gladly appreciate. And yet, it's the relationships of these choir members with one another—some fresh and new, others ripened over many years—that so often make the music as glorious as it is. **Relationships matter.**

Or the church school co-coordinated by Sheri Richards and Becky Hudspeth. The trusting, reliable working relationship these two women have with one another...and model for this entire joint venture: the JCCEC monthly “pizza” meetings, the teachers' exchanges with one another. And, of course, the teachers' pride and joy in the children (as WPC fourth graders---Shelby Connor, Patrick Cummins, Nora Hoch, and Matt Shifrin--so wonderfully demonstrated just two Sundays ago!) **Relationships matter.**

Tomorrow morning I'm looking forward to a second gathering of mothers of young children in the Sanctuary...as I remember the first gathering last week and an Advent Quiet Day attended by several of such mothers last December. “What's life like for you mothers of young children in Fairfield County at this time?” A simple, open question that prompted an authentic depth of personal sharing that I found arresting in the most positive of ways. Their gladness at a time to become quiet within themselves before God and to be open with others (whom, it seemed, they did not previously know) was almost palpable. **Relationships matter.**

And the upcoming “Hooray for Wilton Pres!” evening on Saturday, June 5. Many years ago (during a previous severe recession) I recall Mike Stephens, suggesting at a Session meeting that, if ever there was a time for WPC to have a party, that had to be the time. He was so convinced of this that he all but single-handedly put together a sock hop that lifted our spirits beyond his—and our—fondest dreams. “Hooray for Wilton Pres!” will be just such an evening, thanks to the leadership of Courtney Kleeman and her ever-so-capable crew! Yes, I know, I know; it is a fund-raising event to make church budget numbers balance! But far, far more important are the relationships formed in its planning and enjoyed throughout the evening's events—from the sampling of hors-oeuvres and wines (and sodas) , around the silent auction displays, and in the evening's show of WPC's remarkably talented members and friends, and in the live auction as well. **Relationships matter.**

And from my perch this evening, as I write this column Along the Way, relationships matter most. For when it comes to living along the way with Jesus relationships matter most. They matter more than sermons, more than programs, more than music, more than buildings, more than numbers. More than virtually anything else.

Jesus said pretty much the same thing all the way through his life. That if you want to know God, you need look no further than your neighbor's need. That if you want to love God, we need love one another. For while God and neighbor are not identical, they are inseparable. **In short, relationships matter most.**

Grace and Peace,

David Graybill  
Your Pastor

## WORSHIP AT WILTON

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**

**Pentecost 2**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Last regular Church School

David Graybill, preaching

Reader: Amy Roberts  
Ushers: Florence Johnson, Margot & Lila Steele, Jeff Rutishauser  
Hymns: 267 All Things Bright and Beautiful  
304 Jesus Loves Me  
338 Kum ba Yah  
Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus

**Sunday, June 13, 2010**

**Pentecost 3**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day**

Summer Church School begins

David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Gary Richards  
Reader: Lisa Caswell  
Scripture: Micah 6.6-8  
Galatians 2.15-21  
Ushers: Sheryl & Bill Rider, Matt & Bryan Caswell  
Hymns: 361 How Firm and Foundation  
275 God of Our Life  
439 In Christ There is no East or West  
Anthem: Offertory

**Sunday, June 20, 2010**

**Pentecost 4**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day**

The Sacrament of Baptism

David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Bill Rider  
Reader: Sally Carta  
Scripture: Psalm 42-43  
Ushers: Sally, Anna & Nicole Carta  
Hymns: 469 Morning Has Broken  
314 Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song  
394 There is a Balm in Giliad  
Anthem: There is a Balm in Giliad

**Sunday, June 27, 2010**  
**Pentecost 5**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day**

Jane Field, preaching

Reader: Beth McCoin  
Ushers: Max Gabrielson  
Hymns: 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
321 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine  
210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN**

9:30 AM  
Sunday, July 4  
Presbyterian Liturgy  
In the Memorial Garden

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

This sacrament will be administered on Sunday 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.

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Summer Church School Begins June 13**

**Do you know that we continue Church School for children 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade all summer long beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>?** Each Sunday children will have the opportunity to hear a meaningful children's book about faith and do a related craft activity. **The nursery/3 year old room will be open all summer for children up through 3 years of age.**

**Five Reasons to Come to Summer Church School (if you are 4<sup>th</sup> grade or younger)**

5. God doesn't take a vacation
4. You don't have to listen to a sermon
3. You can be in the same class as your brothers and sisters
2. You get to make something different each week.
1. You'll hear different stories about faith—old and new favorites

**Thank You to All Our Church School Teachers!** As our regular Church School year comes to a close, we give a heartfelt thank you to all of our Church School teachers for all of your work throughout the year. You are the reason that our children have such a warm, welcoming environment in which to learn more about God and grow in their faith. Thank you so much for all you have done this year.... **and remember to sign up again with us next year!**

## NOTES ON PEOPLE

Congratulations to Geoff and Tina Garbacz of Madison, WI who welcomed their first child, Maxwell Alexander Garbacz on Jan. 19. They are the son and daughter-in-law of former members, Jane and Jerry Garbacz. "We now have 4 grands, including the three CA kids of Greg and Lauren -- they are all the best part of our retirement years!!"

Congratulations to Lisa Bettke, McKinley music teacher in Fairfield, CT, who was selected as the conductor of the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Elementary Honors Chorus to perform a concert on Friday, April 9 at the CT Convention Center in Hartford. It was the first time CMEA hosted an Elementary Honors Chorus. There were 100 grade 4-6 students from 25 different schools throughout Connecticut. They rehearsed all day in Hartford, during the CMEA state music conference and performed the Star Spangled Banner for the morning meeting of the State Association. Later in the afternoon, they performed the concert for all of the attendees and parents of the children. Lisa selected the program and the students were prepared by their school music teachers.

Thanks to Barry Gutknecht and his WPC crew (Steve Connor, Tim Cummins, David Graybill, Sonny Kern, and Gary Richards) who, on our behalf, served at the St. Matthew's auction on May 1st.

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

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

We continue to hold close in prayer Courtney Kleeman's father, Richard Nelson, and her mother, Connie, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Richard is hospitalized there with congestive heart failure.

Welcome home to Mac MacGregor from his two-week "boots-in-the-ground" trip to Haiti.

Thank you to all those WPC members and friends who participated in the Homefront housing project on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to Eugene Roche, son-in-law of Rob and Marjorie Wilkinson, at the death of his father, Eugene, on Thursday, April 21. A funeral mass was celebrated at Our Lady Fatima Roman Catholic Church on Monday, April 26.

We continue to hold close in prayer Carol Wilson, mother of Cindy Watkins, who has been hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, California.

We hold close in prayer Susan Boardman, who underwent outpatient foot surgeries at Greenwich Hospital on Wednesday, May 12.

We hold close in prayer the daughter of Jane and Jim Neighbors, Daryl Ann Filandro, and her husband, Jerry. Daryl underwent surgery on May 10<sup>th</sup> to remove a benign tumor in her pituitary.

We hold close in prayer Pam Cole (Wilton resident, member of Wilton Congregational Church, and close friend of Patty Connor and Tara Cummins) who is being treated for Stage 4 liver cancer.

We hold close in prayer, George Hofrichter, father of Lisa Hofrichter, who is preparing for surgery after recovering from a kidney infection.

We rejoice with members of Temple B'nai Chaim at the first Shabbat service in their new sanctuary on Friday, May 14.

We hold close in prayer The Rev. Stephen Goldstein, Pastor, Zion's Hill United Methodist Church, as he recovers from foot surgery on Friday, May 21.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Carol Kern at the death of her brother, Mike Chase in Birmingham, Alabama on Wednesday May 19. A funeral service was held in Enterprise, Alabama.

We hold close in prayer Lynn Quincy, daughter of Barbara Quincy, who underwent surgery for Stage 2 breast cancer last Tuesday, May 25 in Washington, D.C. Barbara is keeping vigil with her daughter in Silver Spring, Maryland as she recovers.

### STAFF TIMES AWAY IN JUNE

David Graybill, Pastor                      Tuesday, June 22 – Monday, July 5.  
Al Galletly, Choir Director              Monday, June 28 – Monday, August 2

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY SESSION MEETING

At its May 18 Stated Meeting, Session took actions including the following:

- Received the report of Presbytery's Session Record Reviewer and corrected exceptions going forward;
- Designated proceeds from Jean Terrell Trust for the WC Endowment Fund;
- Received the report of the Finance Committee as information;
- Received the report of the Personnel Committee concerning 2010-2011 staff goals as information;
- Received a report of the Pastor.

Next Stated Meeting of Session: Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Lounge.

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Endowment Committee is meeting on June 29th @7pm. Anyone who is interested and may want to introduce a project to consider to the committee, is invited to attend. For further information, please contact Tom Mann at 203-762-9222 or [thomas.mann@sgcib.com](mailto:thomas.mann@sgcib.com).

### YOUTH NEWS

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 8PM

*-One Night Only!!!!-*

All high school teens are invited to attend the "Hooray for Wilton Pres" variety show fundraiser, featuring home-grown talent from our congregation. A featured act will be our very own **Alex Bernabei, accompanying Lindsay Waack and Abby Alonso**, in an encore performance of "The Scientist" by Cold Play, first heard on our Washington DC Mission Trip this past February.

Tickets for high school teens are just \$20—respond to the e-vite you received last week, or make a reservation by calling the church office (762-5514). Ticket price includes snacks, pizza and soda, served before the show in a special teens-only lounge (a.k.a. The Gathering Space) with music, video games, comfy chairs for hanging out—lounge opens at 6:30pm, curtain for the show goes up at 8pm in Parish Hall. BE THERE!!!!!!

## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

Welcome to June. Or, as we choristers call it, “Summer Choir Month.”

Not unlike the congregation, our numbers begin to dwindle and instead of 18-22 lusty voices singing God’s praises every Sunday, I consider myself lucky if 12-16 show up. I feel even luckier if that number includes an equal number of women and men. Regardless, we put away our rehearsal clothes until Sunday morning, and then we do the best we can when the service begins.

Throughout the year, we get many compliments for our “work” and we are very appreciative of that. Of course, there are those times when Sam Halsey comes up and tells me “what lousy hymns they were today.” On balance, the positives far outweigh the negatives and for that we are most thankful.

Without the choir, of course, there would be no compliments to dish out. So here’s my annual collective pat-on-the-back to our loyal choir members who continue to make Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings such a gratifying time for me. This is really a remarkable team. But more than a team, it’s really an extended family. Here are the names of the wonderful WPCers who have made up your volunteer choir for the past nine months. Each of them has my sincerest thanks for their dedication, loyalty and hard work.

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Altos</u>	<u>Tenors</u>	<u>Baritones &amp; Basses</u>
Jan Galletly	Susie Gross	Barry Gutknecht	Ed MacEwen
Meg Campbell	Jan MacEwen	Glenn Shattuck	Chip Mason
Susan Boardman	Sue Macal	Bill Caswell	Jim Neighbors
Gail Moskow	Beth Mason	John Celentano	Steve White
Sherry McReynolds	Laura Ploss	Bob Hoch	Frank Mabley
Marsha Whitman	Jane Celentano		Joel Jones
Lynn Wilson	Peg Ploss		
Cathy Thomas	Lisa Bettke		
	Judy Mabley		
	Denise Gutknecht		
	Helen Galletly*		

*\*when in town*

This past year, we have said “farewell” to regular members Sonny Gerquest and David Sherwood, who moved away. And this summer, we will lose Glenn Shattuck, Denise and Barry Gutknecht. All three are huge losses to our choir, WPC, and the community of Wilton. We wish them all the very best and extend an open invitation to come back at any time.

In September, we’ll begin rehearsals again. And, as always, we will be eager to greet any and all “newcomers” who would like to join us in the choir seats. Remember: There are no auditions, we have the best seats in the house, we have a lot of fun, the pay ain’t much, but the payoff can be very rewarding.

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## SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

**What belonging to a small group has meant to me...**  
*-A sampling of testimonials from this year's participants-*

I developed close relationships with other members and increased my understanding of others' lives.

We closely bonded with each other.

I feel very close to those in the group. We have developed a trusting relationship with each other.

I made new friends.

This has made us stronger as individuals and as a church.

This group helped my husband and me expand our family of Christian friends.

It has been a pleasure to get to know other people in the church on a much deeper level.

The group is a place to get to know one another and ourselves better.

It helps us get more connected to one another.

It was a joy to get to know WPC members I had not known previously, and to form new friendships.

It's a great way to develop deeper relationships with fellow parishioners and to share positive experiences.

It has expanded my circle of people.

It helped me create bonds with my sisters and brothers in the church—a wonderful way to connect with and to support one another.

There is something deeply profound about talking about one's spiritual life in an everyday context. After sharing, we know one another better and understand each other's motivation and complexity—and therefore we are able to love each other more. And that is the primary result of these small groups: more love.

*If you didn't have a chance to join a small group this year, please consider it for next fall. There will be a small group "fair" on Homecoming Sunday, September 12, when you will have the chance to learn more about all of the groups WPC offers, talk to current members, and sign up. There will be lots of other opportunities to sign up all through September, too!*

# MATE MISSION TRIP #29

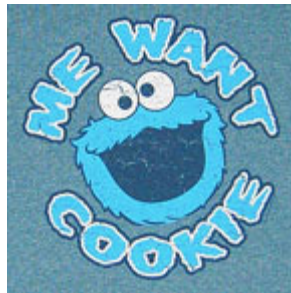
Saturday, June 26 – Thursday, July 2, 2010  
Farmington, Maine

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](mailto:plourd@optonline.net)) if you have questions.

**It's that time of year!  
Cookies and Snacks for M.A.T.E. lunches!  
In the years past we have asked for your support.  
This year is no different.**



Lunch is a VERY important part of M.A.T.E. COOKIES and/or SNACKS (like individually wrapped chips or crackers) really hit the spot when you have been working hard all day. **PLEASE HELP!**

Starting Monday, June 21st please bring your donations to the church office. There will be a place to put them outside the office door.