

SUMMER 2010

Summertime And the livin' is easy....



**Have a wonderful summer
everyone!!**

From Al, David, Jane, Sheri and Susie

ALONG THE WAY

“Goodbyes and Hellos”

Goodbyes and hellos are among the important moments in the life of any human relationship. And no less true in the relationship between a congregation and its Pastor. They are sacred times to be respected and cherished.

Which is why the Session has called a Congregational Meeting in September to concur in my request of Presbytery that they “honorably retire” me from my relationship with WPC come next summer.

Saying goodbye to one another after 23 years of pastoral ministry is important both personally and communally. This next year will be a holy, whole, and wholesome time for us all—both personally and communally. It takes time for individuals and a community not just to take action--something we “can do” Wilton Presbyterians know a lot about—but to feel through. It is time to acknowledge milestones and so lessen the likelihood that they become millstones later on. It is time for engaged members to deepen their commitment and for those unengaged to renew their commitment to this remarkable place and people called Wilton Presbyterian Church.

This next year will also be a time to prepare for welcome and hello...initially of your Interim Pastor and, subsequently, of your next installed Pastor. Session has already met with representatives of Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry and has invited Executive Presbyter Dana Lindsley to meet with interested and available WPC members and friends following the 9:30 AM worship service in the Memorial Garden on July 18th. The meeting will start at approximately 10:30 AM in the Lounge. There will another opportunity in early September to learn of the way ahead, but Session wanted to schedule a time for you and Dana to talk with one another just as soon as his schedule permitted. Do bring your questions, your comments, your suggestions. Most of all, bring your heart and your faith. All are welcome.

Goodbyes and hellos. Two of the most grace-full, exciting and sacred times in a congregation’s life. Praise the Lord! The Lord’s name be praised!

Grace and Peace,

David Graybill
Your Pastor

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM Summer 2010

**Hap-py sum-mer to y-o-o-o-o-u,
Hap-py sum-mer to y-o-o-o-o-u!
Have a ver-ry hap-py sum-mer ...
Hap-py sum-mer to y-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-u!!!!**

I’ll see you in September ... (say, that would make a great song lyric!) ... hopefully some of you will have decided by then to join us in the choir seats (lousy lyric, great concept though).

Love and hugs.

Al

SUMMER WORSHIP AT WILTON

JULY in the MEMORIAL GARDEN
9:30 AM

*Dress is casual. Bring a comfortable sit-upon (though chairs will be available).
(In inclement weather, in the Sanctuary)*

Sunday, July 4 Pentecost 6	Preacher: Call/Worship: Elder Greeter/Usher:	Jane Field Elaine Shields Steve Connor
Sunday, July 11 Pentecost 7	Preacher: Call/Worship: Elder Greeter/Usher:	David Graybill Cathy Thomas Cathy Thomas
Sunday, July 18 Pentecost 8	Preacher: Call/Worship: Elder Greeter/Usher:	David Graybill Mary Marquardt Malcolm Keers
Sunday, July 25 Pentecost 9	Preacher: Call/Worship: Elder Greeter/Usher:	David Graybill Judy Mabley Geoff Brown

PRESBYTERIAN-EPISCOPALIAN JOINT SUMMER WORSHIP
9:30 AM

Sunday, August 1st
Episcopal Liturgy in St. Matthew's Nave

Sunday, August 8th
Presbyterian Liturgy in WPC's Sanctuary

Sunday, August 15th
Episcopal Liturgy in St. Matthew's Nave

Sunday, August 22nd
Presbyterian Liturgy in WPC's Sanctuary

Sunday, August 29th
Episcopal Liturgy in St. Matthew's Nave

REGULAR MORNING WORSHIP RESUMES
AT 10:00 AM
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010
IN THE SANCTUARY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This sacrament will be celebrated again on Sundays, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 12. 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 celebrated at a single service in order to preserve its specialness for children, families, and congregation alike.

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Many WPC members take summer vacations elsewhere. The financial obligations here at church do not. We encourage members to make every effort to keep their pledges current during the summer months.

STAFF TIMES AWAY

Spring/Summer 2010 (leaving – returning)

Jane Field	Monday, July 5 – Tuesday, July 27	Vacation
Al Galletly	Monday, June 28 – Monday, August 2	Vacation
David Graybill	Tuesday, June 22 – July 5	Vacation
	Wednesday, July 28 – Monday, August 30	Vacation
(During the Pastor's absence, the Rev. Jane Field will respond to pastoral needs)		
Susie Gross	Friday, August 13 – Tuesday, August 31	Vacation
Sheri Richards	Thursday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 6	Vacation
	Friday, July 16 – Tuesday, August 3	
Sandy Muschler	Monday, August 16 – Tuesday, September 7	Vacation

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Office open 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays during the summer

Regular Office Hours resume on Tuesday, September 7

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Office Manager Susie Gross will be on vacation the weeks of August 16th and 23rd and needs volunteers to staff the office from 9 AM to 12 Noon on August 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26. No experience necessary. All you really need to do is answer the phones and be nice to the Presbyterians when they come into the office. Please contact Susie at 762-5514 or wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org if interested. Thanks!!

MORNING PRAYER

Thursdays
7:15 AM

(No Morning Prayer July 29 – August 26)

Regular Morning Prayer resumes each week on Thursday, September 2.

NOTES ON PEOPLE

Congratulations to Former member, Tom Harley, son of Sue and Fred Harley (also former members) who graduated from Union-PSCE (in Richmond) on May 29. He was awarded two degrees - a Master of Divinity and a Master of Art in Christian Education. In addition, he received the "Inaugural Presidential Service and Leadership Award" which recognizes "exceptional contributions to the life work and mission of the Union-PSCE community. His family is very proud!

We rejoice with former WPC member Neva Flynn at her marriage to Richie Lee in Dallas, Texas, on May 22. Former WPC member The Rev. Elizabeth Boone McLean was the officiating minister. And this joy will be doubled come October at Neva's daughter, Mairin's, wedding. What a glorious day time in their lives!

We continue to hold in prayer Chris Hannah, son-in-law of Claudia and Sam Halsey, who has been a patient for evaluation at the Cleveland Clinic.

And Louise Leinroth in her rehabilitation at Carolton Rehabilitation Center in Fairfield;

And Daryl Ann Filandro, daughter of Jane and Jim Neighbors, as she recovers from recent surgery;

And Lynn Quincy, daughter of Barbara Quincy, as she recovers from breast surgery.

Congratulations to Lisa Moskow and Dan Wilga (daughter and son-in-law of Gail and Ray Moskow) who are the proud parents of Scarlet Meredith born May 26 in Holyoke, MA. Alex, 4, is the proud big brother.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Courtney Kleeman and her mother, Connie Nelson, at the death of Courtney's dad and Connie's husband, Richard, on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

We extend our Christian sympathy to John Celentano, his mother Rosetta, and his siblings at the death of their father and her husband, Rosario, in Boca Raton, Florida Tuesday, June 15.

We rejoice with Steve and Ann White at the birth of their first grandson, Kellan, born May 28, 2010, to Hillary (White) and Ethan Brown in Providence, RI.

Our thanks to all those who, under the direction of Courtney Kleeman, made the June 5 "Hooray for Wilton Pres!" such a thoroughly enjoyable and successful evening. Thank you! Thank you!

We extend our Christian sympathy to Randy and Emily Hatch who are mourning the loss of Judy (wife and mother), who died on June 20th and whose memorial service was celebrated in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 26th.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of KC Fuller who died Monday, June 21st and whose funeral was held on Saturday, June 26th at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Tim Carey, son of Tony and Julie Carey, and friends of Nancy Gorkin and Jim and Lisa Lillie. Tim died on June 20th. His funeral was held on Saturday, June 26th at Our Lady of Fatima.

We hold close in prayer Linda Rost who is recuperating from hip surgery on June 28th.

BIBLE WITH THE BOYS
Resumes 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 14

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2010

July 4- Kayleigh Quinn & Hunter Quinn

"The Yellow Star- The Legend of King Christian of Denmark" This story explores how we react when other people are being discriminated against. Activity: The children will make their own star of David by drawing around equilateral triangles on yellow paper.

July 11- Maria Haljun

"The Quiltmaker's Gift" This beautiful story emphasizes that joy comes from giving to others. Activity: The children will use a paper grid to design their own paper quilt.

July 18- Susan Stofega and Dawn Breakey

"Old Turtle" This classic fable emphasizes the importance of looking for God in each other and in all of creation. Activity: The children will draw people of all ages, colors, and sizes on a 12" x 18" paper, which has been folded into 8 rectangles- one person in each rectangle.

July 25- Patty Connor

"Then I Think of God" This beautifully illustrated story shows everyday occurrences in a child's life and adds the refrain "Then I think of God".

Activity: Children will fold a paper in half and draw 2 pictures of times when they think of God.

August 1- Elizabeth Walsh

"God's Paintbrush" This beautifully illustrated story talks of God in the world around us and at the center of our lives. Activity: Children will paint with watercolors.

August 8- Elizabeth Walsh

"Because Nothing Looks Like God" This beautifully illustrated book asks the questions "Where is God?", "What does God look like?" and "How does God make things happen?" It does not give any answers but offers creative ways for children to consider these questions and realize that we all can be God's hands. Activity: Children will draw around their own hands and decorate them in celebration of the fact that their hands are God's hands.

August 15- Kayleigh Quinn & Hunter Quinn

"If I Only Had a Green Nose" At first the Wemmicks think that happiness comes from keeping up with the latest fashions and possessions (green, red or yellow noses) but they learn that true happiness comes from living in relationship with their creator. Activity: Children will draw things that they wish for on one half of a paper and design a cross on the other half.

August 22- Pam Carlson

On Noah's Ark" by Jerry Pinkney This is a beautiful retelling of the story of Noah and the Ark. Activity: The children will create cards to give to someone who has listened to God and done God's work.

August 29- Sandy Shifrin

"Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" In this touching sequel to "Old Turtle", people relearn the lost truth that God loves every one of us. "You are loved- and so are they." Activity: Children will make name badges that say 'I am loved and so are you'.

September 5-Sheri and Becky

"The Three Questions" This charming story has a boy asking the questions: when is the best time to do things, who is the most important one, what is the right thing to do? His discovery of the answers emphasizes the importance of living in the moment.

JUNE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its Stated Meeting on June 15 Session took actions including the following:

- Opened with Scripture and Prayer by Mac MacGregor and Sally Carta respectively;
- Welcomed Hilary Jacobs as Deacon Representative;
- Reconciled the church rolls;
- Acknowledged receipt of two bequests—one from the estate of Jean Terrell, the other from the estate of May Banninger—designated for the WPC Endowment Fund;
- Renamed the Adult Education Committee as the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee, including adult education, women's, and small group ministries;
- Received a report on the June 5 "Hooray for Wilton Prez!" (approximately 100 people attended; net income of approximately \$31,000) and asked the Clerk to extend Session's sincere thanks to those who led this event coordinated by Courtney Kleeman & company;
- Received a "Loaves and Fishes" (a marketplace for member time and talent, with payment for services to WPC) suggestion from Bill Rider and referred this suggestion to the Information Technology Committee (Paul Lourd, Leader);
- Approved unanimously call for a Meeting of the Congregation on September 19, 2010 to concur in the request of the Pastor to dissolve his relationship with Wilton Presbyterian Church on July 31, 2011 with his last active day of work on Sunday, June 5, 2011;

A MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As you might know, each September the Nominating Committee seeks the names of members who could serve as Elders and Deacons. Each officer serves a 3-year term, with an option to extend a year if requested and approved by the congregation. Our Presbyterian Book of Order describes an Elder this way: *Elders are chosen by the people....they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of [the] church.... They shall serve faithfully as members of the session. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.*

In similar manner, the office of Deacon *is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.*

While these charges may appear daunting, any past or current officer will tell you that the personal rewards and growth along one's faith journey far outweigh the challenging descriptions of the offices.

In the fall we will seek to nominate 5 Elders and 5 Deacons. We ask that you prayerfully consider whom you might suggest to the Nominating Committee, even including yourself. Do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Committee if you have suggestions or questions.

Sally Carta – Leader

Steve Connor – Liaison to Session

Barbara Quincy – Deacon Representative

Loralyn Cropper, Sam Halsey, Carol Kern, Greg Wheeler – Members At Large

AT ITS STATED MEETING on June 15 Session called
A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Immediately following worship on Sunday, September 19, 2010

For the purpose of concurring in the request of The Rev. Dr. David Graybill to the Presbytery of Southern New England to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Wilton Presbyterian Church and grant him the status of Honorably Retired, effective July 31, 2011, with the understanding that the last day of active work, worship leadership, and sermon will be on Sunday, June 5, 2011. All WPC members are urged to plan to attend and participate.

A PRESBYTERY-WPC CONVERSATION
Sunday, July 18
10:30 AM in the Lounge

The Rev. Dana Lindsley, Executive Presbyter, and Christina McInyre, Presbytery's Committee on Ministry-WPC liaison, will be worshipping with us in the Memorial Garden, 9:30 AM on Sunday, July 18 and then talking with WPC members and friends following morning worship in the Lounge. They are here to listen to your comments, respond to your questions, and provide you with information concerning this upcoming transition period between the current and future Pastor(s). All interested and available WPC members and friends are cordially encouraged to attend.