

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News from the Pews

January 29, 2012

Please **wear your nametag** and say "Hello" to at least one person you do not know!
If you would like a new or additional nametag, please sign the form attached to the clipboard in the Narthex.

☞ Four listening devices are also available on the table in the Narthex ☛

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers when entering the sanctuary

There is a **FELLOWSHIP PAD** located in each pew placed near the center aisle. Please **SIGN IT** and pass it down to the people in your pew. When the last person in your pew signs it, please pass it back to the end of the pew toward the aisle.

TODAY is the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND LUNCH** immediately following Worship, in Parish Hall. Donation is \$10 per person, \$20 max per family.

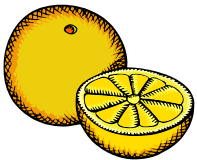
WILTON WARM-UP FUND/WILTON SOCIAL SERVICES is in dire need of monetary donations to help 64 or our own Wilton families keep warm this Winter by helping them pay all (or a portion of) their fuel expenses. When you're paying for your lunch today (while in our very warm Parish Hall), please consider throwing in an extra buck or two in the pot to help offset the \$60,000 deficit that Social Services is experiencing this winter. Warm your own heart and soul knowing that you're keeping others warm too!

INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS: Should this be the right time and season for you to join this family of faith, please speak with Stewart MacColl or an Elder, or call the church office (762-5514).

WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE?...If you answered "EVERYTHING you need to know about WPC" then you are right! The next time you're surfing the net, check out www.wiltonpresbyterian.org. You'll find Stewart's SERMONS; our weekly "News from the Pews" and Monthly NEWSLETTERS; the MISSION STUDY; SMALL GROUPS BROCHURE; BUDGET, CHURCH CALENDAR, and much, much more!



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS: We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of WPC member, **Gladys Hyatt**. Gladys passed away while in CT Hospice on January 18th, 2012. She was 73 years old. The Funeral service was held here this past Tuesday morning, January 24th at 10:00am...And to **Nancy Dolnier** at the death of her mother who passed away in Arizona on January 24th after struggling since her stroke 2 years ago. We hold in our prayers, Kit Smith's younger brother, **Rick Smith** (63), who lives in New Hampshire, and was diagnosed and began treatment this week for stage 4 lung cancer that has metastasized to his brain.



CITRIS FRUIT SALE: Support two great causes for the price of one! Were you planning on purchasing a case (or more!) of the wonderful citrus fruit **Wilton's Kiwanis Club** sells in our community each winter? If so, please consider placing your citrus fruit order with a **WPC high school student participating in our annual DC Mission Trip**. Kiwanis has generously offered to let our DC Mission Trip Fund keep \$5 for every case of fruit one of these students sells for them! (The remainder of citrus fruit sales profit will be used by the Wilton Kiwanis Foundation to fund a myriad of worthy charitable organizations locally, nationally and internationally.) If you would like your citrus fruit order to benefit the DC Mission Trip as well as the Kiwanis Foundation, please contact any of the following students (or contact Jane Field who can also assist you): Victor Bernabei, Madeline Driver, Madison Fellows, Molly Hoch, Sophie Paddon or Sarah Ploss.

JOINT CHILDREN'S CHOIR: All Wilton Presbyterian children (grades 2 and up) are invited to join the St. Matthews children's choir to sing an anthem for the Festival of Children, February 12 in the St. Matthew's Nave. **IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SHOW OUR WPC PRESENCE IN THE YOUTH CHOIR** since it is a Joint service, so please encourage your child to join! There will only be two half-hour rehearsals: Thursday, February 2nd and Thursday, February 9th from 3:30 (sharp)-4:00PM at St. Matthews. No need to sign-up, just come! Contact Sheri Richards (834-2570) or Becky Hudspeth (834-0943) if you have any questions.



CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR TODAY -

Grades Pre K-5th: Matthew 6:1–18; Giving, praying, fasting

Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. (1) Read Matthew 6:5–6. (2) Are there ways to pray humbly without "shutting the door"? (3) Walk across the room demonstrating a humble and quiet attitude; then show an "I'm better than other people" walk.

Did you know? "Baba Yetu," the theme song for the video game *Civilization IV*, is the Lord's Prayer in Swahili.

Prayer for this week *God, teach us to give and pray humbly. Teach us to love instead of being hard on others.*

Grades 6 & 7: Rehearsal for the Joint Festival of Children (Feb. 12) Sermon Play.



Sharon Katz and the Peace Train



MUSIC FOR MISSION-SAVE THE DATE! - The second concert in our new "Music for Mission" series will take place on **Sunday, February 12th, at 4pm** in the Sanctuary. **SHARON KATZ AND THE PEACE TRAIN**, a group that originated in South Africa and has performed world-wide, will share music with us that was originally conceived as a protest against the horrendous practice of apartheid in South Africa, and later evolved into a musical plea for unity and peace under the presidency of Nelson Mandela following his release from prison. Sharon and the Peace Train have performed with many artists, including Paul Simon, Elton John, and Sting, in their attempts to foster worldwide peace through music. This concert represents a unique opportunity for families to hear a piece of history and to hear their hopes for the future expressed. In addition, the music is just plain fun! For further information, and to make reservations, please see Linda Rost after Worship or you may contact her via lrost0411@gmail.com, or by phone at 203 438-7795. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN-FEBRUARY 12: There will NOT be a regular worship service in our Sanctuary on February 12th but we hope that you will join us for the Festival of Children in St. Matthew's Nave where the children of both of our churches will lead us in Worship. This service will feature a Sermon Play entitled: *"The More Excellent Way"* (Written by Steve Hudspeth) and performed by the 6th & 7th grade church school classes.

WPC Calendar for January 29 through February 5, 2012

Sunday 1/29	10:00AM	Worship Service, Stewart MacColl Preaching
	11:15AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Lunch in Parish Hall
Thursday 2/2	7:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2/3	10:30AM	Women's Bible Study-Alcove
Saturday 2/4	10:00AM	Back 2Nature Doggie Day at Cranberry Park
Sunday 2/5	10:00AM	Worship Service, Stewart MacColl Preaching
	11:15AM	Deacon Meeting