



WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Home to WPC !

Homecoming Sunday Picnic September 12 After Worship

Burgers, dogs, chips & lemonade provided. Join us in the courtyard!

Please bring a dessert to share.

RSVP to the church office (762-5514) if you're coming !



Plus...



My Cup Overflows

“Opportunities Fair”

Sunday, September 12

During the picnic after worship

Celebrate the ways in which we are “filled up” through the many opportunities for study, fellowship and community at WPC, and the ways in which we can then “overflow” in service to the world, through WPC’s many mission projects.

ALONG THE WAY

“Time”

It is one of the most familiar of all passages in the Old Testament. So familiar I'll bet you could guess the passage from the title of this article: it's the “time” passage: *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”* “A time for everything,” Koheleth writes in Ecclesiastes 3.1. Not just some things, but for **everything**.

At my request, Session has called you together in a Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, September 19 in the Sanctuary following morning worship to act on my request that it is time I leave you as your Pastor next summer (technically, on July 31; practically on June 5) and that Presbytery grant me the status of Honorably Retired. I make this request of you humbly yet confident that you will support my call to begin a new chapter in my journey with God. Knowing you as I do, how could I otherwise! On that Sunday, I will be present with you for the joy of our worship together but depart following the benediction to honor the freedom in Christ that is yours to exercise. The Rev. Susan Pfeil, a member of Presbytery, will moderate the meeting.

In the seasons between September 19, 2010 and June 5, 2011, there will be time, at the very least

- to plant and to pluck up,
- to break down and to build up,
- to weep and to laugh,
- to mourn and to dance,
- to throw away and to gather together,
- to embrace and to refrain from embracing,
- to seek and to lose,
- to keep and to throw away,
- to tear and to sew,
- to keep silence and to speak.

I will treasure these seasons and times between now and then; but when the time for **then** comes I want you **now** to know (as I will reiterate more directly and specifically later through the year) that one gift I will offer you and your interim and installed pastors will be my absence and my silence so they may form their own, distinct pastoral relationships with you.

It is time for us to reflect wisely and well on those chapters God has written through us together even as we prepare to move into those next chapters in our respective, if separate lives, held together only (yet quite sufficiently!) by the love of God we know and name Jesus Christ. I'm excited at the prospects of new life just as I trust you are.

I urge you to come to this meeting and to participate fully and freely in this time of service in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

David Graybill
Your Pastor

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.

**WORSHIP AT WILTON
10:00 AM**

**Sunday, September 5, 2010
Pentecost 15
The Service for the Lord's Day**

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

Call/Worship: Bill Caswell
Reader: Patty Connor
Scripture: Galatians 5.1-6
Matthew 16.24-26
Ushers: Steve & Patty Connor, Buck Burnaman, Max Gabrielson
Hymns: #517 We Come as Guests Invited
#326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
#391 Take My Life and Let It Be

**Sunday, September 12, 2010
Pentecost 16
The Service for the Lord's Day**

HOMECOMING SUNDAY
Family Sunday
David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Sandy Shifrin
Scripture: Psalm 90.1-5
Luke 15.11-32
Hymns: #469 Morning Has Broken
#343 Called As Partners In Christ's Service
#482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Anthems: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Come, Thou Fount
Soon and Very Soon

MORNING PRAYER
Every Thursday, 7:15AM
In the Sanctuary

VOLUNTEER AT THE CONNECTICUT HOSPICE, INC.

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a volunteer, you can fill your hours (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in an administrative capacity or offering direct care as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral or bereavement care, help in the arts or meet transportation needs. For more information, please call Pat Corradino at 800-8-HOSPICE, ext. 510. You can also email at pnowak@hospice.com.

Sunday, September 19, 2010
Pentecost 17
The Service for the Lord's Day

David Graybill, preaching
The Sacrament of Baptism

Call/Worship: Rob Wilkinson
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4.16-18
Matthew 25.13-29
Hymns: #298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#428 We Give Thee but Thine Own
#376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Anthems: Tree of Life
Come to the Water

Sunday, September 26, 2010
Pentecost 18
The Service for the Lord's Day

David Graybill, preaching

Call/Worship: Sally Carta
Scripture: Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15
Hebrews 11.1
Hymns: #332 Live Into Hope
#368 I've Got Peace Like a River
#554 Let All Things Now Living
Anthems: Earth Song
Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

NOTES ON PEOPLE

We hold in prayer, Jean Butcher, mother of Geoff Brown, who fell and broke her wrist.

We hold close in prayer erstwhile WPC member Deborah Tall, who is "living in prayer" through recent emergency surgery for lung cancer. Of two tumor options, Deb's is the "less bad" one. "I should be good to go for some years, God willing, with CT scans every so often to keep check." Deb (and her husband George's) address is 42 Edmunds Road, Wellsley Hills, MA 02481, 781-237-6007.

We continue to hold close in prayer Louise Leinroth, a resident at Carolton Rehabilitation Center in Fairfield; Jane Estes, a resident at Wilton Meadows; and Sue Shapiro, a resident at The Greens.

We extend our congratulations to Megan (Landry) and Wes Trice at their wedding on July 11 in the Sanctuary. Megan is the daughter of Irla and Mark Landry.

A graveside service for "Stevie" Gittleman, wife of Arne Gittleman and mother of Jane Poole, friends of WPC, was held in the Memorial Garden on July 10.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Peter Orphanos, son-in-law of Janet Johnson, at the death of his father in Michigan.

Jessica and John Stewart, niece and nephew of Sheryl and Bill Rider, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Stephen Glenn, born Monday, July 12, at Danbury Hospital.

Sheryl Ryder has been attending her mother in Muscatine, Iowa, who is recuperating from several mini-strokes and flooding in her home.

We are grateful for the keyboard gifts of George Ryder who led us in worship during July. We hold close in prayer Wendy and John Bivona, friends of David and Susan Graybill. Wendy underwent emergency colon surgery on Wednesday, July 14, at Danbury Hospital.

At worship on August 1st, we were delighted to welcome former WPC member Judy Thomson who was visiting from her home in Texas.

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated on September 4th in the Sanctuary for Kellen Brown, infant son of Ethan and Hilary(White) Brown.

Gloria Herlyn returned home from Nathaniel Whitherall Nursing Home in Greenwich on Tuesday, August 24.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Marty Kozlowski at the death of her father, Lee Hindenach, on Friday, August 27. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, September 11 at First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan.

We hold close in prayer Ralph Bernabei's stepfather in Port Ewen, NY, who is undergoing chemotherapy for esophageal cancer;

and LeeAnn Schneider's mother in Madison, Wisconsin who is suffering from congenital heart failure;

and Tom Schneider's stepfather, who suffered a heart attack and is in Cardiac Intensive Care at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

We hold close in prayer Peg Ploss, who is undergoing chemotherapy at Whittingham Cancer Center at Norwalk Hospital for a malignant tumor in her stomach and spots on her liver.

A memorial service for Geneva (Whitney) Courtwright will be held Saturday, September 11, 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

Carol and Sonny Kern have moved. Their new address is 106 Glenside, Wilton. Their phone number remains the same.

Philippe Chassagnoux has moved as well. His new address is 510 Kappock Street, Apt. 3A, Riverdale, NY 10463.

A[nother] MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is now seeking the names of members who might serve as Elders and Deacons. As you may recall from our article in the June Newsletter, each officer serves a 3-year term, with an option to extend a year if requested and approved by the congregation. This year we hope to nominate 5 Elders and 5 Deacons. We ask that you prayerfully consider whom you might suggest to the Nominating Committee, even including yourself. Please 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

WEPCO NEWS

All of the "shiplap" siding on the building has been replaced. This looks like wooden clapboard but is made of a cement-based product that should wear like iron.

There is a conference table and plenty of space in the Upper Core. This is available to everyone as another quiet place for meetings.

All of the WEPCO meeting rooms and classrooms now have wireless capability, thanks to Paul Lourd.

Homecoming! Please return any tables, dishes etc. that you may have borrowed from the complex. And what might your household be missing? Coats, umbrellas etc. Please check the WPC coatroom and the WEPCO lost & found boxes.

Need to reserve a room? Be sure to contact Sandy Muschler and/or Susie Gross prior the meeting date. There are so many committees and groups meeting, that it's important to communicate your needs so that duplication of space can be avoided.

-Sandy Muschler

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School begins **September 19th** and we are busily getting ready for the children to return to their classrooms. This fall we are very excited to be piloting a new curriculum *Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing God's Good News*. For in-depth information about this curriculum, read this year's Church School brochure which will soon be mailed to all Church School families and is also available in the Church School office.

The excellence of our Church School program depends on new faces joining our teaching teams. Even if you have never taught before and feel a little intimidated by the idea, please consider volunteering as a teaching assistant. As an assistant you will not have any preparation before Sunday morning and you will have the chance to learn how satisfying and simple it is to teach Church School. Your children will appreciate your presence and so will the other members of our nine teaching teams. Call Sheri (834-2570) or Becky (834-0943) to find out more about teaching.

'Joyful Noise', the monthly program where our children (gr. K-3rd) learn hymns and songs of faith, will begin on September 26th. In addition, our annual Church School Teacher Commissioning will be Sunday, October 3rd, as part of a joint worship service with St. Matthew's.

Our children look forward to seeing their Church School friends and renewing relationships with the adults and kids that they see on Sunday mornings. Come be part of this exciting new Church School year!

We look forward to seeing you in Church School!

Sheri and Becky

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
resumes on Tuesday, September 14
Noon – 1 PM
BYOL (Bring your own lunch!)
"Living the Questions"

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

As we begin our new church year, it's time for an important "HELP WANTED" ad, so here goes:

Immediate Openings for Closet Singers

Small-to-medium Presbyterian Church located in popular, modest-sized Fairfield County village seeks volunteers to fill current openings in its very spirited and capable choir. Rehearsals are held each Thurs evening at 7:30; generally out by 9 p.m., unless someone brings wine and cheese, then heaven knows when the group might break up. Please note: These weeknight rehearsals are not mandatory, but they can prove helpful from time to time. One definite-but-flexible requirement: Singers are encouraged to show up on as many Sundays as possible to help lead worship and energize (at least vocally) the congregational members. If you can stand and breathe at the same time, and can sing in the shower, you will probably pass muster. Ability to read music is helpful, but certainly not an excuse to not participate. Most of the group's current choir members don't read music, but they're good listeners and are able to pick up their parts by sitting near those folks who have a good feel for the music. So act now. Interested parties should contact Al Galletly, director of music. An email to agalletly88s@gmail.com should work fine.

Seriously, I hope you will consider this "help wanted" opportunity. Stop by for a couple of Thursday night rehearsals and get a feel for the group. Or come in for a 9 a.m. rehearsal on Sunday. I'll get you a folder of music and you can join in for the service at 10 a.m.

Above all, the choir is a great ministry for our church family. The choir itself is a wonderful family ... and we would like to increase the size of that family; particularly since we lost three stalwarts – Glenn Shattuck, Denise and Barry Gutknecht – this past June. And there's the possibility we might lose Sue Macal due to a job transfer for Rich.

In any event, rehearsals are already underway. If you act now, you can make the rehearsal on September 9th prior to Homecoming Sunday on the 12th. And if that Thursday doesn't work for you, try the following Thursday. Or please plan to simply sit with us on the 12th or any future Sunday. Just arrive in time for rehearsal that morning at 9:00 a.m.

Thanks ... and hope to see you soon.
Al

SEPTEMBER YOUTH NEWS

Welcome back from summer! We are looking forward to another wonderful season of youth ministry at WPC along with our partner churches in the Joint Youth Ministries program, Zion's Hill United Methodist Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. WPC families that include a student in grades 6-12 should have received a mailing that includes a year-long schedule of youth group meetings and activities. If you did not receive yours, please contact the office and we will be happy to get one out to you. Also, please be sure Director of Spiritual Formation Jane Field has an up-to-date email address for each family and each student—we often send reminders and last-minute updates via email. Check out the church website (wiltonpresbyterian.org) to see a full-year schedule for each grade level, and to download applications and registration forms for all programs.

This year's highlights include:

The biennial 7th & 8th Grade **SEXUALITY SEMINAR**, held every Wednesday evening in January. Registration form and more info available on the church website.

High School Youth **FUNDRAISER** – Members and friends of WPC can order a custom-made hoagie sandwich for pick-up after worship on Sunday, September 26. Orders accepted September 5-19, and hoagie-making marathon will be Saturday, September 25. Order forms available at worship and from the church website home page.

Another year of volunteer opportunities for our high school students with Housatonic **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**. To work on either Saturday, October 2, or Saturday, December 4, interested youth should submit an application by September 26. (There will also be two work dates in March.)

A **FALL RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**. We will once again be taking 15 students to Heifer Project International's Overlook Farm in Massachusetts the weekend of October 29-31. Application deadline is September 26.

The annual high school **WASHINGTON DC MISSION TRIP**, scheduled for February 21-26, 2011. Students considering applying to this program must attend a *mandatory* orientation meeting on Sunday, November 7 at 11:30am, and submit an application by November 21.

The 2010-2011 program year promises to be full of fun and fellowship—we hope you plan on being a part of it!! If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Rev. Jane Field, at 762-5514 or jane-field@wiltonpresbyterian.org.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these September meetings:

“Sixers” Group for 6th Graders

Tuesday, September 14, 5:30-7:00pm

7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

Wednesdays, September 8 & 22, 6-7:30pm

(September 22 is also 8th grade confirmation class, 4:30-7:30pm)

9th Grade Koinonia and 10th-12th Grade Katalysta Groups

Sunday, September 12, 4:30-6:00pm

High School SEED Project

Field Trip to Ambler Farm with Children of Norwalk Emergency Shelter

Saturday, September 18, 10:15am to 1:00pm

High School Hoagie Sale Fundraiser

Orders accepted September 5 through September 19

Hoagie-Making Marathon, Saturday, September 25

Hoagie Deliveries: Sunday, September 26, 11:00am

High School Faith-In-Action Group

Sunday, September 26, 4:30-6:00pm

(Habitat & Heifer Farm Retreat applications due!)

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES AT WPC THIS YEAR

Friends and members of WPC are encouraged to feed their souls, connect with each other and with God through all of the opportunities for adult spiritual formation offered this coming year, including adult education classes, small group ministry, and women's ministries:

Adult Education Classes

Stretch your mind and engage your spirit through study. Registration for these classes begins Sunday, September 12, during the activities fair after worship.

Bible Study (drop-ins always welcome—no homework!)

“Bible with the Boys” men's group on Tuesdays at noon beginning September 12

“Girlfriends Guide to the Bible” on Fridays at 10:30am beginning September 17 (plus the possibility of an additional evening class for those unable to attend on Friday mornings)

Living the Questions

A 12-week study of progressive Christian theology for the 21st century. Sessions 1-6 beginning October 3, Sessions 7-12 beginning January 9. This class will be offered Sunday mornings at 8:30am, Monday evenings at 7:30pm, with possible additional lay-led groups on other days of the week.

PBS’ “God In America”

A six-part special exploring the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States. Offered Wednesdays, October 13 – November 17, at 9:30am and again at 7:30pm. (In partnership with St. Matthew’s Church)

“Einstein’s God”

A curriculum based on the NPR series “Speaking of Faith,” this 5-week study explores the relationships between science and faith. Offered Sundays, March 6-April 3 at 8:30am.

Contemplative Reflection

Registration for Quiet Days and for the Priory retreat will be on-going up to the date of the event. The labyrinth (installed in Parish Hall) is open all day on March 17 and you do not need to sign up in advance to come and walk.

Advent Quiet Day, December 14, 9:30am to 1:30pm

Lenten Quiet Day, March 9, 9:30am to 1:30pm

Walking the Labyrinth, Thursday, March 17, come any time between 9am and 5pm

Weston Priory Retreat (Vermont), April 8-10

Small Group Ministry

Everyone is encouraged to commit to joining at least one small group this year. It is an excellent way to deepen and strengthen your relationships with fellow members and with God. There are a variety of groups to choose from:

Back 2 Nature (outdoor activities)

Game Night (board games and snacks with families and friends)

The Good Book Club (read and discuss books and their connections to faith)

Hands to Work, Hearts to God (handcrafts and conversation)

The Movie Group (discuss current films’ spiritual themes)

The New York Times on Sundays (discuss current events in the light of faith)

All the Single Ladies (group(s) for single women)

Take Me Out To The Ball Game (field trips to professional sports events)

Two By Two (dinner groups for couples)

The first meeting to kick off the year for all small groups will be Wednesday, September 29, at 7:30pm.

Women’s Ministries

Women of all ages are invited to connect with each other and with God through these programs:

Evening Gatherings (hospitality and discussion in member homes) – September 10 at the home of Julie Fingeret, October 22 at the home of Sally Carta, and January 28 (hostess TBD)

Study groups – Friday mornings, 10:30am to Noon, September 17 – October 22 and March 11 – April 15 (plus a possible evening group)

Women Helping Women mission project – Friday, November 5, 7:30pm at the home of Linda Rost

December Cheer – Gathering at “Earth Garden” gift and florist shop owned by Nancy Gorkin

Women Walking the Labyrinth – Wednesday, March 16, 2 to 4pm and 7:30-9pm in Parish Hall

Women’s Retreat at the Inn At Chester – March 25 – 26

Lenten Home Communion for Women – Friday, April 8 at 7:30pm

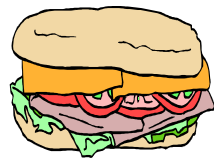
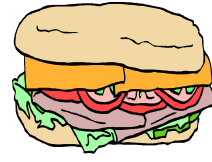
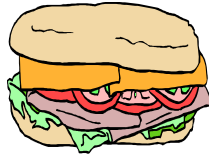
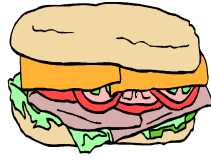
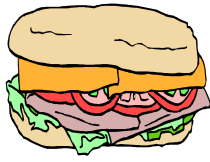
**Session has called
A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Immediately following worship on Sunday, September 19, 2010**

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its Stated Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, Session took actions including the following:

- Received Robert Bourguignon as a member by reaffirmation of faith;
- Approved an invitation to The Rev. Susan Pfeil to moderate the Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, September 19;
- Authorized the Clerk to appoint moderators pro-tem for those portions of Session meetings at which matters relevant to the interim pastor search process are before Session;
- Declined a request from the Pastor to prepare a proposal acknowledging the contributions of Capital Campaign fund-raising leaders;
- Invited appropriate WEPCO to the September 21 Stated Meeting to review a "first pass" of the 2011 WEPCO Operating Budget;
- Referred to the Finance Committee payment of WPC share to WEPCO of siding;
- Received, as information, information concerning the June 6 Fund Raiser, September 12 Homecoming Sunday, joint Courtyard landscaping proposal, and Memorial Garden continuing care;
- Requested the Moderator to arrange conversations between leaders of Stated Committees and Session and a calendar of key congregation-wide events for Session's information.



\$7 each

WPC Youth Group Fundraiser HOAGIE SALE!

\$7 each

The WPC High School youth group is doing their part to help raise money for the church! They will create your made-to-order sub sandwich and have it ready for pick-up after worship on Sunday, September 26. Please fill out the order form below and return it to the church—via the offering plate on Sundays, or fax (762-0903), or in person—no later than Sunday, September 19. Include payment with your order—\$7 per sandwich (cash or check payable to “WPC”.) Thank You!!!

YOUR NAME: _____
(please print clearly)

CELL PHONE #: _____ HOME PHONE #: _____

Include payment with your order - \$7 per sandwich (cash or check to “WPC”)

Please circle the ingredients you would like on each sandwich:

Sandwich #1:					
HAM OR TURKEY	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	MAYO	MUSTARD

Sandwich #2:					
HAM OR TURKEY	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	MAYO	MUSTARD

Sandwich #3:					
HAM OR TURKEY	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	MAYO	MUSTARD

Sandwich #4:					
HAM OR TURKEY	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	MAYO	MUSTARD

Your sandwich(es) will be ready for pick-up after worship on Sunday, September 26 !



We are extremely grateful for a generous donation from The Village Market that makes this fundraiser possible. And we encourage you to support this local business with your patronage.