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Mac MacGregor
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Amy Roberts
Glenn Shattuck
Hank Watkins

Class of 2010

Steve Connor
Max Gabrielson
Nancy Gorkin
Phil Jacoby
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Mary Marquardt
Katie Nugent
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Rachelle Bernabei
Carol Kern
Jane Melani

2009 COMMITTEE LEADERS

Buildings & Grounds
Children & Youth Ministries
Church Life
Deacons
Endowment
Finance
Information Technology
JCCEC
Memorial Garden
Mission
Nominating
Outreach
Personnel
Stewardship
Session
WEPCO
Worship

John Celentano
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Amy Roberts
Jim Neighbors
Elaine Shields

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Wilton Presbyterian Church
Wilton, Connecticut
Sunday, January 31, 2010

10:45 AM
THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

DOCKET

The Call to Order and Opening Prayer	David Graybill, Moderator
Declaration of a Quorum	Nancy Gorkin, Clerk of Session
Gratitude to Retiring Officers	
For Ruling Elders	Nancy Gorkin, Clerk of Session
Lisa Lillie, Bill Rider, Amy Roberts, Glenn Shattuck, Hank Watkins	
For Retiring Deacons	Rachelle Bernabei, Moderator, Board of Deacons
Margret Greene, Pam Kelley, Jennifer Reese, Gary Richards, Carol Rowe	
Presentation of Annual Reports	
2009 Narrative Reports	David Graybill, Moderator
2009 Financial Reports	David Graybill, Moderator of Session
	Kit Smith, Leader, 2009 Finance Committee
	Chip Mason, Financial Secretary
2010 Operating Budget	Kit Smith, Leader, 2009 Finance Committee
Report of the 2009 Nominating Committee	Steve Connor, Leader, Nominating Committee
Election of At-Large 2010 Nominating Committee Members	
Members: Sally Carta (Leader), Steve Connor (Session Liaison), Loralyn Cropper, Sam Halsey, Carol Kern, Greg Wheeler	
Other Business	
Closing Prayer/Choral Benediction	Al Galletly, Director of Music

May the light of God shine on us today. *(Repeat)*
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today. *(Repeat)*
May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today. *(Repeat)*
May it guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways.
***(Women)* May the peace of God be with us.**
***(Men)* May the love of God live in us.**
***(All)* May the light of God shine on us today.**

2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION ENABLING MOTIONS

1. That the congregation receive, as information, the narrative reports of the staff, Session, Board of Deacons, and Session committees;
2. That the congregation receive, as information, the 2009 financial reports of the Church Treasurer and the 2010 Operating Budget adopted by Session;
3. That the congregation elect the following persons, presented as nominees by the 2009 Nominating Committee of the Congregation, to serve as at-large members of the 2010 Nominating Committee of the Congregation: Sally Carta (Leader), Steve Connor (Session Liaison), Loralyn Cropper, Sam Halsey, Carol Kern, Greg Wheeler

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WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2009 REPORTS

OF

STAFF

THE REPORT OF THE PASTOR

The Two-fold Journey

“The gifts that he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (Ephesians 4.13)

In the very same decade WPC was founded, Elizabeth O’Connor wrote a book, Journey Inward, Journey Outward, describing the lifestyle of the Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. O’Connor described her church’s effort to hold both of these journeys (one’s inner life and one’s action in the world) in tension. The phrase described—and still describes—membership in that church, as both individuals and the community grow into the full stature of Christ. A major challenge facing the church then—and now—is to provide structures that embody that tension between both inward and outward journeys, rather than wildly swinging as a pendulum between one and the other or, perhaps worse, giving up on one and concentrating only on the other. In short, living as a unique individual within such a community is like taking a life course in advanced Christianity.

WPC is just such a life-course, an incarnation of these two journeys in tension. It was so at the beginning—on the one hand, nurturing one’s inner life in Scripture, prayer, and sacrament while, on the other hand, acting out this faith in sacrificial service to others in the world. And, more than four decades later, WPC still is...especially through this past year as we intentionally returned to this two-fold journey.

2009 marked the first full year of Session’s call to Jane Field as Director of Spiritual Formation with her work, in addition to staffing our Joint Youth Ministries with St. Matthew’s Episcopal and Zion’s Hill United Methodist Churches, and a variety of WPC children’s activities, to develop a structure for small group ministries within the congregation. Complementing Sunday morning worship, there are small groups to nurture the spiritual life of women, to deepen study of Scripture, to appreciate God’s glory in nature, to quiet and calm our personal lives in prayer and meditation. I refer you to her report in this annual report to appreciate the full landscape of small groups available to members and friends to deepen their inner, spiritual lives. It was a leap of faith last year to call Jane to develop and nurture this small group ministry within WPC—a leap, to my joy, well worth the leaping.

It is an integral part of my faith in God’s vision for WPC that, sometime during each member’s journey within our Christian community, each member will actively participate in at least one such small group. For it is in just such small groups within the larger church that one’s inner journey with God finds nurture, meaning, depth, and fulfillment in Christian companionship with others.

But this inner journey is only one of the dimensions of our growth into the full stature of Christ. The other is the outward journey: our action in the world. And here is where the light of Christ shines through this congregation. Not only through the structure of WPC’s core mission projects like MATE, D.C. mission trip, Pivot Ministries, Manna and Ogden House luncheons, A Better Chance, and The Gift of Christmas that have been part of our congregation’s life for decades. But also through the more focused—immediate and limited—mission projects such as Wilton Commons, the Katrina work camps, and, through this past year, the successful resettlement of the Khairalla family from Baghdad, Iraq (via a Jordanian refugee camp) to Wilton/Weston, CT. Even as I write this report, there’s afoot a 2010 mission project of helping to “resettle” a female, homeless American veteran in our area.

That sometime during each member’s journey within our Christian community each and every member would participate actively in at least one mission project is a second integral part of my faith in God’s vision for WPC. For it is in such mission projects that we grow in our commitment to serving Christ by serving others.

Of course, these journeys are **not** mutually exclusive of one another. In fact, they are inextricably interwoven **with** one another. One of the best ways to deepen one’s own understanding of the Scripture is to teach children in the church school. Sanctuary Choir members speak frequently not only of the service they provide for others’ worship but of how singing in the choir deepens their own Christian faith. MATE missionaries, D.C. senior highs, Katrina workers, and refugee “resettlers” witness freely to how their lives have been transformed by serving others in need.

And who can deny the transcendent journey outward through the inner journey of joint worship with Grace Baptists and our brother/sister Muslims and Jews or welcome service for our gay and lesbian brothers/sisters? There are the committees and officers of the church who, in the exercise of their common tasks in these very diverse communities, deepen the inner meaning of God's love and forgiveness in their own lives.

And, of course, there is your staff, each with their measure of God's gifts: Susie's hearty welcome, coordination, and support; Jane's humor and careful planning and preparation; Sheri's steadiness, poise and grace; Al's contagious passion and candor, and Sandy's attention to and follow-up of details concerning WEPCO building and grounds. There is no congregation—or Pastor—who is more blessed than we by the devotion and loyalty of these staff members to their ministries in your behalf. For each of them, I thank God continually and encourage you to say the same to them.

I am—and, I trust, we **all** are—especially grateful this past year for the service of those retiring Elders and Deacons who have given of their time and talent so lavishly to the being and the doing of Christ through this congregation. As Elders Lisa Lillie, Bill Rider, Glenn Shattuck, Hank Watkins and especially Amy Roberts, as Session Clerk, have provided guidance, balance, and wisdom that serves as a crystal clear example of WPC's "can do" spirit. As Deacons, Margret Greene, Jennifer Reese, Gary Richards, Carol Rowe and especially Pam Kelley, Deacon Moderator, provided an energy, organization, and commitment that has modeled the very best of who Deacons are and what Deacons do. For each of them, I thank God and encourage you to say the same to them.

Lastly, I thank you, the congregation, for the continuing privilege of serving God with you through this past year. The two-fold journey you have provided me—both inner and outer—prompt my gratitude to God for this life-course in advanced Christianity you are teaching me! You have been a blessing to me beyond my words to describe. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,

David J. Graybill
Your Pastor

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The biggest news in my "bailiwick" (one of our pastor's favorite catchphrases!) is the expansion of my position description to encompass not only children's and youth ministry, but also the development of a new small groups ministry program, and the revitalization of women's ministry at WPC. I was humbled and honored that WPC, even in the midst of a year of financial crisis, put their trust and confidence in me to help them develop this new chapter in the life of our community of faith. The new job title is a fitting one—all three programs exist in order to sustain, nurture, challenge and *form the spirits* of this body of believers. It is an awesome responsibility, but also one that brings great joy and holds great promise for the future of WPC. What follows is a summary of how each program area developed during 2009:

Small Groups Ministry

Recognizing that small groups deepen and expand the ministry of WPC by building community and providing opportunities for deeper relationships—with God and with each other—the Session made a commitment to develop a small groups program here. In the fall of 2009, this new program was launched with brochures, publicity during worship, posters, deacon calls, and a kick-off meeting where all the groups came together on one night to get started. Since then, the following groups have formed and have been meeting regularly:

- ✠ Back 2 Nature – sharing outdoor activities
- ✠ Bible with the Boys – men's Bible study
- ✠ Get Real – Christian ethics lecture series
- ✠ Girlfriend's Guide to the Bible – women's Bible study
- ✠ The Good Book Club – reading and discussing novels and non-fiction

- ✚ Third Thursdays Movie Group – discussing films
- ✚ Sunday with the Times – current events in the light of faith
- ✚ Two by Two Dinner Groups – sharing food & fellowship in members' homes

WPC uses a “free-market” model of small group ministry in which our groups form around specific interests and topics and become spiritual communities through relationships and spiritual practices.

The following testimonial from one small group member at WPC says a lot about the power of this new ministry:

I have personally come to view our little group like what I imagine AA to be like (or Las Vegas!): a covenant of trust and confidentiality that is sacred, i.e., "what happens in the Meditation Room, stays in the Meditation Room." Among us, I have the utmost feeling of trust and feel totally safe talking about anything, even things that put me in a bad light, and I am so grateful to everyone for that. It is a very liberating feeling!

In addition to these groups, to which members make a longer-term commitment, we also decided to offer some “One-Hit Wonders” for those who wanted a bit of the small group experience, but couldn’t commit to a year-long group. In the fall, members gathered for a two-part workshop entitled, “This I Believe,” which gave them the opportunity to write about their faith and share their writing with others. During Advent, our pastor led a “Quiet Day” retreat which offered participants a respite from the frenzy of the holidays as they focused on the theme, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.” Looking ahead to the winter of 2010, there will be a two-part conversation on issues of race and racism in partnership with our sister congregation, Grace Baptist Church in South Norwalk.

Women’s Ministries

Building upon the legacy of former Interim Associate Pastor Susan Friedl, who created a vibrant Women’s Ministries program at WPC over a decade ago, the women of WPC were eager to reinvigorate this important area of our church’s life. Through Bible study, social gatherings, retreats, evenings of theological conversation, home communions and mission projects, women are affirmed, nurtured, empowered and transformed through the deepening of their relationships with God and with one another.

- ✚ Fun & Fellowship events included a spring “Fiesta,” a summer gathering for “wine and nibbles,” a kick-off for fall events in September, and a Christmas shopping party at Earth Garden.
- ✚ Friday Evening Gatherings – set in members’ homes, topics have included friendship, sacrifice and loneliness.
- ✚ Girlfriend’s Guide to the Bible – in the winter and spring of 2009, we used the resource “Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time,” and in the fall we began a study entitled, “Saving Jesus,” which will continue into 2010.
- ✚ Women Helping Women Mission Project – in November of 2009, the women of WPC collected items to send in care packages to women soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. 29 boxes were sent along with handwritten notes of encouragement and support!
- ✚ In 2010, we look forward to a Lenten Home Communion and an opportunity to walk a labyrinth in February, and a women’s retreat at Mercy Center in Madison, CT, in March.

Youth & Children’s Ministry

During 2009, the children of WPC enjoyed our 2nd grade Sacrament Education class, our 4th grade Seekers Bible class, the K-5 Christmas Pageant, the children’s Good Friday interactive worship service, and the 8th Grade Confirmation Class. These programs seek to enrich children’s spiritual development and to complement what they receive in our Church School.

In May of 2009, the Joint Youth Ministries (JYM) middle and high school program of Wilton Presbyterian, Zion’s Hill United Methodist, and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Churches said farewell to co-director Reverend John Satula (Assistant Rector, St. Matthew’s) and bid him godspeed at his new call in Gainesville, Florida. As a result of St. Matthew’s decision not to hire a new Assistant Rector for the 09-10 program year, the JYM task group was faced with negotiating an interim staffing agreement. After a lot of hard work on the part of many dedicated folk, an

agreement was reached that preserves our partnership and allows all of our programs to continue uninterrupted during this interim period.

2008-2009 was a busy program year for JYM, including our Sixers 6th Grade Group, our 7th & 8th grade youth fellowship group, the 9th grade Koinonia Group, the 10th-12th grade Katalysta group, and the high school "Faith In Action" group. As an extension of the Faith In Action group, students had the opportunity to participate in two off-site immersion experiences: the first was a three-day visit to Heifer Project International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts, and the annual mission trip to Washington, D.C. A new addition to our programs in the fall of 2009 was the opportunity for 12 high school students to work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Danbury. This project was such a success, that the students have requested two additional workdays in March of 2010 to continue their work on the Habitat home.

The backbone of all of the Joint Youth Ministries programs is a dedicated corps of faithful adult volunteers who sustain and nurture the program and the young people who participate: Ralph Bernabei, Geoff Brown, Sally Carta, Debi Forsyth, Holly Gorenbergh, Nancy Gorkin, Stu Holcombe, Michael Kaelin, Faye Maier, Chelsea Merwin, Kyle Nobles, Laura Schwemm, Kenny Soderquist, and Jannice Williams. Without these volunteers, the J.Y.M. program simply would not be possible.

It is with the deepest gratitude for their ministry and their faithfulness that I submit this report for 2009.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Jane Field
Director of Spiritual Formation

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

WPC continues to be blessed with a noble band of choristers who, masquerading as the Sanctuary Choir, give tirelessly and unselfishly of their time and musical talents throughout the year. Given that an Annual Report is expected to include a series of appropriate numbers, here are the more important ones for calendar year 2009:

- Number of Sanctuary Choir members at beginning of 2009: 31
- Number of Sanctuary Choir members at years' end: 32
- Average number singing on any given Sunday: somewhere between 18-20
- Lowest number of choir members on any given Sunday: 12
- Number of Choir Directors: Two: Al Galletly (Sanctuary Choir), Glenn Shattuck (Bell Choir)
- Number of Sundays featuring the Sanctuary Choir: 36
- Number of Choir Rehearsals: 39
- Additional Performances: Two: the Community Spring Choral Concert (March) and the Christmas Concert at the Sisters of Notre Dame (December)
- Number of Canceled Events: One: the Advent Choral Music Service scheduled for December 20th (postponed by snow; rescheduled and performed on January 10, 2010 ... see next year's Annual Report for more details.)
- Estimated number of music pieces in WPC Music Library: 600+
- Number of pleas by the Director of Music for additional choir members: 3,742*
- Longest-serving choir members: Glenn Shattuck (tenor/bagpiper) and Joel Jones (bass)
- Newest choir members: Denise Gutknecht and Sue Macal (both altos)
- Other sopranos in choir: Susan Boardman, Meg Campbell, Jan Galletly, Sherry McReynolds, Gail Moskow, Cathy Thomas, Marsha Whitman, Lynn Wilson
- Other altos: Lisa Bettke, Jane Celentano, Susie Gross, Judy Mabley, Jan MacEwen, Beth Mason, Laura Ploss, Peg Ploss, Barbara Quincy
- Other tenors: Bill Caswell, John Celentano, Barry Gutknecht, Bob Hoch

- Other basses: Frank Mabley, Ed MacEwen, Chip Mason, Jim Neighbors, Steve White
- Most nimble-fingered and valued accompanist in town: Lisa Bettke
- Happiest Music Director in Wilton: Moi

** Not able to be verified, but close enough*

Questions? Contact you-know-who. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Galletly
Director of Music

THE REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS

This fall, in response to the budget crunches in both of our churches, we delayed purchasing a new curriculum and reused old materials from *Bible Quest* as our curriculum in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Because *Bible Quest* is no longer being published, JCCEC will be studying available curricula to choose the best one for our Church School program in the fall of 2011. We continue to explore ways to provide excellent programs in a cost conscious manner. This is possible thanks to our Church School teachers who are the heart of our program.

Our teachers give the gift of their preparation time, loss of personal worship time, enthusiasm, connection with the children and the sharing of their faith. Our children rush from worship to join their Church School classes because they find them a place of welcome and enjoyment. Our teachers do a remarkable job and their efforts make the Church School a nurturing community. Last year we had more than 60 teachers organized in teams to teach in nine classrooms on Sunday mornings. Our 10th classroom is the Nursery where a paid nursery supervisor and teen helpers care for infants through 2 year olds.

We'd like to give special recognition and thanks to the Joint Children's Christian Education Committee (JCCEC) members. They are a hard working and talented group of individuals who are each responsible for overseeing one grade level class. They recruit and schedule teachers, provide wisdom and direction on program decisions, plan mission projects, teach, and maintain a sense of humor. This committee provides invaluable oversight and connectedness which make our Church School what it is.

This year we also continued to offer Joyful Noise, a spirited monthly gathering for children in Kindergarten through third grade, which provides them the opportunity to learn and sing songs of faith. The children have responded with great enthusiasm and have learned *Seek Ye First, Jesus Loves Me, Father Abraham* and many others. Joyful Noise also gives the children the experience of singing seasonal hymns such as Christmas carols and a Thanksgiving hymn. During Joyful Noise the children also have the opportunity to receive Communion alternating between Presbyterian and Episcopalian traditions.

Mission activities continue to be an integral part of the Church School program. For our Spring Remembrance Project and our Thanksgiving Mission Project, each child made a small craft or food gift to be included in a larger gift package that was then delivered to 20 special church friends by individual families of both churches. Both the receivers and givers treasured the delivery visits. In addition we have collected clothes for the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. The Mercy Learning Center educates mothers and helps prepare them for success both in their jobs and in parenting their children. Our clothing donations make it possible for mothers to go into the "store" at Mercy Learning Center and choose clothing for their children. These clothing donations have been greatly appreciated. We continue to focus on ways to help our children be givers to others through a variety of mission activities.

Recognizing our ongoing partnership with families, we have continued to offer opportunities to integrate faith into daily family life. These opportunities include the more than 80 Advent calendars that parents and grandparents assembled; the Lenten activity calendars for families to use at home; and our interactive family bulletin boards. In addition we offer

services designed *for* children, including the Good Friday service and services designed *by* children, such as Festival of Children, which bring families together in faith and worship.

As St. Matthew's prepares to move back into their newly renovated sanctuary, we deeply appreciate the flexibility and good humor of everyone who made this past year such a success in spite of the space constraints of having St. Matthews worship in the parish hall. We are profoundly grateful for all the many individuals who helped make 2009 such a dynamic and successful Church School year. We invite everyone to take a few minutes on a Sunday morning to tour the church hallways to see the many varied activities of our Church School classrooms and to observe the enthusiasm and involvement of our children as they learn about our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hudspeth
Church School Coordinator

Sheri Richards
Church School Coordinator

JCCEC Members (members who have served in calendar year 2009)

Rachelle Bernabei
Dawn Breakey
Pam Carlson
Connie Cobb
Patty Connor
Elizabeth Emerson
Sunshine Fiore
Patricia Kohler
Catherine Magnano
Libby Nagle
Sandy Shifrin
Susan Stofega
Elizabeth Walsh

Treasurer

Randy Hatch

Vestry Representative

Maria Haljun

Session Representative

Nancy Gorkin

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2009 REPORTS

FROM

SESSION

AND

BOARD OF DEACONS

THE REPORT OF SESSION

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2009 Clerk of Session: Amy Roberts
2010 Clerk of Session: Nancy Gorkin

Session began the year 2009 with the difficult task of presenting the congregation with a severe budget deficit of \$78,000, reflecting the extreme economic downturn and related shortfall in the Stewardship Campaign. In true WPC form showing love of our church by the “can do” attitude of our congregation, a Second Wave Stewardship Campaign was undertaken and with the help of two individuals who put forth matching challenge grants, we raised about \$56,000. We were then able to fund our WPC programs and put \$20,000 into our Church in Action fund for Mission. We organized a fundraiser in June, our “Official Stimulus and Relief Package” with the theme of friends, fun and fellowship and a low-key emphasis on fundraising. This was a wonderful evening and provided the opportunity to come together as a congregation to celebrate the diversity of our strengths and commitment to WPC. The resulting \$35,000 in proceeds from the event fully closed our deficit.

Balancing out the difficult business side was the exciting launch of our Small Groups Ministry and restructuring of Women’s Ministries spearheaded by Rev. Jane Field, our Director of Spiritual Formation. Session’s work during 2008 of finding ways to help members grow spiritually, intellectually and emotionally was carried out in 2009 with the Small Groups Ministry. These groups include Back 2 Nature, Get Reel and Sunday with the Times. Some of the events put together for the Women’s Ministries included Girlfriend’s Guide to the Bible, Women Helping Women and Friday evening gatherings. This whole area remains open-ended and carries out Session’s hope of grass roots development of small groups. All it takes is an idea, a few people to start the momentum and working with Jane Field to execute and promote the group!

Session made a few changes to WPC’s committee structure by establishing an Information Technology (“IT”) committee to oversee and coordinate our technology policies and procedures. We are grateful to Paul Lourd for chairing this new position. There was also a slight restructuring of some existing committees to incorporate term limits similar to those of elders and deacons.

In November WPC had the wonderful opportunity of hosting Chris Delmar’s ordination on behalf of the Presbytery of Southern New England. In acknowledgement of her call she was given the gift of her pulpit robe by WPC. Chris is the fifth WPC member to go through the ordination process, an incredible number for our young church. We are so proud and honored to be a part of Chris’s accomplishment. Session held a brainstorming session where we focused on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats for WPC. Interestingly, one characteristic came through in all four categories...diversity. It is the diversity of our congregation that defines who we are yet enables us all to work together for the betterment of the church we love.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Roberts
Clerk of Session

**TO THE
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

MEMBERSHIP	2008	2009
Communicant Members, January 1	364	379
Additions		
By Certificate	6	0
By Profession or Reaffirmation Of Faith	20	14
By Restoration	0	0
Losses		
By Certificate	1	10
By Death	3	1
By Other Session Removal	8	37
Communicant Members, December 31	379	345
 REPORT ON INFANT BAPTISMS	 5	 8
REPORT ON ADULT BAPTISMS	0	0
CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	92	79
St. Matthew's	233	229

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NECROLOGY

Margaretta M. Clulow
May 12, 2009

THE REPORT OF THE DEACONS

Class of 2009

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2009 Moderator: Pam Kelley
2009 Session Liaison – Bill Rider

During the year 2009 the main focus of the 13 Deacons of Wilton Presbyterian Church was caring for our flocks. Each Deacon was responsible for 12 to 16 flock families. Deacons welcomed new church members to their flock by phone calls, email, or personal notes. Deacons informed their new and existing flock families of upcoming church programs and activities, and encouraged them to be actively involved in the life of WPC. They visited those who were sick, and provided meals when there was a need. We always kept our flock members in our prayers. In December Rachelle Bernabei volunteered to be moderator in 2010.

Each Deacon participated in the broader church life by serving as Greeter at Sunday Worship, organizing the after-worship Coffee Hour three to four Sundays a year, and attending a Session Meeting once a year. We decided that serving coffee after church was an important part of taking care of our flocks. We started 2009 by honoring the retiring Deacons and welcoming the new Deacons with an appetizer-dessert party at the home of Barbara Quincy. Each retiring Deacon received a thank-you gift for their years of service. Deacon meetings were held on Sundays after worship to accommodate various schedules. In 2010, Deacons might return to the Monday night schedule to have a less rushed and more spiritual atmosphere. We requested and received \$600 in the budget to help cover the cost of food and juice provided during coffee hour.

In March we sponsored the Maundy Thursday service. Under the excellent organization of Katie Nugent and Rachelle Bernabei, the Deacons hosted a supper and communion in the lounge to commemorate Jesus's last supper with his disciples and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Approximately 70 persons attended this meaningful event in the life of our church. The lounge was a great space for the event.

We did not host any Home Communion in 2009.

Other coffee events hosted by the Deacons included Grace Baptist Church, Pivot Ministries and coffee in the lounge in conjunction with the mission project of Thanda Zulu. The lounge was a nice place to have a larger and longer coffee hour.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Margy Clulow. The deacons hosted a reception for 150 relatives and friends on June 13th.

In November the Deacons hosted a reception for 100 people in honor of Chris Delmar's ordination.

Due to a very full church calendar in November, the deacons have tentatively scheduled home brunches for March 2010.

We have an excellent group of Deacons and Rachelle will be a wonderful moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kelley
Moderator

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2009 REPORTS

OF

SESSION COMMITTEES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The committee faced several pressing issues coming into 2009. The flat roof and vertical windows at the front of the sanctuary needed attention and repair. Those repairs were completed in the spring and no further leakage (at least in noticeable amounts) was observed during the balance of the year. The following are the major actions handled by the committee and the fixes that were implemented during 2009:

- A. All sanctuary windows were cleaned, with the exception of the inside highest (peak) windows at the front of the sanctuary. These were not cleaned due to safety concerns to window cleaners and to the organ below the window peak. A longer-term solution will have to be found to safely rig for interior peak window cleaning if these inside windows are to be safely cleaned in the future. TotalCare arranged for all window cleaning.
- B. The weather stripping between the two front doors was addressed and fixed during the year.
- C. Broken and missing slates were repaired to the front apron of the sanctuary (Ventura Landscaping LLC through TotalCare)
- D. Multi-Stage Sequencing Boiler Control replacement. This was a repair that had been deferred from late 2008 and was finally addressed in the fall of 2009. This should be a non-reoccurring repair, however, it is felt that a budgetary provision should be put aside for boiler-related repairs such as this failure.
- E. After a year of high oil and electricity prices in 2008, two actions took place in 2009 that will result in lower prices moving forward.
 1. **Heating Oil:** WEPCO negotiated a new rate, capped at \$2.289 per gallon on heating oil through Gault which will have an immediate impact on 2009 and 2010 energy budgeting and total expenses moving forward.
 2. **Electricity:** The decision was made to switch from CL&P to Veridian (see ctenergyinfo.com) for the Generation Services portion of electricity supply. This resulted in an approximate immediate reduction of 23% in generation services costs (from .12412kWh to .0979kWh). This rate may fluctuate over time and should continue to be monitored vs. the prevailing CL&P rate to ensure that savings are being realized.

In general the following items will need to be addressed by WPC on an on-going basis:

1. **Sanctuary painting.** Every 3 to 5 years depending on leakage or interior damage, if any.
2. **Window cleaning:** Every year, except for difficult-to-access areas. A plan and schedule for these areas needs to be put in place.
3. **Standby emergency battery service.** Every spring, by Jantech Services.
4. **Flat roof.** Should be checked for leaks at the end of each spring.

All in all, 2009 was a year of cleaning up some issues that were carried over from 2008. While we feel that most issues have come to the surface and been addressed, there will surely be other “surprises” that may arise. However, the number of outstanding problems has continued to be reduced as the committee has addressed major, long-term maintenance items.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: John Celentano
Staff: David Graybill
Member: Nancy Smith

CHURCH LIFE

In 2009, the Church Life Committee leaders, Lelei Coyle and Loralyn Cropper, continued to lead the committee.

The mission of Church Life is as its name implies – to provide WPC’s membership opportunities to enrich their sense of WPC community by attending social activities. Also, Church Life should work alongside the Outreach Committee in order to promote WPC’s community within the broader context of areas our members live in.

Summary

Actions

During 2009, the Church Life Committee was responsible for the following events:

- February: Annual Meeting, Joint brunch with St. Matthews
- April: Easter Breakfast
- September: Homecoming Sunday
- October: Joint Brunch with St. Matthews
- December: Church family Christmas party
- Throughout the year, the Church Life budget supplied the funds for the weekly coffees provided by the church.

Looking Ahead

Since its founding in the early 1960’s, WPC has been recognized as “a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and make Christ known to people from all walks of life.” In order to continue to build a solid church community, the committee intends to continue its efforts in the same areas listed above, and to solicit additional ideas and involvement from the congregation. The help of each and every member of WPC is vital. The goals for 2010 will be to continue the same events for the year and possibly add one more child-focused event.

We have increased the numbers on the committee this year and would like to see a few more recruits during the upcoming year. In 2010, this group should work more closely with outreach, since the planned events are a great way to attract new members and get the word out about our church!

Respectfully submitted,

Leaders: Lelei Coyle and Loralyn Cropper
Session Liaison: Nancy Gorkin
Staff: David Graybill
Members: Karen Seelert, Patricia Kohler, Cathy Ratcliffe, Nancy Gorkin, Courtney Kleeman, Carole Telyan, Bill Rider, Tara Cummins and Adele MacGregor

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The Endowment Committee (“Committee”) of the Wilton Presbyterian Church (“WPC”) was established in 1986 to promote and encourage the idea of perpetual stewardship at WPC to enable the Church to expand its ministry and mission beyond the annual stewardship support of its members. The Committee identified projects in 2009 that were needed and important, but which fell outside the annual Church budget.

In 2009 the Committee made the following three grants totaling \$13,445:

- \$5000 to WPC Capital Improvement Fund to help pay for the repair of the flat roof.
- \$945 for additional landscaping around the Sanctuary.

- \$2,500 for an attractive “choir cart” for the choir folders and hymnals.
- \$5,000 to support the presentation of the theatrical performance “Lonely Soldier Monologues” which concerns the conditions under which our female soldiers serve in Iraq.

In the most significant transaction of the year, to assist in the repair of our roof, we loaned the Church approximately \$87,300. This loan is to be repaid with 5% simple interest over the next 10 years.

At the end of 2009, the Committee was managing approximately \$261,400. While the endowment funds are invested conservatively, the past few years have witnessed very satisfactory performance as the result of excellent advice from Kit Smith.

On a personal note, this is my last year to serve on this Committee. Due in large part to the committee members, I have thoroughly enjoyed the work we have performed. I am particularly pleased to be turning the reins over to the able stewardship of Tom Mann.

The Committee welcomes gifts of all sizes that will further its work of expanding the ministry and mission of the Church. We are exceedingly grateful for multiple contributions made in 2009 both anonymously and in memory of Janet Sprout and of May Banninger all of which totaled approximately \$44,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader:	Mark R. Carta
Session Liaison:	Dan Delmar
Staff:	David Graybill
Members:	Sheri Richards, Kit Smith, Don Marquardt, Judy Rovins, Bob Wrobel

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology Committee is a new committee formed in 2009. The purpose of the committee is to ensure that WPC is using technology in an efficient, productive fashion that meets the needs of the church. The committee provides a central point of coordination for all planning related to upgrades, maintenance, and future use of various forms of technology.

Accomplishments during 2009:

- Approval by session to form the committee.
- Documented current status of technology at WPC:
 - o Interviewed staff members on use of computers to identify issues needing improvement.
 - o Reviewed all installed hardware, software and network components.
 - o Prepared documentation covering how the church web site is constructed, so others can maintain it in the future if needed.
- Installed backup drives on all church computers for recovery purposes.
- Migrated church network from ATT DSL to Cablevision Optonline. Coordinated installation of shared router with St Matthew’s and WEPCO.
- Assigned new church email addresses (@wiltonpresbyterian.org)
- Cleaned up church computers (removed obsolete software, updated antivirus and anti-spyware utilities, installed service packs, etc.).
- Developed and published an IT policy for the church that covers all employees.
- Maintained/built all aspects of the church web site and photo galleries.
- Developed web site enhancements that allow church office to post weekly bulletins, monthly reports and weather closings.

- Converted all web site postings to PDF, the industry standard.
- Experimented with online “groups” and Twitter as possible vehicles for better communications in the future.
- Moved photo gallery from Smugmug to Picasa, saving Smugmug fees.
- Created a listing on “Google Local” that returns a more attractive result when people search for churches in Wilton.
- Added tracking to web site to count number of “hits” to each page.

2010 Plans

- Map out strategy to replace computers as needed for the least cost.
- Determine future software upgrade strategy to minimize cost but provide needed functions.
- Improve wireless coverage in the building for meetings/presentations.
- Encourage church committee leaders to post fresh content on the web site.
- Repair any computer or network issues as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: Paul Lourd
 Member: Barry Gutknecht

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The ashes of Margy Clulow were interred in the garden on June 13, 2009 following a memorial service in the Sanctuary.

On a beautiful day in late June, almost 15 members of WPC volunteered to prepare the garden for worship during the month of July. Over \$500 of volunteer labor was donated to WPC through this effort which included weeding, poison ivy control, pruning and moving piles of woodchips. Besides saving church funds, it was a wonderful fellowship opportunity for all who participated. Elisabeth Carboni and Katherine Morehead continued to tend to the garden throughout the summer and fall as paid part time helpers and finally put the garden to bed in October. Beth and Chip Mason, Steve Connor and Anne Clark continue to be the true angels of the garden, always tending to whatever needs to be done.

The garden continues to be a wonderful space for reflection and remembrance. Benches were left out this winter in the event that we have a warm spell and the spirit so moves you to sit in the sun and be still beneath the pine trees.

Our efforts in 2010 will be to look toward the future of the garden and possibly expand. Reservations are now being accepted for space in the circle and once that is filled, a new circle may be needed. Please contact the church office for more information. A long range planning committee has begun to form and new members are certainly welcome.

Leader: Nancy Gorkin
 Staff: David Graybill
 Members: Beth Mason, Anne Clark, Steve Connor

MISSION

As the year 2009 began, the Mission Committee was regretfully informed that there were no funds available for our budget. As usual, the Pastoral response was, “The Lord will provide” - - and she did, through the instrument of YOUR financial and spiritual generosity, allowing us to continue the support of some “tried and true” projects such as MATE, while adding some new ones brought to our attention by members of the congregations, as well as individuals from the community.

In conjunction with St. Matthews, WPC, under the leadership of Sonny Kern, sent an Americares Homefront team to a household in Norwalk, accomplishing a complete home “makeover” both inside and out. The homeowner expressed her gratitude for not only the tangible alterations to her house, but also for the hope and renewed motivation afforded her by the dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by so many volunteers, including, and especially, many of our younger participants.

Mark and Sarah Carta led a group of 35 volunteers to Mate (Mission at the Eastward) at the end of June, where, under the worst rainy conditions, they successfully worked on several large construction projects. Their efforts were made slightly more difficult by the daily downpours, but they did have the good fortune to once again reap the benefits of Sally Carta’s culinary expertise!

At mid-summer, Mission stepped up to provide additional funds for the support of the Khairallas, our Iraqi refugee family, in order to finish out our year’s commitment to them. Husam and Noorhan are currently both employed, and both children are fluent in English. Although the family now lives in Weston, you will certainly run into Husam at the Wilton Y or the Wilton Stop and Shop Deli where he works, or Noorhan at the Wilton Baptist Church where she provides babysitting services. Please be sure to greet them and keep the family in your prayers.

Pivot Ministries were recently the recipients of two new computers and a printer to aid them with job training. Thanks again to Sonny Kern, and especially to Paul Lourd for sharing his expertise with the necessary research and legwork.

Never mind the miserable economy! As in years past, our congregations donated generously to the Wilton Coat Drive, Thanksgiving bags for Covenant to Care and Wilton Social Services, who also received a number of gift certificates for Christmas presents. The Gift of Christmas, the Mitten Tree, and five gorgeous baskets for Wilton senior citizens completed our holiday giving. Thank you, Rob Wilkinson, Jennifer Reese, Carol Rowe, Sue Macal, and to all who responded to those in need.

Shalini Maderas, representing Homes for the Brave/Female Soldiers Forgotten Heroes, addressed the interfaith group regarding their goal to provide a 15-bed transitional house for homeless women veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Mission subsequently voted them a sum of \$2000 toward this end, while a number of individuals have expressed their wish to provide hands-on help. Stay tuned for further developments in this endeavor and consider supporting their annual gala held in late spring.

And speaking of women veterans, Jane Field’s Women’s Ministry organized and implemented a “packing party,” shipping a total of 29 care packages to 5 women serving in combat overseas, and including items from snacks to holiday decorations, to sheets and blankets (no, they don’t have enough provided by the military), to personal hygiene products. Visit the website, AnySoldier.com to see the women’s heartwarming responses.

As we all know, the needs of our returning veterans are enormous. Members of the Mission and Interfaith Committees are exploring the possibility of partnering with the Errera Community Care Center, part of the VA Hospital in West Haven, to sponsor a female veteran who would potentially live in town or in a neighboring community.

As a prelude to this potential project, our stalwart WPC “troops” will present a theatrical production of “Lonely Soldier Monologues”, based on the actual writings of women in combat in Iraq. Funded by the Endowment Committee, this presentation will take place on Saturday, March 6th, at Wilton High School’s Little Theater.

Two programs that were new to us were brought to our attention by members of the congregation. The first of these, the Maine Adoption Placement Agency, was put forth by Sophie Paddon. The “Guatemala Six,” a group of young children living in Guatemala without parents and no ongoing means of financial support, received a grant from Mission for nutritional, educational and medical services. For us, the fact that Sophie was adopted through this agency, made our gift even more meaningful. A second happy conclusion to this “transaction” was Sophie’s

request to join our Mission Committee! She is the youngest member we have ever had, and we are so proud and excited to have her on board!

Finally, Ann and Steve White introduced us to an extraordinary young woman named Angela Larken, the founder of the Thanda Afterschool Program, which provides comprehensive services to children who have been orphaned by AIDS living in Durban, South Africa. A portion of the program's funding comes from the sale of beautiful jewelry created by women from this community. A highly successful sale of these items was held at WPC in November, helping to enable the continuation of these critical services. In March, I, along with a colleague, will have the pleasure of traveling to Durban (not on Church monies!) to provide training and psychotherapy for these children and the staff who work with them. I thank God for such an opportunity!

WPC Mission work continues to grow because of the inspiration and dedication of our church members. I am particularly thankful for the wonderful committee who finds a way to meet every need brought to the table with enthusiasm, ingenuity and humor. I am grateful to David and Jane for their exceptional vision, support and friendship. I am honored to continue to serve in this position. I love this job!

Mission Expenditures, 2009

• Americares	\$1000
• MATE	\$3975
• Maine Adoption Placement	\$2285
• Iraqi Refugee Resettlement	\$1500
• Homes for the Brave	\$2000
• Female Soldier Welcome Home	\$4500
• Thanda	\$1000
• Women Helping Women: Any Female Soldier (Shipping Costs)	\$300
• Pivot Ministries	\$1500
• Good Samaritan Fund	\$2000
• Total	\$20,060

Respectfully Submitted,

Leader: Linda Rost
Session Liaison: Max Gabrielson
Staff : David Graybill
Members : Geoff Brown, Mark Carta, Sonny Kern, Paul Lourd, Sue Macal, Adele MacGregor, Sophie Paddon, Bill Rider, Susan Tannian

NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee met to develop a slate of nominees to fill positions of Ruling Elders and Deacons. The following slate was elected by unanimous voice vote at the Called Meeting of the Congregation held December 6, 2009:

Deacons	Class of 2012: Mary Bendix, Hilary Jacobs, Marianne Krumm, George Ryder, Mary Jo Zieman
Elder:	Class of 2010: Mac MacGregor
Elders	Class of 2012: Buck Burnaman, Sally Carta, Courtney Kleeman, Ellen Mann

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: Stephen Connor
Session Liaison: Glenn Shattuck
Deacon Rep: Carole Telyan
Staff: David Graybill
Members: Tom Mann, Perry Seelert, Sandy Shifrin

OUTREACH

The mission of Outreach is to expand WPC's membership by attracting and welcoming visitors with open arms and encouraging residents of Wilton AND surrounding communities to join this family of faith. Our goal can be accomplished only through the understanding that each of us at WPC is an integral part of Outreach.

In 2009, WPC welcomed **3** new adult members and quite a few regular visitors (we're working on them☺). Each new member has already demonstrated to us that we are the luckiest church to have them as part of our church family!

Summary

Publicity

- Bill Mathews has done a wonderful job over the past several years creating and maintaining the **WPC website** (something we needed badly to keep up in this hi-tech world). In 2009, Paul Lourd took over this enormous task. Thanks to both Bill and Paul, the WPC website is very user-friendly and it includes many pictures of our church youth, adult members and friends participating in service-oriented projects and activities of the church and the community. Our website is just one important tool that we use to attract children, teenagers, and adults to our congregation.
- The **sandwich board** (purchased a few years ago) also serves us well for informing the community of WPC events.
- A handful of **articles and photos** of our members at church events has appeared in the *Wilton Villager* and the *Wilton Bulletin*.

Actions

- Committee members made every effort to **identify visitors** at Sunday worship and introduce themselves and greet them at coffee hour afterwards.
- **Announcements** were made periodically throughout the year by Patty to remind and encourage new and old church members (as well as visitors) **to wear their name tags** and request additional name tags if needed.
- The "**visitor list**" was updated by Susie Gross, David and members of the committee each week. The information is compiled via the information filled out on the fellowship pads as well as the committee's input. David and the committee members followed up with the visitors (the ones that provided us with their contact information) with a personal phone call.
- The "**Outreach Ambassadors**" continued to maintain contact with specific visitors, and to extend invitations.
- Outreach **hosted a reception** in the lounge following the Community Spring Choral concert in March. The event was attended by many and it was a great opportunity to show off our sanctuary and our hospitality.

Going Forward:

- Letters and brochures introducing and welcoming Wilton, Ridgefield and Redding newcomers to WPC will be mailed each month beginning this January. We currently do not have access to the listing of new families moving to Norwalk and other surrounding towns.

- Outreach will continue to look closely at the visitor list each week and follow up with potential new members after worship at the coffee hours and via the telephone and e-mail.
- Paul Lourd has graciously agreed to keep our website updated with current information and events and he will continue to take photos of our events and mission projects and post them on our website.
- Depending on whether we have the budget, Outreach would like to go back to placing ads in the local newspapers for Easter, special events, and Christmas with the intent to increase our exposure to the community.
- The Outreach Committee will work more closely with the Church Life Committee this year since both groups overlap in so many ways and share similar goals.

The Committee is hoping that everyone in the congregation will do their part in helping our church grow by “spreading the word” and offering at least one personal invitation to a non-member to visit our church this year. Once we get them inside, we are confident that they will see for themselves that our church environment is both welcoming and spiritually guiding.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader:	Patty Connor
Advisor:	Adele MacGregor
Session Liaison:	Bill Ryder
Staff:	David Graybill
Members:	Janet Johnson, Adele MacGregor, Bill Rider, Nancy Smith, Carole Telyan, Cindy Watkins

PERSONNEL

As the spiritual head of our congregation, David Graybill’s leadership emphasizes spiritual growth, pastoral care, community involvement and the importance of interdenominational worship, all with splendid results. In her role as Office Manager, Susie Gross continues to be the cheerful and welcoming “voice of the church” while keeping the office operating on an even keel.

Jane Field is now our Director of Spiritual Formation and has expanded her working hours from 25 to 42 hours per week. Among her new tasks, she began the development of small group ministries and expanded the Women’s Ministries programs. She continues to serve as Co-Director of Joint Youth Ministries, which includes youth from Zion’s Hill United Methodist Church and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church.

Music Director Al Galletly continues his outstanding leadership, fusing both liturgy and music in our Sunday services. This year the Children’s Choir also sang at several special Sunday services. As unofficial choir secretary, Jan Galletly bestows her gifts of time and talent to help the choir run smoothly and efficiently.

Sheri Richards maintains her exceptional partnership with Becky Hudspeth of St. Matthew’s, and together they coordinate and administrate the joint Church School. They are a great team and provide excellent programs for our children.

The Presbyterian guidelines for a Personnel Committee include the need to act as a support group for the pastor and other staff members, to review and recommend to Session compensation and benefits packages for all staff, and to confer with the pastor on any important issues of concern. The Committee has endeavored to meet these guidelines.

The Committee believes that the church is blessed with an extraordinary talented staff and that they are our valued partners in ministry. This congregation is incredibly blessed to be led by these gifted, dedicated people.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: Barbara Quincy
Session Liaison: Geoff Brown
Staff: David Graybill
Members: Berta Hull, Janet Johnson, Carol Kern, Chip Mason, Judy Rovins

STEWARDSHIP

- Theme:** The committee members chose “**Experience the Joy of Giving**” as our theme. We considered some alternative ideas of building a community approach to stewardship, but decided that task should be considered over a longer time horizon. We elected to follow the well-defined path set by previous campaigns.
- Goals:** Our committee had the goal of reaching our 2010 budget in light of the continuing economic uncertainty and high unemployment rate.
- Methods:** We adhered to the notion that many members prefer the “quiet” approach to the annual campaign.
- We launched the campaign with a simple and direct appeal for members to consider the joy of gift giving.
 - We held a Fellowship BBQ in the middle of the campaign. Attendance at that event was smaller than expected.
 - Updates were given as to performance, both in church and in the weekly bulletin.
 - Periodic “gentle” reminders were sent by e-mail.
 - In early December, friendly calls were made to those individuals who previously pledged but were silent in this campaign. In early January, solicitations were made via telephone and email to all members who had not yet pledged.
- Results:** We did not achieve the 2010 budget goal, but the response to this year’s stewardship campaign was slightly improved over last year’s results. Continued economic uncertainty and financial duress were cited by several congregation members who were unable to make a financial contribution this year.

2009	Pledging Units (adults)	Dollars	Average Pledge	Percentage of \$460,000 goal
	108 adult/9 youth	\$384,430	\$3,560	83.6%

Recommendations:

- WPC should consider alternative and incremental sources of stewardship opportunities for members of the congregation to participate in beyond the seasonal campaign.
- Consideration should be given to significant overhaul of the current process, either to a programmatic approach or via a professional advisory service.

- Stewardship is an intimidating task and requires a great deal of coordination. The material supplied by previous committee members was immensely helpful and the process was reasonably smooth, building on the work done by previous campaigns.
- An update of membership, active and inactive, and contact information should be scheduled for September in order to provide the most up to date information for solicitation materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: Buck Burnaman
 Session Liaison: Kit Smith
 Staff: David Graybill
 Members: Sonny Kern, Joe Dionne, George Ryder, Deborah Burnaman
 Ad-hoc Members: Ross Burnaman, Dan Delmar, Max Gabrielson, Mac McGregor

WEPCO

The primary issue this year was replacing the flat roof and repairing the parapet on the WEPCO portion of our complex. During the demolition stage, asbestos was found, and it was necessary to have it professionally removed at an additional cost. We had expected to find a considerable amount of rot around the skylights, but very little was found saving a substantial sum. The parapet took some time to get right, but once the contractor found out how to handle the material, the job was completed quickly. We had a snowstorm on the day the final inspection was to take place, pushing it off until next year, but it appears that the entire project will come in at, or slightly under, budget.

In addition to the roof, we replaced the windows in the hall to St. Matthew's with Thermopane, and installed firewall and firedoor. The grease trap for the kitchen was cleaned, repaired and modified so that future cleaning will be much easier. A new two-year contract for use of the Parish Hall by the Kiwanis Club was signed in late summer. The sidewalk outside the Alcove was repaired. (Once the St Matthew's project is complete, something must be done to clean up the Alcove.) The WPC music director's office was cleaned, repaired, repainted and a new rug was added. We had two work days, one in April and another in November, both of which were well attended.

These were the highlights of a 2009 that was very busy. 2010 may not be quite as exciting, but who knows?

Respectfully submitted,

President: Jim Neighbors
 Vice President: Kevin Quinn
 Secretary: Steve Connor
 Treasurer: Dave Hapke
 Facilities Coordinator: Sandy Muschler
 Members: Mac MacGregor, Matt Schmitt, Dave Hull, Chip Fuller

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2009, the Worship Committee continued to address how to enhance worship services to meet the needs of the congregation and to follow up on recommendations made by Session's "Inspired Worship" team. In summary, David has continued to preach upbeat and relevant sermons which relate scripture to our lives today. Al has managed to strike a nice balance between familiar hymns (with David's help) and his more novel musical selections for our worship services, and our members each Sunday continue our unique and popular tradition of lay participation.

This year we had several special services:

On 2/1 a Spiritual Gifts service led by Elders

On 2/8 the Joint Festival of Children

On 2/22 a Washington DC Youth Group led service

On 3/1 a 9:30 am service with Grace Baptist Church – which received a universal “**WOW**” response; David & their minister would like to establish this as a yearly tradition for the first Sunday in March.

On 10/4 World Communion

On 10/25 Interfaith

All of the above were well received, with the caveat that, in the future, all regular weekly sermons be preached by a “professional” to assure a sense of spiritual grounding.

We made several revisions for summer worship which included joint services (alternating each week between WPC and St. Mathews) for both July and August with the liturgy corresponding to the serving minister. All July services (for both churches) were held in the Memorial Garden. Worship Committee would especially like to thank our summer lay preachers Doon Foster, Max Gabrielson, and Linda Rost for their inspiring and thought provoking sermons and to Jane Field for her willingness to be their sermon/Bible resource.

Our music master, Al Galletly, has once again provided WPC with glorious, energizing, uplifting and engaging music and has guided our talented Senior and Junior Choir members throughout the year. Al also led an inspiring March 13th concert featuring participants from WPC, St. Mathew’s, Our Lady of Fatima and several other churches.

Worship Committee would also like to extend special kudos to:

Gilded Lilies – who set up each Sunday worship table under the dedicated guidance of Irla Landry

Nancy Gorkin – who provides beautiful and creative floral arrangements for many of our services

Paul Lourd – who continues to innovate and modernize our WPC website

Doon Foster – who graciously volunteered to recruit ushers and scripture readers for the worship services

Lastly, Worship Committee always welcomes suggestions from all of you! So keep us informed of your ideas!

Respectfully submitted,

Leader: Elaine Shields

Session Liaison: Glenn Shattuck

Staff: Al Galletly, David Graybill

Members: Doon Foster, Nancy Gorkin, Beth Mason

“Adjunct” Members: Malcolm Keers, Mac MacGregor

DESCRIPTON OF WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

This fund provides for capital maintenance/improvement projects considered by Session to be beyond the resources of any single year's General Operating Fund. It is funded both by designated contributions and annual transfers from the General Operating Fund.

FLOWER FUND

This fund was established by Session in October 1994, for the purpose of providing appropriate flowers and plants to enhance the beauty of our worship space at Easter, Christmas, and other special times during the years. The fund's fiscal year is from December 1 – November 30, with any balance at the end of its fiscal year used for a flower mission for people in need.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

This fund, established by Session in 1989 and managed by the pastors, provides help for members of the church and community in times of unexpected, dire financial crisis. Contributions to this fund are received as special gifts (or, in some cases, loans) from members and friends. Contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund may be made at any time as a memorial or direct gift through a check made payable to WPC.

MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

This fund was established by Session in July 1994, for the purpose of providing funds for the development and perpetual care of the Memorial Garden, on the western perimeter of WPC property. Since its inception, the Fund has provided for site preparation, landscaping and plantings for the garden. Members and friends of the congregation contribute memorial and special gifts to this fund at their discretion, both directly and through the WPC Endowment Fund.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund, established by Session in June, 1993, as part of WPC's participation in the denomination's Bicentennial Campaign, provides "seed money" for special congregational mission projects recommended by the Mission Committee and approved by Session, such as A Better Chance of Wilton in 1995 and the Senior Assisted Living Facility in 2002 (Wilton Commons).

MUSIC ENRICHMENT FUND

This fund was established by Session in July 1996 for the purpose of providing financial support for special music events beyond the ability of operating funds to reasonably support. The fund is managed by Session through its Finance Committee for those programs designated by the Worship/Music Committee. Contributions to the Music Enrichment Fund may be made at any time through a check made payable to WPC and earmarked "music."

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund, established in 1986, nurtures the idea of perpetual stewardship at WPC through both estate giving and current income such that the church can expand its ministry and mission beyond the means of General Operating Funds. Recent projects supported by income on the principal have included:

1997	Memorial Garden dedicatory sign
1998	Organ refurbishing
	Pivot Ministries (Bridgeport House/exterior siding)

1999	WPC directional signage Memorial Garden water supply
2000	Domestic Violence Crisis Center Norwalk/outreach counselor Memorial Garden for ongoing care and maintenance Music Committee to refurbish the piano
2001	Mission Committee for start-up money to allow WPC to participate in Habitat for Humanity Memorial Garden for ongoing care and maintenance Major repairs to the manse Presbyterian Promise Outreach Minister Music Committee to refurbish piano Church of Good Shepherd (new church development in Easton, Massachusetts)
2002	Memorial Garden for ongoing care and maintenance Pivot Ministries (Bridgeport House/windows) Plaque listing Clerks of Session
2003	Memorial Garden for ongoing care and maintenance George Carver Foundation (computers) WPC Church Office (computer)
2004	New sanctuary landscaping Staff computers <u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u> program
2005	Memorial Garden care and maintenance “My Soul is a Witness” Sanctuary grounds Computers for staff
2006	Materials to construct a shed in the Memorial Garden (Eagle Scout project for Jason Thompson) A Better Chance of Wilton to be used in the renovation of its new home in Cannondale WPC Youth Group for basketball and volleyball equipment
2007	Wilton Commons Memorial Garden Landscaping around the Sanctuary “Jackie, Vi & Lena” a civil rights play
2008	Temple B’nai Chaim Refugee House Sanctuary landscaping Peter Malinverni concert A Better Chance for setting up girls house Staff participation in Lectionary Homiletics Conference
2009	Choir Cart for music storage Sanctuary landscaping Contribution to WPC Capital Improvement Fund

WPC MANSE FUND

This fund, established in 2005 by Session, is intended for use in the future purchase of housing for staff. The fund initially received the net proceeds of the manse sale to Pastor David Graybill and is currently fully invested in The Vanguard Group Funds.

ROBERT GARLAND FUND

This fund was established at the bequest of Bob Garland. The fund is to be used to help make up deficits in WPC’s operating budget or for capital items not exceeding 5% of annual budget. No more than 15% (or \$15,000 whichever is greater) of the fund may be spent in any year.

WPC SANCTUARY FUND

This fund, established in 1998 with an initial small gift, received more than \$3,000,000 in contributions toward the construction of WPC's new sanctuary, the sanctuary organ, basement choir room and educational /reception areas, and common spaces in the WEPCO facility. The Organ Fund is now included in this fund.