

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews-November 12, 2017



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our fabulous Caribbean Night Fundraiser Committee:

Amy Schallop, Kristen Campbell, Alison Wood, and Cindy Ely for all of your work to create such a successful and FUN evening! We are all grateful for your tireless work and creativity!

Thank you to *all* of our teens who spent part of their day off on Election Day participating in Rake n' Roll! You helped a Wilton resident more than you'll ever know and contributed to making the St. Matt's Cemetery more welcoming.

Thank you to **Lisa Caswell**, who has served as Worship Committee Chair for the last 3 years and has now handed the reins over to Chris Jones. Please join me in expressing your appreciation for Lisa's attention to detail as it relates to all things worship-related. Thank you to all of you who volunteer your valuable time to committees and activities in the life of the church. Together we work to serve God!

Blessings,
Rev. Shannon White

Sunday, November 12th

- 8:45 AM Men's Bible Study/Library
- 10:00 AM Regular Worship Service
Children's Church School
- 11:30 AM Sr. Youth Group Lunch Gathering
- 11:30 AM Americana Folk Concert/Sanctuary

Monday, November 13th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting /Upper Core

Tuesday, November 14th

- 8:00 AM Cooking for Manna House/Kitchen
- 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/Upper Core
- 7:00 PM WEPCO Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th

- 8:00 AM Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Prayer Service (Facebook Live)
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core

Thursday, November 16th

- 6:15 PM HandBell Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

Friday, November 17th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

Saturday, November 18th

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Memorial Service-Rob Wilkinson

Sunday, November 19th

- 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study/Library
- 9:00 AM Table Guild Meeting/Alcove
- 10:00 AM Dedication Worship Service, Bells Ring
Children's Church School, Deliver-A-Smile
- 11:30 AM DC Mission Trip Information Meeting

Today's Readings

Passage One: Matthew 5:39

Passage Two: Luke 22:47-53

Prayers and Concerns

Please pray for:

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Joel Jones, John Celentano, Nancy Gorkin, Linda Cannella's sister in law, Sandy Brown, Bill Zeiman and Ed MacEwen.



Mission

WPC is collecting goods for Thanksgiving Baskets that will be donated to Family ReEntry in Bridgeport and to Wilton Social Services. During services on Nov 5th and Nov 12th we will be handing out cards with items that are needed. Please make sure to fill out the bottom index card including your name and contact info. Please bring your items to WPC by *Sunday, Nov 19th* at 10am. If you need to drop items off in advance, please label them clearly with WPC. Non-perishable items can be left in the box outside of Suzanne's office and perishable items (marked WPC) put them in the kitchen fridge. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

For more information contact Nicole Volavka
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Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our one anthem this morning is entitled "Even When God is Silent" was written in 1988 by American Jewish composer Michael Miller Horvit. The piece was written in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht; the Night of Broken Glass that occurred in November 1938. The text was found by Allied troops written on the walls of a basement in Cologne, Germany. Written by a Jewish fugitive hiding from the Gestapo, the text is an extraordinary testimony of faith under horrible circumstances. The composer was born in Brooklyn, NY, in June 1932. He trained at Yale and Boston Universities, having studied with, among others, Aaron Copland, Lukas Foss and Walter Piston. For many years, he was a professor on the faculty of the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston.

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This week in Church School

This week our church school children and youth will bring their faith to life by living out the command to love others. Each class will prepare gifts to be given out in our Fall Give-A-Smile Bag. The twenty gift bags will then be distributed next week to 10 homes affiliated with each of our churches. This is a chance for children and youth to explore what it means to love others as God commands without any expectation of reward and sometimes without knowing the people we are making smile. To learn more pay attention to the time with Children and Youth and be sure to volunteer to deliver a smile!

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up

Christmas is sneaking up on us fast, and it is time to sign-up to be a part of the Christmas Pageant on December 17th. If you, your child, or your youth is interested in participating please email Nate Taylor. Practice will be after church on Sunday, December 10th.

*For more information on any of these events email Nate Taylor at nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Stewardship 2018

"Nurturing God's Gifts for the Church and the World"

Wilton Presbyterian Church has a proposed budget in 2018 of \$473,000, which is a 2% increase from last year. To avoid the need for a fundraiser in 2018, we need to raise \$460,000 from the Stewardship Campaign.

We break WPC spending into 4 parts:

- * Worship
- * Caring for our Members
- * Education/Community Outreach
- * Hands on Mission

Here is where a portion of the money goes:

Caring for Our Members: WPC is one of the most caring communities around when it comes to attending to the needs of its members and friends. Deacons and staff coordinate many of the efforts of caring for those who need it. Much of this work is behind the scenes with love and grace. Whether it's visiting someone's bedside, or taking a hot meal, or offering a prayer, or a cup of coffee, WPC ministers to all.

Opportunities are provided regularly for members to nurture their faith through prayer services, men's and women's dinners or Bible Studies. Fellowship is encouraged through fun events such as game nights or our recent pot luck luncheon with our interfaith neighbors. New members are welcomed through classes and encouraged to assimilate into the life of the church quickly.

This month WPC will launch our new church website! Members and prospective members will know who we are and what we believe. Current pictures of church activities, fellowship events and service projects will help tell the story of our life together. People will be able to give and sign up for events online. This accessible site will provide a continuing message that WPC is forward-thinking and welcoming to all!

As of today, we have only received a handful of pledges and we are counting on all members to participate in every way that they can. This is why it is important that you return your pledge cards today. If you are in need of a Stewardship packet there are some on the information table outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee

Youth News

Senior Youth Group

Lunch Gathering
Sunday, November 12th
Time: 11:30 am

DC Mission Trip Information

Sunday, November 19th
Time: 11:30 am *Parents Welcome*

8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th
Time: 3:30 pm

*For more information on any of these events email Julie Fowler at Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

