

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews-November 5, 2017



Sunday, November 5th Daylight Saving Begins

- 8:45 AM Men's Bible Study/Library
- 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Holiday Church School
- 11:15 AM Adult Education/Lounge

Monday, November 6th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting/Alcove
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting /Upper Core

Tuesday, November 7th

- 12:00 PM Rake n' Roll
- 7:00 PM Wilton Singers/Upper Core

Wednesday, November 8th

- 8:00 AM Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Prayer Service (Facebook Live)
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core
- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

Thursday, November 9th

- 6:15 PM HandBell Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core
- 7:00 PM Nominating Meeting/Library
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

Friday, November 10th

- 10:00 AM Fall Fundraiser Prep Day (10a-12p)
- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

Saturday, November 11th

- 9:00 AM WEPCO Work Day
- 7:00 PM "Caribbean Night" Fall Fundraiser

Sunday, November 12th

- 10:00 AM Regular Worship Service
Children's Church School
- 11:30 AM Sr. Youth Group Lunch Gathering

Today's Readings

Passage One: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Passage Two: 1 John 3:1-3

Prayers and Concerns

Please pray for:

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Joel Jones, John Celentano, Nancy Gorkin who is recovering from minor surgery, Linda Cannella's sister in law, Sandy Brown, We also send love and prayers to Nate & Emma Dove who are newly married.

Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, November 11th

We are still looking for donations of talents, services and new designer items for our fundraiser auction! We also need donations of beer and wine to serve. Please bring to church on any Sunday before the fundraiser.

For more information email:
Amy Schallop
cleverful@outlook.com

Kristen Campbell
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Adult Education

Our seminary intern, Nate Dove, will be leading the our last adult forum called Presbyterian 101 where you can learn about what makes up the foundation of Presbyterianism. Please feel free to join us for the final meeting at 11:15am in the Lounge.

For more information contact Nate Dove
nathan.dove@yale.edu

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
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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:

Education: WPC's value for Christian education remains strong. Our programs continue to span the ages. Jami Lewis and now Nate Taylor have expanded our

programs for our children with Vacation Bible School and Discovery Time. Nate has created a new resource for families to draw on spiritual resources at home. Our extensive volunteer base of teachers remains dedicated to nurturing our youngest disciples. Julie Fowler continues to be a strong leader in the lives of our teens by organizing local and regional service opportunities (DC Mission Trip) help teens know they can make a difference. She also has monthly meetings help them reflect on their lives within a safe environment. Julie and Nate run the Confirmation classes that guide our 8th graders along the path to affirm their own faith. There are adults that have

benefitted from classes taught by our seminary intern, Nate Dove and the Rev. Dr. Susan DeGeorge. And with your support there will be more to come in 2018!

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

Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Today the choir will be performing "Sing Me to Heaven," an anthem composed in 1991 by Daniel E. Gawthrop. It is a very moving, musical gem that has become one of the most performed pieces at choral competitions nationwide, at both the high school and college levels. Gawthrop himself writes "the commission to write the piece came from the music director of VOCE – a Virginia community chorus." The director wanted a piece that would describe "the way people feel about music in their lives." It took several iterations both by the composer and Jane Griner, who wrote the words. She was a close colleague of Gawthrop. To state the obvious, it is a very stunning text.

The Outdoor Work Day

Another Way to Pray

Saturday, November 11th 9 AM to Noon

*Let's spruce up the complex
for the Caribbean Night fundraiser!*

Members of Wilton Presbyterian and St. Matthew's will gather to tidy the grounds of our churches. This is a wonderful time of work, fun and fellowship for people of all ages. Coffee and treats will be served.

Bring your gloves, gardening tools, shovels, rakes & wheelbarrows.

Questions? Talk to Steve Connor & Dave Hull

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This week in Church School

This week is a Holiday Church School session because of the four day school vacation. Sharon Pearson will do a Godly Play lesson with a combined class for children up through 4th grade. The lesson is "The Ten Best Ways"

God loved the People so much that God showed them the "ten best ways to live." Sometimes these ways are called the Ten Commandments. God gave them to Moses, Moses gave them to the People, and they gave them to us. God did not say that these are the "ten easy things to do." There are the ones for being close to God, and the one for being close to people, and there is one for both: Love God. Love people. God loves us. They are hard, perhaps even impossible, but we are supposed to try.

Next week all our classes will be making gifts for our Fall Give-A-Smile Mission project. The gifts will be gathered in gift bags and given out to 20 friends who need a smile- 10 in each of our two churches. Signup to deliver the bags on November 12th and then deliver them on the 19th.

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

Youth News

Senior Youth Group

Rake n' Roll
Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 12- 2 pm

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

DC Mission Trip Information Meeting
Sunday, November 19th
Time: 11:30 am *Parents Welcome*

8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Rake n' Roll
Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 12- 2 pm

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

6th & 7th Youth Group

Rake n' Roll
Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 12- 2 pm

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

