

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews-November 19, 2017



Happy Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving season spend some time with your loved ones and give thanks for the blessings we are given.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful”
~Colossians 4:2

Thanksgiving Sunday

On Sunday, November 26, there will be a Joint Family Worship Service at St. Matthews. We will be handing out that day; WPC's News from the Pews along with the Christmas Special Music & Flower Fund Donations form.

* Music & Flower donations are due no later than *December 11th*.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study group will resume on Sunday, December 3 at 8:30am in the library. If you are interested in lively conversation and fellowship please stop by and walk-ins are always welcome.

For more information you can email Nate Dove
nathan.dove@yale.edu

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

Monday, November 20th

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

Tuesday, November 21st

- 7:00 PM Wilton Singers/ Upper Core
- 7:30 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 22nd

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

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day- Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24th

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

Sunday, November 26th

- 10:00 AM Joint Worship Service at St. Matthews
Rev. Shannon White preaching.
Church School

Today's Readings

- Passage One: Psalm 123
- Passage Two: Matthew 25:14-29

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.



Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Today's music commemorates all the gifts each of us has received by the grace of God; and the blessings we have in giving back through our talents and pledges. "Harvest Hymn", was written by Lloyd Larson in 1996. A prolific composer of contemporary sacred music, Larson has published over 1,500 choral works. He is currently Music Director at his home church in Maple Grove, Minnesota. For our Offertory, we reprise an anthem we've sung several times over the years – "Sing to the Lord of Harvest". It was written by Healey Willan in 1954. Born and raised in England, Willan (1880-1968) emigrated to Canada in 1913 and remained a Canadian citizen for the rest of his life. He composed over 800 sacred choral works and, in 1956, he became the first non-English church musician to be honored with the title – Dean of Canadian Composers.

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This week in Church School

This Sunday we fill our Give-A-Smile bags with all the goodies that the classes made last week and deliver them to 10 people or families within each church.

If you volunteered during worship last week please remember to deliver a bag! It gives your children a chance to see that their work really does give a smile. It is another point of connection within our church family.

This week's lesson is about Abram and Sarai being obedient to God and being blessed.

Advent calendars

Our Advent calendars are the best Advent calendars I have ever seen! They are a gift bag with an envelope containing a message and trinket or treat for each day in Advent. They highlight the spiritual side of this season and help our children prepare for Christmas in ways far beyond Santa. They truly are a powerful spiritual discipline for families to enjoy together.

We invite you to come by the church whenever the building is open and assemble your own calendar for a suggested donation of at least \$12. The tables with instructions and everything you need are in the hallway between the offices and the St. Matthew's sanctuary. Come make a calendar for a child you love.

We also have a few pre-assembled calendars which will be available for a suggested donation of at least \$20 each. Come and talk to me if you have any questions.

*Please make all checks payable to JCCEC

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:

Hands on Mission: *It's been one of the driving purposes of WPC since the very beginning. This year, our Faith in Action committee has provided leadership through providing for participation in: Manna House cooking and serving; Homefront, our joint home repair ministry with St. Matt's; Liberation programs, serving women in recovery; Midnight Run, serving the homeless and working poor of NYC; Rise Against Hunger meal packing event; Champions mentoring program in Bridgeport; Sponsorship of programs through Wilton Youth Services; special offerings for hurricane relief and more.*

As of today, 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 in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee

Youth News

Senior Youth Group

DC Mission Trip Information

Sunday, November 19th

Time: 11:30 am *Parents Welcome*

Luncheon

Sunday, December 3rd

Time: 11:30am

Bake Sale at Village Market

Saturday, December 9th

Time:

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10th

Time: 11:30am



8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Caroling at Wilton Commons

Monday, December 4th

Time: 3:45 - 5:15pm

Volunteering

WPC's Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17th

Time: 11:00am



6th & 7th Youth Group

Caroling at Wilton Commons

Monday, December 4th

Time: 3:45 - 5:15pm

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