# Wilton Presbyterian Church

## News From The Pews-November 26, 2017



# Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season, and represents family, friends and moments of sharing and professing gratitude. God has done so much for us. Give thanks and praise to Him.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever" ~1Chronicles 16:34

## Holiday Gift Drive

GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY?

If so, please pick up an extra gift for a child in need. The Champions Program, under the umbrella of **Family Re-Entry**, provides mentors for children with one or more incarcerated parents. The needs of these families (with **children ages 4-17**) have increased again over the past year, with more children receiving services, and many more on the waiting list. Please consider donating a **new** hat, scarf, gloves, teen T's, fun socks, sweatshirts, dolls & sports items, arts & crafts, Legos, action figures, toy cars, **gift cards** to Walmart, Target, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Game Stop...Please bring donations to the church office no later than <u>Sunday, December 17</u>. Contact Brandon Bone: <u>brandonbone10002@yahoo.com</u> if you have any questions.

#### Sunday, November 26th

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

#### Monday, November 27th

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

#### Tuesday, November 28th

7:00 PM Wilton Singers/ Upper Core

#### Wednesday, November 29th

8:00 AM Prayer Service2:00 PM Prayer Service (Facebook Live)6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core

#### Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

#### Friday, December 1st

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

#### Sunday, December 3rd

8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Library
10:00 AM	Communion Worship Service. Church School
11:30 AM	Senior Youth Group Luncheon
7:30 PM	Faith In Action Meeting/Alcove

#### Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46

#### Prayers and Concerns

#### Please pray for:

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Joel Jones, John Celentano, Nancy Gorkin, Sandy Brown, Bill Zeiman and Ed MacEwen.



## Advent At-A-Glance Calendars

Will be in next weeks as a inserted in the bulletins the last two Sunday's, but if you still do not have one, additional copies are on the table in the Narthex.

## Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our now-traditional Big Music Sunday is coming up. In two weeks, the choir will take over and formally introduce the Christmas season with a service of some wonderful Advent/Christmas anthems. So, mark your personal calendars, then send out emails to all your friends and neighbors. Have them mark down *Sunday*, *December 10*, *10:00 am*. There will be the usual combination of brass and musical instruments. And, most of all, some glorious, festive music. Hope to see you -- and loads of others -there.

### Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

#### This week in Church School

This week in is Holiday Church School where all grades Pre-K up to 5th grade are combined and will gather in the Upper Core room where 3rd grade regularly meets. Grade 6th and up are invited to participate in worship.

#### Advent calendars

This week is your best chance to get and Advent Calendar because next Sunday is the first day of Advent! They are \$20 each and while they may look plain in regular envelopes, they are unavailable anywhere else in this quality. Our advent calendar offers families and opportunity for devotional together each day of advent. There is a short write up to read together and a small treat or gift for each day. I am amazed at Becky's work on this.

\*Please make all checks payable to <u>JCCEC</u>

#### 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 <u>nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org</u>

## Men's Bible Study

Sunday, December 10 will be the last Bible study. We will be meeting 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 <u>nathan.dove@yale.edu</u>

## <u>Christmas 2017</u> Music & Flower Donations

Next Sunday is the start of the Advent season. There will be the Christmas Special Music & Flower Fund Donations flyer in next week's bulletin. Dedications will appear on a separate page included with our Christmas Eve bulletin. If you would like your name to be listed, all donations must be into the office no later than December 11th.

## Youth Group News

#### Senior Youth Group

Luncheon Sunday, December 3rd Time: 11:30am In the Lower Core

Bake Sale at Village Market Saturday, December 9th Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

> Christmas Party Sunday, December 10th Time: 11:30am-1:00pm In the Lower Core

#### 8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Caroling at Wilton Commons Monday, December 4th Time:3:45-5:15pm

> Volunteering WPC's Holiday Party Sunday, December 17th Time: 11:00am

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Group

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