

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews January 21, 2018



2017 Year End Statements

We are finalizing calendar year 2017 and will be sending your donation statements by email at the end of January. Please contact Suzanne in the office, if you do not have access to email or would prefer your donation statement mailed. For those of you who have not yet completed your 2017 pledge, it is important that it is done within the next several weeks.

Please email Rick Fingeret
rick.fingeret@gmail.com

If you have questions regarding your 2017 balance.

For anyone who *requested* weekly pledge envelopes, they are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are in need of pledge envelopes, please contact Suzanne in the office at wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org.

Pivot Ministries

The choir from Pivot Ministries (a *rehab program for men recovering from substance abuse*) will be singing during WPC's **February 4th** worship service. The WPC men also led by Pivot liaison, Buck Burnaman, will be serving breakfast for them at **8:45 AM** in the Parish Hall. We hope the men of WPC will come to eat and mingle with the Pivot men.

We do need a headcount, please email the recruiter, Sonny Kern, if you can come and know if you can help in the kitchen or serve on the buffet line.

Sonny Kern
sonnykern8@gmail.com

Annual Meeting

It is that time of year (again)

We will be holding our Annual Meeting next **Sunday, January 28th** directly after the worship service. The meeting will be in the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 21st

- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Nate Dove preaching Children's Church
- 11:15 AM Faith In Action Meeting/Alcove
- 11:30 AM Senior Youth Group Lunch Gathering

Monday, January 22nd

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

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 6:00 PM 6th & 7th Youth Group Meeting/LC

Wednesday, January 24th

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

Thursday, January 25th

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

Friday, January 26th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Class Off Campus Gathering
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

Sunday, January 28st

- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Church School
- 11:15 AM Caring About Kindness
- 11:30 AM Annual Meeting/Parish Hall

Today's Readings & Hymns

- Hymn # 361
- Reading: Acts 11:19-26
- Reading: Acts 15:1-5
- Hymn # 324
- Hymn # 339

Prayers and Concerns

Please pray for:

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Kristina Grish, Joel Jones, John Celentano, Sandy Brown, Bill Zeiman, Ed MacEwen, Claudia Halsey, Sonny Kern, Peyton White, Bob Sabo & Frank Sapphire and Sandy Shifrin, after the recent deaths of their fathers.



WPC Cares About Kindness

Beginning this month, WPC is launching a new program for kids ages 5-18 years old to affirm God's love through mentoring and displaying acts of kindness. Please join us from 11:15-12:15 at WPC for special activities to help them experience some extra love from their peers!

Our dates:

January 28, February 25, March 11, April 29, May 20

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Julie Fowler.

Julie Fowler
Co-Director Family Ministry, WPC
Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our two anthems today are a total contrast to each other. "Christ Be My Leader" is set to the tune of a very familiar Irish melody called "Slane." You will recognize it as our Hymn 339, "Be Thou My Vision." This particular anthem, with different text, was arranged by Henry V. Gerike in 1978. Gerike earned his master of divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. While at the seminary, he began conducting the Concordia Seminary Chorus, a position he would hold for the next decade. Now retired, he remains well-known as an accomplished conductor, composer, editor, teacher, and writer. Our second anthem, "Grace Us, O Lord", was composed by Joseph M. Martin in 1997. He is also the composer of "Come, Follow Me", one of the anthems we sang last Sunday. Martin is from North Carolina, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Furman University, and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of Texas, Austin.

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This Week in Church School

Please mark your calendars for this year's **Festival of Children** which will be on **Sunday, February 11th**. Our children will lead us in worship.

Today we are reading the book "You Are Special" by Max Lucado to all of the classes because it is the theme for this year's Festival and sermon/play. This book is a parable that expresses that each one of us is a beloved child of God. The hurtful insults and insincere praise that we receive from others don't matter in the face of God's love and possibilities for each of us. It is a message that touches all ages.

Each class will lead a different part of the service-writing prayers, preparing the play, baking bread, and learning songs. Please bring your children to Church School every Sundays from now until **February 11th** so that they can be part of these meaningful preparations.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

Youth Group News

HELP US HELP THE HOMELESS

Joint Youth is seeking donations of travel sized toiletries and gift cards in preparation for their upcoming mission trip to Washington DC to help serve the homeless. From now until **February 11th** please consider donating gift cards in increments of \$5 or \$10 to McDonalds, Starbucks and subway or any collected toiletries from hotel stays that you may have. The youth are able to hand these to the homeless on the street and they provide much needed opportunities for restroom, food, warmth and wifi. Please turn all items into Julie or Becky or the WPC office no later than **February 11th**.

*Your support and generosity is always
so deeply appreciated!!*

Church Office

Please remember if you would like to share announcements in our newsletter to email Suzanne in the office at wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org. Just a reminder, that it will need to be "print ready" & submitted no later than the Tuesday before .

Faith In Action

The Faith in Action Committee will be meeting on **Sunday, January 21st** at 11:15am in the Alcove. If you wish to propose a project to the committee, we ask that you please write a brief proposal to present at the meeting and if possible, please allow two months' lead time, as some projects must also be approved by Session. Projects should be in line with the church's interests/potential interests and involve a "boots on the ground" approach.

Contact Nicole Volavka with any questions
nicolevolavka@gmail.com

Youth Group News

Senior Youth Group

Lunch Gathering
Sunday, January 21st
Time: 11:30am



8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Trip to Temple B'Nai Chaim
Friday, January 26th
Time: 4:30pm



Middle School Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

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