

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews February 25, 2018



~Worship Service Reminder~

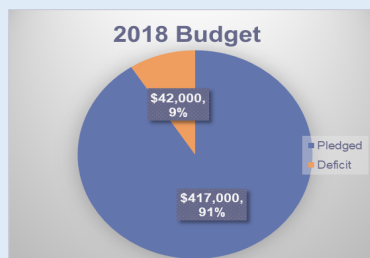
Next Sunday, March 4th

WPC will be visiting Grace Baptist Church for our annual worship service at **10:30am**. Please arrive early due to limited parking. The address is 17 West Ave, Norwalk, CT 06854

Stewardship

Budget Barometer

2018 Budget: \$459,000
Funds Raised: \$417,000
Budget Gap: \$42,000



DID YOU KNOW

Our Presbytery requires a yearly **Per Capita Fee** for every member from confirmation age and up? This year the fee is \$52 per person. If everyone's pledge went up to include at least this cost, we would be \$13,000 closer to closing our budget gap.

DID YOU KNOW

WPC can benefit from your purchases on Amazon? Just select Wilton Presbyterian Church as your non-profit of choice on AmazonSmile.com.

DID YOU KNOW

When you donate goods to The Turnover Shop (www.turnovershopwilton.org) You can designate the proceeds from the sale of those goods to WPC?

Sunday, February 25th

- 8:30 AM New Member Class/Lounge
- 10:00 AM Regular Worship Service
Children's Church School
- 11:15 AM Kindness Club/Lounge

Monday, February 26th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 3:00 PM Youth Return from DC Mission Trip
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Tuesday, February 27th

- 6:30 PM 8th Grade Youth Group Gathering

Wednesday, February 28st

- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core

Thursday, March 1st

- 6:30 PM WPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

Friday, March 2nd

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

Saturday, March 3rd

- 6:00 PM Korean Cooking Night
Hosted at Amy Schallop's Home
147 Olmstead Hill Road, Wilton

Sunday, March 4th

- 10:00 AM Joint Worship Service at
Grace Baptist Church
- 11:30 AM Senior Youth Group Luncheon

Today's Readings & Hymns

Hymn:# 288- I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Reading: Mark 8:31-38
Hymn:# 338- Be Thou My Vision

Prayers and Concerns

Please Pray For

Marjorie Wilkinson (post-surgery), Jackson Kleeman, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Kristina Grish, The Waskom, Cummins & Bassani families, Bill Mathews and his Sister-In-Law, Maryann, after the death of his brother.

Congratulations

Jessica Jones, who passed her ordination exam; and to **Nate Taylor**, who became an inquirer in the ordination process!!



Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our first anthem today is the very popular spiritual, "Down to the River to Pray." Popularized in the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou", this Appalachian-flavored spiritual is a genuine, heartfelt plea for prayer. It's a delightful work that creates an old-fashioned revival mood, and is sprinkled with great fun. The version we sing today was arranged by Sheldon Curry, a graduate of Baylor University. Appropriately enough, our Offertory anthem is entitled "Offertory," a lovely piece with text based on **Micah 6:6-8**, one of the most popular texts in the Old Testament. The anthem was written by John Ness Beck, a virtual giant in the world of church choral music. Born in Warren, Ohio; Beck graduated from Ohio State University with a major in English. While in the US Army, he became increasingly involved in arranging for various musical groups. After his discharge, he returned to OSU, where he earned a Master of Arts degrees in music with a major in composition. He remained active in choral composition until his death from cancer in 1987.

Are you Interested in joining choir?

Please contact the Music Director, Al Galletly
music@wiltonpresbyterian.org or agalletly88s@gmail.com

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This Week in Church School

We are exploring **Mark 7:24-30**, and there is one word that stands out about this story: **unexpected**. On first reading the story, the way Jesus is talking to this woman is unexpected. Why is Jesus comparing her to a dog? Then when remembering the culture, it is unexpected that Jesus, a Jewish Israelite man would speak or even listen to this person who is a gentile Syrophenician woman. Any single one of those pieces of identity would prevent them from engaging with each other. Then in the story Jesus tosses out an insult at the woman and she doesn't rise to the insult, instead she responds with wit and tenacity. But she also calls Jesus "Lord" and this is the only person to ever address Jesus directly as Lord in Mark. It is all so unexpected! Despite all of the unexpected reasons they shouldn't be talking at all, Jesus listens to her and engages with her.

I wonder, who are the people who we aren't expected to listen to. Who are the people in our lives that we don't want to listen to? How could God's kingdom invade our reality if we allowed ourselves to truly connect with the people we aren't supposed to?

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

Mark Your Calendars

Faith In Action Needs Your Help

The next Midnight Run members of our congregation offer food, clothing, toiletries and compassion to NYC's homeless, will take on place on **March 23rd**.

For more information please contact Ralph Bernabei
ralphbernabei@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for 2018 Homefront Day, which will take place on **Saturday, May 5th**.

For more information please contact Jim Dormer
dormer.jim@gmail.com

If you'd like to volunteer to serve hot meals at Manna House Shelter and Food Pantry in Norwalk or Ogden House.

For more information please contact
Sherry McReynolds sherrymcreynold13@gmail.com
Jan McEwen janmacewen@optimum.net

WPC Cares About Kindness

WPC has a new program for kids ages 5-18 years old that shows them how they can affirm God's love through mentoring & displaying acts of kindness. Please join us in the Lounge **today** from 11:15a -12:15. Our future meeting dates will be **March 11, April 29 and May 20**.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact
Julie Fowler at Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

2018 Lenten Calendars

Calendars are available on the table in the Narthex throughout Lent. Easter Flower Donation forms are located inside the calendar.

Youth Group News

Senior Youth Group

Luncheon Gathering
Sunday, March 4th
Time: 11:30am

Luncheon Gathering
Sunday, March 25th
Time: 11:30 am

8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th
Time: 6:30pm

Meeting
Tuesday, April 3th
Time: 3:30pm

Middle School Youth Group

Retreat
Tuesday, March 13th

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