

Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews February 4, 2018



Share the LOVE!

Valentine's Day is around the corner. The Blessing Family is sponsoring their 3rd annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser. This year all proceeds benefit the WPC Endowment Fund!

How it works: You purchase a valentine bag filled with Hershey kisses and a note pad topped with a beautiful logo (seen above) which was designed by Confirmand, Caroline Blessing. It represents the everlasting presence and power of love. The bags are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. The Blessing family will deliver them to your sweetheart/loved one's door on **Sunday, Feb 11th**. *That's it!*

By supporting this project benefiting the WPC Endowment Fund, the donation you make today will serve our congregation and community at large for years to come! You can buy them after worship **today** and also on **Sunday, Feb 11th**.

For more information please contact
Margarita Blessing
mbblessing@yahoo.com

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, if you have questions rick.fingeret@gmail.com

Sunday, February 4th

- 7:45 AM Pivot Breakfast Kitchen Prep
- 8:30 AM Pivot Pancake Breakfast/Parish Hall
- 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Commissioning for DC
Regular Church School
- 11:30 AM Senior Youth Group/DC Orientation

Monday, February 5th

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

Tuesday, February 6th

- 3:30 PM Confirmation Meeting/Alcove
- 7:30 PM Special Session Meeting/Lounge

Wednesday, February 7th

- 8:00 AM Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Prayer Service (Facebook Live)
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core
- 7:00 PM BBER's Meeting/Marley's Bistro

Thursday, February 8th

- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

Friday, February 9th

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

Sunday, February 11th

- 8:30 AM New Member Class/Lounge
- 10:00 AM Festival of Children Joint Service
Presbyterian Liturgy/SMC

Today's Readings & Hymns

Hymn # 464

Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Hymn # 439

Prayers and Concerns

Please pray for:

Mike Waskom, The Cummins and Bassani families after the death of their beloved Pat. A service will be held in the Spring; and George Schneidewind, after the sudden death of his sister.

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone, Emily Bohrer, Kristina Grish, Joel Jones, Sandy Brown, Ed MacEwen, Claudia Halsey, Sonny Kern, and Bob Sabo.



Church Office

If you are interested in sharing announcements in our newsletter to email it "print ready" to Suzanne in the office at wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org the Tuesday before.

New Member Class

WHY NOT JOIN US?

Have you been considering membership at WPC? Well, now's your opportunity! New Member classes will take place on **February 11** and **February 25** and will meet from 8:30am-9:45am in the Lounge. Childcare is provided along with a light breakfast.

For more information please contact Rev. Shannon White shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org

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 from 11:15a -12:15. Our future Dates will be **February 25**, **March 11**, **April 29** and **May 20**. If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Julie Fowler at Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our Sanctuary Choir is taking a breather these next two Sundays. Today our choir and congregation alike will get to enjoy our annual visit from the Men at Pivot House. Their all-male choir is always a great hit, with a program of music filled with spirit, great rhythms, and plenty of soul. And I mean real soul. Some of the men will be called on to be the lead solo voice, with the chorus backing them up. And as often as not, the men selected won't know in advance they are being called upon to sing. Not only is the music terrific, but you'll hear some wonderful, powerful testimonials.

Children's Church News

With Nate Taylor

This Week in Church School

Today students are exploring the story of Jesus welcoming the little children (*Mark 10:13-16*). I tend to think this story should connect for children because it is one of the few passages that mention children. So, of course they should see themselves in the story, right? Then I realized they might not want to see themselves a little child. Even at 4 years old everyone wants to be treated like a big kid. Nevertheless, we need a reminder that we are all little children of God no matter our age. How can we model being welcomed as a little child?

One way we can model being welcomed as a child of God is joyful participation in worship. Next **Sunday, Feb. 11th** is Festival of Children, where children and youth will be leading worship. Please bring your children to church on **Sunday, Feb. 11th** at 9 AM, so that they can practice their part.

The theme for this year is that each one of us is a beloved child of God. And is based on the book "You are Special" by Max Lucado. If you would like to read "*You Are Special*" by Max Lucado at home with your child, there are copies to sign out on the bookcase, outside the Church School office. It is very powerful for all ages!

Also, stop by the bulletin board outside the upper core and contribute to it by designing your footprint so that together we walk as children of the light.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

Faith In Action

Faith in Action is looking for three female volunteers ages 15 and up to join Nicole Volavka at Liberation Program's Families in Recovery Program on **Sunday, February 25th** after worship. This is an inpatient women's facility for recovery from drug and alcohol abuse.

For more information please contact Nicole Volavka nicolevolavka@gmail.com

The next Midnight Run, which 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@optimimumonline.net

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!!*



Senior Youth Group

DC Orientation Meeting
Sunday, February 4th
Time: 11:30am

DC Trip
Depart: Wednesday, February 14th
Return: Monday, February 19th

8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Meeting
Tuesday, February 6th
Time: 3:30pm

Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th

Middle School Youth Group

Retreat
Tuesday, March 13th

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