Wilton Presbyterian Church

News From The Pews March 11, 2018

2018 Stewardship Update

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

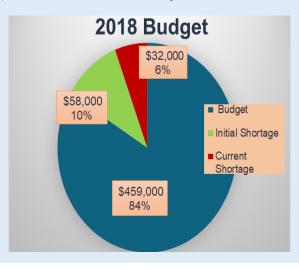
AmazonSmile.com

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?

Budget Barometer

2018 Budget: \$459,292 Initial Shortage: \$58,202 **Current Shortage:** \$31,958



Maundy Thursday Dinner

Please join us on **March 29th at 7:00 pm** for our annual Maundy Thursday Dinner in the Parish Hall. Our WPC family will commemorate this event with fellowship, a shared meal and communion service. After communion, the lights will be dimmed and we'll depart silently by candlelight.

Please join us on this special evening as we renew our faith and recommit ourselves to live as Jesus did. You should be receiving a flyer from your deacon with specific details. Everyone is welcome (members, visitors, children and friends)

Those without a deacon should email Mary Wright at tnwrights@gmail.com

Sunday, March 11th

10:00 AM Regular Worship Service w/ Nate Taylor preaching. Children's Church School

11:15 AM Kindness Club/Upper Core

11:15 AM Adult Education Series (Pt.1)/Lounge

Monday, March 12th

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Tuesday, March 13th

8:00 AM Cooking with Manna/Kitchen 3:15 PM 6th & 7th Grade Youth Group Trip

Wednesday, March 14th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service

2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/ Upper Core

7:00 PM Deacon Meeting/Alcove

Thursday, March 15th

6:30 PM WPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Upper Core

Friday, March 16th

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

8:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

Sunday, March 18th

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev. White

preaching. Children's Church School

11:30 AM Adult Education Series (Pt.2)/ Lounge

Today's Readings & Hymns

Hymn:# 371 Lift High the Cross

Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9 Reading: John 3:14-21

Hymn:# 85 What Wonderous Love is This

Prayers and Concerns

Please Pray For

Marjorie Wilkinson, Jackson Kleeman, Steve Connor, Brandon Bone and Emily Bohrer

Congratulations ANNA CARTA

for having successfully completed another Special Olympics!!



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 <u>ralphbernabei@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>sherrymcreynold13@gmail.com</u>
Jan MacEwen <u>janmacewen@optimum.net</u>

Choir Corner

With Al Galletly

Our first anthem today is "Holy Sovereign Lord", composed by Lloyd Larson. The text is based on *Isiah 55: 6-12*. Mr. Larson is a prolific choral composer, having over 1,500 published works. He composed this particular anthem in celebration of a friend's wedding in 2005. He currently directs his home church choir in Maple Grove, MN. Our Offertory anthem – "The Road Home" – is a work written by Stephen Paulus. Almost a "local," Paulus was born in Summit, NJ, in 1949. He attended the University of Minnesota, eventually earning a Ph.D. in composition. He later became Composer-in-Residence for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, whose principal conductor at the time was the renowned choral director Robert Shaw. Paulus composed over 450 works for chorus, orchestra and voice before passing away from a stroke in 2014.

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

Our lesson is teaching us to "Love Your Neighbor" is at the heart of our faith as Christians. When Jesus is asked by a scribe in Mark 12:28-34 which commandment is most important, he responds that loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is the first and the second is "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Our children will be exploring how we can love our neighbor. Talk with your children about what you might be able to do as a family to better love others.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

Adult Educational Series

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

And Other Questions...

Join us March 11, 18, 25 from 11:15am-12:30pm in the Lounge, as Rev. Dr. Susan DeGeorge presents a 3 week series on the book of Job.

D. H. Lawrence has written, "If you want a story of your own soul, it is perfectly done in the book of Job..." And yet, what is that soul story told in this biblical book? Is it a story of a perfect person who suffers without cause and wonders why? Is it a series of conversations among friends trying to be supportive to one whose life has gone off track? Is it a dialogue with God about whether various aspects of life make sense? We will look at these questions as we explore not only what the biblical writer(s) intended by the book of Job, but the way it has been interpreted by later writers, psychologists, environmentalists, and theologians.

Open to All, Childcare provided

SAVE THE DATE

The Garden Illuminated

A Spring Celebration in our Memorial Garden Friday, June 1st 6:30-8:30pm

Rain Date: Saturday, June 2nd
For more information please contact Jennifer Gabrielson
jengabrielson@optimum.net

Reminder~2018 Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Donation forms are due no later than **March 19th**. Please see the Lenten Calendar for a form

Youth Group News

Senior Youth Group

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

8th Grade Youth Group/Confirmation Class

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

Middle School Youth Group

Off Campus Retreat-Ben's Bells Tuesday, March 13th Time: 3:30pm

*For more information on any of these events email Julie Fowler Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

