

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

April 15, 2018

2018 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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.

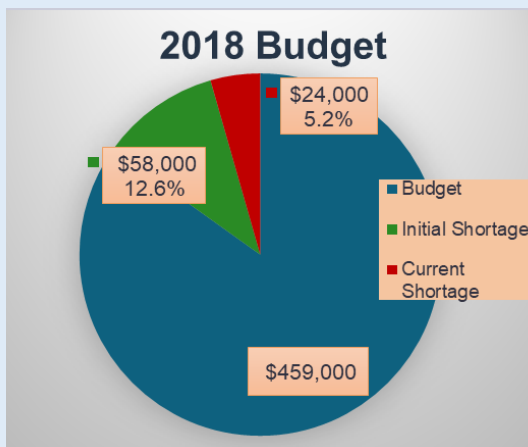
Budget Barometer

2018 Budget: \$459,000

Initial Shortage: \$58,000

Current Shortage: \$24,000

*No Change in the Last 3 Week's



Are there any future events, meetings or retreats coming up??
Would you like to get the word out about it in the weekly newsletter?
If so, please contact the office no later than Tuesday of that week.
Church Office wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org

2018 HOMEFRONT DAY

Once again, St. Matthew's and WPC are partnering to help a local homeowner in need! Please come and share your handyman & painting talents on **May 5th** right here in Wilton. You can volunteer for an hour or two, or stay all day. It is a rewarding experience and I hope you can join us.

Signup online at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4FA4AB22AB9-homefront

This year we are assisting a homeowner in North Wilton to repair & paint the exterior of their home. This project is made possible through the generosity of WPC's Faith in Action and St. Matt's outreach programs. It is a wonderful way to help support a neighbor in need.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

All adults who are able. Young adults ages 14-17 can work with an adult supervisor (3 children max per adult supervisor) with a signed permission slip. This is a great opportunity for High School students or Confirmation Students to earn Community Service hours.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5th**

For more information please contact
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APRIL 15TH-22ND

Sunday, April 15th

10:00 AM Worship Service. Rev. White will be preaching. Children's Church School

Monday, April 16th

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

Tuesday, April 17th

3:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Session Meeting/Lounge

Wednesday, April 18th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service

Thursday, April 19th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20th

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

Saturday, April 21st

9:00 AM WEPCO Workday

Sunday, April 22nd

10:00 AM Worship Service. Rev. Charles Barton will be preaching. Children's Church School
11:15 AM Bible Study Class/Lounge
11:15 AM Stewardship Meeting/Alcove
12:30 PM Senior Youth Group/NYC Trip

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for

Marjorie Wilkinson and her family, Steve Connor, Emily Bohrer, Matt Dormer, Brandon Bone and Donna Madden, a dear friend of Brandon Bone

TODAY'S READINGS & MUSIC

Opening Hymn# 121 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Anthem: God of Our Life

Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Offertory: Thine is the Glory

Closing Hymn# 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Senior Youth Group

NYC Trip
Sunday, April 22
Time: 12:30pm

8th Grade Youth Group & Confirmation

Meeting
Tuesday, April 17
Time: 3:30pm

Middle School Youth Group

Off Campus Retreat to Ben's Bells
Tuesday, April 24
Time: 3:30pm

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

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Our two anthems today are, in many ways, total opposites. "God of Our Life", composed in 1992 by Donna J. Butler, was written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Lakeside United Methodist Church in Richmond, VA. Quite appropriately, the text of our first anthem – "God of Our Life" – sees God as both "God of our past" and "God of our future." For over 20 years, Donna Butler has served as Director of Music for churches in the south and Midwest. She is a native of Ada, Oklahoma, holds degrees in Music Education and Theory and Composition. She and her family reside in Olathe, Kansas.

Our Offertory anthem is a very familiar hymn ("Thine is the Glory") set in a concert arrangement written by the renowned organist and composer, Robert J. Powell. Powell studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and for five years was assistant at The Episcopal Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. Later, he moved to Greenville, South Carolina, where he was organist at Christ Episcopal Church from 1968 to 2003. He has composed numerous anthems, service music, music for organ and handbell choirs, and large-scale oratorios. Powell is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists.

*Are you Interested in joining choir?
Music Director, Al Galletly

music@wiltonpresbyterian.org or agalletly88s@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

This week in church school, students will be exploring the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene as recorded in **John 20:1-18**. Frequently we hear about how Mary Magdalene was a woman of ill repute but this is not backed up by scripture. We are all totally depraved so she could not be perfect, but the rumor that she was a prostitute is not scriptural. Mary is recorded in scripture as a devout follower of Jesus and the first to witness Jesus alive. Then she was the first to witness to the resurrection by telling the other disciples about it. Let's celebrate how this faithful follower shared the Good News by sharing it ourselves.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

OUTDOOR WORK DAY

Its hard to believe but Spring is finally right around the corner! March was trying for everyone, due to the 4 Nor'easters which created a huge mess around town but also to our very own church grounds. Unfortunately, due to budget restraints within both churches, WPC and St. Matthew's can not afford to pay a professional crew to clean up the property.

Come and enjoy the day with neighbors, friends and fellow parishioners!

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS & RALLY THE TROOPS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!*

Help spread the word we NEED all the help we can get!! This is great opportunity for those kids who are needing volunteer hours for school and/or confirmation.

**Saturday, April 21st
9am-12noon**

For more information please contact
Sandy Muschler, WEPCO
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BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Nate and Nate will be leading a two part bible study on tough topics and scripture. They will be meeting in the Lounge on **April 22nd & April 29th** from 11:15-12:30pm. You can attend both sessions or just one.

The first session on will be on the topic of Scripture and human sexuality with particular attention to LGBTQ related texts.

The second session is on the topic of the relationship between Christians and ruling authorities with particular attention to militarism.

Children will have an education opportunity of their own on the 29th at the same time but currently there is not child care on the 22nd. If you were hoping to attend the 22nd session but need child care contact Nate Taylor.

For more information please contact
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MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Garden Illuminated

Join us for a spring celebration in our Memorial Garden

Friday, June 1st at 6:30pm

For more information please contact
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