

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

April 22, 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.

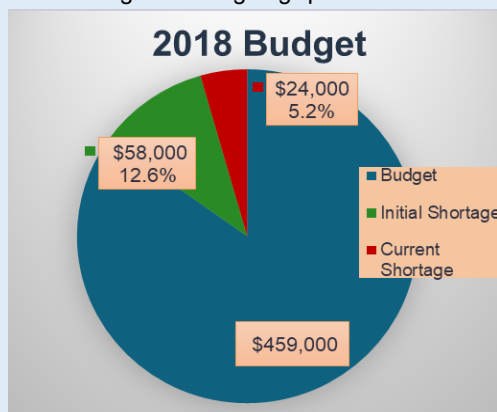
Budget Barometer

2018 Budget: **\$459,000**

Initial Shortage: **\$58,000**

Current Shortage: **\$24,000**

*No Change in the Last 4 Week's



ACTS OF SERVICE

On Saturday, members from both WPC and St. Matthew's participated in our annual spring clean up of WEPCO grounds. After a long winter, like the one we had, there was a lot of work that needed to be done to prepare our grounds the long awaited spring.

Thank you to everyone who came out and worked on many projects like, hauling logs, branches and brush, along with raking the different grassy areas on the property. This would not be possible without the coordination of Sandy Muschler and the support of the extraordinary members who make up our WEPCO Committee.

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 at wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org

2018 HOMEFRONT DAY

Together, St. Matthew's and WPC are partnering to help a local homeowner in need! Please come and share your handyman skills and 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.

This year we are assisting a homeowner located 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 and 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**

Signup at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4FA4AB22AB9-homefront

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

APRIL 22ND -29TH

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
- 5:00 PM Faith In Action Meeting/Alcove

Monday, April 23rd

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

Tuesday, April 24th

- 3:30 PM Youth Group Trip to Ben's Bells

Wednesday, April 25th

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

Thursday, April 26th

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 27th

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

Sunday, April 29th

- 10:00 AM Jazz Music Sunday with nursery only
- 11:15 AM Bible Study Class/Lounge
- 11:15 AM Kindness Club/Lower Core

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for

Marjorie Wilkinson and her family, Steve Connor, Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone and Donna Madden, a dear friend of Brandon Bone, Nicole Volavka, Linda Cannella and her family after the death of her sister-in-law, Sandy.

Congratulations

Ashley & Josh Courtney who welcomed Baby Rowan on April 9th
7lbs, 14oz. 21in long.

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Reading: Luke 10:25-37



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CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Our Offertory anthem today is an acclamation of praise composed by David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin. Written in 2004, this "joint venture" is an appropriate celebration of the Easter message. It was commissioned by the Montgomery County Choral Society of Conroe, TX. We have profiled Joseph Martin before, so a quick word about David Angerman. He is currently Director of Choral Arts at Regents School of Austin, TX. He holds degrees in Music Education and Church Music from Baylor University, and has a Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance from the University of Texas in Austin. Today, we also sing another anthem arranged by John Ness Beck (1930-1987). His "Assurance", which we sing today, is based on the familiar hymn of the same name (see #341 in our Hymnal). The accompaniment to the anthem is a clever use of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", written by J. S. Bach.

Of equal interest is the story of the writer of the original hymn (Phoebe Palmer Knapp) and the writer of the text, Fanny Jane Crosby. Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908) was born in New York City. At age 16, Phoebe married a dedicated Sunday school worker by the name of Joseph Fairfield Knapp, one of the founders and the second president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. While attending St. John's Methodist Church in New York City, Phoebe met Fanny Crosby. Phoebe wrote over 500 hymn tunes, the most familiar being the tune we now call "Assurance" for which Fanny Crosby wrote the lyrics. Knapp died in Poland, ME.

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915) is a "local." Blind since shortly after her birth in Brewster, NY, she wrote texts to hundreds of hymns, one of which is #485 in our Hymnal – "To God Be The Glory." Fanny was proud of her family ancestry which included Anna Brigham and Simon Crosby who had arrived in Boston in 1635. Their heirs were among the founders of Harvard College, and included singers Bing and Bob Crosby. When she was eight, Fanny and her family moved to Ridgefield, CT, where they attended the Presbyterian church.

*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, our classes will explore the story from the Gospel of John in which the resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples as they are unsuccessfully fishing. Jesus calls out to them to fish on the other side of the boat and to their amazement their nets fill with 153 fish. Jesus cooks and serves them breakfast. It is a tender time of forgiveness between Jesus and the disciples, who are called to follow him and draw people to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion Education Class
Sunday, May 6th at 9:00am

There will be a children's communion education class that will be held before our worship service on **Sunday, May 6th**. If your child would like to learn about the history of communion and what it all means, please have attend informational class. We will provide snacks of grapes, cheese, bread, and juice; as we retell the story of the last supper focusing on communion. Parents are invited to stay in the room if they wish.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Garden Illuminated

Join us for a spring celebration in our Memorial Garden on the evening of

Friday, June 1st at 6:30pm

Tickets are available for purchase after Worship

For more information please contact
Jennifer Gabrielson at jengabrielson@optimum.net

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Nate Taylor and Nate Dove will be leading a two part bible study on tough topics and scripture. We will meet in the Lounge **TODAY & April 29th** from 11:15-12:30pm. Feel free to attend both sessions or just one.

Today, we will be discussing the topic of Scripture and human sexuality with particular attention to LGBTQ related texts.

Next week, Sunday, April 29th, we will discuss the topic of the relationship between Christians and ruling authorities with particular attention to militarism. Child care is available the 29th but not today as Nate Taylor is teaching.

For more information please contact
Nate Taylor

540-521-6514 or nathanleetaylor@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP

My name is Irla Landry, I head up the Table Guild Committee and we could use your help! Our wonderful committee is open to everyone of all ages and gender, including teens and families. The way it works is around every 6 weeks, our volunteers are emailed with the dates that are needed to be filled, upon signing up, an instructional email will be sent to you, This will include details like; the use of only real flowers (no artificial please), the volunteer will need to put out 4 offering plates, what color cloths to use, and how to prepare for the service & clean up. Please consider joining us, as it is very rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to help bring beauty to our church.

Feel free to email me, Irla Landry, at irlalandry@me.com if you would like to put your name on the list or if you have questions.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Senior Youth Group

Trip to NYC to see "Come From Away"
Sunday, April 22
Time: 11:45am

Middle School Youth Group

Off Campus Retreat to Ben's Bells
Tuesday, April 24
Time: 3:30pm
Kindness Club
Lower Core
Sunday, April 29
Time: 11:15am

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