

April 8, 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 2 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 that 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.

NHO 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 Jim Dormer dormer.jim@gmail.com

APRIL 8^{TH} - 15^{TH}

Sunday, April 8th

10:00 AM Worship Service. Rev. White will be preaching. Holiday Church School.

Monday, April 9th

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

7:00 PM Endowment Meeting/Alcove

7:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting/Library

Tuesday, April 10th

8:00 AM Cooking for Manna/Kitchen 7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting/Alcove

Wednesday, April 11th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service7:00 PM Deacon Meeting/ Upper Core

Thursday, April 12th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 13th

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

Sunday, April 15th

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

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

Today's Readings & Music

Opening Hymn: #108 Christ is Alive!

Reading: Psalm 133 Reading: John 20:19-31

Offertory: All in the April Evening

Closing Hymn# 106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks **Choral Benediction:** May the Light of God Shine on

Us Today



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 meeting dates will be April 29th and May 20th

If you have any questions please contact
Julie Fowler
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CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Only one anthem on tap for this morning. I wanted to give the choir a brief respite after last week's Easter Sunday music extravaganza. (**Thank you**, choristers, you did yourselves proud!) Likewise, spring break is upon us, so we'll be missing some folks in the choir seats this morning.

In any event, our Offertory anthem is "All in the April Evening," the text is a poem written by the Dublin-born Katharine Hinkinson (1861-1931). The title of this poem is taken from the poem's last stanza, drawing attention to the subject matter, which is not the beauty of pastoral scenes in the countryside at springtime, but the Crucifixion and death of Christ. Her poem become popular and well-known after it was set to music by Sir Hugh Roberton (1874-1952), who gave it a tender and light but reverent setting for chorus and piano accompaniment. Roberton was a Scottish composer, born in Glasgow. In 1906, he founded the Glasgow Orpheus Choir. He was known as a taskmaster; he expected the highest standards of performance from its members. Roberton was knighted in 1931.

*Are you Interested in joining choir?

Music Director, Al Galletly

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

This is a Holiday Church School week; there will be one classroom in the Upper Core.

The children will experience Godly Play. In Godly Play, the story is acted out in front of the children in a scripted manor with props. At the end of the story being told, the children are encouraged to wonder about different aspects of the story. The wonder is left floating thick in the air allowing for children to contribute to the faith formation of each other through shared insights. Sharon Ely Pearson is a Christian Formation Specialist who also happens to be a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, who is kind enough to use her expertise on holiday church school days. And we are truly lucky to have a Christian Education rock star to lead Godly Play for us.

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 wepco@optonline.net

Manna House

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you'd like to volunteer to serve hot meals at Manna House Shelter and Food Pantry in Norwalk or Ogden House. Our next date to meet and cook in the kitchen will be on **April 10th at 8:00am**.

For information please contact Sherry McReynolds sherrymcreynold13@gmail.com

Jan MacEwen janmacewen@optimum.net

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 Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

