

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

May 20, 2018

Confirmation Day

Today marks the conclusion of the 2017-2018 Confirmation program at Wilton Presbyterian Church. This year seven of our 8th graders have completed a year-long process of spiritual exploration and self-discovery that was designed for them to find their authentic and unique voice of faith within our faith community.

We celebrate with this year's class of Confirmands

*Caroline Blessing
Charlie Bohrer
Annie Caldwell
Emma Fanelli
Emily Mrakovic
Kathryn Stein
Bob Stofega*



Many THANKS to their mentors, who helped to shepherd them along the way. They are: *Tobin Bassani, David Lowrie, Jennifer Gabrielson, Patti Connor, Laura Schwemm, Rachelle Bernabei and Sonny Kern.*

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

*Let's thank Nate Dove
for a job well done!!*

Come and help us send Emma & Nate as they begin their new journey to Virginia.

For the last year and a half, Nate has served as our seminary intern. He has taught, preached, visited, guided our youth in Washington, DC and so much more. Both Nate and Emma have been integral parts of WPC, it's hard to say good-bye!!

Let's send them off in style! Nate will be preaching on **Sunday, May 27** after worship we will have a special coffee hour to say THANK YOU! Please join us in wishing them farewell.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Would you like to get the word out about future events, meetings or retreats coming up in our weekly newsletter? If so, please contact the office no later than Tuesday of that week.

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MAY 20TH - MAY 27TH

Sunday, May 20th

10:00 AM Confirmation Sunday
Children's Church School
11:15 AM Kindness Club/Lounge

Monday, May 21th

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

Wednesday, May 23th

6:30 PM Dining with the Divas/Oak & Almond
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Friday, May 25th

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

Sunday, May 27th

10:00 AM Worship Service with the baptism,
Rev. White will be preaching
Holiday Church School
11:15 AM Nate & Emma's Farewell Celebration

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for

Marjorie Wilkinson, Steve Connor, Emily Bohrer, Nicole Volavka, Brandon Bone, Buck Burnaman's Father, Carole Telyan's Mother, Don Marquardt, Ed MacEwen, MaryKay Porter and Marianne Wilson. We continue to pray for St. Matt's as they prepare to welcome their new Rector, Rev. Marissa Rohrbach.



Jessica Jones & Nate Dove
as they graduate from Yale Divinity
School this Monday.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn# 324 Open My Eyes That I may See
Anthem: Shine Like the Sun
Offertory: This Is My Word
Closing Hymn# 525 Here I Am, Lord

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Our first anthem today is "Shine Like the Sun," music based on a traditional Scottish melody called Wild Mountain Thyme. The arrangement we sing today was written by Karen E. Black. Karen hails from Toronto, Canada. She has an undergraduate degree in sociology at the University of Western Ontario, and subsequently got her Master's in Library Science at the University of Toronto. As a result, Karen spends more time writing than composing.

Our Offertory anthem is "This is My Word." This is another anthem composed by Pepper Choplin, who we discussed last week. This anthem focuses on texts based on *Isaiah 55:10-12*. It was written in 1999 to honor the retirement of the Pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, SC.

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 explore the story of Jesus witnessing a widow giving two small coins. Bill Gates was once asked about how he managed to give so much, Gates responded that he hadn't given up anything at all. The money he had given away had no impact on his daily life so people shouldn't champion him as a philanthropist. He insisted the greatest philanthropists were the people who give up their life to serve and live in poverty. Today students will learn about a woman who gave everything she had. While others gave some of the money they had no need for, she had almost nothing and she gave it all to God. Jesus says she gave more. Stories like these inspire us to generosity. Talk with your student about how you can both share in the selfless generosity to which God invites us.

Vacation Bible School

Peace Labs: Learning God's Way of Peace!

VBS is the last week of summer before school starts: **August 27, 28, 29, 31** from **9a-12n**. The cost is \$30 per student, with a family max of \$75 (scholarships available). *There will be **NO** VBS on Thursday, August 30 because that is meet the teacher day for Wilton Public Schools. I hope you will see this as the perfect opportunity to ease your children back into a routine and to enrich your children's spiritual lives. **I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!!** If you are willing to volunteer to be present for this as a youth or adult helper please talk to Nate Taylor. You can register via the form in the Narthex or online at <https://wiltonpresbyterian.org/vacation-bible-school/>

Holmes Summer Camp

Summer is coming up fast and it's time to register for camp. Imagine a week of your kids building a beloved community together with daily bible study and worship. Imagine your children growing in their desire for God. It may just change their life like it did mine. Please visit holmescamp.org to explore the possibility of an unforgettable experience for the people you care about most.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information on any of these events email

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 **today for our last meeting** in the Lounge from **11:15a -12:15p**.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Fowler at Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

MANNA HOUSE

Wanted

Volunteers to help serve our homeless neighbors in Norwalk at Manna House/Open Door Shelter.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

On the second Tuesday of every month, WPC and friends get together to serve lunch to very appreciative people experiencing tough times. We meet in South Norwalk from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. When signing up please know that we take turns on duty, so you sign up when you're available. This is simple, yet so very rewarding, and fun! Thanks for your consideration

If interested in joining our flexible, steadfast team, please contact Sherry McReynolds at sherrymcreynolds3@gmail.com

DINING WITH THE DIVAS

Are you looking for an evening with your girlfriends, laughter and good food? Well, Dining with the Diva's is just that!! Once a month our ladies from WPC meet at a local restaurant to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! Our next gathering will be at Oak and Almond **Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30pm**.

For more information please contact Berta Hull at bertahull@gmail.com

WPECO & KITCHEN REQUEST

Dishes ~ Tablecloths ~ Utensils
!Oh My!

We are missing several items from the kitchen. Please help them find their way back home.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 20th

Senior Youth Group

Bonfire
Sunday, June 3rd
Time: 8:00pm

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