

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

May 6, 2018

MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

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

WILTON CLERGY/WI-ACT/WLA INTERFAITH LECTURE

Tuesday, May 8th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Register online at Wilton Library
or call 203-762-6334

Civility in the modern age is under attack from many quarters in what seems to be an increasingly polarized world and nation—and even extending right down to our local community. What can we do to reverse that trend? Locally, our own Wilton High School and Middlebrook School students have taken a very positive step by proclaiming compassion as their watchword. How do we promote that and other civility-enhancing steps in our own lives? Please join us for an informative and interactive program that will explore these questions. Our speakers are Dr. Pumaka L. de Sila, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies and Democracy, a think tank covering forced migration and human trafficking via Libya and the Central Mediterranean route, as well as the terrorist threats posed by extremist groups such as ISIS; and, Azza Karam, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on Culture and Social Development at the U.N. Population Fund and Coordinator/Chair of the U.N. Inter-Agency Task Force on Engaging Faith-Based Organizations for Development.

MANNA HOUSE

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 **May 8th at 8:00am.**

For information please contact
Sherry McReynolds at sherrymcreynold13@gmail.com

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 6TH - MAY 13TH

Sunday, May 6th

- 9:00 AM Children's Communion Class/Lounge
10:00 AM Senior Sunday Worship Service with
Nora Hoch preaching along with
Children's Church School
11:30 AM Confirmand & Session Brunch/UC

Monday, May 7th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
6:00 PM Confirmand Mentor Dinner /Lounge
7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Tuesday, May 8th

- 8:00 AM Cooking with Manna/Kitchen
7:00 PM Interfaith Lecture/Wilton Library
7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting/Alcove

Wednesday, May 9th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
7:00 PM Deacon Meeting/Alcove

Thursday, May 10th

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 11th

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

Sunday, May 13th

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Children's Church School

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for

Marjorie Wilkinson and her family, Steve Connor, Emily Bohrer, Nicole Volavka, Liz Butler, Brandon Bone, Don Marquardt, Chip Mason, recovering from knee surgery, Ed MacEwen, John Burgdorfer, Lynn Sapphire, upon the death of her father in Florida and Max Gil, who was able to join his family in the Dominican Republic just a few hours before her wedding! We continue to pray for St. Matt's as they prepare to welcome their new Rector, Rev. Marissa Rohrbach.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn# 469 Morning Has Broken

Anthem: Affirmation

Offertory: It Is Well With My Soul

Closing Hymn# 540 God Be With You Till We Meet Again

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Our first anthem today – “Affirmation” – was written in 2004 by Al Galletly. The text itself had been written a few years earlier by members of WPC Session at a weekend leadership retreat. During that assembly, the group had prepared the text as a statement of faith. And for several years, this “statement” was read aloud every Sunday during the service. Much like a creed. It was put to music in celebration of the lifelong service of David Graybill.

The back story to our Offertory anthem is very interesting. It's an incredible story of faith belonging to Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Much like Job, Spafford placed his trust in God during his life's prosperity, but also during its calamities. A devout Christian, for years life was joyous. He was a prominent Chicago lawyer, he owned several properties throughout the city, he and his wife had four daughters and a son. But faith, no matter how great, does not spare us from adversity. Just as Horatio was at the pinnacle of his profession and financial success, things changed rapidly. It began with the tragic loss of their son. Then the Great Chicago Fire destroyed nearly every real estate investment Horatio owned. And only a number of months later in 1873, the worst occurred. Horatio decided to treat his wife and daughters to a much needed escape from the turmoil. He sent them on a boat trip to Europe, with plans to join them shortly after wrapping up some business in Chicago. But only days later, he received a dreadful telegram from his wife, “Saved alone...” It bore the excruciating news that the ship had wrecked and all four daughters had perished. Horatio was on his way to meet his heartbroken wife, passing over the same sea that had just claimed the lives of his remaining children. It was then that he put his pen to paper and the words to this timeless hymn were born. Philip Bliss (1838-1876), a noted composer, was so moved by Horatio's prose, that he composed the now very familiar tune to accompany the words. The song was published in 1876. The arrangement we sing today was written in 2005 by Kyle Hill.

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 are exploring and revisiting one of the most important and well-known of Jesus' parables- the parable of the good Samaritan. In this story, a Samaritan who comes from a region commonly reviled by Jews in Jesus' time, unexpectedly shows great generosity and caring to a Jewish traveler who had been beaten, robbed and then ignored by 'holy' travelers who walk by without helping. Jesus uses this parable to stress that loving your neighbor means loving all people, even those that we don't like or don't know. There are no limitations on whom we are called to love by God.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information on any of these events email
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TABLE GUILD

My name is Irla Landry, and 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 on Sunday's.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars

It's time to put VBS on your calendar for children to attend and for youth to help. VBS is the last week of summer before school starts: **August 27, 28, 29, and 31** from **9a-12n**. There will be no VBS on Thursday August 30th 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. The theme for this summer is Peace Labs! If you are willing to volunteer to be present for this as a youth or adult helper please talk to Nate Taylor.

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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** in the Alcove from **11:15a -12:15p**. Our next and last meeting will be on **May 20th**.

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Middle School Youth Group

Bonfire
Tuesday, May 15
Time: 7pm

Confirmation Class

Brunch with Session
Sunday, May 6
Time: 11:30am

Mentor Dinner
Monday, May 7
Time: 6:00pm

Confirmation Sunday
May 20th

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