

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

November 4, 2018

"We are a welcoming and diverse Christian community living our faith in God and affirming the gifts of all of God's people. We are dedicated to serving those in need, demonstrating our faith in action by following the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Statement Adopted by the Wilton Presbyterian Church Session, May 2018

If you are here for the first time or a frequent visitor, we would like to **WELCOME** and **THANK YOU** for visiting with us today! If you would like to learn more about our church life, please visit our website at www.wiltonpresbyterian.org and take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may get in touch with you.

Stewardship

WPC Stewardship supports all the ministries that define who we are. It is a blessing to give of our resources, so please pledge to support ministry to all of God's children.

Today, let's highlight ministry to women and seniors. Conferred upon each Christian at baptism, ministry enables Christ's mission in the world. In Harry Potter's world, the ministry of magic is the government of the magical community and is often portrayed as blind to actual events and circumstances of the people. We know in the real world, it's not about magic. Ministry is hard work and takes significant time and skill. Ministry is more than prayer and reading your bible. Rev. Shannon, the Deacons, and all of us for that matter must get out and talk and listen to people. We need to feed our spirit and minister to others. Doing the work of the Lord on earth means reaching out to all in need. Which means connecting the younger generation with the older generation, ministering to fellow human beings regardless of age or gender through the often heartbreaking and difficult circumstances in life. The hard work and skill of ministry involves knowing the importance of confidentiality and recognizing your own vulnerability and limitations. We also know that our seniors often have trouble staying connected with spiritual support systems, they need the ministry of companionship and encouragement if their faith is to be nourished and grow. Your gifts demonstrate God's love for seniors in a time of change and uncertainty. John Lennon of Beatles fame once said, *"life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans."* Ministry happens every day, stewardship happens every day, so please don't make other plans until you make your pledge to support the WPC ministries. We ask for your generosity and we thank you for supporting the WPC ministries for women and seniors.

You can NOW pledge online at
www.wiltonpresbyterian.org under "Pledge Now"

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you ever considered membership at WPC? Perhaps now is your time! Our fall membership classes will take place on **November 11th & 18th from 8:30-9:30am** in the Lounge, and a welcome into membership during worship on the 18th. Childcare is available, if needed.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Rev. Shannon White
Shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org

WEEK OF NOV. 4TH - 11TH

Sunday, November 4th

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service w/ Dr. DeGeorge preaching, Children's Church School
- 10:15 AM 4th Grade Bible Class
- 11:15 AM Adult Education w/ Dr. DeGeorge
- 11:15 AM Kindness Club/ Kitchen

Monday, November 5th

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

Tuesday, November 6th

- 12:00 PM Youth Group Rake n' Roll

Wednesday, November 7th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
- 12:00 PM JCCEC Meeting/Alcove
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting/Alcove

Thursday, November 8th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 9th

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

Sunday, November 11th

- 10:00 AM Worship w/ Andrea Wood preaching Children's Church School
- 11:15 AM Adult Education w. Dr. DeGeorge
- 11:15 AM Kids Activity with Nate Taylor
- 11:30 AM JY High School Lunch Gathering

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank and Judy Mabley, Steve Connor, Kristina Grish, Marjorie Wilkinson, Emily Bohrer, Karen Lour's mother, Brandon Bone, Deb Adkisson, Courtney Kleeman's mother, Frank Cucci, Angela Rice's father; Mary Marquardt & family. Please pray for those who choose to remain private that are in need.



GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

It is still not too late to dedicate a hymnal in honor/memory of a loved one. There are forms with envelopes in the Narthex. The cost is \$20.00 per hymnal. THANK YOU for helping making this dream a reality!!! If you have questions please contact Suzanne in the office at suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

The original song, "For All the Saints", was written as a processional hymn by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, UK. The hymn was sung to the melody "Sarum" by the Victorian composer Joseph Barnby. The new English hymnal of 1906 used a new setting composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams which he called Sine Nomine (literally, "without name") in reference to its use on the Feast of All Saints. The arrangement of that hymn that we sing today was written by Edwin Robertson, a clergyman, writer and broadcaster. Robertson was born in 1912 and died in November 2007. Born in London, Robertson saw little of his father, a ship's cooper, but was devoted to his deeply religious mother. Life was spartan and he never ceased being a puritan in the best sense of the word. A side note to the Sine Nomine story: the renowned British composer Charles Stanford had composed an anthem titled "Engleberg" that was specifically to be used in concert with Sine Nomine.

Today, we know that anthem as "When in Our Music God is Glorified". Which, lo and behold, is our second anthem today. The original text was written specifically for Stanford's "Engleberg" tune. The choral arrangement we sing today was composed by contemporary composer, Emily Crocker. Emily was a public school music teacher 15 years in Texas then she founded the Milwaukee Children's Choir in 1994 and was its artistic director until 2009. She has received numerous awards including having been named a Distinguished Alumna of the Texas Woman's University and an Honored Alumnus of the University of North Texas.

For more information contact the Music Director, Al Galletly
agalletly88s@gmail.com

Church Office

Do you know of any future events, meetings or retreats coming up and would like to advertise them in our weekly newsletter? If so, contact the office no later than Monday of that week.

Suzanne Mercer
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

Today is a Family Worship Sunday with Church School for Pre-K's and Kindergarten ONLY. The Nursery is also Available

This week in Church School

Our children have a chance to experience all of worship and also see the flow of life as a member of the Wilton Presbyterian Church family.

Today, 4th graders receive their Bibles and we want the entire family of church to be present for this moment and share together in communion today. Coloring pages are available for all ages in the narthex.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

If you are looking for more information on these events or other events happenings in the church. Visit our website at www.wiltonpresbyterian.org

ADULT EDUCATION

Living Community with Dr. Susan DeGeorge

These days we seem to be living in a fractured society and are stymied for ways to move beyond it. In his pamphlet, *A Place Called Community*, Parker Palmer writes, "the church, more than any other major institution in our society, still contains the potential for true community life." What would true Christian community life be like? What does Jesus teach us about community and our relationships with one another? This series will cover the basic values that Jesus suggests should be applied to our common life while also exploring key gospel passages that capture Jesus' approach to such community issues.

Today, there will be a discussion such topics as handling conflict, making economic decisions, keeping commitments, providing hospitality, and more. We will be meeting today at 11:15am in the Lounge. The next class will be on **Sunday, November 11th**

WEPCO WORKDAY

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR WEPCO WORKDAY!!

Just like your house, your church home needs some sprucing up after the leaves fall. We can use your help!

Please come & bring your kids on

Saturday, November 17th from 9:00AM-12PM

Bring your rake, garden gloves, leaf blower, tarp, wheelbarrow...whatever you have to help clean up our beautiful church property...we'll provide the beverages, donuts, and fellowship! High School Students...this is a great opportunity to get in a few hours of community service and we will have volunteer forms available!

For more information please contact Sandy Muschler at wepco@optonline.net

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

High School Youth Group

Lunch Gathering

Sunday, November 11th

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Lower Core

DC Mission Trip Information Meeting

Sunday, November 18th

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Lower Core

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6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

Rake n' Roll

Tuesday, November 6th

Time: 12p-2pm

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Confirmation

Rake n' Roll

Tuesday, November 6th

Time: 12p-2pm

Meeting

Tuesday, November 13th

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

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