

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

February 24, 2019

"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 contact you.

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is **TODAY** in the Parish Hall directly after worship, so make sure to grab your cup of coffee and join us for this important meeting.

DINING WITH THE DIVAS

Hey ladies...are you looking for an evening to relax, laugh and "just be" with the girls? This month our ladies group, *Dining with the Divas* will meet at Cactus Rose (*located in the Wilton Town Center*) to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! Join us on **Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30pm.**

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

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 at irlalandry@me.com If you would like to put your name on the list or if you have questions.

OPEN DOORS SHELTER

Formally known as Manna House

WPC provides a hot meal for those in need at the Open Doors Shelter in Norwalk 6 times a year. We are still in need of **2 volunteers** to donate **3 pounds** of cheddar cheese starting in March.

For information on how you can help out please contact Rachelle Bernabei at rachellebernabei@gmail.com

FEB. 24TH - MARCH 3RD

Sunday, February 24th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev. White preaching
- 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 25th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th

- 6:00 PM Joint Youth 8th Grade Meeting

Wednesday, February 27th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
- 6:30 PM Dining with the Diva's
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, February 28th

- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Rental
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 1st

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Saturday, March 2nd

- 9:00 AM Regional Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Rental

Sunday, March 3rd

- 10:00 AM Festival of Children Service at St. Matthew's Church
- 11:30 AM Joint Youth Group High School
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Rental

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Marsha Whitman and Emily Bohrer. Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.



CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our first anthem today is "Shine Like the Sun" a work based on the traditional Scottish song Wild Mountain Thyme, and arranged by Karen E. Black. Karen lives most of the time in Toronto, Canada. She is more an author than composer having done her Master's in Library Science at the University of Toronto, with an undergraduate degree in sociology at the University of Western Ontario. The text of "Shine" was written by John Ylvisaker, born in Moorhead, Minnesota and a graduate of Concordia College. For more than 50 years John's words and music have been a powerful influence on the development of new worship materials for the church. He is perhaps best known for his song, I Was There To Hear Your Morning Cry.

Today's Offertory anthem – "Psalm 136" – was written in 1991 by Al Galletly as a birthday gift for one of our former WPC choir members, Chip Mason. One of our current WPC choir members, Jan Galletly, is (*remarkably after some 58 years*) still married to the composer. Praise the Lord!

Blessings to you all, Al

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

~Childcare will be provided after church today for the annual meeting~

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

This week in church school children will work on their parts for the Festival of Children worship service for **March 3rd**. Please bring your children next week (March 3rd) at 9:00am for rehearsal. Students will also explore the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin from **Luke 15:1-10**. These parables emphasize how precious we are to God and how God searches for us continually even when we are totally lost.

CHURCH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced at St. Matthew's that Becky will be retiring at the end of June. This is her 24th year at St. Matthew's and she will continue to be a member. We wanted to inform you now because St. Matthew's already knows, but Becky is not done yet. And we will find a time to celebrate her service here at our churches when she is actually close to done.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Date: Monday, March 11 at 6:30pm

This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who works with our children, youth or older members to be trained. Sunday School teachers, Confirmand mentors, and anyone who works with children or youth at our church in any capacity must be certified. This certification lasts for five years and St. Matthew's worked very hard to get the training session here at our churches for your convenience. Please make sure to put this date in your calendar now. There will be an online component so that we are able to have a shorter session in person. More information coming soon.

Please register online at

<https://hybridsctwilton031119.eventbrite.com>

~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information on any of these events email
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Church Office

March is almost here and Lent on our horizon...do you know of any future events, meetings coming up? If you would like to advertise them in our weekly newsletter, please contact the office no later than Monday of that week.

You can call the office or email Suzanne at
suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org

Website Information

If you are looking for more information on these events listed, visit our website for a full list of our calendar events.

We now offer for members & friends WPC's directory online on our website. Please note that our member directory is password protected. There is a special user name and password that the congregation will need to use when logging in. If you are in need of the log in instructions, they are located in the Narthex. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

High School Youth Group

March 3
Lunch Gathering
Time: 11:30a

March 24
Lunch Gathering
Time: 11:30a



6th and 7th Youth Group

March 23
Gathering
Time: 6:00p



Confirmation Class

March 5
Class
Time: 3:30p



8th Grade Youth Group

February 26 and March 19
Meeting
Time: 6:00p

*For more information on any of these events
please email Julie Fowler
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