

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

February 3, 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](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org) and take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

## VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

*A Benefit for WPC and St. Matthew's  
Mission Trip to Washington D.C.*

Along with supporting our youths' efforts in Washington, the purpose of this annual activity is to share and show the love we have for our family and friends. This year we will be selling tokens with the words "Love", "Faith" and "Hope".

These tokens can be purchased on their own or on a necklace. Orders for love tokens will be taken after church service today.

**We are offering delivery to any Wilton location on  
February 13th and 14th**

*Love tokens are \$8 each or 3 for \$20  
Love tokens on a necklace are \$10 each or 3 for \$25*

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CITRUS SALE

Support our high school DC Mission Trip to work with the homeless. Help them serve others and buy delicious Kiwanis citrus fruit!!

*Kiwanis generously donates half of the profits  
of fruit sold by the Joint Youth Ministries  
and 100% of the donations made to JYM!*

Go to [www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym](http://www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym) to order fresh citrus fruit online and support Joint Youth Ministries and the Kiwanis Foundation OR return the order form to Becky Hudspeth at St. Matthew's

*You must use the Joint Youth Ministries forms  
for us to receive our funds*

Every February our youth travel to Washington DC to meet homeless individuals on the street and to work in non-profit agencies that serve the homeless. We have 28 youth and 4 leaders going this February. It is a transformative experience for our youth as they serve others.

*Thank you for your help and  
Thank you to Kiwanis for your generosity*

FEB. 3<sup>RD</sup> - FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup>

### Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Communion with Rev. White preaching
- 11:15 AM DC Parents/Leaders Meet & Greet
- 11:30 AM Mandatory DC Orientation Meeting

### Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

- 3:30 PM Confirmation Class

### Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Rev. Arthur Shippee

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank Mabley, in the recent wake of the death of his beloved Judy; Carole Southall Telyan, after the death of her mother; Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Marsha Whitman, Emily Bohrer and Angela Rice's mother. Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.



## 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.

Visit our website at [www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## 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 please contact Berta Hull at [bertahull@gmail.com](mailto:bertahull@gmail.com)

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

We will sing two anthems today. The first one - "O Lord, You Know Me Completely" - is another choral work by Hal H. Hopson, a composer we have featured several times before in this space. This work is based on sections of Psalm 139. It was composed in 1999. Born in 1933, Hopson is still alive and composing at his home in Texas.

Our Offertory anthem today is another work composed by Joseph M. Martin, again someone we have profiled a couple times earlier this year. The anthem we sing today is "Grace Us, O Lord," a composition written in 1997. Martin is a native of North Carolina, but currently resides with his wife in Austin, TX.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

For more information contact  
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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### Today in Church School

This week in church school we will be exploring the metaphors of the mustard seed and yeast from **Luke 13:18-21**. This story is just after a healing where Jesus isn't supposed to be doing work on the sabbath. Then Jesus compares the reign of God to a mustard seed that grows into a home for birds in the middle of a garden and a woman mixing yeast into dough that rises. Both examples show work that is not thought highly of at the time and both show the expansive power of God's reign. This is an example when Jesus showed that God's love is bigger than our potentially restrictive rules and bigger than our expectations.

When have you noticed God's love was bigger than you imagined? Talk to your kids about times where your understanding of God's reign got bigger.

*~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate*

\*For more information on any of these events email  
Nate Taylor [nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## JOINT YOUTH GROUP MINISTRIES

*Please Help our High School Youth Help the Homeless!*

The Joint Youth Ministries is looking to collect \$5 gift cards and any travel sized toiletries you may have for our high school youth to take and distribute on their mission trip to Washington DC in February. *Starbucks, McDonald's and Subway gift cards* allow the homeless with not only a meal but with restrooms, WIFI and a time out from the cold.

A little goes a long way. Donations will be received up until **February 13th**. Our group is so grateful for your generosity this time each year as they travel to do God's work with their hands.

*They may be placed into the offering plate or in Julie Fowler's mailbox which is in the office now located in the Library*

## MANNA HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP

WPC provides a hot meal for those in need at the Open Door 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](mailto:rachellebernabei@gmail.com)

## Church Office

February is already 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](mailto:suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### High School Joint Youth

**February 3**

Meet and Greet for Parents to meet the DC Leaders  
Time: 11:15am

**February 3**

Mandatory DC Orientation Meeting  
Time: 11:30a-1:00p

### Confirmation

**February 5**

Confirmation Class  
Time: 3:30p

### 8th Grade Youth Group

**February 26**

Meeting  
Time: 3:30p

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