

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

March 10, 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.

LENTEN BOOK GROUP

White Fragility:

Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

WHAT IS WHITE FRAGILITY?

It refers to "*the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially...white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt and by behaviors including argumentation and silence...*"

Lent is a time to reflect, discard old/worn out ways of thinking, and grow so we can welcome in Resurrection.

We will be meeting on the following Tuesday's
from 10:00a-11:30a in the Lounge
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Wilton Library will soon have 5 copies available for check out

A TABLE OF WELCOME: DINNER CHURCH

What are you doing for dinner on **Wednesday, March 20th**? Start the New Year by joining us here at WPC for Dinner Church? This event is modeled after a movement of people who are seeking to reenact the welcome of the sacramental table.

We will gather on **Wednesday, March 20th 7:00p-8:30pm** to: share a meal, share communion, share our cares and concerns and share our love. All ages are welcome. Friends too. Bring a dish to share, and we'll marvel at God's generosity!

RSVP's are helpful so we know how many plates to set

Please email Rev. Shannon White at
shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org

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

MARCH 10TH - 17TH

Sunday, March 10th

9:30 AM Joint Service with Grace Baptist serving Communion; Guest Preacher, Rev. Curtis

Monday, March 11th

12:00 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM Safe Church Training
7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00 AM Cooking for Open Doors Shelter
10:00 AM Lenten Book Club
7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting
7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

Thursday, March 14th

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

Friday, March 15th

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

Sunday, March 17th

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev. White preaching

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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.



Church Office

March is already here and during Lent there are many things happening! 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. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Today, our first anthem is "Our Hope for Years to Come." This work is based on the very familiar hymn of the same name, originally written by William Croft. This week's anthem arrangement is the work of composer Mary McDonald. Ms. McDonald is a well-recognized composer of Christian choral anthems. She served as the first woman President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, and has been a sacred choral editor for The Lorenz Corporation for nearly twenty years. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

For our Offertory anthem today, we will sing "This Is My Word," another choral work by Pepper Choplin, a composer we have featured several times before. This work is based on **Isaiah 55: 10-12**, and was composed in 1999.

Blessings to you all, Al

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

This week in church school students will explore the story of the loving father also known as the prodigal son from **Luke 15:11-32**. This story really drives home the point that there is nothing we can do that will cause God to love us any less. What we do matters, when we mess up it impacts others but it doesn't change our worth. We are always beloved children of God.

Remind those you care about that you love them no matter what, and God is even better at it than us.

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, Confirmation 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.

~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

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 to sign up or if you have questions.

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, April 6th 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

High School Youth Group

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

April 2
Class
Time: 3:30p

8th Grade Youth Group

March 19
Meeting
Time: 3:30p

*For more information on any of these events please email Julie Fowler
Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

