

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

March 17, 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.

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:rachellebernabei@gmail.com)

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Lenten Book Club  
6:00 PM 8th Joint Youth Group  
7:30 PM Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

2:00 PM Livesey Memorial Service

### **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

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



**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Mary Marquardt; John Celentano; Cathy Thomas's father; Claudette Hestick's husband; Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Marsha Whitman; Emily Bohrer, Daniela and all those in search of work. Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.



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## Church Office

March is in full swing 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. Contact the office to make arrangements.

## 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 Barn Door Restaurant to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! Join us on **Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30pm**. Barn Door's Address: 37 Ethan Allen Hwy (Rt. 7) Ridgefield, CT

For more information contact  
Berta Hull at [bertahull@gmail.com](mailto:bertahull@gmail.com)

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our first anthem – "Tree of Life" – was written in 2005 by Pepper Choplin (yes, another Choplin work) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Trinity Presbyterian Church Choir of San Jose, CA. The text encapsulates the Bible story from the creation through the resurrection and its message of eternal life. Choplin is a full-time composer and conductor. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a Master of Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For our Offertory, we will be singing "Who But the Lord", an anthem written just last year by Craig Courtney. It is dedicated to the former Director of Music of Christ Episcopal Church in Las Vegas.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

For more information contact Al Galletly, Music Director  
[agalletly88s@gmail.com](mailto:agalletly88s@gmail.com)

For a listing of our full calendar visit our website at  
[www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### **TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL**

This week in church school students will participate in our spring "Give-A-Smile" mission project. Each fall and spring the church school makes 20 gift bags of treats to be given to 10 families in each church. We give the bags for lots of reasons: sometimes to comfort a person stuck at home, sometimes to celebrate a new member. We give them to anyone who needs a smile.

Next week, we will ask families to deliver bags to their recipients. Please plan to be here and to share your love for others by volunteering to deliver a "Give-A-Smile" bag to someone in our community.

### **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.

*~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate*

\*For more information on any of these events email  
Nate Taylor [nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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. 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](mailto:irlalandry@me.com) to sign up or if you have questions.

## Directory Information

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. Also, if your contact information needs to be updated contact the office.

## 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! 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! Please come & bring your kids on **Saturday, April 6th from 9:00AM-12PM**

For more information please contact  
Sandy Muschler at [wepco@optonline.net](mailto:wepco@optonline.net)

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### High School Youth Group

**March 24**  
Lunch Gathering  
Time: 11:30a

### Confirmation Class

**April 2**  
Class  
Time: 3:30p

### 8th Grade Youth Group

**March 19**  
Meeting  
Time: 3:30p

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