

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

March 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.

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 from

March 26 and April 2, 9

And again on Sunday evenings at 7:00p through

March 24, 31 and April 7

Wilton Library are available for check out

MIDNIGHT RUN

We have another Midnight Run on **Saturday, March 30, 2019**. We have had a great participation response by the confirmation class and mentors. But there are still lots of opportunities to help out by making donations of food and clothing. A few other ways to help are by coming to the church to prepare food starting at 6pm and also to help clean up that next morning.

Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea4ab29a20-wpcmidnight5>

Do you need more information?

Please email Ralph Bernabei at ralphbernabei@gmail.com

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 24TH - 31TH

Sunday, March 24th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev.White preaching
- 11:15 AM Networking Support Meeting
- 11:30 AM Joint Youth High School Luncheon
- 7:00 PM Lenten Book Club-Recap

Monday, March 25th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting
- 6:00 PM New Matrix Meeting
- 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th

- 10:00 AM Lenten Book Club
- 7:00 PM Teaching Tolerance

Wednesday, March 27th

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

Thursday, March 28th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 29th

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

Sunday, March 31st

- 10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev.White preaching
- 7:00 PM Lenten Book Club-Recap



Third Sunday in Lent

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Mary Marquardt; John Celentano; Cathy Thomas in the wake of her father's death; 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.



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.

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
bertahull@gmail.com

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action invites you to participate in a unique opportunity offered by the Aldrich Museum in Ridgefield. "**How Art Changed the Prison**" is an exhibition of visual art made in Connecticut's correctional institutions over the past few decades.

Our members have been invited by the Director of Exhibitions at the Aldrich for a private tour on **Saturday, April 6th from 2-4pm.** The cost is \$5/person.

Space is limited and RSVP's **MUST** be made to Linda Rost at lrost0411@gmail.com by no later than **April 4th.**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We are having a series of two Spring Membership Classes that will take place on **April 7th at 8:45am** and **April 14th at 8:30am** in the Lounge. Then on **April 14th** we will welcome the families to our congregation during worship. Childcare is available, if needed.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN CHURCH School

This week in church school students will explore the story of Jesus in the temple from **Luke 19:45-48.** The author of Luke's telling of this story is very short and doesn't mention the flipping of tables that comes to mind, but it is about Jesus teaching in the temple and driving out others who were selling things. Talk to your children about historical examples when houses of God have failed to be the houses of prayer and have instead been dens of robbers.

If Jesus showed up in our community, is there anything that he might speak out against?

FAMILY GAME DAY

Join us for a church wide fun time with food and games on **Sunday, April 7th from 4:30-6:00pm.** There will be pizza and drinks provided and we invite you to bring a potluck dessert and your families favorite board game! Nate will be bringing games for various age levels, but his selection is lacking in the younger categories. Come learn some of Nate's favorites: Exploding Kittens, Bears vs. Babies, Ticket to Ride, Codenames: Pictures, Story Dice, Time Line, Happy Salmon and many more!!!

~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. 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.

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

High School Youth Group

March 24
Lunch Gathering
Time: 11:30a

Confirmation Class

April 2
Class
Time: 3:30p

6th and 7th Grade Youth Group

April 23
Meeting
Time: 6:00p

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