WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

April 14, 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.

OPEN DOORS SHELTER

Items for the Apartment Kits are due by **April 15th.** We are also taking gift card donations. Please see the flyer insert for more information.

For information contact :
Mary Wright <u>mjwright@me.com</u>
Linda Rost <u>Irost0411@gmail.com</u>

Maundy Thursday Dinner

On **April 18th at 7:00 pm** the Deacons will host our annual Maundy Thursday Dinner in the Parish Hall. Our WPC family will commemorate this event with fellowship, a shared meal and communion service. After communion, the lights will be dimmed and we'll depart silently by candlelight.

Please join us on this special evening, as we renew our faith and recommit ourselves to live as Jesus did. You should be receiving a flyer from your deacon with specific details. Everyone is welcome (members, visitors, children and friends)

If you have questions or those without a deacon should email Joshua Sharp at joshua.sharp1@gmail.com

EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWERS DONATIONS

We are extending the due date to **Monday, April 15th!!** Just a reminder that all forms must be completed to have your dedicated names in the Easter bulletin.

There are extra forms in the Narthex, if needed.

If you have questions, contact Suzanne at suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org

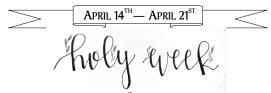
FUNDRAISER

THANKSGIVING IN APRIL

Please join us on **Saturday, April 27th** from 5-7pm. The whole family is welcome to join for a Thanksgiving Feast, Live Auction, Giving Tree and more!

Tickets are available for sale after worship \$40 Adults, \$10 for children under 18 and free for those under 5

For more information please contact Amy Bender at cleaverful@outlook.com



Sunday, April 14th

8:30 AM New Members Class 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service

Monday, April 15th

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

Wednesday, April 17th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, April 18th

6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19th

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

Saturday, April 20th

9:30 AM WPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21st

6:00 AM Sunrise Service 10:00 AM Easter Worship Service 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

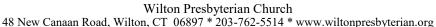
PRAYERS & CONCERNS

John Celentano; Bill Zieman; Claudette Hestick; Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Michael Mercer; Patrick Cummins; 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

SPRING is finally here (yahoo) and WPC is hopping!!

Are there events or meetings that you would like to advertise that are coming up?

If so, contact Suzanne in the office <u>no later</u> than the Monday of that week to have it in the newsletter.

Directory Information

We now offer for members & friends WPC's directory online on our website. Please note that our member directory is <u>password protected</u>. 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. If your contact information needs to be updated contact the office.

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

We have two anthems today celebrating Palm Sunday. "Raise a Loud Hosanna" is the work of Mary McDonald. She composed the work in 2011. Mary McDonald showed an early talent for music, playing hymns by ear by age 5. She graduated from Carson-Newman College in East Tennessee in 1978 and took her first position as an organist at Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Knoxville. In 2000 she served as the first woman President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. She is the organist for Central Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Jerusalem Rejoices" was composed by Al Galletly in 1977. At the time, he and Jan were members of St. Peters Cathedral Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. The work was originally written for the Cathedral's four choirs. The anthem has since been revised to be performed by one choir.

Blessings to you all, Al

Contact Al Galletly, Music Director agalletly88s@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN CHURCH School

This week in church school students will create sensory prayer bottles designed to remind us of the stories of holy week. Inside the bottles are items to help us tell the story and to help us pray. Each item in the bottle directs us toward prayer for something specific. Try praying the prayer bottle together with your child. Imagine your kid seeing the item they made become a part of your prayer life.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Next week is our annual Easter egg hunt beginning immediately after the service. We will have a separate area for age 3 and under and for the older children. Parents please make sure to keep an eye on your child. If you or a youth you know would like to help hide eggs please talk to Nate 540-521-6514.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School is **August 19, 20, 21, and 23** (*skipping Thursday for meet the teacher day*). VBS will run from 9 AM to noon and will include snacks, games, and lessons from scripture. We are also looking for volunteers to help guide kids, act out dramas, and lead crafts and snacks. Please talk to Nate!

~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

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

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18th Maundy Thursday Service

April 19th Good Friday *The Sanctuary will be open all day*

April 21st Easter Sunday Service and Egg Hunt

April 27th WPC Fundraiser "Thanksgiving in April"

April 28th Mary Marquardt Memorial Service

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.

To sign up or if you have questions or to sign up. Please email Irla Landry at irlalandry@me.com

Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help serve our homeless neighbors in Norwalk at **Open Doors Shelter**

~Who are we and what do we do~

On the second Tuesday of every month, WPC and friends get together to serve lunch to very appreciative people experiencing tough times. We meet in South Norwalk from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. When signing up please know that we take turns on duty, so you sign up when you're available.

If interested in joining our flexible and steadfast team, please email Sherry McReynolds at sherrymcreynolds3@gmail.com



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Confirmation Class

May 5 Session Luncheon Time: 11:15a

6th and 7th Grade Youth Group

April 23 Meeting Time: 6:00p

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



