

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

May 26, 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 please take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

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 9:00a till 12:00p 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!

Sign up for Vacation Bible School today on our website
<http://wiltonpresbyterian.org/vbs/>

For more information email Nate Taylor
nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org

MAY 26TH - JUNE 2ND

Sunday, May 26th

10:00 AM Worship Service with Jessica Jones preaching.

Monday, May 27th

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

Wednesday, May 29nd

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, May 31st

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

Sunday, June 2nd

10:00 AM Worship Service with Nate Taylor preaching

A MESSAGE FROM SESSION

At our annual meeting in February, we shared some of the details of Rev. Shannon White’s upcoming sabbatical, and after serving WPC for more than six years as our solo pastor, Rev. White will begin her 3-month period of rest, study, and renewal from **May 20th through September 2nd**.

We are fortunate to have a strong team to support the congregation during this time. The team will be as follows; **Nate Taylor** and **Jessica Jones**, who will share the duties of pastoral care, worship, church administration and along with the support of our Session, Deacons and the rest of the staff. While Nate and Jessica will be sharing the load, Nate will be the primary contact for church administration and Jessica for pastoral care. Of course, our Elders and Deacons will be here to assist our team in any way needed. Nate and Jessica’s partnership is an exciting opportunity for them to gain experience at this point in their respective paths to ordination, and it is an opportunity for our congregation as well to hear new voices and perspectives in worship.

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CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Who doesn't love today's Offertory anthem? "*Shall We Gather at the River*" is one of the favorite Christian hymns and has been formatted in any number of choral arrangements over the past 50-plus years. The anthem we sing today was composed by John Carter. You'll notice Carter has also woven the equally-familiar hymn tune "*Deep River*" into the choral arrangement. Carter is a well-known composer with several hundred choral compositions to his credit. He and his wife, Mary Kay Beall, often collaborate as writers and in music ministry. This particular arrangement was written in 1981.

Blessings to you all, Al

For more information contact

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For a listing of our full calendar visit our website at
www.wiltonpresbyterian.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN HOLIDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: GODLY PLAY **Knowing Jesus in a New Way**

The Season of Easter lasts for six weeks and helps us prepare for the coming of the Mystery of Pentecost. It is a time when the disciples and others began to know Jesus in a new way. He is neither simply human nor simply spiritual. He is completely both in a way that is anything but simple. We will explore the stories of Jesus' appearances after the Resurrection.

Our focus today will be on Jesus' followers and how they experienced the fearful wonder and astonishment of this transition time – knowing Jesus in new ways such as in absence, the breaking of the bread, in doubt, in the morning, in making him known, in waiting, and by the Holy Spirit.

Many & Many Thanks **to All Our Church School Teachers!**

Our teachers live out the vows we make at each baptism to "to guide and nurture by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging [the person baptized] to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church."

We are profoundly grateful to all this year's Church School teachers. They selflessly give their time, energy, and caring in order to teach and share their own faith journeys with the children of our two churches. Our Church School is a warm, welcoming, and spirit-filled community because of our teachers. We have a small token of our very large appreciation for our teachers. We hope every teacher will pick up their gift in the narthex after the service today. Thank you for another great year in Church School.

Peace, Grace, and Love,
Nate

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Church Office

Spring in is full swing and summer is right around the corner! 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.

Suzanne Mercer

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PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Tim Cummins; John Celentano; Ed MacEwen; Jane Neighbors; Bill Zieman; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Kristen Fasano's mother; Brandon Bone's mother; Emily Bohrer, Daniela.

Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.

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. If your contact information needs to be updated contact the office.

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

*God be gracious to us
and bless us, and cause
His face to shine upon us*

Psalm 67:1



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