

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

May 19, 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.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Today marks the conclusion of the 2018-2019 Confirmation program at Wilton Presbyterian Church. This year seven of our 8th graders have completed a year-long process of spiritual exploration and self-discovery that was designed for them to find their authentic and unique voice of faith within our faith community.

We celebrate with this year’s class of Confirmands



Sofia Blessing

Ava Fasano

Madison Ratcliffe

Many THANKS to their mentors, who helped to shepherd them along the way.

They are: Berta Hull, Margaret Green and Linda Rost

MAY 19TH - MAY 26TH

Sunday, May 19th

10:00 AM Confirmation Sunday

Monday, May 20th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22nd

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, May 24th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Sunday, May 26th

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holiday Church School

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

Today's Offertory anthem – "*The Lord is my Light*" – was composed by Craig Courtney in 1999. We have sung a number of his anthems already this year, and we have featured his background in earlier Choir Corner notes. A native of Indiana, Courtney began playing the piano at the age of three and the cello at the age of eleven. He received a Bachelors and a Masters in piano performance at the University of Cincinnati. Afterwards, he spent three years in Italy, where he worked extensively as a vocal coach, and was invited to join the music faculty of the famed Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, serving as piano teacher and accompanist for the woodwind and brass department. In 1985, his compositions came to the attention of John Ness Beck, another composer we have featured earlier. His career blossomed. He is in demand throughout the country as a choral clinician and featured composer, and now resides in Columbus, Ohio with his wife, Susan, and his three sons, Christopher, Matthew and Nathan.

Blessings to you all, Al

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

This week in church school Pre-K and K students will explore the parable of the seeds and yeast from **Luke 13:18-21**. Students first grade and up will explore the prayer of Agur found in Proverbs 30:7-9. This powerful prayer is centered on a request to be neither poor nor wealthy but to have enough. This is a tough prayer in a culture that teaches us that being wealthy equals being successful. So does that mean if you aren't wealthy you are a failure? That may be what the world teaches, but this prayer shows us the power of a heart that desires God more than wealth. This doesn't mean we can't be wealthy, but it is a reminder to make sure our hearts have their priorities straight.

Talk to your children about moments when you made a choice that showed your priority was God and not wealth.

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.

*For more information please email at Nate Taylor
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CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE is hereby give of a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 9:55am to receive the report of the Nominating Committee for an Elder.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Tim Cummins; John Celentano; 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.

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

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
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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. 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.

