

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## News From The Pews

September 29, 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 please take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

### A Day Of Recovery

**November 2, 2019**

**12:00pm — 7:30pm**

We will be hosting this event which has nearly two dozen recovery organizations and professionals who are coming to offer AMAZING seminars for FREE! Topics will include:

- Is it Helping or Enabling?
- The Teen Brain and Substance Use/Prevention
- Trauma and Addiction
- Aging and Substance Use

Silver Hill will be moderating a panel on spirituality...and more. A film festival will run all day. Wilton interfaith clergy will be participating throughout the day; There will be narcan training by Wilton Police; 12 step groups and other types of recovery methods will be presented.

Registration begins at 11am  
Keynote address at 12:00  
The day ending at 7:30pm

If you have ANY interest in this subject or just want to be educated, please join us. WPC members, please help us welcome our guests by volunteering that day.

We are grateful for the huge number of people who have given/continue to give their time and talents so that others may thrive.

Please Pre-Register at  
[www.dayofrecovery.org](http://www.dayofrecovery.org)

SEPT. 29<sup>TH</sup> - OCT. 6<sup>TH</sup>

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Stewardship Sunday Worship Service

11:30 AM Adult Education

### Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

3:30 PM Confirmation Class

### Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:30 PM JCCEC Meeting

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Communion Worship Service

10:15 AM Bible Class— Gr. 4/5

11:15 AM Adult Education Class

11:30 AM Youth Group— High School

6:00 PM Confirmation/Mentor Dinner

### PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Ed MacEwen; Carol Kern;  
Steve Connor; Kristina Grish;  
Brandon Bone; Emily Bohrer;  
Nicole Volavka; Julie Fingeret, after the death of her father; Linda Rost's daughter, Hilary Jacobs;  
Family of Sally Jacobs, Sally was a long time member here and has recently passed away.

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



## Church School Teachers Needed

Church School is back in session and it only just keeps getting better. If you would like to be a teacher, contact the church school office. We now have permission to email you the lessons, so you do not need to stop by and pick up the book.

For more information email Nate Taylor  
[nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

The composer of our one anthem this morning – “*Grace Us, O Lord*” – has been profiled a number of times before. Joseph M. Martin is a prolific writer of sacred choral music, and we are fortunate to have a number of his works in our music library. This particular work was written in 1997.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

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

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

*Childcare will be in the nursery upstairs*

This week in church school students will experience Paul's mission in Philippi from **Acts 16:11-40**. In the story, Paul and Silas are arrested and beaten because of the ‘trouble’ they are causing. While in jail there is an earthquake that breaks everyone free. The jailer is about to fall on his sword when he hears Paul and Silas call out that they stayed even though they could leave. It is so interesting that Paul and Silas could leave but chose instead to stay where they were beaten and wrongfully imprisoned. It brings to mind how often children are falsely blamed for things. It may have been a sibling or a friend but so often as parents it's impossible to know who is guilty. It seems inevitable that sometimes our children will be punished for something they didn't do at our hands. And I imagine you may feel something like the jailer when you discover their innocence after administering their punishment but remember the story doesn't end there. It continues to have reconciliation between the jailer and the wrongfully accused. ***This is the power of the Gospel.*** No matter which side of the story we find ourselves on, there is freedom coming. Freedom from false imprisonment and freedom from when we mess up and wrongfully hurt those around us.

\*For more information please email Nate Taylor at  
[nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## OPEN DOORS SHELTER

We are in need of volunteers to help serve our homeless neighbors 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.

This is simple, yet so very rewarding, and fun!

For more information please email  
Sherry McReynolds at  
[sherrymcreynolds3@gmail.com](mailto:sherrymcreynolds3@gmail.com)

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

## SAVE THE DATE

WEPCO Workday  
Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30m-12:00pm

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

***Rise Against Hunger: October 19<sup>th</sup>***

**High School Youth Group**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Meeting

**October 27<sup>nd</sup>**  
Meeting

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group**

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Meeting

**Confirmation**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Class

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Confirmation/Mentor Dinner

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Meeting

\*For more information please email Julie  
[Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org)



## ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Back by popular demand, Rev. Dr. Susan DeGeorge will lead us in study from 11:15am-12:30pm.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Bible, Christianity and the Environment**

What does the Bible and Christian tradition teach us about our relationship with the rest of nature? How does it suggest we might encounter God in the natural world? To what kind of creation care does it call us? Over three weeks we will explore these questions by 1) examining basic biblical tenets found in the Hebrew Scriptures; 2) explore how those were expanded, shifted, and reinforced in the New Testament and Christian tradition; and 3) discuss various approaches that modern Christianity is taking toward environmental justice and creation care.

*Childcare is available with an advance reservation*

## SPOTLIGHT SERIES - FAITH IN ACTION

Here are a few ways our Faith in Action funds are being put to work throughout our community.



**Day of Recovery and Wellness**  
November 2  
11:00 AM - 7:30 PM

*For the Sober Curious,  
Those in Recovery, and Those Who Love Them*

WEPCO, 48 New Canaan Road, Wilton CT 06897  
www.dayofrecovery.org • (203) 762-5514

With participation from:  
The Center for Motivation and Change; Triangle Center; Westport Fresh Start; Silver Hill Hospital; Maxwell Institute; Caron Treatment Centers; Pivot Ministries; Aware Recovery; Shalom House; Turnbridge; NAMI; MCCA; BlueSky; Wilton Youth Council; Wilton Clergy and more...

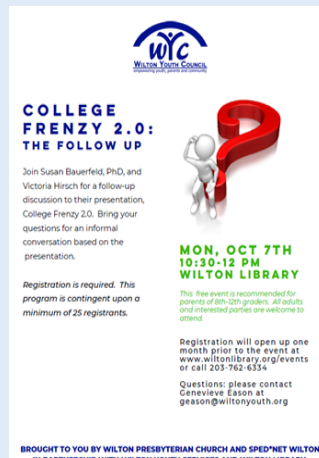
**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**

Registration at 11:00AM  
Keynote Speaker 11:00PM  
John Hamilton, Liberation Programs, Inc.  
Over 12 Recovery Orgs Represented  
Breakout Sessions On Families, Teen use, Trauma And Healing 1:00-4:00PM

Live Music 5-6:30PM  
Film Festival 11AM-6PM  
Food Trucks-All Day

Open AA And AL-Anon Meetings

Sponsors Include:  
Wilton Presbyterian, Wilton Baptist  
Mountainside Treatment Centers  
Liberation Programs, Inc.  
The Lighthouse



**COLLEGE FRENZY 2.0:  
THE FOLLOW UP**

Join Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, and Victoria Hirsch for a follow-up discussion to their presentation, College Frenzy 2.0. Bring your questions for an informal conversation based on the presentation.

**MON, OCT 7TH  
10:30-12 PM  
WILTON LIBRARY**

Registration is required. This program is contingent upon a minimum of 25 registrants.

This free event is recommended for parents of 6th-12th graders. All adults and interested parties are welcome to attend.

Registration will open up one month prior to the event at [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-6334.

Questions: please contact Genevieve Eason at [geason@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org)

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## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Does your committee have any future events, meetings coming up and would like to get the word out? If you would like to advertise your event and/or meeting in our weekly newsletter, please contact the office no later than Tuesday of that week.

We now offer for members & friends of WPC a directory online on our website, which is password protected. To log on you will need a designated user name and password, the instructions on how to log on are located on the table in the Narthex.

Contact Suzanne for more information at [suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterain.org](mailto:suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterain.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.

Please feel free to email me to sign up or if you have questions at [irlalandry@me.com](mailto:irlalandry@me.com)



*Thank You In Advance,  
Irla Landry*



## Adult Bible Study

Nate will be leading an adult bible study starting later this fall. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Nate. He is trying to determine the best time for the study. Should it be on a weekday around lunchtime or Sundays after church? In the class, we will work through individual books of the bible together with supplemental information provided.

For more information email Nate [nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## MIDNIGHT RUN

Save the date for our Midnight Run coming up on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** There are many different 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.

Do you need more information?  
Ralph Bernabei at [ralphbernabei@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbernabei@gmail.com)



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

**WI-ACT'S ANNUAL ALL-DAY MEAL-PACKAGING EVENT  
IS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**The work is done in two-hour shifts:**

**9-11 am**

**11-1 pm**

**1-3 pm**

**3-5 pm**

**On-line registration is at this site  
<https://signup.com/go/BHTSVTy>**

You can choose your shift on that site as long as space is available for that shift. Youth aged 13 and above can sign up on their own; younger youth and children (as young as 6) should sign up with their parents. The meals packaged serve children in educational settings wherever in the world the need is greatest at the time of the event. Our work is done in conjunction with the highly rated nonprofit Rise Against Hunger, Inc. Each volunteer is also asked to bring a nonperishable item for local food pantries.

We passed the one million meal mark for this event last year, and are looking forward to a good start to our next million this year! Hundreds of children are fed with what we package each year, and they're fed for an entire year in educational settings where they are nourished in mind as well as in body. We are now not only Rise Against Hunger's largest meal-packaging event in all of New England but also one of its largest nationally. In addition to meal packaged, this past October three SUVs were filled to capacity with volunteers' donated food items going to local food pantries.

With 700 volunteers participating in two-hour shifts to do this meal-packaging work, we always feel the spirit generated by an enormous community effort, and the experience of working together in this way is reflected in words heard from volunteers about their meal-packaging work, including "*well organized*", "*fun*", "*fulfilling*", "*joyful*", "*very satisfying*" to know what we accomplished, and "high-energy." In fact, more than a few families of veteran volunteers have included their grandparents from out of town in the packaging work because they want their whole family to share in the experience!

The meals cost Wi-ACT .031 cents per meal for the bulk ingredients (many delivered in 50-pound sacks) that are then mixed and poured into individual packages that are weighed, sealed, boxed, and palletized -- all during the course of this one very full day. Wi-ACT really needs and greatly welcomes financial support to meet its annual meal-packaging funding goal, which is \$50,000. Wi-ACT's meal-packaging contributors include its twelve faith institutions, Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim, and generous individuals and local businesses. All of the funds raised go for bulk ingredient purchases at that \$0.31 cents total cost per meal.

So please use that website sign-up promptly to ensure you get the shift you want.

The two earliest shifts tend to fill up especially fast!

**-- Wi-ACT Steering Committee**