

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

September 22, 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.

Stewardship 2020

This will bring a smile to your face!!

Did you know, WPC’s mission statement is:

“We believe that God welcomes, includes and cares for all. We endeavor to put our faith into action by serving those in need within and far beyond our local community.”

What a powerful message – one that embodies the idea of Community, something we all value dearly.

We are commencing our 2020 Stewardship campaign next **Sunday, September 29th** and we have a special service planned just for you. We look forward to seeing you there!!

DINING WITH THE DIVAS

This month our ladies group, *Dining with the Divas*, will be meeting for dinner on Wednesday evening on **September 25th** at **6:30pm** at Marley’s Restaurant in the Wilton Center.

For more information contact
Berta Hull at bertahull@gmail.com

TABLE GUILD

My name is Irla Landry, and I head up the Table Guild Committee and we could use your help! 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 if you have questions or would like to sign up at irlalandry@me.com.

SEPTEMBER 22ND – 29TH

Sunday, September 22nd

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Bible Class–Gr. 4/5
11:30 AM Youth Group– HS Tour

Monday, September 23rd

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

Tuesday, September 24th

6:00 PM Youth Group–Gr. 8

Wednesday, September 25th

6:30 PM Dining with the Diva’s
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, September 26th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 27th

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

Sunday, September 29th

10:00 AM Stewardship Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Adult Education

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

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



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CHOIR CORNER NEWS

The text of “*Send Forth Your Word*,” our first anthem, is based on Psalm 107. The anthem was arranged by Milburn Price. Born in 1938, Price most recently has served as Dean of the School of Performing Arts at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Prior to Samford, he was Dean of the School of Church Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Our Offertory anthem – “*Lord of the Dance*” - is a hymn with text by English songwriter Sydney Carter. He borrowed the tune from the Shaker song, “*Simple Gifts*.” It tells the Gospel story in the first person voice of Jesus, with the device of portraying Jesus’ life and mission as a dance. The arrangement we sing today was written in 1963.

A little “PS” or sidebar... we are delighted to once again welcome **Carla Strauss** back to WPC. She will be accompanying our choir on her flute.

Blessings to you all, Al

For more information contact Al Galletly, Music Director at agalletly88s@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

Childcare will be in the nursery upstairs

This week in church school students will be encouraged to share the good news as they learn the story of Paul and Barnabas being sent out to spread the good news that God is with us (Acts 13-14). In our world today, the idea of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ is controversial. Scripture says that we will be known as Christians by our love. We don't have to use words to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We can share the love of God with those around us without even saying a word. We need some more good news being spread. Talk to your kids about how you believe God calls us to share the good news and look for ways to do it together.

Our fourth and fifth grade class will begin their section of learning about the Bible. This week's lesson focuses on how the Bible came to be and getting an introduction to the big chunks that it can be broken down into. Ask your 4th or 5th grader about what they learned.

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

Church School Teachers Needed

Church School is back and just keeps getting better. We now have permission to email you the lessons so you do not need to stop by and pick up the book.

If you need to update your Safe Church Training there are two trainings coming up soon

Wednesday September 19th

6:30pm-9pm

Trinity Church in Tariffville

Saturday September 28th

9am-11:30am

Trinity on the Green in New Haven

Please register online at

<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/Safe-Church-Training-Schedule/>

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

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Rise Against Hunger: October 19th

High School Youth Group

October 6th

Meeting

October 27nd

Meeting

8th Grade Youth Group

September 24th

Meeting

October 29th

Meeting

Confirmation

October 1st

Class

October 6th

Confirmation/Mentor Dinner

6th and 7th Grade Youth Group

October 22nd

Meeting

*For more information please email Julie
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 29th

October 6th

October 13th

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.

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 the office for more information.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES - FAITH IN ACTION

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



COLLEGE FRENZY 2.0: HOW TO MANAGE AND MINIMIZE THE STRESS

In this updated presentation, parent coach and clinical psychologist, Susan Bauerfeld, Ph.D. and college consultant Victoria Hirsch will offer tips, strategies and suggestions for viewing the college process as a natural next step rather than THE BIG EVENT and for managing the process in ways that foster resilience and relationships rather than discord and despair.

An informal follow-up discussion to this presentation will be offered on Oct. 7th at 10:30 am.



**THU, SEPT 26TH
10-11:30 AM
WILTON LIBRARY**

This free event is recommended for parents of 8th-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 or call 203-762-6334.

Questions: please contact Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org

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COLLEGE FRENZY 2.0: THE FOLLOW UP

Join Susan Bauerfeld, Ph.D. 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.

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



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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; Shana's House; Turnbridge; NAMI; MCCA; BlueSky; Wilton Youth Council; Wilton Clergy and more...

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

Registration at 11:00AM

Keynote Speaker 12:00PM

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

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. We will also have Wilton interfaith clergy that will be participating throughout the day; Wilton Youth Council; 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 and the day ends at 7:30pm.

If you have ANY interest in this subject or just want to be educated, please join us. We are grateful for the huge number of people who have given/continue to give their time and talents so that others may thrive.

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER

WI-ACT'S ANNUAL ALL-DAY MEAL-PACKAGING EVENT IS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

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

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

MIDNIGHT RUN

Save the date for our Midnight Run coming up on **Saturday, October 12th**

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