

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## News From The Pews

October 13, 2019

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! You can also learn more about our church life by visiting our website at [www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org). When you have a moment, you find in your pew a visitor pad, please fill it out so that we may contact you to see how your visit went and if you have any questions.

### Community 2020 In Faith, In Love, In Action

Our Campaign continues, as we are now hearing from our Committee Chairs on how their committees fulfill the Mission of WPC, and how Community both inside the walls of our Church and outside those walls is such an important part of what they do and celebrate. **Linda, Julie, Jessica, Bob and Jeff**, our Committee Chairs for Faith in Action, JCCEC/Youth, Seminarians, Personnel, and Endowment (respectively), delivered heartfelt and moving messages bringing to life what their committees do for us and those within and well beyond Wilton, CT. If you think about Community being the bond, the glue, the Liquid Nails, the cement that holds us together, these five committees and their Chairs are the ones applying the adhesive! They are helping us grow in our deeply personal faith journeys, helping us expand our love and appreciation of ourselves, of each other and the world around, and helping us put both into action as we engage within and beyond our Community.

This has been a Campaign of words, and so I leave you with a few more that we heard on Sunday, Worship, Giving, Children, Firemen, Pastor, Music, Journey, Conversation, Prayer and even.....cake!

We have only have two more weeks of the Campaign, including **Sunday, October 20th**, where we will hear from our Memorial Garden, WEPCO and Worship/Music Committee Chairs, and discuss how we fund our ministry.

**Sunday, October 27th**, is Commitment Sunday when we will all make our financial commitments to WPC and our Community! For Commitment Sunday, we will be mailing Pledge Cards on **Monday, October 21st** and asking you to return them on **Sunday, October 27th** at our luncheon.

Please RSVP to Suzanne by **Wednesday, October 23rd** as to whether you can join us for our Commitment Sunday Luncheon, which will be catered by Craft 14 located here in Wilton. The luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall from 11:00a-12:30pm, we look forward to seeing all of you there!

#### Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Adult Education Class

#### Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM Session Meeting

#### Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Rise Against Hunger

#### Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service with guest preacher, Jessica Jones  
10:15 AM Bible Class—4th and 5th Gr.

### PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Ed MacEwen  
Carol Kern  
Steve Connor  
Kristina Grish  
Brandon Bone  
Emily Bohrer  
Nicole Volavka  
John Celentano

Linda Rost's daughter, Hilary Jacobs

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



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## WEPCO WORKDAY

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30am-12:00pm

This is a great opportunity for youth to get their volunteer hours...all while paying it forward.

All are welcome!!

## FAITH IN ACTION

As in years past, WPC will be providing Thanksgiving baskets for  
**Wilton Social Services (6)**

**Bridge of Hope(1)**

**The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

Faith in Action will distribute the request cards during Sunday Worship on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** and collect the donated items on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, to be then delivered the following day. Here are three easy steps to follow:

- ⇒ When the cards are passed out, please select one which will include 4 or 5 items to be purchased.
- ⇒ You will actually receive TWO cards at this time;
  - The first card is for your reference and a reminder of what you are to bring.
  - The second card is to be filled out with your name and contact information and returned to the collection plate so that we have a record of who is providing what.
- ⇒ Lastly, this is the most important step but not complicated ....all we need is your name, phone number and email if you so choose.

If you feel inclined to join us in this fun and joyous activity, we could still use a few more volunteers for sorting and packing!!

Please contact either Debi or Linda, if you have questions

**Linda Rost- [lr0411@gmail.com](mailto:lr0411@gmail.com)**

**Debi Forsythe- [forsythdbf@gmail.com](mailto:forsythdbf@gmail.com)**

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

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

**“The Bible, Christianity and the Environment”**

This morning we will discuss various approaches that modern Christianity is taking toward environmental justice and creation care.

## 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)

## 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)

## A Day Of Recovery

**November 2, 2019**

**11:00am — 8:00pm**

**Registration begins at 11am**

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.

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.

WPC members, please help us welcome our guests by volunteering that day. You can sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094faaa628abf58-shannons>

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

## DINING WITH THE DIVAS

This month our ladies group, *Dining with the Divas*, will be meeting for dinner on Wednesday evening on **October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm** at Cactus Rose in the Wilton Center.

For more information contact

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



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## Midnight Run

**Thank you to Ralph Bernabei**  
for organizing this wonderful event!

**Thank you** to those who traveled to New York City to pass out food and clothing in the middle of the night!

**Thank you** to all those who donated food, clothing and their time to help make this trip to NYC a success!



## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our anthem this morning is *"Be Still and Know That I Am God."* The music, based on a portion of Psalm 46, was composed by David Lantz III, with special text written by Gene Grier. Lantz is a full time vocal music teacher in a public school system in Pennsylvania. He is also a prolific composer of sacred and secular choral music, with over six hundred published compositions. He has written for orchestra, symphonic band, jazz ensemble, and chamber groups.

In addition, he is a church choir director, and regularly performs bassist/vocalist in the pop and jazz idioms. He resides in northeastern Pennsylvania with his wife, Marti Lunn Lantz (a composer in her own right), and is the father of five musical children, ages twelve to twenty-five.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

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

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

This Sunday, Nate and Samantha will be co-teaching Holiday Church school in the Upper Core with all grade levels together.

The focus will be on **Psalm 66**, in particular, the awesome deeds of the Lord in bringing His people through a river on dry land, walking through fire and shouting for joy to God, all the earth.

They will attempt to bring the words of the psalmist to life through song, art and guided exercises of the imagination.

*Childcare will be in the nursery upstairs*

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

## 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*



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

**&**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Rake and Roll

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### High School Youth Group

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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**