

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

October 6, 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. 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.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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

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

Stewardship

In one word..what does WPC mean to you??

Friendship. Support. Prayer. Love. Hope. Joy. Renewal. Friends. Faith. Harmony. Children. Peace. Grace-filled community. Music. Service. Compassion. Spiritual growth. Family. Connected. Worship. Welcoming. Community.

These were just some of the words from our congregation, in answer to this question, as we commenced our Stewardship Campaign last Sunday.

You can see the underpinning of Community throughout these words, which also threads throughout our mission statement:

"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"

Through the message of our mission statement is how we arrived at our theme for the Campaign this year which is

Community 2020 - In Faith, In Love, In Action

We will have a 4-week campaign that will illuminate how community threads throughout all we do, and will culminate on **October 27th** with Commitment Sunday, when we will celebrate our pledge commitments over lunch in the Parish Hall.

So mark your calendars and enjoy these weeks ahead!

OCT. 6TH - OCT. 13TH

Sunday, October 6th

- 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

Monday, October 7th

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

Tuesday, October 8th

- 8:00 AM Open Doors Shelter
- 7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting

Wednesday, October 9th

- 12:30 PM Day of Recovery Meeting
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting
- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

Thursday, October 10th

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 11th

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

Saturday, October 12th

- 6:00 PM Midnight Run

Sunday, October 13th

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

MIDNIGHT RUN

Saturday, October 12th

The Midnight Run is a mission of hospitality where we serve the homeless and poor of New York City. There are many different opportunities to help out by making donations of food and clothing. There are a number of opportunities to volunteer by donating food or clothing, deliver 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.

Sign up to help or learn how to donate by going to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea4ab29a20-wpcmidsnight6>



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SAVE THE DATE

WEPCO Workday

Saturday, November 23rd from 8:30am-12:00pm

All are welcome

This is a great opportunity for youth to volunteer for school

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Ken Medema is the composer of our first anthem today – “*Lord, Listen to Your Children.*” Medema is an American musician. Some of his best known songs began as live improvisations. Medema was born almost blind; his eyes let him tell light from shadow and see outlines of major objects. He began playing the piano when he was five years old, taking lessons in classical music through braille music, playing by ear and improvising in different styles. Medema majored in music therapy at Michigan State University. He lives near San Francisco, California, with his wife Jane. They have been married since 1965 and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

The arrangement of our Offertory anthem – “*All I Ask of You*” was composed by Mary McDonald. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Tennessee) in 1978. Her first professional position was as organist at Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Knoxville. She was self-taught as a keyboard player, did not read music well, so improvised ... a lot! Mary and her husband, architect, Brian McDonald live in Knoxville. They have two married children and four grandchildren. Her son, Chris, is Pastor of Music at Northwest Baptist in Gainesville, Florida.

Blessings to you all, Al

For more information contact Al Galletty, Music Director at
agalletty88s@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

Childcare will be in the nursery upstairs

This week in church school we continue to learn about Paul's travels in **Acts 18:1-17**, where he travels to Corinth and explore part of his first letter to the Corinthians. We are so familiar with the words of **1 Corinthians 13** and sometimes we get trapped thinking these words only apply to the ones we are in close relationships with, but this scripture's original context is more expansive. Our love was meant to be for everyone in the body of Christ--everyone who is a child of God--even for our enemies.

Talk with your kids about how hard it is to love. Read **1 Corinthians 13** with them and explore how we can love our enemies in a way that lives up to Paul's definition.

*For more information please email Nate Taylor at
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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 11:30am 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

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

For a listing of our full calendar and much 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

October 29th
Meeting

Confirmation

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 on the topic

“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 next two weeks we will explore these questions:

- 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
- 3) Discuss various approaches that modern Christianity is taking toward environmental justice and creation care.

Class Dates
October 6th and October 13th

Childcare is available with an advance reservation

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 12:00pm
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.

Pre-Register at
www.dayofrecovery.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

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 10th** and collect the donated items on **Sunday, November 24th**, 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 complicatedall 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- lrost0411@gmail.com
Debi Forsythe- forsythdbf@gmail.com

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?

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



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