

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

February 9, 2020

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 will 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.

Here's what's happening on Sundays in February at WPC

Sunday February 9: Jessica Jones will be preaching (Shannon White is away). Our confirmation class will be meeting at **2pm** with our local Muslim congregation and St. Matt's confirmands for an afternoon of interfaith education and cultural exposure.

Sunday February 16: We will be hosting the men from **PIVOT Ministries**, who will lead us in testimony and Gospel singing during our worship service. Come hear their powerful stories of faith and recovery from substance use.

Sunday February 23: Our church school children will lead us in the Festival of Children. It will be a Presbyterian service, but we will meet at St. Matt's due to the layout of the sanctuary and ease of movement.

Wednesday February 26: We begin our journey of Lent with a worship service at **7pm**. Communion will be served and an optional imposition of ashes will be offered.

Sunday March 1: Don't miss our annual joint service with Grace Baptist Church in Norwalk. For over 15 years, our two congregations have had a pulpit exchange. It has been extremely meaningful to both congregations. **This year, we will go to Grace Baptist at 17 West Avenue, Norwalk. Their service begins at 10:30am (note time change).**

Coming soon! Bible Study with Nate Taylor in March following worship on 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for: Katie Nugent's mother who is quite ill; Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone, Kristina Grish

Our youth and leaders on the DC Mission Trip: Caroline Blessing, Emma Fanelli, Ava and EJ Fasano, Eleanor Greene, Emily Mrakovic, Maddie Pfeiffer, Maggie Rowe, Kathryn Stein, and leaders: Julie Fowler and Ralph Bernabei

Our WPC members at Meadow Ridge: Bill Ziemann, Lis Walker, Jane Neighbors

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

FEB 9TH - FEB 23RD

Sunday, February 9th

10:00 AM Worship Service w/guest preacher, Jessica Jones

Monday, February 10th

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

Wednesday, February 12th

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, February 14th

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

Sunday, February 16th

10:00 AM Worship Service with PIVOT Ministries

Monday, February 17th

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

Wednesday, February 19th

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, February 21st

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

Sunday, February 23rd

10:00 AM Festival of Children

For a listing of our full calendar and much more visit our website at:

www.wiltonpresbyterian.org



CHOIR CORNER

February 9th's anthem is "The Gift of Love", a choral composition written by Hal H. Hopson. Born in June 1933, he is a full-time composer and church musician residing in Cedar Park, Texas. He has over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. His cantata, God with Us, was one of the few compositions selected to be placed in a capsule during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The capsule will be opened at the Tricentennial in 2076 and will be heard again as a representative piece of American choral composition of this century. Hopson is active as a conductor and clinician, and was recently recognized by inclusion in The International Who's Who in Music, Cambridge, England. He is active in several professional organizations, having served on the national boards of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and Choristers Guild.

Robert Lau is the composer of **February 16th's** Offertory anthem – a fine choral arrangement of "Fairest Lord Jesus." He holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Arts in Theory from the Eastman School of Music, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology from The Catholic University of America. Dr. Lau is Music Associate at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA, where he assists in leading choral evensongs and occasionally plays Sunday services. He is a former member of the faculty of the Department of Music at Lebanon Valley College where he taught for twenty-two years, chairing the department for eleven years. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Music at Penn State Harrisburg for twenty years.

*Blessings to you all,
Al Galletty*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

High School: 2/12-2/17 Washington DC Mission Trip

Confirmation:

2/9 2-3:30PM	Interfaith Session at WPC
2/21 5:45-9PM	Temple B'Nai Chiam
2/26 6-8:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service

Help Us Feed the Homeless in Washington DC!

Our High School Joint Youth Ministry is once again preparing for our annual trip to Washington DC to help serve the homeless. Each year we have received generous donations of gift cards from our Congregations to help feed people on the street as well as provide access to restrooms and also gain access to WiFi. Furthermore, we again are selling fruit through to assist in our fundraising efforts. Once again we are asking for our church families to support our efforts. We are accepting gift cards to Starbucks, McDonalds and Subway through February 11. Please feel free to drop them in the office in Julie Fowler's mailbox. If you are interested in purchasing fruit please access the order from through the following specific site as this will allow Kiwanis to designate a portion of the proceeds to Joint Youth Ministries. www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

Join us for Festival of Children February 23rd. You don't want to miss this special worship service. The biggest kid of all, Nate Taylor, will be preaching and our church school children helped to create the worship service and will lead us in worship. Frequently kids are looked over when it comes to some churches. Our churches both embrace the reality that our children and youth are valuable members of our communities. We don't believe children should be 'seen and not heard', we believe our children contribute meaningfully with their insights and brilliance. This is not just some token Sunday where we see how cute the kids can be leading us, it is a worship service where our children demonstrate how deeply they can wrestle with the biggest questions of faith. This year's theme is "What breaks your heart?" where we will not stray away from the heartbreaking realities of the world. Join us for worship and the wisdom of our youngest members.

For more information email Nate at
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**Please note the password has recently changed.*

To Log In, enter the Username: **members**
Password: **48NewCanaanRd**

Please DO NOT change it to your personal username and password. If you do, it will log everyone else out and access to the directory will have to be reset by the website management company.

If you need instructions on how to log on, they are located on the table in the Narthex or the office can email them to you.