

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From the Pews

January 2021

"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

Happy New Year!

JAN 10 – JAN 20, 2021

What's Happening: WPC at a Glance

Wednesday, January 6th: *Epiphany of the Lord*

Sunday, January 10th at 10:00 AM: *Congregational Meeting Ordination and Installation (Zoom)*

Sunday, January 17th at 10:00 AM: *Stewardship Campaign kickoff*

Monday, January 18th at 7:00 PM: *Session Meeting (Zoom)*

Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM: *Deacon Meeting (Zoom)*

Thursday, January 21st at 7:30 PM: *Choir Rehearsals resume (Zoom)*

STEWARDSHIP 2021

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

January 17th marks the start of our **2021 Stewardship Campaign**, which will run 3 weeks, through **Sunday February 7th**. You may recall, we made the decision to defer our Campaign from October to January because of all the uncertainty late last year. Some people have asked "Why should I give to WPC" to which I respond, give because you want to. But you could also give because of the Community we have in WPC, because of the Faith we celebrate through WPC, because of the Hope WPC provides and the Love we have for each other and the community WPC serves. This month, you will see the thread of Stewardship running throughout our services and in Testimonials and video messages from our Committee Chairs; I hope they give you renewed energy and focus toward giving to our Church and the fulfillment of its Mission.

We will not be mailing Pledge Packets this year (due to COVID-19 precautions). When you are ready, would you please pledge on our WPC website by clicking www.wiltonpresbyterian.org.

Bryan Campbell

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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

Sunday, January 10th

- 9:00 AM Church School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Youth Group: Grades 6-7 (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM Youth Group: HS (Zoom)

Monday, January 11th

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

Wednesday, January 13th

- 6:00 PM Youth Group: 8th Grade (Zoom)
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, January 15th

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

Saturday, January 16th

- 5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

Sunday, January 17th

- 9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)
- 10:00 AM Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

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- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th

- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, January 21st

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

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DEACONS

The Deacons held their monthly meeting on December 16.

We said goodbye to our class of 2020, **David Hull, Jennifer Gabrielson, Barbara Martin, Margaret Carkner**, as well as **Sally Carta** and **Tom Schneider**.

We discussed how to deliver our Deacon Christmas gifts to our flocks and how to get the gifts to those who did not receive them on the Saturday December 12th WPC drop-off morning. We planned to email our flocks and get the gifts to those who respond to our emails.

Shannon updated us on personnel issues, notably WPC/WEPCO hiring, as well as the progress of the nominating committee. It was also noted that we need to attend the **Zoom congressional meeting on January 10th at 10:00 AM** to swear in the new committee members.

The Deacons will be looking at our responsibilities, particularly what is working and what is not. **Cathy Thomas** is planning on gathering information from current deacons, then we can discuss the results to see what changes can be made to be more effective in the coming months.

Our next meeting will be held **January 20**.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Bernabei,
Moderator

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

In **Church School** programming, children will be exploring the early ministry of Jesus, focusing on the Beatitudes.

January Church School will move to weekly beginning **January 3rd at 9:00 AM** on Zoom. Zoom links sent weekly. January 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st.

Please email Julie if you would like a packet mailed with activities for the month.

YOUTH GROUP

6-12th Grade Joint Youth Ministries

6th-7th Grade via Zoom

Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 27th at 6:00 PM

8th Grade via Zoom

Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00 PM

Sunday, January 31st at 5:00 PM

High School via Zoom

Sunday, January 10th at 6:30 PM

Sunday, January 31st at 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class

Tuesday, January 19th from 6:00—7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Julie Fowler

CHOIR CORNER

It's hard to believe that Christmas has already come and gone! I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank everyone who was involved in making our music ministry special this Christmas season. It was a tremendous amount of work for the choir to rehearse, record videos, etc., and it also took some adjusting for the handbell choir to perform and rehearse within the social distancing requirements. Thank you to all who participated!

We will be resuming our weekly choir rehearsals this month, in preparation for **Easter** and other special music in the coming months. If you have ever thought about "trying out" the choir but were wary of the time commitment -- this may be the time for you to give it a try! Our weekly rehearsals are **Thursdays at 7:30 PM** (on zoom) and we will resume on **January 21st**. We have a really wonderful time singing together and connecting with one another.

If you have questions or interest in joining us as we prepare for Easter, please feel free to send me an email and let me know!

All the best,
Zack Wright

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