

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 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

What's Happening: WPC at a Glance

Saturdays at 5:00 PM: Sunday [Worship Service posted online](#)—view anytime

Sundays at 9:00 AM: Church School K-5 (Zoom). See Church School section for additional Youth information and dates.

Thursdays at 7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsals (Zoom)

Sunday, February 7th: Stewardship Campaign ends

Sunday, February 14th: Happy Valentine's Day! ♥

Jessica Jones preaching

12:00PM: Family walk at Weir Farm: Bring your dog if you have one!

Monday, February 15th at 7:00 PM: Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday: Worship Service posted at 3:00 PM

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM: Deacon Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 PM: Companionship Training (Zoom)

Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 AM: Annual Meeting (Zoom)

4:00 PM: Companionship Training (Zoom)

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Sunday, February 7th

*Last day of Stewardship Campaign
Worship Service (Zoom)*

9:00 AM Church School

5:00 PM Youth Group: Gr 6-7 (Zoom)

Monday, February 8th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th

6:00 PM Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 10th

6:00 PM Youth Group: Gr 8 (Zoom)

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, February 11th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Friday, February 12th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Saturday, February 13th

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

Sunday, February 14th

*Happy Valentine's Day!
Worship Service (Zoom): Jessica Jones
preaching*

9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)

12:00 PM Family Walk w/dogs: Weir Farm

Monday, February 15th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:00 PM Session Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th

Ash Wednesday

3:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
posted online

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

A LENTEN SEASON OF RECOVERY

Lent begins **February 17** ~ Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten “season of recovery” for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. We will be using the symbol of beach glass, which offers us a multifaceted symbol of this transformative process.

Please join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 17** as we begin this journey together. The service will be online and will be posted as of **3pm** that day on our [YouTube channel](#).

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please pray for Jan Galletly, who fractured a vertebra.

Please also pray for the Sisters of Notre Dame, where nearly half of their elderly population recently tested positive for Covid-19.

We pray for full healing for Jan, the sisters, and all those who are in need and who choose to remain private.

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DEACONS

The Deacons held their monthly meeting on January 20th.

Shannon provided updates on various church happenings. She informed the group about we will be using funds leftover from our Grant. There will be a companioning Zoom seminar for 15 people over a 4-hour period. Also, **Lindsay Wheeler** will be filmed talking about mental issues she has been dealing with and **Linda Rost** will discuss trauma in her film. These films will be available to the entire congregation.

Shannon also noted that, in light of the turbulent political situation, churches, particularly liberal institutions have been put on high alert. We are to be diligent – if we see something, we need to let someone know.

We will be getting WIFI in the sanctuary soon.

Shannon is celebrating 30 years in ministry – all congratulated her on this achievement.

Rachelle reviewed the new flock and contact lists, assignments for service, and book organization. She mentioned that new deacons should contact their flocks as an introduction.

Cathy Thomas provided an overview of our project to review and makes changes to the deacon function. She will be working with Rachelle and Shannon to compile a questionnaire for current deacons as well as former deacons for input before making any decisions.

The group discussed flock news. Rachelle closed the meeting with the passage from **Romans 12:9-12**.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held **February 24th**.

[Rachelle Bernabei](#), Moderator

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

In **Church School** programming, children will be hearing stories of Jesus' early ministry as we transition into Lent.

Church School is weekly **February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th** at **9:00 AM** on Zoom.

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

[Julie Fowler](#)

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

SESSION

We welcomed our newest members, **Cathy Ratcliffe**, **Reshan Richards** and **Alison Wood**, at our Zoom meeting on January 18th. **Jason Rice** updated us on the Stewardship campaign. **Bryan Campbell** will join the January 31st service and give us a further update at that point in the campaign.

Our finance chair, **John Burgdorfer**, reported that we closed out the 2020 calendar year strongly. Thanks to everyone, income from pledges surpassed the budgeted amount. As expected, plate income and sanctuary rental income were down but a generous gift of \$20K and the PPP loan more than offset these losses. Expenses for the year were only slightly higher including budgeted payment of the Presbytery assessment. **John will present the 2021 budget at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 via Zoom.**

Jock Wright and **Reshan Richards** have temporarily wired the sanctuary with a strong WiFi connection as we await vendor scheduling and ultimately a permanent connection. Make note for future reference that there are now two new network ID's in the sanctuary:

- (1) Most of us should select **WPC Sanctuary Guest** with password **wpcsanct** (all lower case) and
- (2) WPC Sanctuary Guest 5GMz that will be used only by leaders of services or meetings that are being broadcast.

Berta Hull asked for and received Session approval of a WEPCO capital project for repair to the bricks and roofing above Parish Hall. The WEPCO board has approved a quoted price of \$18,700 for completion of the project, WPC and St. Matthews each responsible for half of the total cost.

[Berta Hull](#), Clerk of Session

YOUTH GROUP

6th-7th Grade via Zoom

Sunday, February 7th at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM

8th Grade via Zoom

Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 28th at 5:00 PM

High School via Zoom

Sunday, February 21st at 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 28th at 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class in Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 9th from 6:00—7:00 PM

[Julie Fowler](#)