

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## News From the Pews

### March 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 PM: Sunday Worship Service posted online**—view anytime

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

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

**Mondays (3/1—3/15) at 10 AM: Bible Study (Zoom)** See below for details

**Monday, March 15th at 7 PM: Session Meeting (Zoom)**

**Sunday, March 28th: Palm Sunday**

MARCH 1 – 14, 2021

#### **Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

12:00 PM AA Meeting

1:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 PM Youth Group: Gr 8 (Zoom)

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### **Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

#### **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

#### **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Worship Service (Zoom)*

9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)

#### **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM AA Meeting

1:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Youth Group: Gr 6-7 (Zoom)

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

#### **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

#### **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

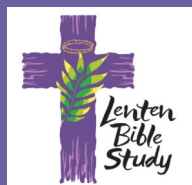
#### **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

#### **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Worship Service (Zoom)*

9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)



**BIBLE STUDY ON JEREMIAH**  
**MONDAYS 3/1, 3/8 AND 3/15**  
**1PM—2PM ON ZOOM**  
**WITH THE REV. DR. SUSAN DEGEORGE**

Over three Mondays, we will explore the book that theologian Walter Brueggemann says contains “a double utterance of judgment that contradicts denial and hope that overrides despair” and begin to understand why Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel held that Jeremiah’s “determined quest for truth in times of falsehood..., his doubts, his tears, his yearning for meaning and silence... he offers us an example of behavior, not before or after, but during periods of pressure, stress, and peril.” Join us by zoom (see link below) to see if Jeremiah’s message might offer us in 2021.

Rev. Dr. DeGeorge is the Stated Clerk of Hudson River Presbytery and former parish pastor in the PCUSA. She holds a PhD from Union Theological Seminary, JD and a MDiv. Watch out because she gives a knock your socks off bible study!

Friends from MLK Community Presbyterian Church, we hope you’ll join us for our Lenten Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88636074317?>

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Passcode: 801960

## DEACONS

The Deacons' monthly meeting was on **February 24th**. Rachele opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Shannon provided news that some of our youth may have been recently exposed to COVID while on a retreat hosted by Hope Church.

Peyton's roommates tested positive for COVID. So far Peyton has tested negative, but is quarantined.

We discussed that as of today, the church will still be remote; it's just not worth trying to be indoors with all of the distancing restrictions. We would only be able to have 40 people at an indoor service and we would still need to ZOOM to remote followers. We do have many people joining our services from all over the states, and even several nonmembers. The deacons will send out more detailed information so all members of the congregation understand what was involved in this very difficult decision. Shannon will provide us with the necessary information to pass on to our flocks.

We agreed that Deacons and our Elders will still be part of the service to read the Prayer and Scripture until further notice. Once we return to in-person service, we will be asked to help with the tasks required to keep us all safe (seating, temperature checks, or whatever is needed), but only if we feel safe doing this ourselves.

There was discussion of Deacon Procedures when meals were needed for families in our flocks. Deacons Julie Stein and Patty Dormer will be our liaisons to other deacons to set up an electronic Meal Sign Up. The deacon of the flock member in need would provide Julie and Patty with the required details (number of meals, duration, preferences, etc). Once set up, the link and other information would be sent to the WPC office for a mass mailing out to the congregation. That way anyone in the church has the opportunity to help out.

We shared news of our flocks as well as shared other concerns, needs, joys.

Ann White closed with an inspirational message, passed on to her by our beloved Beth Mason.

*This poem is written by Sheenagh Pugh*

*Sometimes things don't go, after all,  
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadell  
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail,  
sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.  
A people sometimes will step back from war;  
elect an honest man, decide they care  
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.  
Some men become what they were born for.  
Sometimes our best efforts do not go  
amiss, sometimes we do as we meant to.  
The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow  
that seemed hard frozen: may it happen for you.*

Our monthly meetings going forward will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Rachele Bernabei, Moderator



## FAITH IN ACTION

We delivered Valentine "treat bags" to staff at Norwalk Hospital, including those nurses working in critical care with Covid nurses, Spiritual Care providers, and those administering Covid 19 vaccines. Donations were gratefully received.

We also provided Wilton Social Services with gift certificates to Stop and Shop and Kohl's, knowing that, once the Christmas rush of donations is over, the needs increase.

We are in the process of sending \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance designated for victims of the storms in Texas.

Linda Rost and Debi Forsyth



## MEAL TRAIN

A meal train has been set up for the **Galletly** family while Jan is recovering from her back injury. If you are able to bring a meal to them, please use the sign up here:

<https://www.takethemameal.com/WFY19938>

If you have any questions on the meal train, please contact Patti Dormer at [prdormer@gmail.com](mailto:prdormer@gmail.com)

Thank you!

## 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.

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



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

In Church School programming, we will be continuing with stories of Jesus' early ministry and Holy Week before Easter Sunday.

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

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

[Julie Fowler](#)

## YOUTH GROUP

6th-7th Grade via Zoom  
**Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 PM**

8th Grade via Zoom  
**Monday, March 1st at 6:30 PM**  
**Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 PM**

High School via Zoom  
**Sunday, March 14th at 6:30 PM**  
**Sunday, March 28th at 6:30 PM**

**Confirmation Class** in Parish Hall  
**Tuesday, March 16th from 6:00—7:00 PM**  
**Tuesday, March 30th from 6:00—7:00 PM**

[Julie Fowler](#)



## CHOIR CORNER

The choir is preparing special virtual anthems for Maundy Thursday and Easter. For Easter, we will be singing The Hallelujah Chorus and a few hymns. We would love to have anyone in the congregation join us on in singing for Easter Sunday!

We meet each **Thursday at 7 pm on Zoom** but you are still welcome to participate even if you can't attend those meeting times. If you want more details, please reach out to me via email.

[Zachary Wright](#)

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" was first performed in Dublin on or about Easter Sunday, April 13, 1742. Handel had intended the "Messiah" to be an Easter oratorio, not a Christmas oratorio as we think of it.

The famous "Hallelujah" chorus appears at the end of Part II in the oratorio and serves to celebrate the resurrection and Ascension of Christ, not his birth.

By the stroke of circumstance, we will hear this great piece of music at the time of year that Handel had intended it for.

[Chris Jones](#)