

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From the Pews

April 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 Easter!
The Lord has Risen*



What's Happening: WPC at a Glance

Saturdays at 5 pm: Sunday Worship Service posted online—view anytime (Sunday 4/11 worship service posted Sunday, 10 am)

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

Mondays at 10 am (April 18—May 2nd): Bible Class (Grades 4-5)

Thursdays at 7 pm: Choir Rehearsals (Zoom)

Sunday, April 4th, 6:15 am: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (Hillside Cemetery)

Wednesday, April 14th, 7 pm: Elder and Deacon Training (Zoom)

Monday, April 19th, 7 pm: Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 28th, 7 pm: Deacon Meeting (Zoom)

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

- ♦ Jean Brown, who recently underwent surgery and now is at home;
- ♦ Tom and LeeAnn Schneider and family after the recent death of Tom's mother, Patty Gibian;
- ♦ Our Interim Search Committee: Buck Burnaman, Berta Hull, Jock Wright and Cathy Ratcliffe as they continue their work.
- ♦ All who continue to suffer from the threat of the Coronavirus.

Those who would like healing prayers for themselves or those they love may [submit prayer requests >>](#)

APRIL 5 – 19, 2021

Monday, April 5th

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

Wednesday, April 7th

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, April 9th

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

Sunday, April 11th

Worship Service (Zoom)
9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)

Monday, April 12th

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

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00 PM Elder & Deacon Training (Zoom)
7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Thursday, April 15th

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Friday, April 16th

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

Saturday, April 17th

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

Sunday, April 18th

Worship Service (Zoom)
9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)
10:00 AM Bible Class, Grades 4-5
4:00 PM Joint Youth Group, Grades 6-7
6:00 PM Joint Youth Group, HS

Monday, April 19th

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

SESSION

We have four members of Session who volunteered to be on the interim pastor nominating team.

The team has a deadline of **April 7** for submission of the initial Ministry Information Form (MIF) to the Committee on Ministry (COM).

Once approved by the COM, the MIF will be posted online, interested candidates will submit their resumes, and the team will begin reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates.

If you have any questions, contact any of the team members: [Buck Burnaman](#), [Berta Hull](#), [Cathy Ratcliffe](#) and [Jock Wright](#).

DEACONS

The Deacons' monthly meeting was on **March 24th**. Rachele opened the meeting with prayer.

Notes from Shannon

- Shannon thanked Becky Schroyer for providing coffee for the VAMS workers at WEPCO. She also asked that someone take two Thursdays in April to continue this service. Rachele Bernabei stepped up to cover those dates.
- There will be a **training webinar** for Elders and Deacons on **4/14** starting at **7 pm**.
- On **4/13** there will be a program funded by the Clergy Association from the Wilton Library. It is based on the book Memorial Drive: a Daughter's Memoir.
- There will be a **6:15 am sunrise service at Hillside Cemetery on Easter**. Otherwise, Easter service will be a Zoom service.

Flock News

- Virgil Roberson will be stepping down as Deacon starting May 1 due to his move and Shannon's departure. We will absorb his flock into our current flocks and will not need another deacon at this time. If we feel in November/December or earlier that we do need another Deacon, we will ask Nominating to help us find another one.
- Rachele will reorganize our Flocks and send out the new list prior to our next meeting in April.

Closing

Julie Stein closed the meeting with her inspirational message, the poem "when you thought I wasn't looking...." It is meant as a poem about our children growing up, but so many verses hit the role of a Deacon spot on. If you can Google it, (Deacons were emailed a copy) it's got a wonderfully positive message.

Next meeting

April 28th via Zoom at 7pm. Virgil Roberson will provide our closing inspirational message.

[Rachele Bernabei](#), Moderator

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is weekly. Programming includes scripture, prayer, bible lessons and activity.

We will be meeting **April 11, 18 & 25 at 9 am** on Zoom.

There will be no class Easter Sunday. Happy Easter!

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

BIBLE STUDY FOR GRADES 4-5

Sundays, 10 am: April 18th, April 25th, and May 2nd

[Julie Fowler](#)

YOUTH GROUP

6th-7th Grade: outside WEPCO
Sunday, April 18th, 6:30 pm

8th Grade: outside WEPCO
Sunday, April 25th, 4 pm

High School: outside WEPCO
Sunday, April 18th at 6 pm

Confirmation Class: Upper Core
Tuesday, April 27th from 6 pm—7 pm

[Julie Fowler](#)

CHOIR CORNER

March was a very busy month for the music ministry at WPC! Our choir and handbell choir worked to prepare music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. A highlight was certainly a virtual performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" which we prepared for our Easter service. We were also joined by guest musicians for Holy Week, including both vocal and instrumental soloists — some familiar to WPC and a few new faces as well!

One of my favorite pieces we did during Holy Week was called "A Prayer for Healing" by Joseph Martin. Written in the time of Covid, this anthem incorporates the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and is a plea for God's mercy and healing to those in need.

[Zachary Wright](#)

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