

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From the Pews

May 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



In-Person Service Resumes!

We are so pleased to resume weekly in-person services **Sundays at 10 am**. Please join us!

To attend, register online using the link sent in our weekly emails. For anyone would like to be added to our email list, please let us know:

wpchurch@wiltonpresbyterian.org

What's Happening: WPC at a Glance

Saturdays at 5 pm through May 8th: Sunday Worship Service posted online—view anytime;

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

Sundays at 10 am: *In-person worship resumes!* Worship services will be live-streamed beginning **Sunday, May 16th**. You will also be able to view the worship service on Facebook following Sunday services.

Sunday, May 9th: Happy Mother's Day!

10 am: *In-person Worship Service, live-streamed*

Sunday, May 16th, 9:45 am: *Congregational Meeting*

10 am: *In-person Worship Service, live-streamed*

11 am: *Confirmation Session Meeting*

Monday, May 17th, 7 pm: *Session Meeting (Zoom)*

Sunday, May 23rd, 10 am: *In-person Worship Service, live-streamed*

11am: *Confirmation*

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

Sunday, May 30th, 10am: *In-person Worship Service, live-streamed.*

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given for a congregational meeting on **May 16** at **9:50am** for the purpose of receiving the report from the Nominating Committee to elect **Bryan Campbell** as elder. **John Stewart** is relocating and Bryan will fulfill his term of 1 ½ years.

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Saturday, May 1st

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

Sunday, May 2nd

In-person Worship Service continues

9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)

10:00 AM Worship Service (WPC)

10:00 AM Bible Class, Grades 4-5

6:00 PM HS Joint Youth Group (WEPCO)

Monday, May 3rd

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 5th

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, May 7th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Saturday, May 8th

5:00 PM Worship Service posted online

Sunday, May 9nd Mother's Day

10:00 AM Worship Service (WPC)

Monday, May 10th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 12th

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, May 14th

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Sunday, May 16th

9:00 AM Church School (Zoom)

9:45 AM Congregational Meeting

10:00 AM Worship Service (WPC)

11:00 AM Confirmation Session Meeting

4:00 PM Joint Youth Group, Grades 6-8

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

SESSION

The Interim Search Team completed and forwarded the Ministry Information Form to the Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM approved the document at their meeting on April 14th and have posted the opening on various employment websites. Applicants will respond, possibly from all over the country, and then interviewing will begin. After the Team selects the candidate, Session will approve their recommendation and the candidate will be submitted to the COM for approval.

The last day of the Town of Wilton's Vaccination Clinic in Parish Hall was April 22nd. Town employees removed all of their equipment, and their maintenance team did a thorough cleaning on Friday the 23rd.

In-person services resumed **April 25th**. Air scrubbers have been installed and wiring for the permanent Wi-Fi connection has begun. The next step is installation of a video camera and dedicated laptop. We look forward to live-streaming our services in the Sanctuary.

Patty Connor reconvened the Nominating Committee to select a candidate to fill John Stewart's vacancy. John, Jessica and their family will soon be moving to Butte, MT where John has begun a new position.

[Berta Hull](#)

DEACONS

The Deacons met via Zoom on **April 28th**. Rachelle opened the meeting with prayer.

Shannon thanked the deacons who set up coffee for VAMS. She informed us of upcoming services... Jack Blessing's service will be coming up on **May 22**. There are other services in progress with no date yet. Shannon asked our opinion regarding a possible service which will take note of those members we lost in the past year due to death and those who have moved away. We all agreed that it would be a great idea to honor these people in an upcoming service, maybe on **May 16**.

Deacons informed others of members of our flock who need our prayers and any help in the near future. We all said goodbye and thank you to Virgil Roberson who will be relinquishing his deacon role when he and Shannon move next month. Virgil's flock will be split up between all Deacons.

Virgil closed the meeting by reading a very humbling and inspirational message called "I am a Christian". He found it while packing! .

Next meeting: May 26th via Zoom at 7pm.

[Rachelle Bernabei, Moderator](#)

SAVE THE DATE! SUN., JUNE 13, 2021

SHANNON'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

As is customary, we are taking a collection for a gift from our congregation to Shannon as a gesture of our appreciation. Please consider donating by:

1. Sending a check to WPC (Attn: Carolyn Parker) with "Shannon Departure Gift" in memo section, or
2. Using the secure online link:

<https://onrealm.org/WiltonPresbyterian/-/give/now>

Select "Shannon Departure Gift" from Fund list

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

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

We will be meeting **May 2, 16 & 23 at 9 am** on Zoom. Please email Julie if you would like an activity packet.

BIBLE STUDY: SUN., MAY 2 @ 10 AM (GR 4-5)

[Julie Fowler](#)

FAITH IN ACTION

Lynn Saphire kindly delivered more food to Norwalk Hospital spiritual staff, which was much appreciated.

[Linda Rost](#)

YOUTH GROUP

6th-8th Grade: outside WEPCO

Final Gathering: Sunday, May 16th, 4 pm

High School: outside WEPCO

Sunday, May 2, May 23 (Final Gathering) at 4 pm

Confirmation Class: Outside WPC

Sunday, May 16th, 11 am: Meeting with Session

Sunday, May 23rd, 10 am: Confirmation Service

[Julie Fowler](#)

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

- **Jean Brown**, who recently underwent surgery and now is at home;
- 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;
- All who are witness and victim to gun violence across the country.

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