

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

October 21, 2018

"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

If you are here for the first time or a frequent visitor, we would like to **WELCOME** and **THANK YOU** for visiting with us today! If you would like to learn more about our church life, please visit our website at www.wiltonpresbyterian.org and take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may get in touch with you.

SPOT LIGHT SERIES

STEWARDSHIP

Pastoral care is administering the love of Christ to others. Christians believe the spirit of a person influences every part of life and that spirit must be fed regularly to keep it healthy and flourishing. In the 1984 movie "Ghost Busters", Bill Murray kept repeating, now famously, "*who ya gonna call*". Of course, in the movie it was the Ghost busters. In real life it's not always so simple. Recently, I came across both a job description and essential job functions of pastoral care ministry. In short, the qualifications and responsibilities are vast and somewhat humbling to this parishioner. How fortunate we all are to be able to "*call*" Shannon, our Deacons and members of the WPC Community. Cecil Randal once said, "*There is a broken heart in every pew*", clearly Pastoral Ministry seeks to celebrate the joy and console the sorrow of everyday life.

Please allocate part of your resources to WPC, so that we can all continue to know "*who we gonna call*".

ADULT EDUCATION

Living Community with Dr. Susan DeGeorge

These days we seem to be living in a fractured society and are stymied for ways to move beyond it. In his pamphlet, *A Place Called Community*, Parker Palmer writes, "*the church, more than any other major institution in our society, still contains the potential for true community life.*" What would true Christian community life be like? What does Jesus teach us about community and our relationships with one another? This series will cover the basic values that Jesus suggests should be applied to our common life while also exploring key gospel passages that capture Jesus' approach to such community issues.

We will discuss such topics as handling conflict, making economic decisions, keeping commitments, providing hospitality, and more. We will be meeting at 11:15am in the Lounge.

Series Dates: Oct.28th, Nov.4th & 11th

GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

It is not too late to dedicate a hymnal in honor/memory of a loved one. There are forms with envelopes in the Narthex. The cost is \$20.00 per hymnal **THANK YOU** for helping making this dream a reality!!!

OCTOBER 21- OCT. 28

Sunday, October 21st

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
Children's Church School
- 10:15 AM 4th Grade Bible Class
- 11:15 AM Adult Education w/ Andrea Wood

Monday, October 22nd

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Tuesday, October 23rd

- 10:00 AM Freely Play/Butterfly Room
- 3:30 PM Confirmation Class/Alcove

Wednesday, October 24th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
- 6:00 PM Dinner Church/Parish Hall
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Thursday, October 25th

- 6:30 PM Dining with the Divas/Bianco Rosso
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 26th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Sunday, October 28th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
Children's Church School
- 10:15 AM 4th Grade Bible Class
- 11:15 AM Adult Education w/ Dr. DeGeorge
- 11:15 AM Kids Activity w/ Nate Taylor
- 11:30 AM HS Youth Group Lunch Gathering

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank & Judy Mabley, Kristina Grish, Marjorie Wilkinson, Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone, Deb Adkisson. Frank Cucci, Angela Rice's father; Mary Marquardt & family. Please pray for those who choose to remain private that are in need.



DINING WITH THE DIVAS

With fall in full swing are you looking for an evening to relax, laugh and "just be" with the girls? Our ladies group, *Dining with the Divas* will meet at a local restaurant to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! We are excited to announce that our next gathering will be at Bianco Rosso on **Thursday, Oct. 25th** at 6:30pm.

For more information please contact
Berta Hull
bertahull@gmail.com

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Today's service features two truly beautiful anthems: The first one is "Earth Song", composed by Frank Ticheli. Born in January 1958, he lives in Los Angeles, California, where he is a Professor of Composition at the University of Southern California. He was the Pacific Symphony's composer-in-residence from 1991 to 1998, composing numerous works for that orchestra. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Composition from Southern Methodist University and went on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees in composition from the University of Michigan. Since 1991, he has been a Professor of Composition at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

"The Road Home" was written by Stephen Paulus. Born in Summit, NJ, in 1949, but his family moved to Minnesota when he was two. He attended the University of Minnesota, where he eventually earned the Ph.D. in composition in 1978. In 1983, he was named the Composer-in-Residence at the Minnesota Orchestra, and in 1988 he was also named to the same post at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, whose then-conductor Robert Shaw commissioned numerous choral works to be written by Paulus. In July 2013, Paulus suffered a stroke, and later died from medical complications in October 2014.

Music Director, Al Galletly
agalletly88s@gmail.com

If you are looking for more information on these events or other happenings in the church. Please visit our website at
www.wiltonpresbyterian.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

This week in Church School

Last week we learned about the Ten Commandments. Today, we continue following the life of Moses with the story of the Golden Calf. The Israelites hadn't even left the mountain where they received the Ten Commandments, before they broke one of the commandments by making an idol. This is a powerful story of a group doing something wrong together and God's response of forgiveness--a story about being human, messing up, and the power of God's love to grace us with another chance to get it right every day. Talk to your kids about moments when you have known God's forgiveness and about ways we can work together to be better.

The Fourth Grade Bible Class continues today during Church School. Having already learned about how the Holy Bible came together, its original languages, and its use of metaphor, we now turn to a tough question of how to deal with differences. Why are there two stories of creation and why are they so different? Why are there different stories about Jesus' birth? Our goal is to help the student's faith be flexible when it comes up against these tough questions.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information on any of these events email
Nate Taylor nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org

4TH GRADE BIBLE CLASS

CALLING ALL 4TH GRADERS

On **Sunday, November 4th** you will receive a beautiful Bible designed to be fun and interesting for YOU! Our last class is **October 28**, you will be able to work with your own Bible and discover more about what it is, how we use it and why it matters to us. Come discover how interesting this book can be!

If parents could please email Nate Taylor with your 4th grader's name exactly as you want it inscribed in their Bible!

Nate Taylor
nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org

A TABLE OF WELCOME

DINNER CHURCH

What are you doing for dinner on Wednesday, **October 24**? Why not join us here at WPC for Dinner Church? Modeled after a movement of people who are seeking to reenact the welcome of the sacramental table, we will gather once again on **Wednesday, October 24th from 6-7:30pm** to: share a meal, share communion, share our cares and concerns and share our love. All ages are welcome. Friends too. Bring a dish to share, and we'll marvel at God's generosity! RSVP's are helpful so we know how many plates to set.

Please email Rev. Shannon White at
shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org

ADULT EDUCATION

Today, come and meet Andrea Alvord Wood! We will meet after Worship at **11:15am** in the Lounge and during our Adult Education hour, Andrea will be here to talk about her time as a Navy Pilot, her work with refugees in Greece, the Sudan and her native roots in Zimbabwe. Come for what is sure to be an interesting conversation!

WPC CARES ABOUT KINDNESS

WPC has a new program for kids ages 5-18 years old that shows them how they can affirm God's love through mentoring & displaying acts of kindness. Please join us **Sunday, Nov. 4th** in the Upper Core from **11:15a -12:15p**.

If you have any questions, you can contact Julie Fowler at Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

High School Youth Group

Lunch Gathering

Sunday, October 28th

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Lower Core

8th Grade Youth Group

Ben's Bells Field Trip

Tuesday, October 30th

Time: 3:30-7:15p

Confirmation

Meeting

Tuesday, October 23rd

Time: 3:30pm

Alcove

*For more information on any of these events email
Julie Fowler Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org

