

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

October 7, 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.

Do you know of any future events, meetings or retreats coming up and would like to advertise them in our weekly newsletter? If so, contact the office no later than Tuesday of that week.

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STEWARDSHIP

Winston Churchill wrote "*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give*", his words are so appropriate for our Stewardship theme of "Touch a Life in 2019". Last Sunday the congregation joined with laughter, prayer, and resolve to support all of the WPC ministries through Stewardship. We witnessed a vivid and moving demonstration of Stewardship as the Church Deacons, Elders and Officers came forward to the altar with their pledges. Now it is up to the congregation to put Stewardship in the forefront of our thoughts and prayers and allocate our resources in support of the WPC we all love. In the coming weeks you will be hearing from your church friends and outside organizations whose lives have been touched by your generosity.

Please look forward to hearing from one of the Stewardship team in the near future, Amy Schallop, Forrest close, Sonny Kern or Jock Wright. Also watch for an announcement of a special challenge grant to our ministry of mission. Additional funds will be allocated to an outreach mission of your choice based on how well we progress with our touch a life in 2019 campaign.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Please Pray For

Kristina Grish, Marjorie Wilkinson, Phil Burnaman, Buck's father Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone, Deb Adkisson. Frank Cucci, Angela Rice's father; Mary Marquardt and family, in the wake of Don's death. Please pray for those who choose to remain private that are in need.

SAVE THE DATES

MidNight Run

October 12th

Rise Against Hunger

October 20th

Adult Ed Series with Dr. Susan DeGeorge

Oct.28th, Nov.4th & 11th

OCTOBER 7TH - OCT. 14TH

Sunday, October 7th

10:00 AM World Communion Sunday Worship
Children's Church School
4:00 PM Prayer Retreat

Monday, October 8th

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

Tuesday, October 9th

8:00 AM Cooking for MANNA/Kitchen
10:00 AM Play Freely/Butterfly Room
7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting Alcove

Wednesday, October 10th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core
7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

Thursday, October 11th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 12th

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
6:00 PM MidNight Run Prep w/ 8p departure
8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

Sunday, October 14th

8:45 AM Teacher Training
10:00 AM Worship with Andrea Wood as guest preacher. Children's Church School
10:15 AM 4th Grade Bible Class
11:15 AM HS Youth Group Lunch Gathering
11:30 AM Don Marquardt's Memorial Service



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

REGISTER NOW for your shift at the Wilton Interfaith Action Committee (Wi-Act) - **Saturday, October 20th**. We are needing volunteers to do meal-packaging at one of the four two-hour shifts on that day. This year is the 8th of these events here in Wilton, and the meals packaged this year will take us over the 1 million meal mark in total, packaged right here in Wilton!

You'll have a lot of fun working side-by-side with so many others on the shift you choose on-line (**shift times: 9-11 am, 11-1 pm, 1-3 pm, and 3-5 pm**) as you work towards the 160,000 meals we hope to package this time around, just as we did last year. The meals go to feed some of the hungriest children in the world and are served in educational settings where children can be nourished in mind as well as in body.

You can register on-line on our website under Faith In Action or directly at <http://signup.com/go/MgqXWce>

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! Come to Church School on **October 14, 21 and 28** 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 at with your 4th grader's name exactly as you want it inscribed in their Bible!

Nate Taylor
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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 radical 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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

This week in Church School

This week in church school students continue in their journey learning about the story of Moses. Previously we learned about the burning bush, the call of Moses, and about the command to 'let my people go'. Now, we turn to the story of crossing of the Red Sea (*alternatively the sea of reeds*) from *Exodus 13:17-15:21*. This is a powerful story of God delivering people out of their oppression and slavery. Talk with your children about the systems of oppression present today that are on your heart. Pray with them about it and explore ways together you could work toward bringing more of God's freedom into the world.

Teacher Training

If you have been teaching for a long time or if you are considering teaching for the first time, this training is designed for you. Come learn some tips and tricks with our curriculum and about how to work best with our students at each grade level. The training is next **Sunday, Oct. 14th** promptly at **9:00 am**.

Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information on any of these events email
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Midnight Run

Friday, October 12th Prep 6pm and Depart 8:00pm

The Midnight run is a mission of hospitality where we serve the homeless and poor of New York City. There are a number of opportunities to volunteer including:

- 1) Donate Food or Clothing to be distributed
- 2) Prepare food before the set up. This will be at the church starting at about 6:00pm and depart from the church around 8:00pm
- 3) Clean up—Saturday morning you can help clean up

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea4b29a20-wpcmidnight4>

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.

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

Are you looking for more? Please visit our website at

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

High School Youth Group

Lunch Gathering
Sunday, October 14th
Time: 11:30a-1:00p
Lower Core

Rise Against Hunger
Saturday, October 20th

Lunch Gathering
Sunday, October 28th
Time: 11:30a-1:00p
Lower Core



8th Grade Youth Group

Rise Against Hunger
Saturday, October 20th

Ben's Bells Field Trip
Tuesday, October 30th
Time: 3:30-7:15p



6th & 7th Youth Group

Ben's Bells Field Trip
Tuesday, October 16th
Time: 3:30-7:15p

Rise Against Hunger
Saturday, October 20th

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