

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

December 2, 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](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org) and take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

## Stewardship

*WPC Stewardship supports all the ministries that define who we are. It is a blessing to give of our resources, so please pledge to support the ministry of all God's children.*

**Today**, we celebrate the **first Sunday of Advent** and the **progress we have made as good stewards of the WPC Ministries**. Advent has **2 meanings** for Christians, **first** it's a time of expectation; waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The **second**, is a time to look forward, anticipating the second coming of Christ, as the fulfillment of all that was promised by His first coming. **WPC's Stewardship also has 2 parts**-the **first** part is an intense 2 month focus on our Stewardship program and the **second** part of the focus continues throughout the rest of the year. It is during this time that we **must** continue to provide the gifts of generosity to support all of WPC's ministries. While, the first part of the Stewardship year has been gratifying, your gifts will continue to go a long way in supporting all of WPC's ministries. Over these past few weeks, you have heard from members and friends on how WPC's ministries have had such a positive impact on their lives. Their testimonies have truly been inspirational.

As of today, we have received 36 family pledges which totals \$330,000. Our goal from stewardship is 405,000 knowing that an additional \$60,000 to meet the church's budget needs, will have to come from the offering plate, special gifts, and once again a fun and profitable fundraiser. Please know that all good ideas for the fundraiser are welcome and necessary.

The WPC family is a circle of **strength** founded on **faith**, joined in **love** and kept together by **God**.

**Thank you for your ongoing support of the WPC Ministries!!**

You can NOW pledge online at  
[www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org) under "Pledge Now"

DEC. 2- DEC. 9

### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Advent-Hope)

- 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service w/ Rev. White, Children's Church School  
11:30 AM HS Youth Group Christmas Party

### Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- 3:45 PM Joint Youth Group

### Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service  
12:00 PM JCCEC Meeting  
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service  
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core  
7:00 PM Burgers with the Boys/Marly's

### Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM Joint Youth High School Group

### Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (Advent-Love)

- 10:00 AM Christmas Pageant  
2:00 PM Christmas Tea at the Manse

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank & Judy Mabley, Steve Connor, Kristina Grish, Marjorie Wilkinson, Emily Bohrer, Karen Lourd & family, Brandon Bone, Deb Adkisson, Courtney Kleeman's mother, Mary Marquardt & family. Please pray for those that are in need, who choose to remain private.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that there will be a brief called meeting of the congregation on December 9th for the purpose of receiving the report from the nominating committee. The slate is as follows:



## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Our first anthem today is *"The Coming of the Lord"*, composed by Pepper Choplin, a full-time composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. With a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he went on to earn a Master of Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

*"Every Valley"* is our Offertory anthem. It was composed by John Ness Beck, who was born in Warren, Ohio, in 1930. He attended Ohio State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1952. After several years, he returned to Ohio State, where he completed Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees in music with composition as his major. He was a faculty member of The Ohio State University School of Music for seven years, then left the university to become owner and manager of The University Music House, a retail sheet music store in Columbus. He remained active as a choral director and lecturer at various musical clinics and festivals throughout the country until his death from cancer in 1987.

**Big Music Sunday** is in 2 weeks! So, mark your personal calendars, then send out emails to all your friends and neighbors for **Sunday, December 16th at 10:00 am**. There will be the usual combination of brass and musical instruments. And, most of all, some glorious, festive music. Hope to see you -- and loads of others -- there.

For more information contact the Music Director, Al Galletly  
[agalletly88s@gmail.com](mailto:agalletly88s@gmail.com)

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

### **This week in Church School**

This week in church school students will learn a story from Jeremiah 33:14-16; and Psalm 25. It is the story of Jeremiah's message from God. Jeremiah says there will be a ruler coming that will set things right. This ruler will also show us what is right and remind us of God's steadfast love. This is the story we tell to begin our waiting this advent. How will you prepare your heart as you wait? Talk to your children about how we can prepare for promises to come.

### **This Advent Season**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent & that means it's time for *Advent Calendars*. For over a decade **St. Matthews and Wilton Presbyterian Churches** have created their very own advent calendar. They may not look like much with fancy packaging but inside they are filled with toys, chocolate, and most importantly, meaningful devotionals at an age appropriate level for children. Please make sure to get one for each of your children. The price is \$20 (*checks payable to JCCEC*) and if that is too much please simply talk to Nate Taylor.

### **Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas pageant is coming up quickly on **December 9th**. To make things easy for parents we will have one practice on that morning, at 9am. This means more planning is needed outside of practice.

Please email Nate to let him know which of your children are interested in participating so that he can discuss roles with you. This will *not* be a traditional Christmas pageant, but will be designed to get the whole congregation involved in retelling the story led by the children.

*~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate*

\*For more information on any of these events email Nate Taylor [nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:nate.taylor@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## FAMILY CHILI LUNCHEON

*'Tis The Season...*

Please join us on **Sunday, December 16th** following services for our *Second Annual Big Music Sunday Chili Luncheon* in the Parrish Hall.

In order to make this festivity a success *please* sign up online to bring certain foods or items! All are welcome!

To sign up, please go to "Sign Up Genius" website:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48ABAF2BA4FF2-family>

## Holiday Gift Drive

This holiday season our friends over at Family ReEntry are sponsoring our holiday gift drive, who help to help bring holiday cheer to children and their families that are in need. They are needing donations of new, unwrapped toys and gift items for children ages 4-17 years old. Please consider donating one or even more of the following items: *hats, scarves, gloves, teen T's, fun socks, sweatshirts, dolls & sports items, arts & crafts, Legos, action figures, toy cars, including gift cards to Walmart, Target, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Game Stop*. Thank you and please bring donations to the church no later than **Sunday, December 16th**.

For more information email Brandon Bone  
[brandonbone10002@yahoo.com](mailto:brandonbone10002@yahoo.com)

## 2018 ADVENT SEASON

The Christmas Special Music & Flower Fund Donations envelope are included in this week's bulletin. When you fill out the form don't forget to include dedicated names and your donations. Please return everything in the envelope to the church office no later than **December 16th**, in order to have your dedications included in our Christmas Eve bulletin.

The 2018 Advent at a Glance is here and will only be in the bulletin this week. There will be additional copies on the table in the Narthex throughout the season.

## CHRISTMAS TEA AT THE MANSE

Please come and celebrate the season with a holiday open house hosted by Rev. Shannon White at the Manse. On **Sunday, December 9th** from 2:00p-4:00p. The address is 33 Millstone Road

For more information contact Rev. Shannon White at  
[Shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:Shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

### High School Youth Group

#### **Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 2nd

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Location: Lower Core

#### **DC Bake Sale**

Sunday, December 8th

Time: 10:00am-12:00p

Village Market & Cider Mill Elementary

### Middle School Youth Group

#### **Christmas Caroling**

Tuesday, December 4th

Time: 3:45p-5:15p

Location: Wilton Commons

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