



# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

January 13, 2019

*"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.

## A TABLE OF WELCOME: DINNER CHURCH

What are you doing for dinner on Wednesday, **January 16th**? Start the New Year by joining us here at WPC for Dinner Church? This event is modeled after a movement of people who are seeking to reenact the welcome of the sacramental table.

We will gather on **Wednesday, January 16th 7:00p-8:30pm** 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](mailto:shannon.white@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## Youth Body & Relationship Mindfulness Seminar

**Registration is open for 7th and 8th Graders**

This is a 4 week series meeting on Tuesdays from 6:00p-8:00p. It provides a nurturing, safe and supportive faith-centered environment for our 7th and 8th graders to learn about their God given gift of sexuality and how to live responsibly with this blessing.

All students must register, there are registration forms available on the table outside the Church School office.

If you have any questions or you need more information please contact Julie Fowler [julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org) or call 917-446-3510

## WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE**

**February 24th, 2019  
at 11:15am in the Parish Hall**



### Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ guest preacher, General Presbyter, Shannan Vance-Ocampo

### Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core  
7:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting  
7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

### Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

4:30 PM Confirmation Class  
6:00 PM Joint 7th & 8th Grade Seminar  
7:30 PM Session Meeting

### Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Sanctuary Rental  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ guest preacher, Andrea Wood

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank & Judy Mabley, Steve Connor, Kristina Grish, Marjorie Wilkinson, Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone, Courtney Kleeman's mother.

Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.



## DINING WITH THE DIVAS

With winter upon us and the holidays are over...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! The next gathering will be **Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm at Portofino's.**

For more information please contact Berta Hull  
[bertahull@gmail.com](mailto:bertahull@gmail.com)

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our first anthem this morning – “*Down to the River to Pray*” – is a very familiar spiritual. It regained a lot of popularity with the release of the movie, “*O Brother, Where Art Thou?*” The earliest known version of the song, titled “*The Good Old Way*,” was published in *Slave Songs of the United States* in 1867. In that book, the song is listed as #104, and is credited to a Mr. G. H. Allan of Nashville, who was likely the transcriber rather than the author. The song has often been sung at outdoor baptisms (*such as the full-immersion baptism depicted in “O Brother”*). Many slave songs contained coded messages for escaping. When the slaves escaped, they would walk in the river because the water would cover their scent from the bounty-hunters' dogs. Similarly, the “starry crown” could refer to navigating their escape by the stars. And “*Good Lord, show me the way*” could be a prayer for God's guidance to find the escape route, commonly known as “*the Underground Railroad*.” In any event, the version we sing today is an arrangement by Sheldon Curry, a native of West Texas and a graduate of Baylor University.

Our Offertory anthem is “*Deep Waters*,” another composition of Pepper Choplin, whose background has been written in this column a couple times before. The text is based on Luke 5:1-11.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

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

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### **Today in Church School**

This week in church school students will explore the story of Jesus as a 12 year old studying in the temple, while Mary and Joseph searched for him for 3 days. As parents, we might identify with Mary and Joseph in this story because we know the worry and terror of not knowing where our child is even for an instant. But this story also invites us to identify with Jesus. In the story, Jesus listens and asks questions of the teachers in the temple. This is a rare scripture because Jesus isn't teaching as much as he is learning. Jesus is a student just like us, learning from others and asking questions to better understand.

This story invites us to be like Jesus just by being curious and questioning students of our faith.

*~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate*

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

## Church Office

With the start of the New Year...do you know of any future events, meetings coming up and would like to advertise them in our weekly newsletter? If so, contact the office no later than Monday of that week.

Suzanne Mercer  
[suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## JOINT YOUTH GROUP MINISTRIES

*Please Help our High School Youth Help the Homeless!*

The Joint Youth Ministries is looking to collect \$5 gift cards and any travel sized toiletries you may have for our high school youth to take and distribute on their mission trip to Washington DC in February. *Starbucks, McDonald's and Subway gift cards* allow the homeless with not only a meal but with restrooms, WIFI and a time out from the cold.

A little goes a long way. Donations will be received up until **February 13th**. Our group is so grateful for your generosity this time each year as they travel to do God's work with their hands.

*They may be placed into the offering plate or in Julie Fowler's mailbox in the main office.*

## MANNA HOUSE

WPC has provided a hot meal for those in need at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk 6 times a year.

*We are in need of 2 volunteers to donate  
3 lbs of cheddar cheese each starting in March*

Please contact Rachelle Bernabei  
for details if you think you can help out  
at [rachellebernabei@gmail.com](mailto:rachellebernabei@gmail.com)

For a listing of our full calendar visit our website at  
[www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### High School Joint Youth

January 27  
Pizza and a Movie from 5pm-7pm *\*note time change\**

### 8th Grade Confirmation

January 15  
Confirmation Class at 4:30PM *\*note time change\**

January 25  
Worship at Temple B'Nai Chiam at 5:45PM

### 7th and 8th Grade

January 15, 22, 29  
Body and Relationship Mindfulness Seminar at 6:00PM

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