

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

January 20, 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.

## DINING WITH THE DIVAS

With winter upon us and the holidays over...are you looking for an evening to relax, laugh and "just be" with the girls? This month our ladies group, *Dining with the Divas* will meet at Marly's to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! Join us this week **Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm.**

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

## 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

## 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)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the **Carta Family**, who welcomed a new baby boy to parents Sarah and Sureh!!

JAN. 20<sup>TH</sup> – JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

### Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 PM Joint 7th & 8th Grade Seminar  
7:00 PM Faith In Action Meeting

### Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service  
2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service  
6:30 PM Dining with the Divas/Marly's  
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

### Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core  
5:45 PM Joint Youth 8th Grade Retreat  
8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

### Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev. White preaching  
11:30 AM Joint Youth HS Movie Night

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Frank Mabley, in the wake of the death of his beloved Judy; The Ratcliffe family after the death of a beloved uncle; Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Emily Bohrer and Angela Rice's mother.

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



If you are looking for more information on these events listed, visit our website for a full list of our calendar events. We now offer our members & friends directory online on our website. You will find log in instructions on the table in the Narthex.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Visit our website at [www.wiltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Hey, we're on a roll here. Our first anthem is another spiritual, this one entitled "Lord, Listen to Your Children." The words and music are the work of Ken Medema, and the choral arrangement was written by Jack Schrader. Medema was born in 1943; he has been an active singer-songwriter performing in the United States, Canada, and Europe for more than forty years. He was born almost blind; his eyes let him tell light from shadow and see outlines of major objects. He began playing the piano when he was five years old, and later took lessons in classical music through braille music, playing by ear and improvising in different styles. In 1969, he majored in music therapy at Michigan State University. He lives near San Francisco, California, with his wife Jane. The arranger, Jack Schrader, was born in 1942. In addition to arranging, he is a composer, conductor, vocalist, and organist/pianist. He recently retired from Hope Publishing, where he was a senior editor of choral music.

Our Offertory is "Grace Us, O Lord", a composition by Joseph M. Martin, a choral composer who we have already highlighted several times. He is a native of North Carolina. His major works include nearly 40 choral cantatas and extended works, in addition to nearly 1000 church choral works, including today's anthem.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

For more information contact  
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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### **Today in Church School**

This week in Church School we explore the beginning of Jesus's ministry. After he comes from his time of temptation in the wilderness, he goes to Nazareth and reads from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue, and then proclaims, "Today this scripture has come true in your hearing." People were amazed by his teaching, but then Jesus continued "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Eventually the crowd became angry and tried to kill Jesus, but he slipped through the crowd.

Sometimes we feel like we don't fit in even in our hometown. And sometimes people we knew when we are younger don't like who we are now. Jesus knew what that was like, but he still preached God's good news to people willing to listen. Talk with your kids about a moment in your life where you may have lost friends because of doing the right thing.

*~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate*

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

## CONGRATULATIONS ANDREA & ROSS

We will celebrate the upcoming birth of Andrea and Ross's baby during coffee hour on **January 27th**. Their baby is due to arrive on February 10, 2019.

*Come help us wish them well!!*

During the month of February, Andrea will be on maternity leave.

## 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.*

## Church Office

With the start of the New Year in full swing...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.

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### High School Joint Youth

January 27

Pizza and Movie at 11:30am *\*note time change\**

### 8th Grade Confirmation

January 25

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

January 25

Meet in WPC's Narthex for St. Matthew's Service

### 7th and 8th Grade

January 22, 29

Body and Relationship Mindfulness Seminar at 6:00PM

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