

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

January 6, 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 and take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On **December 30**, WPC welcomed several "new" members. We say it that way because **Phyllis and Jack Blessing** are *not* "new" members. They were members long ago and recently moved back from New Hampshire, where they had lived for many years. Now they are living with their son, David, and his family here in Wilton.

So we say, Welcome Home, Phyllis and Jack!

We also welcomed **EJ and Ed Fasano**. Ed and Kristin (*who joined last Spring*) and their children: **EJ, Ava** (*in our current confirmation class*), and **Sawyer and Deacon** (*can be found on most sports fields/courts around town*). EJ is at Wilton High School and is an avid baseball and basketball player, and Ava is a ranked swimmer!

Welcome to the WPC Family!!

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! Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm at Marly's**.

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

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Directly after worship on January 27th, 2019
at 11:15am in the Parish Hall.**

JAN. 6TH – JAN. 13TH

Sunday, January 6th

10:00 AM Worship Service with Communion
11:30 AM Joint High School Youth Group

Monday, January 7th

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

Tuesday, January 8th

8:00 AM Cooking for MANNA
6:30 PM Joint 7th & 8th Grade Seminar
7:30 PM WEPCO Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th

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 at the Manse

Thursday, January 10th

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

Friday, January 11th

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

Sunday, January 13th

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

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.



Youth Body & Relationship Mindfulness Seminar

Registration begins for 7th and 8th Graders

This is a 4 week series meeting on Tuesdays from 6:00p-8:00p beginning **January 8th**. 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 by January 6th. Registration forms are 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

Or you can call 917-446-3510

REMINDER

If you are in need of new pledge envelopes, please contact in the office to pick them up.

For a listing of our full calendar visit our website at www.wiltonpresbyterian.org

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

The music for *"The Gift of Love"* is based on an American folk tune. The text is based on **1 Corinthians 13**, and this particular choral arrangement is by Hal H. Hopson, a prolific composer of religious choral music. He is a full-time composer and church musician; he lives in Cedar Park, Texas. He has over 3000 published works, and even at his age (*he is 86 years young*), he continues to compose on a regular basis.

Our Offertory anthem, *"God of Great and God of Small"*, was written by Natalie Sleeth, another very noted (*no pun intended*) composer of religious music. Sleeth was born in 1934; she received her BA in music theory at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. An organist, she wrote nearly 200 anthems for church and school choirs. For many years, she was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She died of cancer in 1992, at the age of 61.

Blessings to you all, Al

For more information contact the Music Director, Al Galletly agalletly88s@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

Today in Church School

This week in church school we will explore the story of Simeon and Anna with baby Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna lived in a time of war for Israel. The Roman government and army had taken over Jerusalem, and the Jewish people were forced to follow Roman laws. But Simeon and Anna still had hope. They recognize Jesus as the Messiah as a baby during a time of war and strife. Today we will reflect as a group about sometimes we are worried or scared or angry but still manage to have hope like Simeon and Anna. Talk to your children about what makes them worried, sad or angry, and what helps them find hope. **~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate**

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

Church Office

Now that the holidays are over and we look to the New Year...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 Monday of that week.

Suzanne Mercer

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A TABLE OF WELCOME: DINNER CHURCH

What are you doing for dinner on Wednesday, **January 16th**? Why not join start the New Year by joining 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 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

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 on March

Please contact Rachelle Bernabei for details if you think you can help out at rachellebernabei@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

High School Joint Youth

January 6

Off campus trip to Colony Pizza, Norwalk

January 27

Study Break Lunch Gathering

8th Grade Confirmation

January 5

Worship at Our Lady of Fatima at 4:30PM

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

Body and Relationship Mindfulness Seminar
January 8, 15, 22, 29

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