

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

February 10, 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.

## VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

*A Benefit for our Mission Trip to Washington D.C.*

This year we sold tokens with the words "*Love*", "*Faith*" and "*Hope*". If you have purchased a pendant or necklace and signed up for home delivery, they will be delivered on **February 13th and 14th**.

## SPOTLIGHT SERIES

**Today's Guest Speaker: Rev. Arthur Shippee**

A Connecticut native, the Rev. Arthur Shippee is glad to come to Wilton Presbyterian. He has preached and presided at many churches around and beyond the Presbytery, and has been active on various Presbytery bodies. He teaches at Queens College, CUNY, and Eugene Lang College, The New School, and his courses include Introduction to the Bible, Philosophy of Religion, and Poetry and Religion. He and his wife, Elder Mary Porterfield, attend First, New Haven, where, among other roles, they sing in the choir.

## 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. Our group is so grateful for your generosity this time each year as they travel to do God's work with their hands. All donations will be received up until **February 13th** and may be placed into the offering plate or in Julie Fowler's mailbox which is in the office now located in the Library.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Arsen, Emily and Ben Mrakovic, Becky Shroyer after the death of the Arsen's father; Frank Mabley, in the recent wake of the death of his beloved Judy; Carole Southall Telyan, after the death of her mother; Marjorie Wilkinson; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Marsha Whitman, Emily Bohrer and Angela Rice's mother. Please pray for those that are in need, and who choose to remain private.

FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup> - FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup>

### Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Rev. Arthur Shippee

### Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Cooking for Manna/Kitchen  
3:30 PM Confirmation Class

### Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

3:15 PM Departure for DC Mission Trip  
6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

### Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Nate Taylor and Holiday Church School

### PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

During the week of February 10th -17th, if there is an Pastoral Emergency, please contact your Deacon or WAITING ON CONTACT FROM SHANNON!!



## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our Offertory anthem today is "O Jesus, I Have Promised," written by Timothy Shaw, a New England native. Born and raised in Keene, New Hampshire, he studied theology and music at UNH, both as an undergraduate and graduate student. He has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a composer, private teacher, college professor and professional church musician.

The anthem we sing today was commissioned in 2015 by the New Life Presbyterian Church in Dresher, PA.. Shaw is currently writing an eBook on the philosophy and practice of church music in the 21st century. In addition, to his many musical endeavors, he volunteers as an ESL instructor, a children's club leader at a local church, and an assistant baseball coach. He and his wife, Lauren, have two boys. d

*Blessings to you all, Al*

For more information contact Al Galletly, Music Director  
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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### **TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL**

This week in church school students will explore the topic of banquets. In **Luke 14:1-24**, we hear a story of Jesus at the house of a pharisee for a meal. Jesus tells a parable about a great banquet where the invited guests have excuses to not come but then he has his servants go out into the streets and invite everyone in, but the original invited guests will get nothing. This story is both disturbing for those of us who feel invited and a revolutionary promise of comfort to those of us who feel left out of the invitation. But by the end of the story, everyone receives an invitation. The only people who were left out were the ones who made excuses and kept themselves out. But we all make excuses for not participating fully in God's banquet. Talk to your kids about excuses you feel keep getting in the way of your relationship with God. This is not about feeling guilty for the excuses we have made, but about the irresistible grace that keeps pulling us back and giving us another invitation.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT**

It was announced at St. Matthew's that Becky will be retiring at the end of June. This is her 24th year at St. Matthew's and she will continue to be a member. We wanted to inform you now because St. Matthew's already knows, but Becky is not done yet. And we will find a time to celebrate her service here at our churches when she is actually close to done.

### **SAFE CHURCH TRAINING**

**Date: Monday, March 11 at 6:30pm**

This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who works with our children, youth or older members to be trained. Sunday School teachers, Confirmand mentors, and anyone who works with children or youth at our church in any capacity must be certified. This certification lasts for five years and St. Matthew's worked very hard to get the training session here at our churches for your convenience. Please make sure to put this date in your calendar now. There will be an online component so that we are able to have a shorter session in person. More information coming soon

*~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

February is already here and Lent on our horizon...do you know of any future events, meetings coming up? If you would like to advertise them in our weekly newsletter, please contact the office no later than Monday of that week.

You can call the office or email Suzanne at  
[suzannemerger@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:suzannemerger@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## MANNA HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

We are still in need of **2 volunteers** to donate **3 pounds** of cheddar cheese starting in March.

For information on how you can help out please contact Rachelle Bernabei at  
[rachellebernabei@gmail.com](mailto:rachellebernabei@gmail.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CITRUS SALE

Support our high school DC Mission Trip to work with the homeless. Help them serve others and buy delicious Kiwanis citrus fruit!! Kiwanis generously donates half of the profits of fruit sold by the Joint Youth Ministries and 100% of the donations made to JYM!

*Go to [www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym](http://www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym) to order fresh citrus fruit online and support Joint Youth Ministries and the Kiwanis Foundation OR return the order form to Becky Hudspeth at St. Matthew's. You must use the Joint Youth Ministries forms for us to receive our funds*

Every February our youth travel to Washington DC to meet homeless individuals on the street and to work in non-profit agencies that serve the homeless. We have 28 youth and 4 leaders going this February. It is a transformative experience for our youth as they serve others.

*Thank you for your help and  
Thank you to Kiwanis for your generosity*

## Website Information

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 for members & friends WPC's directory online on our website. Please note that our member directory is password protected. There is a special user name and password that the congregation will need to use when logging in. If you are in need of the log in instructions, they are located in the Narthex. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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