

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

February 17, 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.

## WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**NOTICE** is hereby given of the  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Directly after worship on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
at 11:15am in the Parish Hall

## 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!

To order fresh citrus fruit online go to [www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym](http://www.wiltonkiwanis.org/jym) and support Joint Youth Ministries! Please order online or fill out a form and 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.

**All orders must be placed by February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

## DINING WITH THE DIVAS

Hey ladies...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 Cactus Rose (*located in the Wilton Town Center*) to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! Join us on **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

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

FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup> - FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>

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

10:00 AM Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Nate Taylor

### Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM Session Meeting

### Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service

2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service

6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 PM Sanctuary Rental

### Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

### Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Worship Service w/ Rev. White preaching

11:15 AM Congregational Meeting

### PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

During the week of February 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, Rev. White will be out of town. If there is a Pastoral Emergency, please contact your Deacon. You may also call Rev. Gail Schneider, the best way to contact her is at her home 203-261-4646 or her cell phone is 443-547-7931.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Arsen, Emily, Ben Mrakovcic and 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.



## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

Our anthem today is "Seek First the Kingdom," a work based on **Luke 12:31-36** and **Matthew 6, verse 13**. The composer is Mary McDonald. Mary McDonald showed an early talent for music, playing hymns by ear by age 5. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Tennessee). She was self-taught as a keyboard player and did not read music well, but really knew how to improvise. With the encouragement of music publisher John Purifoy, she composed her first choral anthem in 1983.

Besides composing, McDonald works as a choral clinician conducting workshops throughout the USA. She is the organist for Central Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. Her son, Chris, is Worship Pastor of Music at Northwest Baptist in Gainesville, Florida.

*Blessings to you all, Al*

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

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

### **TODAY IN CHURCH School**

#### **The Good Shepherd and World Communion**

During Church School time, children will gather in the Upper Core for a Godly Play presentation. Using **John 10:1-18** (the Good Shepherd) and Psalm 23 (Holy Communion), our Christian tradition of scripture and sacrament will be told, using symbols to make meaning of our rituals. With these two images and stories, we can enter into religious language that is at its deepest, a core element of our faith. Godly Play is a Montessori method of formation that helps children experience the presence of God, creating an opening for the work of the Holy Spirit in their wondering and imagination.

### **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  
[suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:suzannemercer@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## OPEN DOORS SHELTER

Formally known as Manna House

WPC provides a hot meal for those in need at the Open Doors 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)

## 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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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### High School Youth Group

**March 3**

Lunch Gathering  
Time: 11:30a

**March 24**

Lunch Gathering  
Time: 11:30a



### 6th and 7th Youth Group

**March 23**

Gathering  
Time: 6:00p



### Confirmation Class

**March 5**

Class  
Time: 3:30p



### 8th Grade Youth Group

**February 26 and March 19**

Meeting  
Time: 3:30p

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