

# WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

September 16, 2018

*"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 get in touch with you.



## SPOT LIGHT SERIES

ANDREA A. WOOD, SEMINARY INTERN

During a period of new peace, hopefulness, and uncertainty following fourteen years of civil war in Southern Rhodesia, my life began. I was an independence baby, born at the same time as this new nation of Zimbabwe, born into a time of reconciliation between black and white and past and future. While the nascent country found its bearings, daily life for its citizens continued: a christening at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Salisbury; Sunday worship, school, and lunches at my grandparents' house; and the days of a child meeting the wonders of the world for the first time. Yet, the post-independence years were a shaky time and when an opportunity opened for my parents to emigrate to the United States, they took it, making the toughest decision of their lives to ensure a better one for their two children.

In January of 2012, as I was just beginning what I thought was to be my last tour in the Navy, I returned to Norfolk, Virginia. First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk was just beginning a program to read through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in ninety days (in which the reader is not allowed to skip any words because, as the program's founder says, then you have not really read the entire Bible). As the pastor introduced "B90X," I realized that, although I had grown up in the church, I had only read bits and pieces of the Bible. Even though was concerned that I would not have the time to devote to reading the Bible for an hour each day because I was just beginning a new and busy job, I accepted this challenge and I am so glad that I did. I completed my first front to back reading of the Bible in 180 days and it transformed my life! Reading God's word every day engendered a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and I became on fire for Jesus! Since that first year, each January I have started B90X in earnest again in hopes of someday reaching that 90 day goal (it is yet to happen). The only years that I have missed have been the ones while I am in Seminary! Over each reading, the books in the Bible continue to reveal deeper truths of the universe and unfaithfully point toward a loving and compassionate God. It is this God that I serve joyfully on my journey toward pastoral ministry.

SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup> - SEPT. 23<sup>TH</sup>

### Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM Homecoming Service with Rev. White and Teacher Commissioning  
Children's Church School
- 11:00 AM Joint Coffee Hour with St. Matthew's
- 11:30 AM HS Youth Group Luncheon

### Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:00 PM Music & Worship Meeting/Alcove
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core

### Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting/ Lounge

### Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Service
- 8:30 AM Joint Youth Group Trip to NYC
- 2:00 PM Afternoon Prayer Service
- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting/Upper Core
- 7:00 PM Faith In Action Meeting/Alcove

### Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 10:00 AM Rost Memorial Service

### Sunday, September 23<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM Stewardship Sunday Service with the Hymnal Dedication. Children's Church School
- 10:15 AM 4th Grade Bible Class
- 11:30 AM Confirmand/ Mentor Brunch



## YOUR ENDOWMENT FUND HARD AT WORK

You probably remember Nate Dove, the Yale Seminary student who interned at WPC last year. He assisted with worship, preached occasionally, worked with the Youth Groups, taught a men's Bible study and was an all-around helper and friendly face each Sunday. But did you know, that Nate's presence last year was made possible by grants from the **WPC Endowment Fund** totaling nearly **\$3,400**? This provided a stipend for Nate, plus a thank-you gift, his mileage back and forth from New Haven, and psychological testing required by Presbytery. Nate married his fiancée Emma last spring and they currently are living near Charlottesville, VA; where Emma is studying for a PhD and Nate is serving as a Youth minister.

## CHOIR CORNER NEWS

With Al Galletly

Let me begin with a hearty welcome back to our choir..and let me also add a special thank you to our loyal members, who give so willingly of their time and talent . We have a great line up of anthems from now through Thanksgiving. We begin with two familiar ones to get us started. Enjoy!!

Blessings,  
Al

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**Opening Hymn** #139 Come, Thou Almighty King

**Anthem** Soon and Very Soon

**Offertory** O Sing Unto the Lord

**Closing Hymn** #538 Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Are you interested in joining choir?  
Music Director, Al Galletly  
[agalletly88s@gmail.com](mailto:agalletly88s@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

With Nate Taylor

### **This week in Church School**

Today, we launch our new year of Church School with the powerful story of God hearing and seeing God's people's pain and appearing to Moses in a burning bush. God calls Moses to set the Israelites free from their slavery in Egypt. This fall we will be taking 8 weeks to learn and explore the foundational story of Moses.

After church we will share a coffee hour with all our Wilton Presbyterian friends and celebrate with games, a bouncy house, and fun for all. We are glad you are here!

### **Update Information**

**Please, fill out the allergy form** for any child in Church School who has allergies, it is important to do it today! If you have not completed a registration form for your child/children in the last two years, please complete one now Forms are available in the Narthex at any time or in the courtyard before worship. Help us keep your child safe, happy and healthy!

### **Peace, Grace & Love, Nate**

\*For more information on any of these events email  
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## WPC CARES ABOUT KINDNESS

WPC has a new program for kids ages 5-18 years old that shows them how they can affirm God's love through mentoring & displaying acts of kindness.

Please join us Sunday, Nov.4th in the Upper Core from **11:15a -12:15p**.

If you have any questions please contact  
Julie Fowler [Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:Julie.fowler@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

## DINING WITH THE DIVAS

Now that summer vacations is behind us and fall has made its appearance. Are you looking for an evening to relax and just be with the girls? Well, we have that!! Our ladies group, Dining with the Divas will meet at a local restaurant to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food! For this month we are excited to announce that our next gathering will be at the "New" Marly's here in Wilton on **Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30pm**.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

*Please Pray For*

Don Marquardt, Kristina Grish, Ralph Bernabei, Marjorie Wilkinson, Emily Bohrer, Brandon Bone, Deb Adkisson, Angela Rice's father, John Celentano who is recovering from back surgery. Please pray for those who choose to remain private that are in need.

## SAVE THE DATE

**MidNight Run**

October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Rise Against Hunger**

October 20<sup>th</sup>

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

With Julie Fowler

### **High School Youth Group**

**Lunch Gathering**

Sunday, September 16th

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Lower Core

**NYC Trip**

Wednesday, September 19th

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### **Middle School Youth Group**

**8th Grade/Meeting**

Tuesday, September 25th

Time: 6:00p-7:30p

Lower Core

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### **Confirmation Class**

**Confirmand/Mentor Brunch**

Sunday, September 30th

Time: 11:30a-1:00p

Lower Core

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