

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News From The Pews

May 12, 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 please take a moment to fill out the fellowship pad (*located in your pew*), so that we may contact you.

SABBATICAL INFORMATION FROM SESSION

At our annual meeting in February, we shared some of the details of Rev. Shannon White’s upcoming sabbatical, and after serving WPC for more than six years as our solo pastor, Rev. White will begin her 3-month period of rest, study, and renewal from **May 20th through September 2nd**.

We are fortunate to have a strong team to support the congregation during this time. The team will be as follows; Nate Taylor and Jessica Jones, who will share the duties of pastoral care, worship, church administration and along with the support of our Session, Deacons and the rest of the staff. While Nate and Jessica will be sharing the load, Nate will be the primary contact for church administration and Jessica for pastoral care. Of course, our Elders and Deacons will be here to assist our team in any way needed.

Nate and Jessica’s partnership is an exciting opportunity for them to gain experience at this point in their respective paths to ordination, and it is an opportunity for our congregation as well to hear new voices and perspectives in worship.

Nate and Jessica’s Contact Information:

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If you need their contact information or have questions, please call the church office at 203-762-5514

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 be meeting on **May 22 at 6:30pm** to enjoy new/old friendships along with good food!

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

MAY 12TH - MAY 19TH

Sunday, May 12th

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM *Weather Permitting *Joint Fire Drill
- 11:15 AM Joint Coffee Hour

Monday, May 13th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM New Life AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th

- 8:00 AM Cooking for Open Doors Shelter
- 7:00 PM Joint Youth 8th Grade
- 6:30 PM WEPCO Meeting
- 7:30 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

- 6:45 PM New Life AA Meeting

Friday, May 17th

- 12:00 PM AA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Life AA Meeting

Sunday, May 19th

- 10:00 AM Confirmation Sunday

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Tim Cummins; Jenna Roche, the daughter of Marjorie Wilkinson; the family of Jo Rist; John Celentano; Jane Neighbors; Bill Zieman; Claudette Hestick; Steve Connor; Kristina Grish; Brandon Bone; Patrick Cummins; Emily Bohrer, Daniela.

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



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TABLE GUILD

My name is Irla Landry, and I head up the Table Guild Committee and we could use your help! Our wonderful committee is open to everyone of all ages and gender, including teens and families. Please consider joining us, as it is very rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to help bring beauty to our church on Sunday's. Feel free to email me at irlalandry@me.com to sign up or if you have questions.

CHOIR CORNER NEWS

This morning's anthem is "O Sing Unto the Lord," composed by Edgar Priest. Born in 1985, Priest was a native of Yorkshire, England, receiving his musical training at the Royal College of Music in Manchester, where he was assistant to Dr. James Kendrick Pyne, organist of Manchester Cathedral. After serving with the British Army during the Boer War, he immigrated to the United States in 1901. His first post was organist at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut, after which he served churches in Kingston and Saratoga, New York. In 1906, Priest accepted the organist-choirmaster position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. In 1911, he was appointed the first organist and choirmaster at Washington National Cathedral, shortly after its opening. He served in that position until his death.

On a bit of small world, personal interest, Al Galletly's first piano teacher from 1947-1953 was a Jean Philips who, at that time, was organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, MD. Ms. Philip's first piano/organ teacher was Edgar Priest.

Blessings to you all, Al

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

This week in church school Pre-K and K students will explore a parable of Jesus from *Luke 11:5-13*. It is the story of a neighbor in need of bread whose persistence resulted in them getting enough for the day. First grade and up students will explore a story from *1 Kings 17:1-16*. In this story God told Elijah to stay with a widow who only had a little flour and oil left. After the woman shared her bread with Elijah, her oil and flour kept replenishing. In both stories we see a theme of daily need and that there is enough if we are willing to be persistent in our asking and generous in our sharing.

Talk to your children about times when you might have worried there wouldn't be enough but then there was, and about times when you were able to be the one sharing to make sure others have enough.

~Peace, Grace & Love, Nate

*For more information please email at Nate Taylor
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OPEN DOORS SHELTER

We are in need of volunteers to help serve our homeless neighbors at Open Door Shelter

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

On the second Tuesday of every month, WPC and friends get together to serve lunch to very appreciative people experiencing tough times. We meet in South Norwalk from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. When signing up please know that we take turns on duty, so you sign up when you're available. This is simple, yet so very rewarding, and fun! If interested in joining our flexible and steadfast team, please email Sherry McReynolds sherrymcreynolds3@gmail.com

Church Office

Spring in is full swing and summer is right around the corner! 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School is **August 19, 20, 21, and 23** (skipping Thursday for meet the teacher day). VBS will run from 9:00a till 12:00p and will include snacks, games, and lessons from scripture. We are also looking for volunteers to act out dramas, and lead crafts and songs. Contact Nate!



Sign up for Vacation Bible School on our website
<http://www.wiltonpresbyterian.org/vbs/>

For more information email Nate Taylor
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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Confirmation Class

May 14
Bonfire
Time: 7:00p

May 19
Confirmation Sunday



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