

Youth Ministry Newsletter



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Questions about Youth
Ministry at Wilton
Congregational Church?
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Communication is Key!



If you haven't filled out a contact form for your child, please do. We will be communicating with both parents and youth through text messaging, phone calls, email, and social media. Make sure we know how to reach you so that you can stay up to date on all the latest events.

West Virginia, here we come! On September 17th, our Mission Trip Planning Committee threw a great party full of games, great food, and important information about the upcoming 2018 Mission Trip. For more details about the Mission Trip, email Lydia.

Announcements

➤ Christmas Pageant – December 17th

Calling all actors, singers, and back stage techies! The WCC Christmas Pageant is still looking to fill roles and wants YOU to be involved. This thrilling production is filled with beautiful music, dramatic lighting and scenery, authentic costumes, with roles for adults, teens and youth, that will take the audience back in time - to reenact the marvel of the Christmas story. So, who wants to be in it? Contact Nan Merolla at 203-216-0884.

➤ Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale – December 17th

All 8th graders and high school youth are invited to take part in the youth service event (Dec. 15th) and the bake sale (Dec. 17th) to raise funds for the mission trip. See details below under "Upcoming Events This Month."

➤ Mission Trip

○ *Deposits due December 15th*

The deadline for registration and deposit for those planning to join the team is December 15th. The trip is open to all current 8th – 12th graders and promises to be a meaningful and exciting experience. Details, dates, and forms can be found on the WCC website or by contacting Lydia Gajdel.

○ *Earn Money Towards Your Trip Costs*

Want to earn money towards your Mission Trip costs? Earn \$12 per hour towards your trip costs by assisting members with babysitting, yard work, catering help, house cleaning, technology assistance or miscellaneous tasks and projects. Let Lydia know and she will connect you with opportunities throughout the congregation.

➤ Two Services

WCC will have two Sunday services starting January 7th! Our traditional service will move to 9:30 AM and our new worship band led service will be at 11:00 AM. That means some Youth Ministry program times will change.

○ *Middle School Sunday School*: Traditional Sunday School will remain at 9:30 AM. At the 11:00 AM service, there will be youth section in the pews for all 6th – 12th graders to sit together.

○ *Confirmation Class*: Classes will continue to meet on the originally published dates, but the time will change to 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

○ *Youth Group* times will stay the same.

Upcoming Events This Month

Sunday, December 3rd

Middle School Sunday School, (10:15 – 11:00 AM)

Youth Group (Middle School: 2:30 to 4:00; High School: 5:30 to 7:00 PM)

- This week is the first Sunday in Advent, the season that the church sets aside to prepare ourselves for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. We are going to make Advent calendars to help us mark the season every day!

Sunday, December 10th

Middle School Sunday School, (10:15 – 11:00 AM)

Confirmation Class, (11:15 AM – 12:30 PM)

- We have a guest star this week! Rev. Anne is gathering with us and we will learn about the details of the worship, from why she wears the black robe to what a benediction is.

Youth Group (Middle School: 2:30 to 4:00; High School: 5:30 to 7:00 PM)

- Aside from Jesus, the best part of Christmas is the movies. Join us for popcorn, movie candy, and a classic holiday flick!

Friday, December 15th

Youth Christmas Service Event (7:00 -9:00 PM)

- Everyone is invited to WCC to take part in an evening of Christmas festivities and service! We will be baking breads, cookies, and other treats to sell on December 17th at the bake sale to benefit the Mission Trip, as well as putting together gift baskets for elderly folks in the Wilton community. Bring your friends!

Mission Trip Registration and Deposits Due

- The registration and deposit deadline for the Mission Trip is December 15th. Details, dates, and forms can be found on the WCC website or by contacting [Lydia Gajdel](#).

Sunday, December 17th

WCC Christmas Pageant (No Middle School Sunday School)

Confirmation Class, (11:15 AM – 12:30 PM)

- People pray in all kinds of ways, rote memorization of prewritten prayers, moments of silence, singing at the top of their lungs, just to name a few. This week we are going to experiment with different types of prayer and talk about the ways we feel closest to God.

Mission Trip Bake Sale (No Youth Group)

- Sign up to sell cookies, breads, and other holiday snacks! We will be at Village Market 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Youth can sign up for shifts, either 11:00 to 1:15 or 1:15 to 3:30 (or both!). Can't be there, but interested in supporting? We are in need of donations of baked goods to sell. Email [Lydia](#) for more info and to sign up for shifts!

Sunday, December 24th

Middle School Sunday School, (10:15 – 11:00 AM)

Christmas Eve Children's Service, (4:00 PM)

No Youth Group

