



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter and Baptism

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.
Presider: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: The Faithful Shepherd (Handel)

Welcome to the Church

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Christ has risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

God is alive ...

new birth is given.

Hope is alive ...

a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive ...

redemption is here.

Love is alive ...

death cannot harm us.

We are alive ...

new life is within us.

The church is alive ...

God's Spirit is within us.

Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!

***Hymn:** Jesus Shall Reign VU #330

Opening Prayer:

God of all created beings,

this day belongs to you, as we do too.

Open our hearts to see and hear Creation's call.

Guard all life as our own, in our journey with you.

When life takes us for a spin,

journey with us, and let us ride awhile.

May your smile cheer, and your steady love

guide families of every origin and number.

You leave no one out of your warm embrace,

shepherd, healer, and forgiving God.

We come humbly, called by faith,

Gathered as your family, welcomed by your grace.

Amen.

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beairsto

The Sacrament of Baptism

***Baptismal Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

VU #444

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Dana Hanson

Ever faithful God;

train us by Christ's teaching,

school us in Christ's faithfulness,

that as we walk in Christ's way

we may come to share in your glory.

We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 2: 42 – 47

John 10: 1- 10

Congregational Response:

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: God Is Love (Schram)

Reflection: The Lord Is My Shepherd Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** Psalm 23 VU #747

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

***Offertory Verse:** VU #218

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

You, O God, are the Easter One.
You are the holy source of resurrection.
You are the dancing spirit of life.
We offer these gifts in gratitude
for hope returned,
for the mystery of your grace,
and for the promise of resurrection.

WELCOME to this morning's service of worship and thank you for joining us today. We're glad that you are here! A special welcome to **Harleigh Gwendolyn McGee**, her parents, **Jeff & Laura**, as well as to their family and friends. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to **Pearl & Evelyn Beirsto** and their family for hosting this time of refreshments and fellowship.

*Thank You
So Much*

COFFEE & CONVERSATION – THANK YOU!

A sincere **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who has lent a hand over the past months providing us with the coffee, tea and treats. Such hospitality is an important part of our ministry and we so appreciate it. Having the various groups step forward has made it so much more manageable. Thank you! The schedule presently covers each Sunday until the end of June. Services for July will be at St. Paul's while we will host Downtown United in August. If you are able to help with one of the 5 Sundays beginning August 6, please let me know. In the summer, we have ice tea, lemonade, etc so much easier. Again thanks, Ellen

BENEVOLENT OFFERING: On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

REMIT INFORMATION SESSIONS: In August 2015, Commissioners to the 42nd General Council agreed to consult the whole church on eight proposals that would substantially change the United Church of Canada. In the United Church, this consultation is done through remits, a form of voting by pastoral charges and presbyteries across the church. At its May meeting, our Church Council will vote on the fourth Remit. Remit 4: Funding a New Model would approve giving the General Council the power to assess pastoral charges to cover the costs of governance and support services. Information on Remit 4 can be found on the UCC website at <http://gc42.ca/remits>. An informational session on Remit 4 will be held twice: on Sunday, May 14 after church and on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the parlour. Each session will last about an hour. Everyone is invited to come to learn about and discuss what the proposed changes will mean for our church. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Cleave, scleave@nb.sympatico.ca 459-7743 or Rose~Hannah Gaskin rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com 506-292-1680

SPONSORING THE BULLETIN: Looking for a way to honour a special person or mark a significant occasion? Consider sponsoring our Sunday Bulletin. The fee is \$25.00 which helps to defray the cost of the bulletin. Arrangements can be made by contacting Marlene in the church office 458-1066 or wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca

GREETING AND USHERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wilmot is proud of its Sunday morning hospitality at worship but, in order to keep our reputation as a welcoming and hospitable congregation alive, we are in need of more volunteers to assist with greeting and ushering on Sundays. If you enjoy welcoming others to our church and helping them find a seat, perhaps you are interested in helping, whether it be occasionally or for a month at a time, please contact the Coordinator of Greeters and Ushers, Derek Ness, by phone (999-6554) or e-mail (Derek.Ness@unb.ca).

KEEP THOSE REDEEMABLES COMING! Just a reminder that the youth continue to gather all redeemables with proceeds going into their Youth Fund. We accept everything and can even do a pick-up if you wish (or simply leave them in Ellen's office.) Your redeemables are very much appreciated and have seen our youth fund grow throughout the year. **THANK YOU!**

MAY 7- The Outreach Committee invites you to participate In 'Songs of Protest', an evening of singing and fun led by Moon Joyce and Co - sponsored by Reproductive Rights New Brunswick. Starting at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmot United Church. A free will offering will be accepted. This is part of the May Works Festival of Working People and the Arts.

WILMOT SENIORS: Please join us for our next gathering which will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. We look forward to welcoming our special guest, **Rhonda Rogers** from **Big Brothers and Big Sisters**, the organization that shares our church space. As usual, we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 2. See you there! **Looking Ahead** - June 6th is our annual Mystery Day. \$20 per person for a chauffeured day with two stops which will include, among other things, lunch and a whole lot of fun! If you would like to join us, please contact Susan (450-4072) or Brenda (363-3388).



The deadline for submissions for the Summer 2017 issue of *Words from Wilmot* is **Friday, May 26** , with distribution on Sunday, June 4. Please send your notices and articles to Lucille Caseley at lcaseley@caseley.net. The next publication will be our Fall issue in September so include all of your announcements for the next three months in this publication, including your intended September meeting and activity dates.

CONTEMPLATIVE PATHWAYS (Atlantic Jubilee Program) offers a year-long program in spiritual deepening for contemplative leading in everyday life starting this September at Tatamagouche Centre. Study and work at home, participate in 5 weekend learning communities at the Centre over the year. Deepens the journey and sharpens the action. Information: contemplativepathways.com. See the church bulletin board.

WILMOT STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYEE POSITION –
“Tour Guide , VBS Program, and Administration Assistant”

320 hours (8 weeks) of employment, beginning around Monday, June 26 and terminating Friday, Aug 25

Applicant Qualifications - Age 15 – 30 full time student; independent worker, takes initiative, can prioritize and be self-disciplined with carrying out variety of responsibilities, dependable, responsible, punctual; experience working with children; enthusiastic, welcoming, hospitable and friendly personality.

Main responsibilities will include church tour guide - French language skills capable of conducting church tour in French an asset; Vacation Bible School Program Assistant and leadership; some janitorial and church door supervisor tasks, data entry/computer work.

Job requirements - Available for flexible working hours – some hours over weekends and/or evenings; Emergency First Aid training an asset; CRC required

Apply by forwarding your resume and covering letter to Judy Coates chair or M&P by email judycoates@rogers.com and cc wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca .

Review of Applications to begin May 15 2017 and continue until position is filled.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAY 11, 12 and 13: St. Andrews Players in Harvey will present their 12th drama and dessert on May 11,12,13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sat., May 13 at 2 p.m. Come to St. Andrews United Church CE Center in Harvey. Tickets at \$12.00 are available from Marilyn Henry at 366-3599 for pickup at the door. Enjoy delicious desserts after the performance.

MAY 12: TAKE-OUT CHICKEN BBQ – Friday, May 12th, 4 - 6 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church. We invite you to start your week-end with a delicious BBQ boneless chicken breast, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, roll and a tart. Cost is \$10. Please reserve your take-out order by Thursday, May 11th at 6 p.m. by calling RIndy or Tom at 450-7151. Some will also be available at the door.

MAY 12: SPRING BLING 2017 -- Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers Spring Bling Jewellery Sale will be held Friday May 12th, 4 - 7 p.m. at The Station on York Street. There will be a large inventory of beautifully restored bling for every taste. Most items priced \$1-\$10, with a silent auction as well. Cash or cheques accepted. Just in time for Mother's Day. Come on out for a fun afternoon and assist the Fredericton Grandmothers in our support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. These outstanding organizations help some of the millions of grandmothers in Africa who are raising grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

MAY 13: There will be a Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale at Forest Hill United Church from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 13th. Prices for the meal are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.00 for those of ages 6 – 12, and those 5 and under, are free. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. The meal area is wheelchair accessible.

MAY 13: Wesley United Church on Lincoln Rd. at Nevers Rd. is holding its Spring Casserole Supper on Saturday, May 13th, 4 - 6 p.m. Adults: \$10, Children under 12: \$5. Take out available.

MAY 27: LOBSTER SUPPER at Keswick Ridge United Church. Two settings: 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Advance tickets only. Call 363-2284 or 363-2739.

Missionary, Moderator, Faithful Follower

Our gifts for Mission & Service support overseas personnel. We celebrate the Mission & Service foundation of missionaries like Dr. Robert Baird McClure!

The thick file on Dr. McClure at the United Church Archives contains many newspaper articles, images, and personal stories about this incredible man. He went from being the child of missionaries, to a doctor in China in the 1930s and 1940s, to the first lay Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

By all accounts, Dr. McClure had a sparkle and a passion to make a difference in the world. Many people have spoken of the way he inspired them to go into ministry or become medical missionaries across the globe. His legacy of caring for and about people lives on even today in Canada and in China, where he is still revered.

McClure went wherever there was a need, often doing so by putting himself in danger of becoming a prisoner of war in China during World War 2, or contracting infectious diseases such as typhus. He laid the foundation of social justice as a way to live out our faith.

We make a difference when we answer God's call. Dr. McClure called many to make a difference, and his calling inspires us today. We sing thanksgiving for those who have inspired us to be part of a global church.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given to Mission & Service, please consider making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 7 - 14

TODAY:

BAPTISM

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Mon. May 8:

1:00 p.m. U.C.W. – Parlour
1:30 p.m. “MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER” – Fireside Room
6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

Tue. May 9:

12:00 p.m. WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Parlour
1:30 p.m. SENIORS - Parlour
1:30 p.m. SPANISH CLASS – Fireside Room
5:30 p.m. PASTORAL HEALTH & CARE – Parlour
7:00 p.m. STEWARDS – Board Room

Wed. May 10 :

9:00 a.m. QUILTERS – Parlour
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

Thurs. May 11:

9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP– Parlour
1:00 p.m. WRITERS GROUP - Parlour
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:30 p.m. SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

Sat. May 13:

10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
6:00 p.m. DROP-IN CENTRE

Sun. May 14:

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION
12:00 p.m. MEETING re REMITS - Parlour

