



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

September 9, 2018

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 GATHERING

Prelude: Two Pieces from Holberg Suite (Grieg)

Call to Worship: Rev. Ellen Beairsto

One: On this September morning
We gather together with joy
and a song in our hearts.

All: For it is indeed a gift to worship together this day.

One: United in worship, open to God's grace
Let us sing, pray and rejoice
In the spirit of Christ.

All: Come, let us worship.

Welcome to the Church Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

We Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer: Rev. Ellen Beairsto

Deep in our hearts, O God, we know we are known by You. Every crevice of our past, every heartbeat of our present, is known and loved by You. Inscribe in us the desire to know You more fully, and in knowing You, may we live faithfully as Your people. This we ask in the name of Your Son who taught us to pray singing...

The Lord's Prayer

VU #959

*** Opening Hymn:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

VU #326

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beairsto

*** Hymn:** Sing a Happy Hallelujah

VU #224

Connecting to Our Heart's Longing:

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment,

then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth,

to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes,

to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

O God, forgive me for my calculated efforts to serve you

only when it is convenient for me to do so,

only in those places where it is safe to do so,

and only with those who make it easy to do so.

O God, forgive me, renew me,

send me out as a useable instrument,

that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: (Unison)

Nancy Bauer

**Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word,
our hearts to love your word,
and our lives to be obedient to your word,
through the power of your Spirit
and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Philippians 2: 1-18 and Mark 7: 24-37

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Sing Unto God

(Young)

Sermon: Being Christian

Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** By the Well, a Thirsty Woman

MV #117

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

***Offertory Verse:**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Caring God,
may we offer not only our material gifts,
but our whole selves to you
and to all those who need our support in the quest for justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Liberator. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Closing Hymn:** I See a New Heaven VU #713

***Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen** VU #967

Postlude: Little Toccata (Krieger)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service

WELCOME to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. We're glad you're here! You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship. Just Us Fair Trade Coffee is courtesy of Wilmot Outreach Committee. Thank you to members of the ***Wilmot Quilters Group*** for hosting this time of fellowship and refreshments.

THE PRAYER CIRCLE offers confidential prayer support for those with physical, emotional, family and spiritual needs. To have your concerns added to the Wilmot prayer list contact Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).



Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes are extended to ***Mavis Sturgeon*** of Paradise Villa, who is celebrating her 90th birthday today.

WELCOME SUNDAY will be next Sunday, September 16. In the gym after worship you are encouraged to visit our “Ministry Fair”. There will be information booths from each of the committees and activities available at Wilmot.



The **DEADLINE** for submissions of articles, notices and photos for the FALL issue of Words from Wilmot is Friday, September 14 in order to prepare for printing and distribution on Sunday, September 23. Please send your contributions directly to our compositor, Rick Patterson at pattersonarichard@gmail.com.

WILMOT SENIORS: Please join us on Tuesday, September 18th at 12 noon as we kick off our fall season with a pot luck lunch. After lunch we are going to have some musical fun with our guest, Lynda-Jean Coffin. It's going to be a great time with delicious food, fun and fellowship. All seniors are very welcome!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM M&P: The M&P Committee are very happy to welcome back Arik Cornish as our door supervisor this year. Arik will be working all Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and event rentals.

We are also accepting applications for casual door supervisors who will work occasionally as added support for large event rentals and relief workers for Sunday and Monday. Please contact Judy Coates; judycoates@rogers.com or Ruth Breen; breenruth@gmail.com for more information or to submit an resume.

We have four door supervisors leaving us this year and we would like to thank them for their responsible dedication to our Wilmot family. Best of luck to ***Matthew Chase, Neil Armstrong, Nathan Gorey and Austin Steeves.***

CANOEING / KAYAKING ADVENTURE: Do you enjoy paddling your canoe or kayak? On Sunday morning, Sept. 23 a group of folks are going to once again head over to an island up river in our canoes or kayaks. What better place to sit and feel the sacredness all around us? If you are interested let me know and we will add your name to our list. It is not necessary for you to own a canoe or a kayak, as we can help you out. Ellen (206-1943)

WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT: As the summer draws to a close it is time for us to start a new season of Wednesday at Wilmot. 2017 - 2018 was a very busy year in which we were able to help a growing number of 'Wednesday friends' with lunch, vouchers, and groceries from our top-up table. Our resources are stretched thin at this point and we need help to re-stock our pantry shelves. You can help replenish our emergency supplies by bringing non-perishable foods, extras from your garden or personal care products to Welcome Sunday. Items such as pasta, pasta sauces, unsweetened cereal, canned milk, canned meats and fish, pudding and fruit cups, juice, peanut butter, toilet paper, women's hygiene products, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc. Thank you to this wonderful congregation for supporting those in need through Wednesday at Wilmot.

FALL AUCTION: Seeking Treasures and Talents!

The popular Wilmot United Church Biennial Auction will be held on Saturday, November 24th. Do you have some treasures or talents to consider donating to this event? If so, please drop off your items (or state the talent you will be offering) at the church soon for our photo shoot of items. Your items will be stored in a secure location leading up to auction day. To ensure we can supply you in 2019 with an accurate official tax receipt for your donations, please fill out one of our auction donor sheets at Randy's desk when leaving your items at the church. Many thanks to all who have already donated items. If you have any questions or need an item picked up, please contact Judy Luton (459-1099) or Andy MacDonald (459-7569).



UCW RUMMAGE SALE: Mark your calendars for Friday Oct 26th (3-6 pm) and Saturday Oct 27th (9-12 noon) for Wilmot's fall rummage sale. This initiative is always

warmly received by the Fredericton community and is also a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for us at Wilmot. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the gym stage anytime up to Oct 26th. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706.

WENDY TOPOLSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The Wendy Topolski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one recipient per year. Applicants must at present, or in the last two years, be involved in a United Church committee, group or activity and be currently attending an accredited university or community college in Canada. Deadline for applications is Oct 26th. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship is awarded to at least one recipient per year. Applicants must be from a family connected with Wilmot United Church and be currently attending a post-secondary institution. Deadline for applications is Oct 26th. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

“NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE”: It has been our policy to ask that our “Wilmoteers” be aware that scented products can cause allergic reactions in some of our members. This can be triggered by perfume and aftershave, but also by certain “fresh-smelling” laundry products, soaps, and hair products. Please pay attention to how you use them.

NO PARKING: Please remember that the King Street Parking Lot is reserved for Staff Parking. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVORCECARE: If you or someone you know is going through separation or divorce there is support and encouragement to be found at DIVORCECARE. In this support group setting you’ll get to meet others who are experiencing similar challenges and be given helpful, practical tools to aid you in stabilizing your life, getting your feet back under you and having hope for the future. DivorceCare is offered each Tuesday night, beginning September 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. For more information email greg@bsbc.nb.ca OR call the office at 458-8348. There is no fee for this program.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Have you experienced the recent death of a loved one? You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer a 13-week Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Grief Share features a video series that features Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective combined with support group discussion. Please feel free to call 458-8348 if you would like more information.

LYME DISEASE: You are invited to a public talk about Lyme disease and ticks. Sept. 25th at 7 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church Youth Hall in Harvey. Presenter: Janet Higgins. A lyme patient will be on hand to share what it is like to be a patient with Lyme disease in NB.

FREDERICTON CHORAL SOCIETY FALL TERM: We are all gearing up for an exciting Fall term for the Fredericton Choral Society, together with our conductor, Heather Fyffe, and our accompanist, Catherine MacDonald. Our first rehearsal of the term will be on Tuesday, Sept.11; registration will continue until Tuesday, Sept. 25. This term, we are delighted to be partnering with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra to present a St. Cecilia's Day concert on the day itself, Thursday, Nov. 22. This year is the bicentenary of Charles Gounod's birth, so our selection for this term is none other than Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass. Details are available at <https://frederictonchoralsociety.blogspot.com>

BRIDGE LUNCHEON: The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27th from 12 to 3 at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

Training Effective Leaders

Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological training at seven schools across Canada and three education centres.

In the beautiful south end of Halifax, Nova Scotia, there is a small university whose commitment is to “serve Christ’s mission by shaping effective and faithful ordained and lay leaders and understanding among communities of faith.” The Atlantic School of Theology (AST) was formed in 1971 through the joint vision and forward thinking of its three founding parties – the United, Anglican, and Roman Catholic Churches of Canada. The school is located on the site of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, which had provided theological education since 1878. Thanks to its board of governors, faculty, and staff, and the support of the three founding parties, Atlantic School of Theology continues to train, support, and prepare leaders to face the unique challenges of ministry in the 21st century.

Kim Curlett is a candidate for ordination in the United Church and a Master of Divinity student. “AST was my first choice for theological education because of its commitment to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue,” she says. “To me, effective leadership in the church today means that we are not only able to educate and care for our local congregation, but that we are also able to engage with our neighbours outside the church walls with respect and a deep sense that we are all children of God. It is with this understanding that we are truly able to be Christ’s hands and hearts in the world.” Mission & Service makes theological education for students, clergy, and lay worship leaders possible. Thank you for your generous support.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please make Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of Mission & Service.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Sept. 9 – 16

Today:

11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Monday, Sept. 10:

1:00 p.m. **U.C.W. – Parlour**
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS – Board Room**

Tuesday, Sept. 11:

12:00 p.m. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Parlour**
7:00 p.m. **FAITH FORMATION TEAM – Parlour**

Wednesday, Sept. 12:

9:30 a.m. **QUILTERS – Parlour**
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT – Gym**
7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP – Fireside Room**

Thursday, Sept. 13:

9:00 a.m. **QUILTERS – Parlour**
1:00 p.m. **WRITERS GROUP – Parlour**
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Saturday, Sept. 15:

10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**

Sunday, Sept. 16: **WELCOME SUNDAY**

9:15 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room**
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

