



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**May 13, 2018**  
**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

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

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**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude:** My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker (Buxtehude)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Call to Worship:**

The time has come for worship,  
and we have gathered here,  
family and friends in the faith,  
sisters and brothers and siblings, one of another,  
to bring the living of our lives  
as an offering of thanksgiving to God  
who formed us in the womb,  
and shaped us,  
and nourishes us day by day.

**We come as God's people.**

**We come as we are.**

**May this time be a time of giving thanks.**

**Come and let us worship God.**

*Bob Root, Peterborough, ON*

**We Light the Christ Candle**

## **Opening Prayer:**

God, on this day when we celebrate  
and give thanks for our families,  
we recognize that we do not all come  
carrying the same experiences and memories.

Some of us are feeling blessed,  
sustained by happy memories,  
looking forward to life together  
with those we love.

Some of us have been badly hurt;  
our memories are bitter; we dread those times  
when “family togetherness” is unavoidable.

Many of us carry a mixed bag of blessing and hurt:  
sometimes we give thanks;  
sometimes we lament.

Whoever we are, whatever we bring with us  
today, may we all find a place in Christ’s family,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*John Moses, Aylesford U.C., Aylesford, NS*

**\* Opening Hymn:** Like The Murmur of the Dove’s Song VU #205

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart** Rev. Ellen Beirsto

**\*Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Connecting to Our Hearts’ Longing:**

You touch our lives in so many ways, God.

In the love others share with us, in the love we offer,  
your love shines on.

When we feel less than we are,

When we’re lost, when we’re sure we’re alone –  
remind us that we’re wrong.

Remind us that you are the One who gave us birth,  
and the One who call us to life!

In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

*Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, BC*

## **Assurance of God's Love**

### **Prayer of Preparation:**

Anne Morwood

Join with us, Living God,  
as we meet around your Word  
and reflect upon it.

Encourage us, inspire us! Amen.

David Sparks, Summerland, BC

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 1: 6-11 and 1 Corinthians 12: 1-12

### **Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of God's people. **Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Come As a Child

(Porterfield)

**Sermon:** What Does It Mean To Be Spiritual?

Rev. R-H Gaskin

\* **Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV #150

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Announcements**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Offertory Music**

\* **Doxology:**

VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

**Loving God,**

**we come to you praying that you will enlarge our vision of family until it includes everyone that is part of your family.**

**As family, we are asked to love and care for each other.**

**We bring our gifts to you to support the members of your family, because they are also members of our family.**

**Receive and bless our offering in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

*Fern Gibbard, for Penticton U.C., Penticton, BC*

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Closing Hymn:** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU #556

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Sung Blessing** VU #963

**Postlude: Fantasia** (Warren)

You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our worship

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Today's bulletins are sponsored by Karl Wicks and Marilyn Luscombe in memory of mother, **Joan Wicks**, who passed away January 31, 2018.

**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. We're glad you're here! You are invited to join us for **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the Worship service. Thank you to members of **the Ministry & Personnel Committee** for providing this time of refreshments and fellowship.

**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).

**CONDOLENCES:** We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late ***Myrna Richard*** who passed away on Friday, May 4. Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of the late **Cecil Whitlock** who passed away last Sunday, May 6. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families and friends.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** With great excitement, we welcome ***BLAYKE DOROTHY BREEN HARRIS*** into our world. Blayke was born on May 4 here in Fredericton weighing in at 7lbs 4oz. Her parents, Erin and Adam Breen-Harris, her siblings, Beth, Aidon and Robbie as well as her grandparents Bob and Sue Breen are indeed very proud of the new addition to their family.

**THANK YOU:** The Mayworks Festival organizing committee would like to offer our gratitude to Wilmot Church, especially the Outreach Committee for sponsoring our Poetry event “We Are Here!” on May 4 in the sanctuary. The help with set up, sound system and allowing event goers the chance to shop ethically from the fair trade boutique was much appreciated. Working together for a better world begins with these collaborations.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** The summer is just around the corner and services for Downtown United (St. Paul’s and Wilmot) will begin here at Wilmot on July 1 for five weeks. During the year, our various Committees graciously take on Coffee and Conversation. THANK YOU! However, in the summer, we simply ask for some volunteers. (tea, sweets, breads and conversation - perfect.) Let me know if you are able to help us out with one of the Sundays. Thanks, Ellen

**UPCOMING GRADUATES:** It is time for us to gather the names of our 2018 graduates. If you, your child or grandchild is graduating this year from High School, College or University please let Ellen know. Her list has already begun.



**WILMOT SENIORS:** If you think you would enjoy some fun playing games such as 45's and Scrabble and more, plan to come out to Seniors on Tuesday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. As usual, our afternoon will conclude with a refreshment time, this month provided by Group 1. All seniors and retirees are very welcome! **Looking Ahead** - June 5th 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 of articles and notices for the **Summer** issue of *Words from Wilmot* is Friday, June 1 in order to prepare it for printing and distribution on Sunday, June 10. Please send your articles to [lcaseley@caseley.net](mailto:lcaseley@caseley.net) and include all activities and news up to the Fall issue which will be delivered in September/October.

**REDEEMABLES:** I am often asked if the youth are continuing to collect cans and bottles ... and I answer: "Always! Just keep them coming. THANKS" I have learned that if you wash the labels off the bottles, they cannot be redeemed. They need the labels, particularly the bar code. Don't forget - we will also come and pick them up at your house. Just let me know! Ellen

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOODING AT SHEFFIELD UNITED AND AT CHIPMAN UNITED CEMETERY:** The situation is still very much uncertain. However, Woolastook Presbytery is putting together a list of people that may have possible labour, money, equipment, expertise, or other help that may be potentially useful. If you have some ideas on putting together such a list, please contact Norman Laverty, 455-3349, who will pass on the information to Presbytery.

**MAY 16:** Gibson Memorial United Church, will be hosting a Ham, Potato Scallop and Baked Bean Dinner on May 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. \$14/adult. Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Forest Hill United Church has an 8-week position open for a student this spring/summer. The job will involve a variety of different projects, including working with our Affirm Committee to further our LGBTQ+ministry. For more details please contact Forest Hill United Church at forest.office@bellaliant.com

**THE 'GO' PROJECT ADVENTURE CAMP -- For Grades 2 – 7 - July 16-20**

The GO camp is a United Church Camp designed to happen right here in your own community. It is a joint effort by St. Paul's, Forest Hill, Nashwaaksis & Wilmot to be held at Naskwaaksis. There will be trained staff and volunteers that will lead exciting programming with an outreach and justice focus. Children will spend time learning, playing, volunteering and learning about their faith. It is a full day program filled with fun activities. LIMITED SPACE so give Ellen a call to reserve a space for you or register online at [WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA](http://WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA)  
**Cost is \$125** (Sponsorship is available – touch base with Ellen)

**MAY 26:** **LOBSTER SUPPER** – Keswick Ridge United Church – Sat., May 26. Two settings: 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets \$23. **Advance Tickets only** Contact C. Sheppard at 363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739. Pie for dessert.

**MAY 26:** **HOT TURKEY DINNER** - There will be an old-fashion hot turkey supper with the works at the Penniac Rec Center, Saturday May 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. Turkey, dressing, gravy, fresh vegetables, homemade rolls, tea, coffee, and cake for desert. Adults - \$12, Children under 12 - \$7.00, Children under 6 - Free. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of the historic Penniac Baptist Church and Cemetery.

**MAY 27:** **SPRING DINNER** – barbeque chicken breast with all the fixings – Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Saint Andrews United Church in Harvey. There is reserved seating with two sittings (4 and 5:30 p.m.) Adults \$15, Children \$5, Under 3 – FREE. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets available by calling Jack Wilkin at 366-3249 or by emailing [HarveyUnitedSuppers@gmail.com](mailto:HarveyUnitedSuppers@gmail.com)

**FREE PUBLIC EVENT: Tuesday 29 May, 6:00 p.m., Wu Conference Centre**  
**Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities:** The MMFC Violence Against Women with Disabilities research team welcomes individuals who are living with disabilities, their family members, friends and partners, neighbors, teachers, community organizations, and other interested citizens to attend a session about the challenges and barriers faced by women with a disability who are victims/survivors of interpersonal violence (IPV) when trying to leave or when staying in relationship and to encourage better coordination of services and communication between service providers and others in the community. We hope to see as many people from the community to this event.

**JUNE 2: RUN FOR THE WORD 2018** will be held at Wilmot Park. This is one of the few annual fund raisers that the **Canadian Bible Society** hosts locally. It gives us the opportunity to help provide scripture resources used in Canadian ministry with youth camping, armed forces, prisoners, indigenous people, refugees and migrants and others. This is an excellent opportunity for some exercise (run or walk 1 k or 5k), fellowship, fresh air, get prizes, enjoy a barbecue and make a difference with God's Word. Please mark your calendar, pray for the event and consider how you and a friend may participate. Bill MacMullin, event coordinator, 238-5034, canonbill@gmail.com

**JUNE 2:** There will be a Turkey Cold Plate Dinner at Marysville United Church on from 4:30 to -6 p.m. The menu consists of sliced turkey, potato salad, jellied salad, roll, cream cheese squares, tea and coffee. Tickets are \$12.00 per adult and children 6-12 are \$6.00.

## Refugee Family Update

Last July the AL Rahi family, a Mom and Dad and 2 children, arrived from Lebanon four years after they left Syria. Their oldest child Leen, five years of age, was born before they left Syria. Their younger child Omar was born just prior to their coming to Canada from Lebanon. We are financially responsible for this family for one year, ending in July, 2018.

Initially, we thought we were supporting a family of three, mother, father and daughter. However, about 2 weeks prior to their arrival we learned it was a family of four. A small apartment was rented for the family. The monthly rent for this has increased since we first rented.

Presently the parents are attending English classes daily at the MCAF (Multicultural Association of Fredericton). Fatima, the mother is progressing very quickly in the English language and has moved up a couple levels. Ammar is less fluent, but is working very hard to improve. Ammar, wanting to be able to support his family, is actively seeking work.

Leen is completing her first year in our school system, Kindergarten. She speaks English and understands the language similar to the other Kindergarten children. She is full of energy, vivacious and a great little helper with her baby brother Omar. Omar attends the MCAF child care centre while his parents are in English language classes.

However, as well as the family is doing, partially due to efforts of committee members who have purchased beds, boots, diapers, etc. at their own expense, plus the kind donations of many church members, our committee is still in need of a further \$2,000 from the three churches, Forest Hill, St. Paul's and Wilmot. We are seeking help from our congregations to help meet our commitment to this family.

If you wish to contribute to the refugee committee, record - "Refugee Fund" on your cheque or envelope, and Marlene will issue you a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you to those who have made monetary contributions and those who have helped our family in other ways.

Thank You

Elaine Kenyon for Interchurch Refugee Committee

**THIS WEEK AT WILMOT**

**May 13 - 20**

**TODAY:**

9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

**ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room  
**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

**Mon, May 14:**

1:00 p.m.  
6:45 p.m.

**U.C.W.** - Parlour  
**TOASTMASTERS** – Board Room

**Tues, May 15:**

1:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**WILMOT SENIORS** – Parlour  
**MARTIAL ARTS** – Gym

**Wed. May 16:**

9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour  
**TOY LIBRARY**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT**  
**NA GROUP** – Fireside Room

**Thurs. May 17:**

9:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour  
**HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym  
**CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Sun. May 20:**

9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room  
**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**