

Learning on the way

Wilmot United Church

A GUIDE TO PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE
FOR THE YEAR 2004 – 2005



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Seeking further maturity . . .

Welcome to Wilmot United Church!

In our Mission Statement at Wilmot United Church we call ourselves “a worshipping community open to all who are seeking further maturity in our Christian faith” and we declare that we believe ourselves to be “called by God through Christ ...to nurture spiritual growth and understanding”. Hence the motto, “Seeking further maturity . . .” and “. . .nurturing spiritual growth.” at the top and bottom of each page in this guide.

This Program Guide, “learning on the way”, lists many opportunities that will be presented at Wilmot United Church for the year 2004—2005 to help you to learn about your faith and express your faith. It is our sincere hope that it will assist you in getting better acquainted with others in the congregation and inspiring you to delve more deeply into the riches of our congregation and our faith.

While there is much about Wilmot United Church that is steeped in history and tradition and reflection of the past, there is also much that leaps into the future and seeks to serve God and humanity in ever new and innovative ways.

There are many programs and services, groups and committees and activities outlined here for your reference. They all attempt sincerely and faithfully to reflect our Mission Statement and our desire to build upon the already devout community of faith that focuses, geographically at least, on the corner of Carleton and King in the heart of downtown Fredericton—a location we have been privileged and proud to share with the rest of the downtown community for well over two hundred years.

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- the Sunday bulletin
- *Words from Wilmot*
- our web site www.wilmotuc.nb.ca

If you need further information please contact Marlene Phillips in the church office at 506-458-1066.

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Peter is on leave from Wilmot United Church until 2006 when his three-year term as Moderator of The United Church of Canada is completed.

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A CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS AND CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

2004

September

- 12 **Welcome Sunday**—sign up for any activities you prefer to participate in during the coming church year
- 18—20 **Visit from Winnipeg Church Group**
- 19 **First Sunday of Sunday School**
- 19 **7:30 p.m. Concert** by “The Andiamo Trio”
- 24 **6:30 p.m. Corn Boil** at the home of Fran Robinson and Gerry Redmond

October

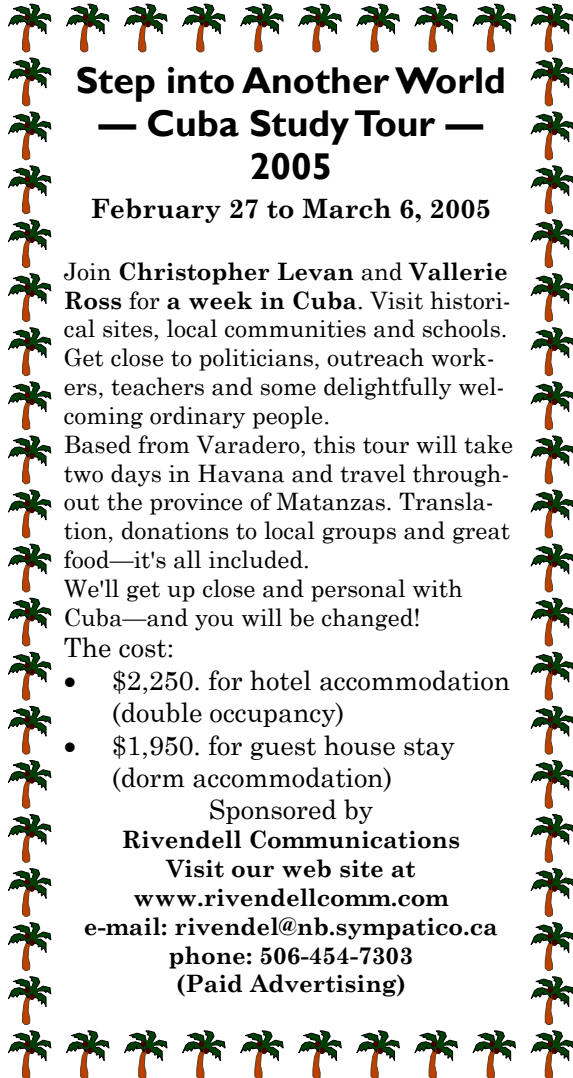
- 10 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
- 16 **“Thanks Giving”—Stewardship Workshop** for individuals or groups from churches across the conference
- 22 **UCW Bake Sale** 12:00—2:00 p.m.
- 24 **12:00 Workshop** on the Ministry of Healing Touch
- 24 **7:30 p.m. Contemplative Service**
- 31 **Soup Sunday**—Sign up to share your talents

November

- 4 **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. “Come to the Mountain Top”—Seminar** to explore the Gospel of Matthew
- 7 **Remembrance Sunday Service**
- 13 **Auction** at the church
- 21 **Anniversary Sunday**
- 27 **New Year’s Eve Dance**
- 28 **Advent I—White Gift Service**

December

- 5 **Advent II—Hanging of the Greens**
- 6 **Noon Montréal Massacre Memorial Service**
- 10 **Reading** of Charles Dickens’ *“A Christmas Carol”*
- 12 **Advent III—The Choir Cantata**
5:30 p.m. Annual Turkey Dinner
- 15 **7:30 p.m. Contemplative Christmas Service**
- 17 **6:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner**
- 19 **Advent IV—Special Children’s Event**
- 24 **4:00 Christmas Eve Service for the very young**
7:00 Christmas Eve Family Service
11:00 Christmas Eve Communion



**Step into Another World
— Cuba Study Tour —
2005**

February 27 to March 6, 2005

Join **Christopher Levan** and **Vallerie Ross** for a week in Cuba. Visit historical sites, local communities and schools. Get close to politicians, outreach workers, teachers and some delightfully welcoming ordinary people.

Based from Varadero, this tour will take two days in Havana and travel throughout the province of Matanzas. Translation, donations to local groups and great food—it's all included.

We'll get up close and personal with Cuba—and you will be changed!

The cost:

- \$2,250. for hotel accommodation (double occupancy)
- \$1,950. for guest house stay (dorm accommodation)

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The Montréal Massacre of December 6, 1989, in which 14 female students at École Polytechnique were systematically killed and 13 other students wounded by a lone gunman, is indelibly imprinted on the minds of all Canadians who have struggled to comprehend the worst single-day massacre in our national history.

Since then, this date has been officially designated a national day of commemoration.

At noon on Monday, December 6 this year, women and men will gather at Wilmot to join with people in many Canadian municipalities to remember this day.

... *nurturing spiritual growth* .

A CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS AND CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS**2005****January**

23 Fiddle Sunday

February

8 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

9 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

13 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

18—20 Congregational Retreat

March

18 "Come to the Banquet"—Biblical seminar and feast

20 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service

24 8:30 a.m. Hot Cross Buns: bread-making in the kitchen

5:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper for Children

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

25 11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service

27 Early Morning Easter Vigil 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. with Rev. Don MacDougall
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
11:00 a.m. Easter Service**April**

10 Mountain Top Sunday

28 Dinner with Dominic Crossan

29—30 Seminar with Dominic Crossan

May

6—7 Men's Retreat

15 Creative Spirit Sunday

June 13—19 Pilgrimage Week**October 12—23 "Wine and Wonder" Tour of France****"Thanks Giving"**

Growing Generosity in Your Community of Faith

Saturday, October 16, 2004

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wilmot United Church

A Seminar with Chris Levan, Ph.D. author of *Thanks Giving*, a guide to growing generosity through intentional ministry

- a step-by-step program to increase church donations and donor base
- special focus on the annual stewardship campaign
- maximize your church's fund-raising potential
- face your specific challenges and find solutions.

Register by noon on October 13, 2004\$75 (includes lunch and *Thanks Giving* guide)

(\$50 for teams of four or more)

To register call 506-458-1066

e-mail: wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca**Sponsored by Wilmot United Church****and****Rivendell Communications****"WINE AND WONDER" TOUR OF FRANCE****2005****WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12****TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

A spiritual pilgrimage through France. Travel with Chris Levan, an experienced tour guide, for a 10-day guided tour through some of Christianity's ancient centres of spiritual renewal.

The Tour includes four days in Paris, one day in Bordeaux, one day in Lourdes, one day in Lyon, two days in Cannes, one day in Veseley.

Cost: \$3,660. per person (double occupancy)

Included:

- Airfare from Fredericton
- Train Travel (five days in total)
- Transfers to and from Airport and Hotels
- Hotel Accommodation
- Continental Breakfasts on All Days
- Tours through Spiritual Sites around France, with Tour Guide/Translator and Facilitator

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1392

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Groups and Regular Activities

Prayer Group

On the last Monday of every month in the sanctuary at noon, a group of people from Wilmot Church gather to offer prayers for members of the congregation and those beyond our circle. Come once, come every time—it's your choice. The purpose is to hold up to God all those who are in need of healing.

Contact: Kathy Carr 457-4177

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir is a vital part of public worship and a fun-loving group of singers. If you like to sing



and want to join a circle of support and friendship, this is the group. Rehearsals are held on Thursday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary; "warm-up" on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the choir room. All voices are welcome; you don't need a special invitation. As they say, "Come when you can, leave when you must!"

Contact:
Stephanie Burgoyne 459-8670

Intermediate Choir

Teenagers gather for song . . . (It's still cool to sing in church!) This group meets for rehearsal after worship on Sunday, anytime after 12:15—12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This choir performs regularly for public worship and all teenagers of middle school age are welcome to join in.

Contact:
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Junior Choir

Flowing from a well-established history, the Junior Choir is making a name for itself as the heart-beat of youthful praise and spirit at Wilmot United

Church. Singing regularly at worship and joining in the processional with the senior choir, this group of young voices is a delight. Juniors of any age are welcome. Great training and good fun. Rehearsals take place on Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Sunshine Room.

Contact: Heather Noseworthy 455-1421



Bell Choir

Got the beat? Perhaps you'd like to express it with bells. Every Thursday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sunshine Room, members of the Bell Choir join in a round of bell-ringing melodies. There are always more bells than people, so come along—for all the bells and whistles.

Contact: Stephanie Burgoyne 459-8670

Wilmot Worship Band "SPHERICAL AVOIDANCE"

This is a group of young people who enjoy playing music, mainly Christian Rock Music, as heard on the

airwaves. Any young person is welcome to join in, either as an instrumentalist or a vocalist.

We will be gathering on a regular basis to jam and to practise for worship services. Please watch for dates and times for these gatherings.

Contact:
Mark Burnett
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Isabel Black
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Coffee and Conversation

Each Sunday during the church year you can find a welcome at the coffee and conversation hour following the regular Sunday worship service. Sometimes there is soup, provided by the Outreach Committee to support local missions; sometimes the library of the church is on display; often there are Fair Trade goods for sale and promotional material for other activities of the congregation. Coffee and conversation: where the hospitality of worship continues!

Women's Spirituality Groups

Evenings: First Session: September 28; thereafter, every third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Noon: First Session: September 29; thereafter, every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

A gathering of women who come together to explore their relationship with God through prayer, meditation, the scriptures, books, sharing, laughter, tears and friendship. These are open groups and women are invited to be present when you can.

Contact: Isabel Black 458-1391

Youth Group

The Wilmot Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We invite all young people of the church from Grade VI and higher to come and join the fun. If numbers are sufficient we will split into two groups (middle school and high school). This is a time to get together for fun and friendship and our program will be diverse and never boring (e.g. capture the glow stick, bowling, retreats, scavenger hunts, cooking, food).

Contact: Isabel Black 458-1391

Men's Breakfast Group

Need your caffeine before you can think in the morning? Each month on the first and third Wednesday morning, men of the church gather for chemicals and conversation (okay, it begins at 6:45 a.m.—but the fellowship is well worth the loss of sleep and we end by 8:00 a.m. sharp). Discussion topics are chosen as the year progresses and range from theological questions to political or spiritual issues. All men of the church are welcome for one or all sessions. First meeting will be Wednesday, October 6— at 6:45!

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1392

Lectionary Bible Study

Meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, this group reads through the weekly selections of scripture used in the preparation of worship. Lively discussion and a comforting spirit characterize this group. Beginning on Sunday, September 19—participants will receive the scripture readings for the following three months on that day.

Contact: Don MacDougall 455-2157

United Church Women

Meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., the women of the church gather for program and planning. The first meeting will be held on September 13 in the church parlour. What a round of activities are planned: the fall bake sale, apple pie making in November, spring and fall rummage

sales, continuing involvement in Women's Inter-Church Council (especially this year, the Council's 40th Anniversary) and Camp Woolastook. A key organization in the church, the UCW hosts many receptions and contributes in many

and varied ways to the on-going life of the congregation. Some members also gather on the last Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the kitchen to make soup for the community kitchen.

Contact: Brenda Cameron 457-0849

**Sunday School**

Sunday School is an active and vital part of Wilmot United Church's Christian Education program. (See

a special list of Sunday School activities at the bottom of page 8.)

Sunday School classes for all ages of youth run every Sunday from September 19 to June 5, with unique programming on special Sundays. Usually children attend the first part of Sunday worship



at 11:00 a.m. and then go to their classes after the children's time in the service.

Contact: Krista Wong 458-2619

Saturday Night Drop-In

Every Saturday night, Wilmot Church hosts a drop-in for people in the downtown core of the city. Card games, ping pong, computer games and refreshments are the order of the day. Volunteer teams rotate through regular shifts at the drop-in. Join a team and spend a Saturday night to remember!

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Ed Topolski 452-0171

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Seniors Group

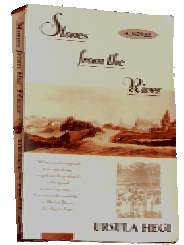
Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Activities, outings, games, meals and speakers on special topics. What more could anyone ask for? This group is open to all those who are mature in body and mind—an excellent opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 with a pot luck beginning at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the church parlour.

Contact: Sue Breen 450-4072

The Wilmot Book Club

Open to all, this group meets approximately once a month. Dates for the actual meetings will be chosen at the first meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlour. Join in lively discussion of a variety of popular books.

Contact:
Deborah Thorne 452-0049



Outreach Committee Soup Sunday

Periodically, beginning on October 31, the Outreach Committee of the church provides soup following morning worship. Held in the gym and open to all,



the proceeds of these meals support projects of the Outreach Committee. Come to church, stay for soup—you won't be disappointed!

Contact: Judy Coates 457-1673

Revolutionary Readers

This year, the Adult and Christian Ministries Committee has organized a study group focusing on three "radical" theological texts: Marcus Borg, *The Heart of Christianity*; John Spong, *Born of a Woman*; Dominic Crossan, *Jesus, a Revolutionary Biography*. Dates and places will be announced in the Sunday worship bulletin.

Contact: Diana Hall 450-1180

Quilters Group

Wednesday morning at Wilmot is Quilters Day. Join us for stitching and tea beginning at 9:00 a.m. And even if you only want to watch the magic of quilting come alive, you're still welcome.

Contact: Elsbeth Gibson 455-4388

Bible Studies

Throughout the year there will be Bible studies on various topics that will be held in the church or at people's homes. Watch the Sunday bulletin for times and places. All these studies are open to everyone—and even if you can't make all the sessions, you won't be lost.

Bible studies that are planned: Thursday, November 25, December 2 and December 9 at noon in the church parlour: "Matthew's birth story—Leaving Home ..." and on January 18, January 25 and February 1 at 7:30 p.m.: "Paul's Take on Death and Resurrection", location to be announced.

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1392

"Come to the Mountain Top"

A Seminar to Explore
the Gospel of Matthew
Thursday, November 4, 2004
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wilmot United Church

- A day-long look at the gospel of Matthew. You'll be surprised by the themes and influences that we can find in the first evangelist: prepare to go to the mountain top for a new revelation.
- Open to all in the church and conference
- Cost \$35. per person (includes lunch)

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Special Services

Contemplative Services

Throughout the year, some members of the congregation plan and host contemplative services to heal and nurture our spirits. Held on Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m., these services are moments in which to find peace, to explore how God heals our hearts and to join with others who are seeking comfort in the pressures of modern life. The first service will be held on October 24.

Contact: Isabel Black 458-1391

Contemporary Youth Worship Services



A planning group will meet on a regular basis to plan for these services. Anyone who is young at heart and has an interest in planning and preparing these services is welcome to join this group. Please

watch the Sunday bulletin for dates and times.

Contact: Isabel Black 458-1391

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

Christmas Eve at Wilmot is like a three course meal. First course: It opens at 4:00 p.m. with a service for the very young. At this worship service we move—usually finding our way past Biblical characters who are stationed around the church building. It has the twinkle and magic that every young heart knows is integral to the Christmas story. Hands-on and interactive.

Next course: The Christmas Eve Family Service at 7:00 p.m. Come early or you won't get a seat. This is the most popular service of our church year. It features great music, good stories and high spirits. Hope comes alive.

Last course: The quiet and majestic late night communion service. It begins at 11:00 p.m. and features light and laughter. Ring in Christmas morning among friends and family.

— Holy Week 2005 —

Maundy Thursday (March 24)

Holy Week reaches its high point on Thursday. At Wilmot we host a pot luck for children and youth beginning at 5:00 p.m. Parents are asked to drop off their children for a unique program of song and sacrament. Meanwhile, some parents go out for a meal and then return to the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Open to all, this service reenacts the story of foot-washing from John's gospel and is a special time for re-covenanting our faith in God and God's justice.



Good Friday (March 25)



The sombre and still service. It begins at 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday, March 25. We recognize what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. The sanctuary is draped in mourning and we bury our hallelujahs.

Easter Sunday (March 27)

Get up early for the sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27. We meet at the foot of Carleton Street by the river. Just follow the crowd of shivering sojourners. We'll sing and pray, offer thanks for those who have died and give thanks for the days that lie ahead. Then we return to the church for coffee and muffins.



Easter, the central celebration of the church, is marked by a special service at 11:00 a.m. with music, trumpets, stories and song: all speak of our joy in God who walks with us and stands by us in life, in death and in life beyond death.



Special Events

Corn Boil

Look for a Friday evening of fun—September 24—when a pot luck corn boil will be held for adults of the congregation. It's an autumn tradition not to be missed. At Fran and Gerry's farm in Keswick Ridge—look for further information and directions in the church bulletin.

Celebrating our Talents (Sunday, October 31)

Do you have a talent, a unique gift to offer to the members of the church? Sure you do. On October 31 after Sunday worship, the Committee of Stewards will host a "Celebration of Our Talents" party. The Outreach Committee will provide soup and the stewards will "plant" seeds—to help your talents grow. Participants will each receive \$20 as an investment. Like the good stewards in the gospel parable, participants will take this money and make it grow through the use of their talents. Sounds complicated, but join us and you'll see how simple it can be to exercise our talents and create community at the same time.

The Auction (November 13)

It's Auction time! Every few years the church hosts a major fund-raising auction. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with viewing from 8:00 a.m. Both "live" and "silent" auctions will be held. Light lunch food will be available. Get your antiques evaluated at the same time. Not just quality gifts and household items, this auction also features useful services from members of the congregation. Don't miss your chance to have a meal prepared by the ministry team or to enjoy a trip to exotic locations!

Contact: Pam Campbell 453-9794

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Every year Wilmot sponsors "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" to help mix and mingle new and old members. You can sign up either to host a meal or to be a guest. The organizing committee will match you up with others in the event for an evening of fun. Dates and times for this delightful event will be announced in the church bulletin.

Contact: Sue Breen 450-4072

The Progressive Dinner

Take a crowd of people, three different homes with separate courses, Christmas Carol singing and good cheer and you have the annual progressive dinner event. This year it will be held on Friday, December 17, 2004, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

The Congregational Retreat (February 18—20, 2005)



When winter closes in and the February blues threaten to swamp us, the congregation hosts a weekend retreat to enliven spirits and re-energize hearts. This year the retreat will be held at Beulah Camp, Friday, February 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, February 20 at lunch-time. Watch the church bulletin for themes, costs and registration procedures.

Contact: Monica MacDonald 472-6439

Come to the Banquet (March 18)

As part of our Lenten journey, the Committee of Stewards hosts a nine-course feast which uses the meal fellowship of Jesus to explain the gospel story. The banquet is set for Friday, March 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.



The three-hour program includes great food, Bible study, role plays and dancing. Come to the banquet and get a manual and recipe guide to take home. Costs: \$30 per person and \$75 for families of three or more. Children are welcome.

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1392

The Men's Retreat (May 6—7)

Grab your gear, a canoe if you have one and a bag full of good cheer and come along on the second annual men's retreat. We will travel to a lodge on the Tobique River (north of Plaster Rock) for two days of recreation and reflection. Beginning Friday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m. and ending Saturday, May 7 around supper time, this event includes time for discussion, walks in the woods, a canoe trip down the river and great meals. Open to men of all ages.

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1392

Creative Spirit Sunday (May 15)

On Sunday, May 15, 2005 Wilmot United Church will celebrate the creative spirit that enlivens our congregation and the Fredericton community. On this day we will host a festival of artistic talent: displays of visual and plastic art, performances of musical and literary art and workshops on creative expressions of the human spirit.

After regular worship there will be food and an opportunity to explore the displays and join in the workshops. This year the art work will be on display for Saturday, May 14 in the afternoon as well as Sunday morning and afternoon.

Contact: Gayle MacDonald 454-1646

**The Pilgrimage
(Monday, June 13 to Sunday, June 19)**

“Take time to be holy.” That’s what the hymn reminds us. This year we are proposing an extended period of reflection and spiritual journeying.

As a group of pilgrims we will walk from Saint John to Fredericton—taking time along the way to explore spiritual and theological questions that arise, holding evening seminars and hosting foot-washing services and Bible studies. Participants will sleep in church basements, enjoying the hospitality of local congregations along the route. This will be a major event: a time of renewal and discernment for the entire congregation. Watch for more news as the time approaches.

Publications**Words from Wilmot**

Several times a year the Information Team of the congregation produces *Words from Wilmot* as well as other publicity items such as this program guide. You are invited to submit articles, pictures or announcements for *Words from Wilmot*. Space is limited for each issue and sometimes the editor has to match submissions to available space.



Contact: Garth Caseley 457-2642

Wilmot United Church Web Site

If you have a computer with access to the Internet you can visit Wilmot United Church’s Web Site at www.wilmotuc.nb.ca to discover information about the congregation as well as a list of weekly activities that is kept current by Marlene in the church office. If you have comments or suggestions about what you would like to see that is not already on the Web Site, please get in touch with Garth Caseley, the Web Administrator.

Contact: Garth Caseley 457-2642

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

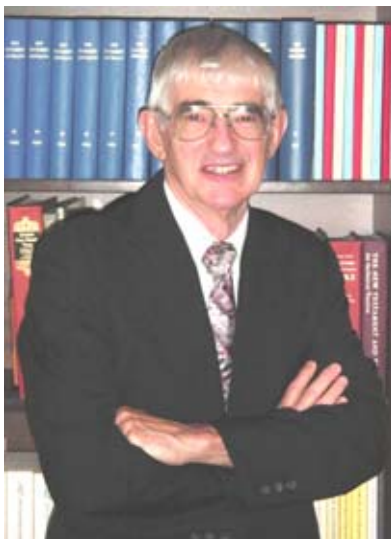
September 12	Welcome Sunday
September 19	Fall term begins—time with the minister
October 10	Thanksgiving program with the Committee of Stewards
November 7	Special Remembrance Sunday program with Gordon Hagar
November 21	Fall term ends
November 28 December 5 and 12	Special Advent program organized by Virginia MacDonald
December 19	The Sunday School presents the morning worship
December 26	Craft Sunday for the children
January 2	Time with the minister
January 9	Winter term begins
March 13	Winter term ends
March 20	Palm Sunday, special procession project with Hilary Drain
March 27	Easter Sunday—children in worship
April 3	Spring term begins
May 22	Time with the minister
May 29	Spring term Ends
June 5	Thanksgiving for Sunday School—children in worship
June 12	Close of Sunday School, Congregational Picnic and Blessing of Pets

Dominic Crossan
Dinner: April 28, 2005
Seminar: April 29—30, 2005

One of the best known and most highly respected Biblical scholars of our time, Dominic Crossan brings more than 50 years of study, research, teaching and writing to his lectures. He is a former Roman Catholic priest with a PhD in Theology and 4 years of post-doctoral studies in Rome and Jerusalem. He is Professor Emeritus at DePaul University in Chicago, where he began teaching in 1969.

Dr. Crossan has written more than 20 books about the historical Jesus. Four of these have been best-sellers in the United States and his work has been translated into many languages. He was a co-founder of the

Jesus Seminar and translated some of the gospels in *The Complete Gospels*, working from the original Aramaic Hebrew and Greek.



Dr. Crossan's intellectual gifts are matched by his insights into the human condition and we anticipate that he will enlighten and challenge us on our own individual faith journeys when he visits Wilmot United Church in April, 2005. He presents Jesus as an itinerant peasant prophet with tremendous speaking skills, who taught unconventional wisdom and challenged the oppressive social customs of his day, while preaching the Good News of God's dominion on earth.

We are indeed fortunate to have Dominic Crossan here as visiting scholar to share his wealth of knowledge and insight with us.

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Wilmot United Church, erected in its present location in 1851, is the only remaining structure of the large frame churches that once dominated the skyline of the city of Fredericton. It shares the downtown corner of Carleton and King Streets with much of the historic centre of the city. Yet in many ways it is as up-to-date as the commercial and business district that surrounds it.

Currently a congregation of The United Church of Canada, Wilmot United Church began in 1791 as the Fredericton Methodist Society with a dozen people. It is now a thriving, mission-oriented, lively and care-giving congregation of approximately 450 families, giving contemporary vitality to its worthy tradition of worship and service in the downtown core of New Brunswick's capital city.

The congregation opens its doors to many people who need assistance and continues to work closely with other organizations with similar mission goals and activities to provide help and support. The building is fully wheelchair and stroller accessible at the Carleton Street entrance to the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall.

If you care to join us for worship or any of the other activities outlined in this Program Guide, please do so at any time. Feel free to contact one of the ministry staff whose names are listed on the inside front cover. We are a faith community that celebrates God's love in our lives, constantly seeking further maturity in our faith and nurturing growth in our members at every stage of spiritual development.

We believe that every person's gifts are important. Through the programs of the church we strive to provide opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith and enrich their lives and the lives of others.

As the collage of recent pictures of people and activities of the congregation suggests, programs for people of all ages are available at Wilmot United Church. Everyone is welcome at this church!

