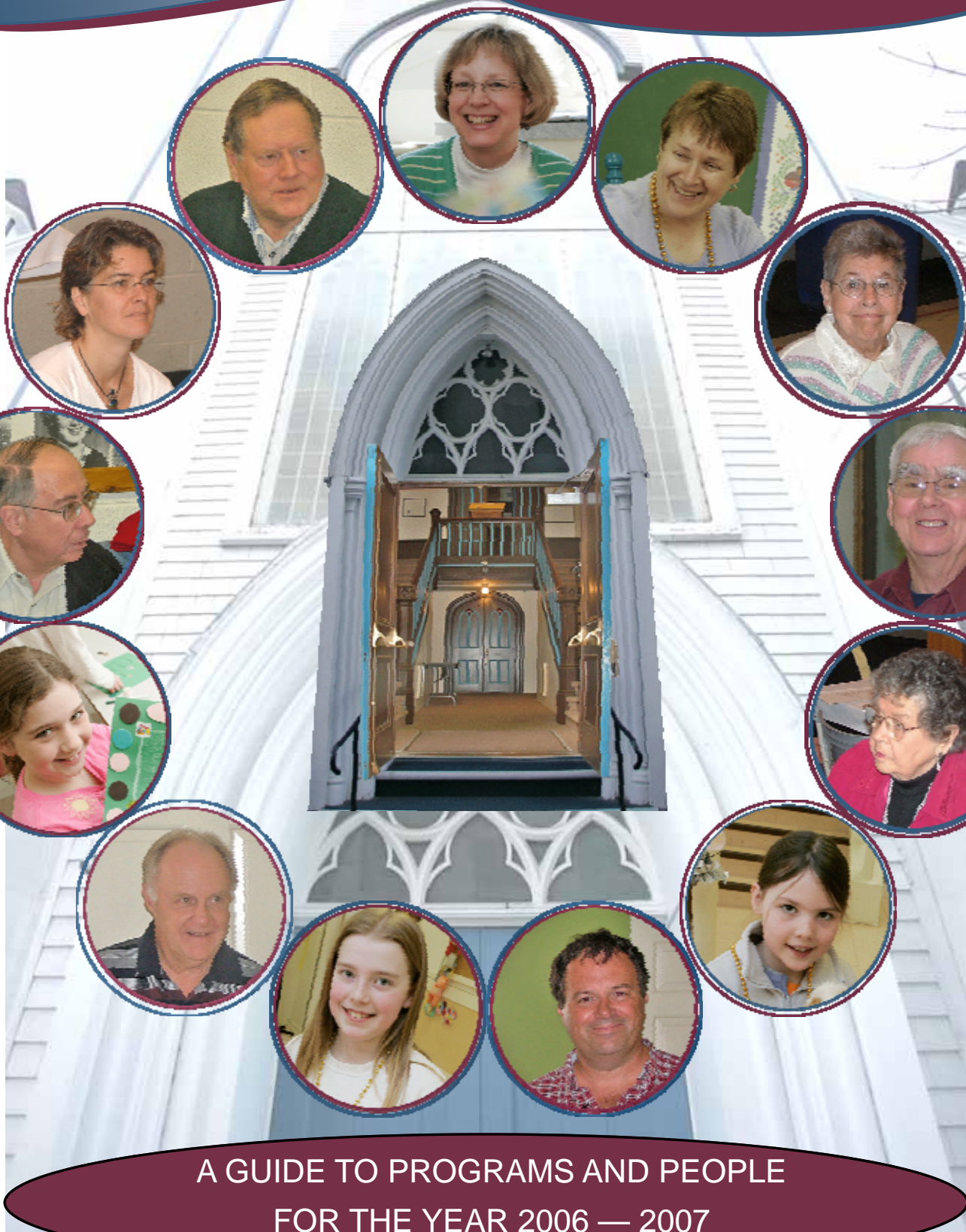


# Opening Doors

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK



A GUIDE TO PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE  
FOR THE YEAR 2006 — 2007

# Opening Doors . . .

How many doors—and what kinds of doors—are there in Wilmot United Church?

There are doors that lead to worship and music and prayer. There are doors of healing and comfort and encouragement; kitchen doors and gym doors and office doors. There are doors of learning and study and fun, doors of opportunity, challenge and mystery. There are doors that lead in and doors that lead out—and they may be the same doors. There are doors of history and tradition and reverence for that which is past. There are doors that look to the future with anticipation and hope and love for fellow human beings. There are doors that bring us to baptism and burial. There are doors of silence and tears and laughter. So many doors!

At Wilmot United Church we hope that you may find an open door for your talent and your need, and that this Program Guide outlining most of the programs and services, groups and committees and activities for the church year 2006—2007 will inspire you to be a part of this lively, exciting, 215 year-old congregation of The United Church of Canada.

Additional programs or activities that develop during the year will be announced well in advance of their initiation. Look for news about new programs or activities in...

- the Sunday bulletin
- *Words from Wilmot*
- our web site [www.wilmotuc.nb.ca](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca)

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

So: how many doors? Who knows? Last count was 124—not including cupboard doors (in the kitchen, for example) or the 87 pew doors. So many doors!

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

**2006—2007**

**September**

- 10** **Welcome Sunday**—sign up for church groups; meet friends and begin the year with laughter; Sunday School registration
- 17** **First Sunday of Sunday School**
- 17** **Welcome Back the Very Reverend Dr. Peter Short**
- 22** **Corn Boil** at the home of Blaine and Anne Marie Atkinson 6:30 pm

**October**

- 1** **World Wide Communion Sunday**
- 7** **The Great Cuban Feast**—Fund-raising dinner for the Cuba Twinning Tour
- 8** **Thanksgiving Sunday**
- 14** **Music Workshop with Linnea Good** 1:00—4:00pm
- 14** **Linnea Good Concert** 7:30 pm
- 15** **A Service of Hymns and Music with Linnea Good** 11:00 am
- 27** **UCW Bake Sale** 12:00—2:00pm

**November**

- 2** **“Luke: The Way to God’s Reign”**—a day-long seminar to explore the Gospel of Luke; open to all: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- 4** **The Great Auction** 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 5** **Remembrance Day Service**
- 19** **Anniversary Sunday** with Rev. Ellen Beairsto as Guest Preacher
- 25** **Fredericton’s Santa Claus Parade** Float construction and join the parade
- 26** **Advent I**—White Gift Service

**December**

- 3** **Advent II**—Hanging of the Greens
- 7 & 8** **“First Things Last”**—Christmas Play 7:30 pm
- 9** **“First Things Last”**—a Christmas Play 2:00 pm
- 10** **Advent III**
- 13** **Congregational Turkey Dinner** (supporting Christmas hampers)
- 15** **Progressive Dinner** 6:30 pm
- 17** **Advent IV** Special Children’s Service



**TOUR OF SPAIN**

**2007**

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

**TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

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

We’ll walk with Cervantes and the Man of La Mancha and stand beside Picasso and Salvador Dali. There will be time for wine and wonder, recreation and renewal. Cost: \$3,675. per person (double occupancy)

Included:

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- Train Travel in Spain (Rail Pass: Second class)
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- Two 3-course dinners
- Translation at all sites
- Tour guides through all the spiritual locations

For more information please check the Rivendell Communications web site at [www.rivendellcomm.com/tours.htm](http://www.rivendellcomm.com/tours.htm)

or contact: Chris Levan 458-1391

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## A CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS AND CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

2006—2007

### December

- 20 **Blue Christmas Service** 7:30 pm  
11:00 am **Intergenerational Christmas Service** (no Sunday School)
- 24 4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service for the very young**  
7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Family Service**  
11:00 pm **Christmas Eve Communion**

### January

January 26 to February 2 **Cuba Twinning Tour to the Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba**

### February

- 11 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**
- 16—18 **Congregational Retreat**
- 22 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** 5:30 pm  
**Service of Ashes** 6:30 pm

### March

- 16 **Congregational Curling Event** 6:00 pm

### April

- 1 **Palm Sunday Breakfast** 9:00 am  
**Palm Sunday Service** 11:00 am
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- 5 **Hot Cross Buns—Bread Making in the Kitchen** 8:30 am  
**Maundy Thursday Upper Room Seder Meal for all generations** 6:30 pm
- 6 **Good Friday Service** 11:00 am
- 8 **Easter Vigil** 2:00 am Sunday Morning
- 8 **Sunrise Service** 7:00 am  
**Easter Service** 11:00 am
- 27—28 **Maude Barlow Seminar** *A Different Voice*

### May

- 4—5 **Men's Retreat**
- 27 **Congregational Golf Tournament** 2:00 pm

### June

- 3 **Last Day of Sunday School**
- 10 **Congregational Picnic Sunday**
- 17 **Celebration of Graduates** Breakfast and Service

## A Unique Opportunity for Continuing Education in Cuba

February 24—March 03, 2007

- Reflection -  
— Relaxation —  
— Rejuvenation —

Get to know the real Cuba through contact with the church community. See their "mission" work outside the tourist district and enjoy the hospitality of local friends.

This tour is guided by Val Ross and Chris Levan—both experienced in the Cuban culture and Spanish speaking.

Space is limited to only 22 participants. This will be your up-close and personal encounter with the Cuban culture and the Christian movement in another world.

The cost: \$1,880.

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- Dorm Accommodation in Guest House
- All Meals
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## Groups and Regular Activities

### Coffee and Conversation

On all Sundays 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, prepared by the Outreach Committee to support the local mission; sometimes the library of the church is on display; often there are Fair Trade goods for sale and promotional material for activities of the congregation.

Coffee and conversation: where the hospitality of worship continues! Sign up to help on the sheet available during the hour—or to volunteer to be a host of Coffee and Conversation call Lois Campion 459-1354.



### 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 on Thursday nights from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the sanctuary and warm-up on Sunday morning from 10:30 am

to 10:45 am in the choir room. All voices are welcome, and you don't need a special invitation.

As they say, "Come when you can, leave when you must!"

Contact: Steven Peacock 452-0170

### Junior Choir

Flowing from a now 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 am to 10:30 am in the Sunshine Room.

Contact: Heather Noseworthy 455-1421



### Library Sunday

The Wilmot Lending Library is open the last Sunday of each month at the Coffee and Conversation hour.

### Narcotics Anonymous

This group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

### Bell Choir

Got the beat? Perhaps you'd like to express it with bells. Every Thursday night from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm 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: Steven Peacock 452-0170



### Women's Spirituality Group

This group meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

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

### Youth Group

The Wilmot Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm for middle school teens and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for high school age teens.

We hope that all the young people of the church from Grade VI and higher will come and join the fun. We will split into two groups if the numbers are sufficient (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., planning for trips, capture the glow stick, bowling, retreats, scavenger hunts, cooking, food).

Contact: Richard Bowley 459-2009

### Men's Breakfast Group

Need your caffeine before you can think in the morning? On the first and third Wednesday morning of each month, men of the church gather for chemicals and conversation (okay, it begins at 6:45 am—but the fellowship is well worth the loss of sleep and we end by 8:00 am 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, September 20—at 6:45!

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1391



### Fredericton Toy Library

The Fredericton Toy Library, located in Wilmot Church, will re-open on Wednesday, September 6. Family memberships are available for those with children 8 years of age and under. Toy Library hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:00 am to noon.

Contact: Karen Flinn 474-1534

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## Lectionary Bible Study

Meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am 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 Sunday, September 17, participants will receive the scripture readings for the following three months.



Contact: Don MacDougall 455-2157

## United Church Women

Every month on the second Monday women of the church gather in the parlour at 7:30 pm for a program and to plan the many activities throughout the year. We hold a fall bake sale, make apple pies in November, have fall and spring rummage sales, and are involved in the Women's Inter-Church Council, to name a few. The first meeting will be held Sept 11.



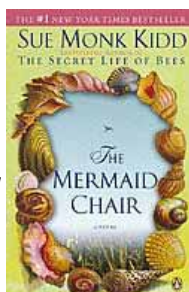
A key organization in the church, the UCW hosts many receptions and contributes in many and varied ways to the on-going life of the congregation. An annual scholarship is awarded each year from the Helen Young Memorial Scholarship Fund to a deserving student of the church. The UCW also provides support to Camp Woolastook, the soup kitchen, and Women in Transition House.



Contact: Irene Forbes 454-6545  
Linda Gough 459-3706

## The Wilmot Book Club

The Book Club is open to all and meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parlour. Join in the lively discussion of a variety of popular books and have a cup of tea. The first meeting is September 26 to discuss *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd.



Contact: Nancy Gilbert 455-8627

## 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 their regular shifts at the drop-in. Join a team and spend a Saturday night to remember.

Contact: Norm Laverty 455-3349  
Gord Holloway 472-3373  
Dan Foster 455-5795

## Wilmot Writers

The Wilmot Writers meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 11:30 am either in the parlour or the youth lounge. Everyone who wants to write is welcome. We would be happy to change the time to accommodate prospective members. We read what we have written the previous two weeks, get feedback from the group, and have a mug of tea.



Contact: Nancy Bauer 455-8169

## Chronic Pain Support Group

Affiliated with the Chronic Pain Association of Canada (CPAC) the group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Contact: Krista Wong 458-2619

## Sunday School

Sunday School is a vital part of Wilmot's Christian Education program. Classes for all ages run every Sunday from September 17 until June 3 with unique programming on special Sundays. Every Sunday there is also a nursery.

Except for Communion Sunday, the children attend the first part of worship and go to their classes after the children's story. On the first day of each month, Communion Sunday, the children go directly to their classes and come back to the service when communion starts.

This year there will be some exciting additions to the program. The Sunday School is always in need of teachers.

Contact: Krista Wong 458-2619

## Prayer Group

The Wilmot Prayer Circle consists of a small group of Wilmoters who pray every day for everyone on our prayer list. If you would like to have prayerful support for any challenge you or your family or a friend are going through—physical, mental, emotional, spiritual—please place a request in the Prayer Box located on the desk outside the door to the Sanctuary, on the second floor. Please include a phone number if possible, so we can contact you to determine if the name needs to stay longer on the list or if there is any change in the person's circumstances. Be assured that all information given is kept in strict confidence by members of the Prayer Group.



We pray for anyone who asks; it is not necessary to be members of Wilmot. We've had names on the list from across Canada and the United States and from the other side of the Globe.

In praying, we trust that God will provide whatever people need for their highest good; we provide support for that process.

Contact: Kathy Carr 459-0121

### Healing Ministry

Healing is an ancient practice of the Christian faith and Wilmot United Church is blessed with several streams of healing in its midst.

The Healing Pathway Program is designed to train and mentor people to develop the gift and skill of healing hands within the Christian tradition. It teaches a method of energetic healing by means of laying on of hands, practicing the presence of Christ and praying for the wholeness of the recipient. It is a practice deeply rooted in our Christian faith, and continues the healing ministry of Jesus.



Sue Short, Kathy Carr, Kathryn Downton and Dean Fletcher have completed Phase III of the Healing Pathway program (using Healing Touch) and Karen Watson, RN, uses another type of touch therapy. With both practices, God is always the healer; the practitioner is merely the human facilitator.

We also hope to have some evening healing services again. New this year is the addition of a Healing Centre in the Sunday School area of the church. Look for an announcement about this Centre and its purpose and also information about possible healing services.

Contact: Karen Watson 459-7456  
Sue Short, 455-5377  
Kathy Carr, 457-4177

### Quilters Group

Wednesday morning at Wilmot is Quilters Morning. Join us for stitching and tea at 9:00 am. We will gladly teach beginners—and even if you only want to watch the magic of quilting come alive, you are still welcome.



Contact: Marg Wilson 459-5992

### Seniors Group

The seniors group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, usually beginning at 1:30 pm with 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 19 with a pot luck beginning at 12:30 pm. All meetings are held in the church parlour.

Contact: Sue Breen 450-4072

### Wilmot Legal Advice Clinic

The Outreach Committee, working with several lawyers, hosts a clinic twice monthly at the church from September until June. Free legal advice is provided in short private sessions by lawyers and UNB law students for people who might be unable to afford such advice otherwise. Much of the work concerns family law.

Outreach members and volunteers from the Congregation act as hosts for each clinic.

Contact: Darrell Mesheau 455-2702

### Special Olympics

The Special Olympics team meets in the gym Monday and Thursday evenings.

### Bible Studies

Throughout the year Bible Studies on various topics will be held in the church or at people's homes. Watch the weekly 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.



The first session that is planned will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Luke's gospel; then Thursday, November 30 at 12:00 noon in the parlour: "The Joseph We Don't Know"; and on March 14 and 15, 2007, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm: "The Last Week".

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1391

### Dinner Out at Wilmot

Each month on the last Wednesday we will be gathering with guests of the Saturday Night Drop-in to prepare a dinner for each other. While the guests of the drop-in are the primary cooks, we'll need help and teams of volunteers will be formed to help with the meal and merry-making.

Contact: Norm Laverty 455-3349  
Chris Levan 458-1391

### Outreach Committee Soup Sunday

At regular intervals (usually the last Sunday of each month beginning in October) the Outreach Committee of the church provides soup following morning worship. Held in the gym and open to all, the proceeds from these meals support projects of the Outreach Committee.



Come to church, stay for soup—you won't be disappointed!

Contact: Chris Colwell

### Revolutionary Readers

This study group meets three times a year on two consecutive Wednesdays to focus on thought-provoking theological texts. The first two of these meetings will be held at Diana Hall's house October 25 and November 1 at 7:30 pm. We will be reading *Christian Fundamentalist*, a collection of articles supplied by Chris Levan.

Organizing the group is one of the functions of the Adult and Christian Ministries committee. Future dates will be announced in the bulletin.

Contact: Diana Hall 450-1180

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## Special Services

### Services of Healing

Throughout the year, members of the congregation plan and host services for healing and comfort. Held Sunday nights at 7:30 pm, these services offer 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.

These services will be planned and hosted in co-operation with the healing touch ministry of the church. Watch the weekly bulletin for the announcement of the first service.

A Healing Service for Christmas called a "Blue Christmas Service" will be held Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 pm.

Contact: Peter Short 458-1392

### Christmas Eve

#### (Sunday, December 24)

Christmas Eve in 2006 at Wilmot is like a four-course meal. It opens with an inter-generational story-time service at 11:00 am.



Then at 4:00 pm we host the service for the very young. At this worship 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 Family service at 7:00 pm. 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 pm and features light and laughter. Ring in Christmas morning among friends and family.

### Maundy Thursday (April 5)

Holy week reaches a high point on Thursday. At Wilmot we will have two major events.

At 8:30 am the men of the church gather to make hot-cross buns. This year the circle will expand to anyone who wants to learn. The buns will be baked all day and are ready to be picked up from 3:00 pm onward.

At 6:30 pm we will gather as a church family to celebrate the Upper Room Seder Meal—a five-course feast that helps people learn more of the Jesus story



and to celebrate the Seder meal which lies behind our Sacrament of Communion.

Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family of four or more.

### Good Friday (April 6)

This sombre and still service begins at 11:00 am on Good Friday. We recognize what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. The sanctuary is draped in mourning and for that day we bury our hallelujahs.

### Easter Sunday (April 8)

For the hearty and hale: an Easter Vigil at 2:00 am. Come to the Carleton Street door. This will provide an opportunity to explore the contemplative side of the good news of Easter.

Contact: Don MacDougall  
455-2157



### Easter Sunday (April 8)

The Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am: we meet at the foot of Carleton Street by the river. Just follow the crowd (okay—it's more like a small circle). 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 a light breakfast.

Then at 11:00 am, Easter—the central celebration of our church—is marked by a great service of celebration with music, trumpets, stories and song that 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

### C o r n

Look for a Friday evening of fun: a pot-luck corn boil will be held for adults of the congregation. It's an Autumn tradition not to be missed. Friday, September 22 at 6:30 pm, at the home of Blaine and Anne Marie Atkinson, Regatta Point Road, near Kings Landing.

Further directions will be made available.

Contact: Sue Breen 450-4072

### Boil



### Linnea Good is in town

#### Saturday—Sunday, October 14—15

A weekend of music: Saturday October 14 at 1:00 pm Wilmot church will host a hymn-singing workshop for local churches, choirs and individuals. Linnea Good will be our resource person and she will be helped by Nancy Reeves and others.

Then in the evening at 7:30 pm we will enjoy a concert by

Linnea and friends. Sunday morning, she will help with worship. What a weekend of song (and dance????).

This event is sponsored by the committee of Stewards and we look forward to your participation.

**Contact:** Chris Levan 458-1391



### **The Auction**

#### **Saturday, November 4**

Every two years Wilmot Church hosts the best auction in the city of Fredericton. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Back by popular demand is the children's room, the antique road show evaluations room, as well as the silent and live auction items.



Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Food will be provided by the Cuba Twinning group.

**Contact:** Pam Campbell 453-9794



### **The Christmas Play: "First Things Last"**

#### **December 7 & 8 at 7:30 pm**

#### **December 9 at 2:00 pm**

This is our second annual Christmas play. Not like anything you have ever seen, this two-act performance features the day when Joseph, the step-father of Jesus, dies. Watch as he recounts his life and talks of his greatest disappointment: his oldest son Jesus.

There's room in the play for more actors and there's plenty to do behind the scenes. So you can come to help out or just come and watch the performances.

**Contact:** Chris Levan 458-1391



### **The Progressive Dinner**

#### **Friday, December 15**

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 15 beginning at 6:30 pm. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

### **Twinning with the Evangelical Seminary of Matanzas, Cuba**

For the next three years Wilmot Church will be "twinned" with the Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. This is a co-operative effort to grow community across theological

and political boundaries, a chance to make friends and to learn of the Christian mission in other lands.

The Session of Wilmot Church has put together a team of 15 people to travel to Cuba this year (January 27 to February 3 approximately—precise dates to be determined later). This team will train for their tour and bring back information to share with the entire community.



Part of the training will be Spanish lessons. Watch the weekly bulletin for when they begin—they will be open to anyone who wants to learn.

The team will host a Cuban dinner on Saturday October 7 at 6:00 pm to raise funds for the tour itself—watch for details in the church bulletin.

### **The Congregational Retreat**

#### **February 16—18**

It's mid-winter—take a break and relax and read at the congregational retreat. As has been our custom, the retreat will be held at Beulah Camp, Friday, February 16, beginning at 6:00 pm until Sunday, February 18 at lunchtime.

Watch the church bulletin for themes, costs and registration procedures.

**Contact:** Monica MacDonald 472-6439



### **Congregational Curling**

#### **Friday, March 16**

What can be more Canadian than a curling tournament?

This year the Wilmot church family will be able to play—don't worry about having experience. You don't need teammates either. We teach and match up groups on the fly—or should we say "on the ice". A great event to stave off the winter blues.

Details and times for this delightful time will be announced in the weekly church bulletin.

**Contact:** Sue Breen 450-4072



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## The Men's Retreat (May 4—5)

This is our third year of taking time for fellowship and frank conversation: it's open to men of all ages. So grab your gear, a canoe if you have one and a bag full of good cheer and come along on our annual men's retreat. We travel to a lodge on the Tobique River north of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick for two days of recreation and reflection.



Held from Friday May 4 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending Saturday

May 5 around supper time, this event includes time for discussion, walks along the river, late night beverages, a canoe trip down the river and great meals.

Contact: Chris Levan 458-1391

## Golf Tournament

### Sunday, May 27 2:00 pm

Come to the links: Kingswood Golf Course—the shorter 9 Hole Executive Course. Time to test your skill. We'll all have a great time. Don't worry about whether you're a duffer or a pro—there's a place in the line-up for you.

Good times and good food. Mark your calendar and we'll bring along details later.

Contact: Neil Thorne 452-0049



## Publications

### Words from Wilmot

Several times a year the Information Team of the congregation produces *Words from Wilmot* as well as other public information items such as this Program Guide. You are encouraged to submit articles, pictures and/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](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca) to discover information about the congregation as well as an annual Calendar of Events 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 site administrator.



Contact: G a r t h Caseley 457-2642

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

<b>September 10</b>	Welcome Sunday—time with the minister
<b>September 17</b>	First term begins
<b>October 8</b>	Thanksgiving program with the Committee of Stewards
<b>November 5</b>	Special Remembrance Sunday program with Gordon Hagar
<b>December 17</b>	"The Sunday School Presents..." during morning worship
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary—no Sunday School
<b>December 31</b>	Time with the minister
<b>January 14</b>	Second term begins
<b>April 1</b>	Palm Sunday—Special procession project with Hilary Drain
<b>April 8</b>	Easter Sunday—children in worship
<b>May 20</b>	Time with the minister
<b>June 3</b>	Second term ends—Thanksgiving for Sunday School
<b>June 10</b>	Close of Sunday School, Congregational Picnic and Blessing of Pets

## Wilmot United Church Seminar

April 27—28, 2007

Following in the compassion of Stephen Lewis and the discerning theological intellect of John Dominic Crossan and John Shelby Spong, we now look forward to continuing the conversation with Maude Barlow at the next Wilmot Seminar ...*a Different Voice*... the voice that is heard when we pause for a moment before we speak, allowing us to reflect and make a different choice.

Maude Barlow will lead us in this dialogue with her insights on economic globalization, inspired by her social justice work. Maude Barlow is the National Chairperson of The Council of Canadians, the co-founder of the Blue Planet Project, a Director with the International Forum on Globalization. She was nominated for the “1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005” and was the recipient of the “2005/2006 Lannan Cultural Freedom Fellowship”.

Recently, she received the prestigious “2005 Right Livelihood Award” widely referred to as “The Alternative Nobel”.

Titles Dr. Barlow has most recently published are *Too Close For Comfort: Canada's Future Within Fortress North America*; *Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop Corporate Theft of the World's Water* (with Tony Clarke); and *Profit is Not the Cure: A Citizens' Guide to Saving Medicare*.

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