

# Words from Wilmot

## A Conversation With Peter Short



Some fundamentals in his life will change dramatically. Peter has always known that he is an introvert in a world where being an extrovert is required; fulfilling the extrovert requirement has been “extremely demanding.” I didn’t get the sense that he is planning to become a recluse, but certainly he won’t always have to be on call to play the outgoing role. Another change is the unfamiliar freedom he will have. “I’ve been institutionalized since I was five years old. The agenda of my life has been set for me for 55 years. Retiring is going to be like falling down a rabbit hole.”

find out that the essay “No More Makeovers” was given first prize by the Canadian Church Press in the Theological Reflection category for 2008. His wife Sue tells me that another of his pieces is in a new book of essays by Canadian theologians, *Northern Lights*.

I ask about his family at this moment of his retirement. He and Sue do retreat work together; they have two coming up and will continue to make them a part of their lives. Sue’s essay about art and faith has just come out in the book *Creating Change: the arts as catalyst for spiritual transformation*. Greg is a precision machinist at Mactaquac on the weekend and a student at UNB during the week, studying the philosophy of law, Arabic, and “all sorts of interesting subjects. Christine is a senior policy analyst at the Department of Foreign Affairs, with special expertise of the countries surrounding the North Pole. Emily is a social worker at the Stan Cassidy Centre. Robert is a recent graduate in business from Bishop’s University, at the moment in Florida with friends, buying an ocean sailboat.

What is Peter going to do when he retires? “When I retire, I’m going to retire. I’m going to read EB White and Katharine White, her *Onward and Upward in the Garden*, perhaps. I might write. I’m going to step away from my conventional agenda and see what I can’t live without.” That’s such an original way to put it, that he should write a book, I say; How to retire: step away from your work and see what you can’t live without. He’s not making any predictions of what these essentials will be, but he knows he won’t want to lead a life of leisure. He will still want to make a contribution to his family and to his community.

When I compliment him on the job he has done, he says, “There’s a certain innocence required in your work or else it would be like Soviet art.” In other words, he shouldn’t feel certain that what he is doing is a good job. Or that he has done a good job. He repeats the saying, “Life is lived forwards but understood backwards.”

His vision has changed, he thinks. Over time he has been able to trust his own voice. “I am less and less an interpreter of the Bible, and more and more someone who stands before it, mystified.” That change has been important, he believes, because “in failing to trust your own voice, you wind up telling people what to think.”

He is “not desperate to get away”, but he knows it is time for him to leave. “I’ve never been able to explain the major movements in my life. But my soul has moved. I’ve had some signals.” One of the signals is that he is losing interest in some of the key parts of his job, for example the administration of church details, such as going to meetings. “I’m not satisfied with the job I’ve been doing recently.” Retiring, however, doesn’t feel like a capitulation; it just feels like the right thing to do at this time.

Someone told me that Peter had recently won an award, but he can’t remember that he did or for what piece. I tell him that I will have to write that he has won so many awards he can’t remember them. He laughs. He does remember, however, that his Easter piece, “Resurrection”, was awarded the North American Church Press first prize. That essay has won other prizes and is reprinted in his *Outside Eden: essays of encouragement*. I go on the internet to

Peter knows it’s going to be a big adjustment to sit in the pew. Perhaps the many retired ministers in our church can give him advice. But we members are only relieved that the pew he sits in will be Wilmot’s and that we will continue to have the pleasure of Sue and Peter’s company.

☺ Nancy Bauer

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**Monica Coll - Our new intern in ministry**



Monica has accomplished a lot in her twenty-five years. She is a member of the World Council of Churches and was appointed vice-moderator for their Youth Commission, newly formed in 2007. In that capacity she has traveled to the WCC headquarters in Geneva, to Paraguay, Greece, and Brazil. Canada, however, is the first place where she has been able to stay long enough to sightsee and to observe the culture.

Monica is now in her third year of a five-year program at the Theological Evangelical Seminary of Matanzas, studying as a lay person, not as a prospective minister al-

though she may in the future pursue that goal. Not only does she study, she works with the Christian Institute of Gender Studies there and will continue to work with them when she finishes her courses, perhaps even giving classes.

She will be with us until March and is looking forward to experiencing winter. "The weather says a lot about the people and their culture. Cuba is open and friendly, and the people are always on the street because of our warm climate." Her friends in Fredericton are eager to introduce her to winter sports.

Monica came here knowing "many good friends" she met when Wilmoteers visited the Matanzas seminary, including her hosts, Kitty Elton and John Beal. She had already met some of the young people she works with in the Wilmot Sunday school and in the afternoon youth group.

Chris Levan is her professor

at STU where she is taking "Christian Ethics" and "The Introduction to Religion." Monica volunteers with the soup kitchen and was interested to learn that Canada too has poor residents. She goes with the ministers to visit Wilmoteers in their homes, experiencing pastoral care.

The plight of indigenous people is one of her special interests. In El Chaco, Paraguay, she met some inhabitants of that country's indigenous communities and learned about the reality of their lives. Paraguay, she tells me, is bilingual, with Spanish and the language of the Waranies, the most populous of the several aboriginal groups. She will attend a conference of our indigenous people in Moncton.

Monica is a member of the Presbyterian Reform Church. Her mother is the coordinator of the interchange between Wilmot and the Matanzas seminary.

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Monica grew up in Havana where she still lives although she must spend the majority of her time in Matanzas.



## To Everything There is a Season

Who can remain calm in the current turbulent economic times? I'm gripping my wallet more furtively. How about you?



One day the stock market is up, the next it is in the tank? Savings appear and disappear with alarming speed. It is not easy to find a haven from the bad news. On one side we can say it's only paper money. No one is actually losing anything more than inflated profits. But on the other side, it seems irrefutable that the economy is descending into serious trouble. Pension plans are straining and people living on their savings will have a very cold winter. The least protected will again suffer the consequences of the red ink in our collective ledgers.

The church is not immune to these troubles. Currently our investments are being held by the United Church Foundation. It is managed by the same firm that cares for the church pension plan. A very careful and ethically sound approach to stewardship of accumulated wealth. In September we received a report that the United Church Foundation had preserved our capital (which is saying a great deal about their skill and foresight) but it appears that in 2008 we will make very little interest revenue.

The church depends on considerable investment income to complete its year financial plan. There is little doubt that the



lack of return from our trust funds will result a larger than anticipated deficit for 2008. That's the bad news. The good news is that the Wilmot community continues to be astoundingly generous. Our

offering has kept pace with cost increases (we are growing at a rate of 2% per year.) and we thank you for your confidence in our common mission and ministry. To offset our shortfall in interest income, the stewards are inviting church members to "do what they can" to offset our shortfall.

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As we approach the end of the current year, I am reminded of the need for patience. In Ecclesiastes we find the advice that to everything there is a season: “a time to take up, a time to let go, a time for war and a time for peace, a time to live, a time to die.” The poem doesn't actually mention the TSX, but by inference it is there. Now is the season for patience. Whatever the markets do, our role as a community of faith is to wait with good will and vigilance. Panic won't help. We can't balance the books by cutting our mission. We know that it is precisely in these difficult times that our community needs the services our church offers: food vouchers, the Saturday night drop in, monthly dinners and pastoral care.

We chose to stay downtown, to live in the heart of this city and as the seasons change, particularly when they turn cold, our calling is clear. We stay open to give warmth and welcome to those in our city who are lost or alone.

Thank you for your continued confidence and your generous good will.

☺ Chris Levan



## United for Peace Campaign

**T**he United for Peace Campaign is an invitation to members of the United Church of Canada to become more engaged in the struggle for a just peace with dignity for all peoples. The campaign has three components – education, advocacy and fund raising. At Wilmot, we have a long standing commitment to justice and peace and have been actively involved in all three components. The United for Peace Campaign invites us to join with others from across the United Church to promote a just peace both at home and abroad. Funds raised will be used to support projects that promote peace in various trouble spots throughout the world and here in Canada.

Over the next year, there will be numerous opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in a variety of activities. The campaign at Wilmot was offi-

cially launched On Peace Sunday, November 9, and the children in the Circle of Life talked about peace and made dove shaped cookies for Coffee Hour. Upcoming events include a study session in the winter that will explore the many faces and places of conflict in our world, a special program on peace for the Youth Groups, and various fund raising initiatives.

One way to contribute to the Peace Fund is through the purchase of an olivewood pin. These dove shaped pins have been designed and are being produced by artisans in Bethlehem. Both the dove and olivewood are traditional signs of peace. The pins are available for sale from our Fair Trade Boutique during Coffee Hour for \$30.00. Five dollars covers the cost of the pin and an income tax receipt will be issued for \$25.00.

**Further information about the United for Peace Campaign is available on the UCC web site:**

[http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/unitedforpeace.](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/unitedforpeace)

## News from Wilmot Outreach

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Once again, we will fill Christmas Hampers for newcomers to Fredericton, in partnership with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton. The mitten tree will be up every Sunday from November 23 to December 7. Items will be written on paper mittens hanging on the tree and the items will be gifts to be included in hampers for families that have moved to Fredericton, mostly as refugees from many countries. The families

who will receive the hampers have had to leave their extended families and support networks. So aside from the fact that they need the warm clothing and other items that we give, the warmth that they receive along with the gifts simply by being remembered and cared about, is very much needed and appreciated too.

Here is how you can help:

- ◆ You can take a mitten from the tree and return it with the gift item that is written on the mitten by December 14.
- ◆ If you prefer, you can make a cash donation any Sunday, writing on the envelope that the donation is for Christmas Hampers.
- ◆ Come to the Christmas dinner, the proceeds of which go to purchase groceries for the hampers.
- ◆ You can help with wrapping gifts on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:00pm in the gym.
- ◆ Shopping and grocery packing will be done on Dec. 18 and we need a few volunteers during the day and about 30 in the evening starting at 7:00 pm, in the gym.
- ◆ Delivery will be on Dec. 19.

A sign up sheet will be posted near the mitten tree starting on Dec. 23.

**Meet the Keepers of the Fair Trade Merchandise Cupboard**  
**Eris and Breagha MacDonald Rahn**

Thanks to Eris and Breagha who are doing an efficient job of keeping our records straight, displaying all the wonderful products for sale, and providing service with a smile!

The Lecture Series  
for April 2009

Good News for a Change

April 24-25, 2009

This year we are hosting a unique bible conference. As part of our on-going lecture series, Dennis Dewey, a biblical story teller and Priscilla Geisterfer will give leadership in looking at the way in which the bible transforms our lives and our world. Dennis, a Presbyterian pastor, has a rare gift to present the gospel story with current relevance and striking clarity. Priscilla has been part of our church family and her recent doctor studies in Hebrew scriptures will round out the seminar. Sign-up for the lecture series will begin soon.

Call Chris for more information 458-1391.



BIOGRAPHY  
DENNIS DEWEY  
MINISTER OF BIBLICAL STORY

Dennis Dewey has performed and led storytelling seminars all over North America, Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Korea, South Africa and Israel. Ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has been engaged full time in this itinerant, ecumenical ministry of biblical story since 1992.

Dennis Dewey has been a featured presenter at the annual Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers (NOBS), and has performed and/or taught at hundreds of churches and at institutions such as Princeton Theological Seminary's Institute of Theology, the Joseph Campbell Festival, the National Storytelling Festival, and the 209th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Dewey is a graduate of Hartwick College, where he majored in philosophy but lived in the theater, and of Princeton Theological Seminary, where his academic concentration was in liturgy. He also holds a Masters Degree equivalency in education from the State University of New York. He makes his home in Utica, New York with his wife and three children.

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Priscilla Geisterfer, *a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures*, will balance the seminar with reflections on the transformative challenge that is presented in ancient Israelite wisdom stories. Priscilla is a member of Wilmot United Church and an academic who works with an international group of scholars known as the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity group to develop the dynamic relationship between the biblical texts and the hearers/readers of those texts.

### WORSHIP @ WILMOT PODCAST



Now in its third month, **Worship @ Wilmot Podcast** brings you the opportunity to listen to Sunday worship services at your convenience.

If you missed worship, if you were busy during worship (in the Nursery, perhaps) or if you simply want to hear that great sermon or anthem again, it is as easy as a few mouse clicks!

The separate sections of **Worship @ Wilmot Podcast** are in mp3 format, which you can either listen to as “streaming audio” or download to your computer, iPod, cell phone, etc. at a time and place of your choosing.

Wilmot United Church is leading the way in this venture among congregations of The United Church of Canada in the Maritime Conference.

Log on to our Wilmot United Church web site, click on Podcast, turn up the volume on your speakers and enjoy!

Wilmot United Church has a new web site. It is located on the World Wide Web in exactly the same place as before:

<http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>

All the former information will be there, plus some new items.

If you have any suggestions about new items to be added to our web site, please send them to the web site administrator, Garth Caseley at

[garth@caseley.net](mailto:garth@caseley.net)

## VISITS TO OTHER CHURCHES (NO. 2)

The Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton (February 3, 2008)

For the second week in a row I found myself in a modest sized group of approximately 50 worshipers, or should I say 'inquirers' because the emphasis here appears to be inquiry and learning; the worship and praise being more understated, but nevertheless present in the hugs and greetings.

The site for the weekly gatherings is a large 'converted' home with spacious, attractive grounds in an older residential part of the city.

We were seated in an L-shaped living room and dining room. Behind the lectern a brightly burning log on the fireplace created a warm cozy atmosphere.

Before the service, recorded classical music, followed by professionally performed hymn accompaniment on the Grand Piano created a pleasing musical framework.

The Order of Service, neatly printed on a bulletin was not unlike that with which I have been familiar for the past 50 years. The opening welcome speaks volumes about the inclusiveness of Unitarianism:

"We bid you welcome who come with weary spirit seeking rest. Whoever you are - whatever you are - Wherever you are on your journey, we bid you wel-

come!"

There were two other hymns which, to me, had new words, but singable tunes. Other parts of the service were quite conventional - Children's Story - Offertory - Announcements, etc.

The central feature was a talk by Dr. Kassimi of UNB who spoke of his experience and knowledge of the Islamic Faith. He came across as a likeable person who made his subject interesting. He appeared to be connecting well with his listeners.

I found it beneficial to be reminded that he represented one of the 3 monotheistic world religions - Islam, Judaism and Christianity. I noted with interest that the hymn following the lecture was titled, "Love will Guide US." It made me think of the passage in 1 John - "...love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love... if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us."

Two significant things happened at the close of the service in the section called "Joys and Concerns." Two people came to the front of the room to speak. They did not appear to be part of the university crowd. Yet all present listened intently as one shared her distress over a

job loss coupled with the death of her mother. The depth of her feeling, especially regarding the employment problems, was eloquently conveyed as she cried out about "all of this shit that's been thrown at me!"

The other young lady delivered a tale of struggle and suffering that had been a recent part of her life.

What impressed me most, perhaps about the entire service, was the patient listening to these two people, the compassionate attitude that was shown by the hugs and pats on the back. I could only describe it as Christ-like.

However these Unitarians define themselves, they demonstrated to me, attributes that were "Christ in the midst."

The friendly atmosphere continued to be manifested following the meeting as I was welcomed as we partook of coffee and sweets. I cannot conclude my observations without mentioning that I was accompanied by Marjorie Atkinson who is known to many of their congregation since she is a long-time resident of the city, but also because her son Stephen is about to be ordained in a large Unitarian Fellowship in Vancouver.



## SEEING WITH IRISH EYES

A 10 day tour of Ireland  
May 2 – 12, 2009

HOSTS: Christopher Levan and Darrell Mesheau

Here's your chance to see Ireland from the inside. Catch the beauty of the "Emerald Isle," listen to the stories of the recent "troubles," visit Dublin, Belfast and all points in between. We'll have our own transport and will be able to bend the tour to suit the interests and needs of the participants. You can count on good food and good fellowship.

This year we leave and return to Halifax. Space is limited to 16 participants. Cost \$3475 (double occupancy) includes airfare, accommodations, transfers and travel while in Ireland, all breakfasts, some dinners, tour guides, some entrances to local sites and a whole lot of fun.

Contact: Rivendell Communications at [rivendel@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:rivendel@nb.sympatico.ca) or call Chris Levan at 454-7303 for more information.



## Happy 80th Cliff!

Rev. Cliff Moase - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On December 13, 2008 Rev. Cliff Moase will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at an Open House at Wilmot United Church Parlour. He was born in Summerside, PEI on December 12, 1928, and became a candidate for the United Church ministry from his home congregation in Kensington, PEI. Cliff was the minister at Wilmot Church for 14 years, from 1971 to 1985.

For the celebration of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, daughters Elaine, Kathryn and Anne will be present.

You are invited to join Cliff and Joyce and their family for the celebration. In lieu of cards or gifts, Cliff would appreciate donations of canned goods to the Food Bank. There will be an opportunity to record your best wishes at the Open House.

### **Spanish Lessons**

To further our relationship with the seminary in Cuba, we have regular Spanish lessons...this year they will be offered on Thursday night's beginning at 6:30 p.m. The lessons are open and offered free. Mecca and Norm Laverty are in their third year of this program. Everyone is welcome to join.  
Contact: Norman Laverty 455-3349

### **Missed Weekly Announcements**

Didn't make it to church at Wilmot last Sunday? Wondering what's happening in your church? You can find the announcements each week at our web site: <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/bulletin.pdf>

### **Other Web Sites You May Be Interested In:**

Woolastook Presbytery <http://www.woolastook-presbytery.ca>  
Maritime Conference <http://www.marconf.ca>  
The United Church of Canada <http://www.united-church.ca>  
wondercafe.ca <http://www.wondercafe.ca>



### **Want to help the Soup Kitchen?**

Save your SOBEYS receipts and leave them in the Sobeys Box situated on the book shelf in the Parlour. The UCW through Sobeys turns the receipts into cash, which is used to support the Soup Kitchen.

### **A Unique Educational Experience**

From February 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> there is a unique educational event taking place at the seminary in Cuba with which our church has a relationship. John Dominic Crossan is coming to Cuba to speak about his recent book that takes the theme "God and Empire." At an event that includes Americans, Cubans and Canadians, this promises to be a once in a lifetime seminar. Everyone is welcome. For more details speak with Chris. 454-7303.

### ***Wilmot Congregational Winter Retreat 2009***

*A retreat is a time-honoured way to step back from daily demands, providing the setting and support for participants to deepen spiritual life and relationships in community.*

#### **The Retreat**

Friday to Sunday, February 6 - 8, 2009 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, beginning Friday at 6:00 pm until Sunday at lunchtime. Watch the weekly bulletin for themes, costs and registration procedures.  
Contact: Nancy Gilbert 455-8627

## Book Review

With or Without God: Why the Way We Live Is More Important Than What We Believe

by Gretta Vosper

(HarperCollins Canada, 2008) \$29.95

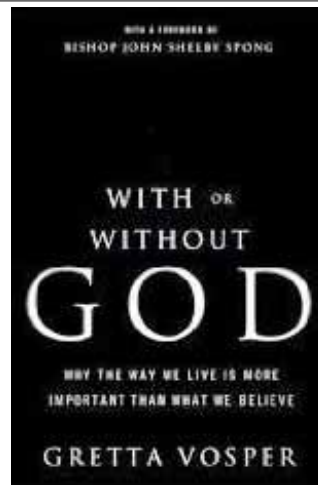
Reviewed by Lucille Caseley

**W**ith or Without God is a book that United Church people will want to know about even if they choose not to read it. Not just because the author is a United Church minister (Rev. Gretta Vosper serves West Hill United Church, Toronto) but because she is a potent spokesperson and founder of the Canadian Center for Progressive Christianity, a grass roots organization of committed followers who believe that only radical change in creed, doctrine and language will save the church.

Vosper credits John Shelby Spong for opening the door for her to formulate her theological emphasis and to express her doubts about the authority of the Bible and the church. Favouring her in the Forward of the book, Spong says, "This is a powerful book, a provocative book and a book that needs to be read and debated." Gretta herself says, "It is about finding a way to be a church that knows its past but respects the present enough to leave the past where it belongs and not use it as the litmus test for any new idea we might want to propose."

New ideas are, in fact the critical life-saving transfusions that will counter the hemorrhage of the Christian church's influence in our world. These new ideas must embrace post-modern knowledge that the Bible is not "The Authoritative Word of God for All Times" (TAWOGFAT - an acronym used by Vosper throughout the book), nor is Jesus all that tradition claims him to be.

Vosper questions our liturgical integrity if we continue to use traditional language and archaic expressions to define God, Jesus and the Bible, while at the same time giving credence to modern biblical scholars such as Crossan, Borg, Pagels and others. Even the divinity of God is at stake here. She says, "I know no proof of God beyond personal experience and I cannot acknowledge that proof as substantial". She believes each one of us experiences God in a different, personal way based on subjective encounters with ideas and tangible influences. Consider the title of the book which suggests the irrelevance of belief in God if we do not act with



integrity. Living with compassion, striving for justice and showing reverence for creation is the true manifestation of God, she says.

The Second Vatican Council of the 1960's was lauded for Opening Windows to allow a fresh breeze to blow through a dark and musty church. What Vosper is proposing is far more radical. She suggests kicking open doors with doors that have no interior knobs, and throwing out heirloom furniture, art masterpieces, books of antiquity and heritage hymnody, to expose them to the elements of a post-modern world. Once these trappings see the light of day and are recognized for what they are they can be archived with respect.

This month many of us will see Bill Maher's highly touted new movie **Religulous** (= Religion + Ridiculous). The theme is a concrete reflection of contemporary thought and we who live in the present world of



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LATELY?



**With or Without God: continued from P 11**

questioning, skepticism and repudiation have encountered, and will encounter, this sardonic imprint permeating our culture. Can The Progressive Christianity Movement really be an antidote? At this point you may well ask what exactly is Progressive Christianity? Defining it would seem as elusive as gripping holy water. Progressive Christianity is not an “-ism”, like communism, socialism or liberalism and should not be thought of as such, although it could be considered a movement of social action, which involves, in Vosper’s words “[living] in right relationship with yourself, others and the planet”.

The explication in Wikipedia (a web based free encyclopedia at [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)) takes the movement way back to The Social Gospel, but states it should not be confused with Christian liberalism, neo-orthodoxy or liberation theology even though it embraces many of these elements. Vosper’s **With or Without God** is a Canadian Progressive Christianity manifesto which complements the American author, Delwin Brown’s **Progressive Christian Beliefs: An Introduction...** (currently under revision), and a good starting place for those who wish to follow up with further reading. There are also many excellent web sites on the subject to visit.



**Calendar of Events**

**November, 2008**

- 16** Anniversary Sunday Guest Preacher Rev. Brian McIntosh
- 20** Seminar on the Gospel of Mark—Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 29** Santa Claus Parade Float Construction and join the Parade Saturday
- 30** Advent I - White Gift Service

- 22** Annual Meeting of the Congregation-Sunday
- Creative Spirit Sunday
- 24** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- 5:30pm
- 25** Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes- 7:00pm

**December, 2008**

- 7** Advent II - Hanging of the Greens
- 16** Congregational Turkey Dinner (Supporting Christmas Hampers) Tuesday 5:30 pm-7:30

**March 2009**

- 21** Bread Day - 7am

**December, 2008 cont'd**

- 21** Advent IV- Special Children’s Service
- 24** Christmas Eve Services (Monday): 4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service for the very young 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service 11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Communion

**April, 2009**

- 5** Palm Sunday Breakfast-9:00am
- Palm Sunday Service -11:00pm
- 9** Hot Cross Buns-bread making in the kitchen - Thursday 7:00am
- 9** Maundy Thursday Upper Room Meal for all generations - 6:00pm
- 10** Good Friday Service - 11:00 am
- 12** Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 7:00am
- Easter Service -11:00am
- 24-25** Wilmot Seminar- “Good News for a Change”

**January, 2009**

- 25** Robbie Burns Night, Pot Luck 6:00pm

**February, 2009**

- 6-8** Congregational Retreat at Beulah Camp
- 14** Congregational Curling-Capital Winter Club