



Words from Wilmot

Wilmot's Four Ministers Emeriti

In the Question Box column of the May 2011 edition of the *United Church Observer*, the columnist in part wrote: "Congregations have the right to confer the honorary title of "emeritus" upon as many former ministers as they choose. ... It is a gracious and loving way for a congregation to recognize the service of a former minister still active in their midst."



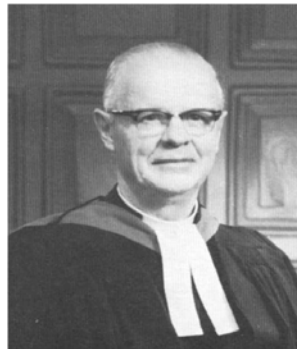
**Rev. Phillips
B. Chisholm**

Forty years ago, in February 1971, the Wilmot congregation experienced the trauma of losing its beloved minister, Rev. Phillips Brooks Chisholm, to cancer. That February, Mr. Chisholm preached on a Sunday, and died the following Thursday. The grieving congregation was served from then until a new minister was in place later in 1971 by a retired United Church minister from Toronto, Rev. Dr. Edward Cragg, who had settled with Mrs. Cragg in Fredericton to be near family, and was attending St. Paul's Church.

The congregation entered into the pastoral relations process, and the decision was made to call the Reverend Clifford R. Moase from Mount Royal United Church in Moncton. So, in the last part of 1971, Cliff and Joyce Moase with their three daughters and one son arrived at Wilmot. Dr. Cragg remained with us at Wilmot

and served as a pastoral assistant with Mr. Moase and then as minister emeritus between 1978 and 1988, enriching our worship and congregational life. As assistant to the minister, he visited extensively in the homes of members of the congregation. He prepared exemplary sermons, delivered without notes, and his Sunday morning Bible classes for adults drew upwards of 50 persons. He helped establish the Fellowship Committee in 1971.

Dr. Cragg was our second minister emeritus. The first was Dr. George M. Young, for whom our adjoining hall is named, born in 1867. Dr. Young was minister at Wilmot between 1917 and 1922, then our minister emeritus from 1951 to 1963, preaching into his nineties.



**Rev. Dr.
C. E. J.
Cragg**

He was a native of Richibucto and was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1892, and served charges in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In 1918, while minister at the Fredericton Methodist Church, he was elected president of the N.B. - P.E.I. Conference.

He was a member of the joint union committee that brought the United Church

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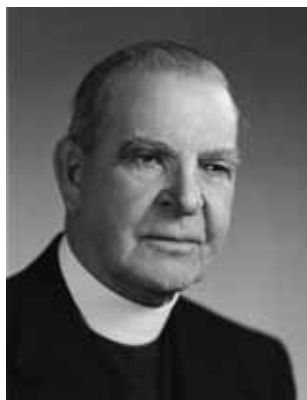
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(Ministers Emeriti continue)



**Rev. Dr.
George M Young**

of Canada into being, and was a member of the first General Council. During his lifetime, Dr. Young occupied every office at the district, presbytery and conference levels.

In *The Story of Wilmot United Church 1791*

-2002, author Anita Jones tells us that “On April 20, 1952, Rev. Dr. George M. Young, the minister emeritus ... delivered a memorable sermon, entitled ‘I Remember’, on the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The sermon was professionally printed, and a number of copies remain in the Wilmot Archives. What a wonderful sermon this must have been for the congregation to hear! He recalled coming to this church for the first time in 1888 to write his entrance examination as a candidate for the ministry.

The first service he attended here was at Easter, 1890; having arrived a bit late, he and his companions were ushered up the centre aisle to the front seat beside the pulpit, for every other seat in the church was filled.” (There were three more rows of pews across the centre front of the church than now.) Anita provides a few excerpts from “I Remember” to give an idea of the tone of the sermon. And she continues with details of the 1952 anniversary of the church, the 100th for the building, and the role played by Dr. and Mrs. Young in the celebrations on November 16. Dr. Young died at the age of 96 on June 30, 1963, and was editorialized in *The Daily Gleaner*

as one of Fredericton’s “best-loved and respected senior citizens”.

Rev. E. V. Moriarty and his wife Jean retired to the Wilmot congregation and were instrumental in getting the very successful Wilmot Seniors’ Group underway in 1988. Vic was named our third minister emeritus in 1997.



**Rev. E. V.
Moriarty**

Vic was ordained by Maritime Conference in 1943 after his graduation from Pine Hill Divinity School. His pastoral charges were at Boiestown and Plaster Rock in N.B.; North Sydney in N.S.; Outremont, QC; and then Halifax. He next worked for ten years as a representative from Pine Hill Divinity School at the Institute of Pastoral Training for ministers of several Christian denominations.

Jean actively participated in church work wherever they were posted. She was trained as a nurse, and was extensively involved in C. G. I. T. (Canadian Girls in Training), church camping, and Sunday School. Our church became very special to Vic and Jean during their retirement here, and they developed strong bonds of friendship at Wilmot. They next moved to Moncton to be near their family, and Jean passed away seven years ago in June of 2004. Vic stayed in touch by attending several of the Wilmot winter retreats held at Beulah Camp.

With the arrival of Mr. Moase into our congregation came a new measure of informality, in interactions with the children during story time, the overall movement to inclusive language, modern English in prayers (not Thee, Thou ...), his firm invitation to break with the custom of always calling the minister Mr. (or Dr.) and addressing him as "Cliff". Early in Cliff's ministry with us, we changed from the use of the 1930 black Hymnary to the 1970 red hymn book, jointly produced by the Anglican and United churches.

Cliff Moase was born and grew up on PEI, the Kensington area. He graduated from Mount Allison University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall. Ordained by Maritime Conference in 1952, his pastoral charges were in Nova Scotia and PEI prior to Moncton and before coming to Wilmot.

He was an excellent church administrator, and had a respectful relationship with the boards of the church - Session, Trustees, Stewards, Official Board, and worship committee. He recognized the importance of the Sunday service as the one single activity that the majority of the congregation participated in together weekly, and that it merited being well done. The time with the children took on more prominence within the Sunday service. The worship service format was agreed on jointly by the worship committee and minister. The use of lay readers was introduced but with some training. Coffee and conversation, which had been initiated by Dr. Cragg in 1971, continued through Cliff Moase's time with us and beyond, and those who still today stay after the Sunday service value that part of our church life.

Cliff and Joyce were with us through the trauma of losing our steeple in 1974, and it was Cliff who restored the historic, iconic hand for display purposes, in the Hall until

1997, and since then on display in the sanctuary. As part of the rebuilding of our spirits after the steeple removal, the church was painted white after having been grey for decades. Lawns were planted at the side and front of the church, replacing crushed rock. The sanctuary interior was painted in 1974.



In 1985, Wilmot's longest serving minister decided to accept a call to Grace United Church in Dartmouth NS, from where he retired in 1992, and the Moases continued to reside in their home there until moving back to Fredericton in 2003, and returning to the Wilmot



Rev. Cliff Moase

congregation. To honour Rev. Cliff Moase's long service to us, he was designated as our fourth minister emeritus in March 2007.

At the church service on June 5, 2011, our two living ministers emeriti were reintroduced to the congregation and shared in the service. Both extensively participated in our church life, and had a history with us worthy of the respect, admiration, affection and appreciation that we hold for them.

Thanks to Anita Jones' 2002 *Story of Wilmot United Church* for material used to support the preparation of this article.

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Wilmot Presents

The Fiddler, The Tenor and The Pianist



Friday, December 2, 2011 7:00 PM
A Fundraiser for Wilmot United Church

Kathleen Gorey-McSorley is a 17-year-old fiddler from Fredericton who plays a Celtic style of fiddling but also enjoys playing classical, old time, and other styles. Dancing and more recently, singing, have been part of Kathleen's shows. She has competed in the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship, Fleadh Cheoil in New York and Ireland and is a 2010 nominee of both Music New Brunswick Awards and East Coast Music Awards. She has been member of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra for 3 years. Kathleen keeps a busy performance schedule, thrilling audiences throughout Canada, the US and overseas.

Tenor Derrick Paul Miller, also a Fredericton native, is a graduate of Acadia University's Music program and a master's graduate at the Hartt School of Music in Connecticut. He has played leading roles in both the US and Canada in such musicals as *Funny Girl*, *Camelot*, *Cabaret*, *The Sound of Music* and *Les Miserables*. Derrick is a member of the prestigious Canadian Opera Company Chorus, appearing in over 15 productions. For several years he has been the featured soloist at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. A 2011 New Brunswick Music Awards nominee, Derrick attracts capacity crowds to his concerts.

Accompanying both musicians will be Carolyn Holyoke, a Fredericton pianist who is known for her arrangements in folk and traditional music. She has performed and recorded with various Celtic ensembles and presently plays with Kathleen Gorey-McSorley. They have traveled extensively over the past 3 years taking their brand of Celtic music to audiences on "both sides of the pond". Following a career of teaching music in the public school system, Carolyn is enjoying the opportunity of being a performing musician. She is a member of the Wilmot United Church Choir and looks forward to this fundraiser for the church.

Carolyn, Kathleen and Derrick have collaborated in 2011 to present concerts at the Playhouse in Fredericton, the Miramichi Irish Festival, the Al Whittle Theatre in Wolfville, NS and the upcoming Christmas concerts in Miramichi and Wilmot United Church. Both Derrick and Kathleen have recorded 2 CDs each which may be purchased following the show.

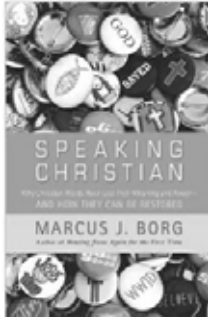
Special guests of the Wilmot concert will be Lintuhtine, a youth choir of the Lintuhtine Music Academy of Oromocto. They are directed by Helen Morag McKinnon and accompanied on piano by Lynn Mills.

The concert will feature fiddling at its finest, breath-taking Christmas carols and piano that enhances both. A great way to begin the Advent Season!

Tickets \$20
 Students with ID \$15
 Children 12 and under \$10

Available at the church office and
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Speaking Christian;



“Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored”

by Marcus Borg, 2011

Book Review

Members of our Wilmot Seekers Group, with the guidance of Rev. Don MacDougall, have chosen Marcus Borg’s latest book Speaking Christian for their monthly discussion sessions this fall. The eye-catching dust jacket of the book is a myriad of colourful promotion buttons declaring all manner of Christian slogans, dumped like candies from a jar. One reader remarked that this book is the most readable of all of Borg’s books: “He seems to have put aside the ‘professorial’ tone....This is more like a conversation with Marcus Borg.”

Borg’s basic premise is that the Bible is badly misunderstood in our time, and that Christian language has lost its original meaning. In an interview for the September 2011 issue of *The United Church Observer*, Borg tells Therese DesCamp that there are three problems afflicting Christian language. First there is religious illiteracy because people have not been exposed to it during childhood; second there is pervasive literal interpretation of Hebrew and Christian Scriptures; and third, there is what he calls the “heaven and hell” paradigm. Today we find a wide-spread assumption that the Christian message is primarily concerned with the after-life. Heaven is, according to this view, the “carrot on the end of the stick” for being a Christian.

Borg covers these three stumbling blocks in the first two chapters of the book, and then offers twenty or so Christian words and affirmations in short chapters, covering the historical and early theological uses of each that have been distorted over time.

Try to imagine a modern family driving in the country when a parent suddenly exclaims, “Look, there’s a moose browsing in a blackberry patch!” The children interpret “browsing” and “BlackBerry” in a whole different context, making for a humorous image in their minds. One generation of Information Technology development has changed the meaning of the last generation’s words.

Borg does not propose to jettison the Christian words that are problematic, but he wants to assist us to get back to the core message of the “Kingdom of God” (a phrase that he deals with in the chapter on “Salvation” which he deconstructs to have a political as well as a personal connotation for the here and now). He calls this redeeming the language through understanding and appreciation for the historical and political context in which it was written.

One of our group members shared that Borg has helped to put the earthly life of Jesus into a thirty-three year time pocket within the vast evolution of creation, a truly mind-boggling and spiritual experience.

No matter what your spiritual orientation, Borg’s book, Speaking Christian will not only engage you in the historical background for Christian language but at the very least provoke you to think further about your own spiritual understandings. This book is a “keeper” for years to come as a reference for understanding our faith through its traditional language. Our church library owns a copy that you can borrow.

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Fredericton Rural Cemetery

The Past

In 1875, after the 1850 fire which devastated their downtown, some far-sighted Methodists of Fredericton took the initiative of establishing a rural cemetery, and called upon several other Protestant denominations to join them. The monuments in the cemetery suggest that there had been burials there as far back as 1856. The Trustees of Wilmot Methodist Church decided to proceed with incorporating a company with capital of \$5,000 to purchase and maintain a piece of land “beautifully situated on the right bank of the St. John River, half a mile above Government House, and containing five and a half acres”, as quoted in a December issue of *The Reporter*. Despite the fact that the invited Anglicans, Presbyterians, Calvinist Baptists and Free Baptists declined to join them, the Methodist Trustees provided lots for families of all Protestant denominations in the years to come, as well as “a lot set aside for the Ministers or Clergy men of the several Denominations in this city”. The first trustees of “this beautiful resting place” as reported in 1878, were Henry Chestnut, George A. Perley and L. A. Wilmot.

In 1912, an added eight acres was purchased above the Hermitage Cemetery, with the Parish of Kingsclear as its westerly border. The boundary between the Roman Catholic Hermitage Cemetery and the Wilmot Rural Cemetery is invisible.

By 1922 the area was no longer “rural” and the capacity for new lots had been reached, necessitating provisional temporary graves. An additional one acre lot downriver from the original cemetery was purchased in 1933. Around 1925 the idea of a fee for perpetual care rather than an annual fee for upkeep of lots was proposed although this arrangement was not enforced until Don



Manzer took over in 1978.

The cemetery has been considered inter-denominational since 1879, but the property is owned by Wilmot United Church. Between 1980 and 1983 when considerable work was required, some financial assistance was received from members of other churches. Today the management of the Fredericton Rural Cemetery, as it continues to be named since its historical origins, remains in the hands of the Cemetery Committee of the Board of Trustees of Wilmot United Church. TD Trust attends to paying bills and salaries of cemetery employees and holds its investment securities.

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The Present and the Future

In 2008 the Board of Trustees of Wilmot United Church expressed concern about the status of the Fredericton Rural Cemetery because the capacity for new lots had nearly been reached. Don Manzer, chairman of the cemetery committee, became ill and left most of the administration to Gilbert Farris, the cemetery superintendent. Carl Rawn, the cemetery secretary, had passed away in December.

Jack Oudemans, as a member of the Trustees, volunteered to look at the situation and try to find solutions. In collaboration with Gilbert Farris the following items were set as priority:

1. Upgrade the mapping.
2. Determine if certain unpaid gravesites were occupied.
3. Explore the possibility of acquiring adjacent property.
4. Find a new co-chairman to assist Don Manzer.
5. Replace the existing office.
6. Consider the need for a second columbarium.

Upgrade the mapping: Plastic and digital copies were made from the existing maps of both the Upper and Lower Cemetery. This provided the opportunity to facilitate detailed imagery and simplified future updates. Of great assistance in this effort were the Department of Transportation in digitizing and copying the maps, the City of Fredericton in supplying orthophotos of the cemeteries, and Trainor Surveys in carrying out GPS surveys and making over lays on the ortho photos.

Determine if certain unpaid grave sites were vacant: Techniques such as magnetic surveys and ground penetrating radar (GPR) were considered the most viable non-invasive (without digging) methods. On the recommendation of Dr. Karl Butler of the UNB Earth Science Department a magnetic gradient survey of eight different sites was carried out by Jason Jeandron. The same sites were later surveyed to verify certain uncertainties, using the GPR technique by Michael West, a M.Sc. candidate. This resulted in the gain of 26 sites.

Explore the possibility of acquiring adjacent property: Ugo and Andrea Feunekes, owners of a property on the east side of the Upper cemetery, have agreed to give Wilmot first refusal if they decide to sell. In the Lower Cemetery the last pathway was changed into a cremation area providing 20 new lots. The only location left to gain land is in the Upper Cemetery by eliminating a small storage area.

Find a new co-chairman: In 2009 Ron Vaughan joined Don Manzer as co-chairman and took over the task as coordinator for the cemetery committee with the TD Trust.

Replace the existing office: The “office”,



an unfinished tool shed fitted out with a makeshift desk and shelves, was inadequate to do the paper work and an improper place to meet clients. The new building designed by Gilbert Farris and Jack Oudemans is attached to the existing maintenance building and consists of an office, lunchroom, washroom, and storage area. Gemtec Consulting Engineers provided the recommendation for the foundation design. The building contract was awarded to Laurie Jordan Construction. Water and sewer facilities were installed by the City in Sept. 2010.

Consider the need for a second columbarium: In October 2001 a columbarium, a vault providing 64 double-sized niches for urns, was purchased. Because of the 38% occupancy of this first one, an ever growing percentage (65%) of cremations, and a delivery time for a columbarium of a year, a second one with 72 niches was

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purchased in 2011. A third one will be purchased when needed. Future plans are for the columbarium area to be appropriately landscaped.

Recommendations for the future:

- A. Obtain more land since the same situation as in 1922 and 2008 where the capacity for new lots had been reached may occur within the next 15 years. This is particularly the case for full size lots.
- B. Appoint a secretary to work with the superintendent and to archive all records.
- C. Complete the landscaping in the columbarium area.

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United Church Women

Wilmot UCW would like to take this opportunity to say "Thanks" for all the support they received during all of their recent Fall fundraisers. Because of your support we were able to raise a combined total of over \$5500.00 at our Used Book Sale, Fall Rummage Sale and our Bake Sale & New-To-You. Besides making a contribution to Wilmot's general funds, we are looking at continuing kitchen upgrades ... recently completed is the new countertop on the island and new lighting ... check it out! We appreciate all those who donated books, rummage, cooking, provided time and energy, and all those who attended our events in support. Our success is due to everyone's efforts ... thanks a million!!!

Curling

Please mark your calendar for Feb. 12, 2012, 7.00 PM to join members and friends of Wilmot Church for curling at the Capital Winter Club on Rookwood Ave. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. No curling experience necessary. For more information see Jim Nicholson 455-5376.



Dear old Wilmot church

Flower boxes still in bloom

At the bright blue door

Toddlers with halos

Leave a path of gold tinsel

To the manger scene

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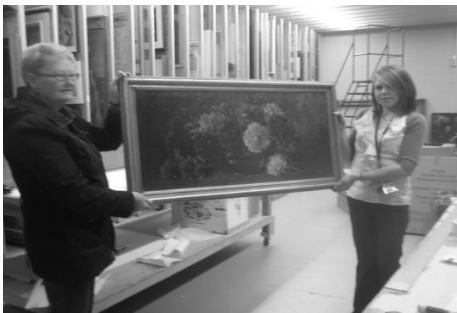
Website Update

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Our Wilmot United Church website continues to be a valuable medium for communication and outreach. To date for 2011, we have had 10,000 unique hits on our stats counter. The worship service podcasts continue to be popular and the scrolling newsfeed is a quick reference for all of the special events taking place in the near future in our congregation's life. Just before the Scott Woods Concert and the UCW Book Sale in September we had over 300 visits in one week. A new feature is the opportunity for you to download our Group Photo Directory. Can't remember the name of someone on your committee or in your activity group? Our website is the place to go, and then click on *Publications*. This very issue of *Words from Wilmot* will shortly be on the website as well.

Our committed web minder, Garth Caseley, can only keep our site up to date when you send information on your group's project for posting to him at garth@caseley.net and he will gladly highlight it for you. Happy browsing.

☺ **Lucille Caseley**



On November 1 Isabel Black donated a lovely painting to the Lord Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

☺ Photo by Elsbeth Gibson

Christmas Hamper Program

Each year Wilmot provides Christmas Hampers for refugee families that have moved to Fredericton. This past year families arrived from four source countries: Bhutan, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Somalia. Each family will receive a hamper, which includes a gift for each person, a toy for each child and food gift certificates. These families have left behind their extended families and friends, along with the support network that their families provided. So, aside from the fact they need the gift items and food we provide, the welcome and care they feel by virtue of receiving the hamper is very much appreciated.

We work in partnership with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton to make this a reality. MCAF provide us with the family list, and community donations. Wilmot people have always been very generous in supporting this project.

The mitten tree is set up in the gym each Sunday Nov 13 - Dec 4. There are paper mittens on the tree – each mitten provides information about a gift. The gifts range from toys - games – clothing such as indoor winter tops. We ask that the gifts be new and returned no later than Dec 4. Monetary donations may also be made through envelopes marked for the hamper program.

Volunteers are needed to help with wrapping the gifts Dec 14th and delivery of the hampers Dec. 16th. Sign-up sheets are available at the mitten tree on Sundays. For further information contact Elaine Kenyon, 455-7954.

Thank you for your support.

☺ **Elaine Kenyon**
Outreach committee.



Advent Feast

A feast of hope for eyes
that watch throughout the night
until a newborn cries,
God's perfect gift of light.
A feast of peace for hearts
that long for harmony.
Within each newborn child
God plants a world to be.

A feast of joyful songs
that circle round the world.
Our carols soar on high
like angel wings unfurled.
A feast of love for souls
who share a common bread.
Earth's bounty will provide
enough so all are fed.

Our Advent feast draws near
when day defeats the night.

We celebrate with hope
that all faiths shed their light
on God's unchanging love
renewed by each child's birth.
Come share our Advent feast
and pray for peace on earth.

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Advent 2011
to be sung to Denby 6666D
"Voices United" #373

Parousia and the Theology of Bread at Wilmot

The New Testament Greek word used for describing the coming or arrival of Jesus is parousia, meaning "the felt presence of a great person." At this season, we have many opportunities to experience that felt presence.

Reverend Peter Short calls Jesus "our brother." I know very well that my brother would come to my aid no matter what the circumstances, no matter the cost. That is true of my two sons as well; I am confident that when I die, if my daughter needs help, they will provide it: brotherly love. I understand Jesus because I understand brotherhood.



"I am the bread of life." John 6:35

I had lived 70 years before Reverend Chris Levan taught me something so important, but so evident and so much a part of my own way of thinking that I can hardly believe I wasn't aware of it before. When I was growing up, my brother and I had only one rule. We didn't even have a curfew. The one parental rule was that supper time was to be pleasant with no arguing. We didn't have to eat anything we didn't want although we were urged to try things. "I predict that some day you will love mushrooms," my father said. We always sat down to supper as a family, and we celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and many other feasts at our house with relatives and friends.

When I had my own family, I too wanted supper to be pleasant. We all did sit down together, and my children remember those times fondly. As with my family and Bill's family, the mother made the meal and the father served.

After my father was in an automobile accident, for nearly six months he was confined to his upstairs bedroom. During that time he read theological tomes to our blind minister who took to calling the bedroom "The Upper Room." The evening after my mother died, my father wanted to have a "repast" in The Upper Room. Repast was his word for an evening snack of olives, pickled kielbasa, stuffed celery, radish roses, cheese, crackers, and wine. He made my favourite, the dish we called slumgullion: fried hotdog slices with onions and potatoes. My brother, sister-in-law and I sat with him, eating and listening to his reminiscences of our mother.

Why had I not seen what I now call the theology of bread until Chris Levan pointed it out? I might have gone through my whole life and not have become aware of the religious importance of breaking bread together, of how many stories there are in the New Testament of Jesus sitting down with others to share a meal. At the campfire at Emmaus they knew him when he broke the bread. Until the last year I have always eaten my meals with at least one other person, and for most of my life with several. Now I eat alone. I've tried various schemes to make this practice less lonesome-reading the newspaper or poetry, watching the television news, gazing out the

window--but haven't hit on anything that seems just right.

Once a week my friends Ted and Edie Colson come to have lunch with me. The practice started when I had an office downtown and Ted would come to visit Bill after they retired. All Bill could make was hotdogs, so Ted took to calling our house the hotdog stand. When I gave up the office, I joined them. Ted had acquired a bread-making machine and would bring the bread; I would provide the filling. Several years later his wife Edie joined us. We talk about religion, evolution, as well as family news and local gossip. These ritual meals are an important part of my life. When two or three are gathered together, there am I also, said Jesus. We are gathered in the spirit of what Jesus stands for. We are human, needing food; we are spirit, needing sustenance for our soul. At this season of the year, we will have many meals in this spirit.

“Religion is more like a response to a friend or a brother than it is like obedience to an expert.”

-Austin Farrer

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ADVENT CALENDAR

November 27: First Sunday in Advent: White Gifts. Theme: Hope

December 4: Second Sunday in Advent: Communion, Christmas Dinner. Theme: Peace

December 11: Third Sunday in Advent: Hanging of the Greens. Theme: Joy

December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent: Christmas Cantata by the Sunday School. Theme: Love

December 24: Christmas Eve services: 4 PM Children's, 7 PM Family; 11 PM Late Night Service.

December 25: Christmas Day: 11 AM at Wilmot with the St. Paul's congregation in attendance, The Very Reverend Doctor Peter Short presiding

January 1: New Year's Day: 10:30 AM shared service at St. Paul's with Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin presiding

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Hope is a Star

November 27: The children are asked to bring toiletries for their White Gifts.

December 4: The children will make Christmas cookies and sell them during Christmas dinner.

December 18: Christmas Cantata during Worship Service

December 25: No Sunday School or Nursery

January 1: No Sunday School or Nursery