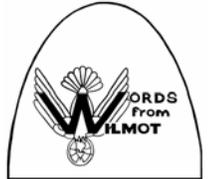


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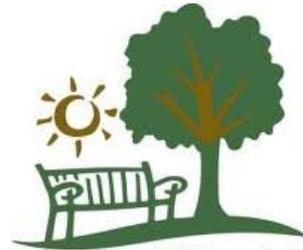
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in Odell Park
June 22 - 11:00 am

The Early Music Festival
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Friday to Sunday, June 13 - 14

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rendez-vous
Winnipeg

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Welcome Back Sunday
September 14 - 11:00 am

Vacation Bible School

“Workshop of Wonders”
with St. Paul’s at Wilmot
Monday to Friday,
August 25 to 29 - 9:00 to 11:30 am



Fall Retreat
November 14 to 16
(Co-led by the Rev. Peter
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The Four Men Concert



Reverend Brian McIntosh returns to Wilmot, bringing with him his glorious tenor voice! On Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 pm, Brian comes back to Wilmot to give a concert with his group The Four Men. The quartet is on tour in the Maritimes (other stops are Dartmouth, Mahone Bay, Boiestown, Charlottetown) to raise money for the Mission and Service Fund. Brian was the minister here from 1992 to 1999 and is now minister at Bloordale United in Etobicoke, Ontario.

When Brian was at Wilmot, we loved his inspiring sermons, his passion for social justice, and of course his wonderful voice. The other members of the quartet are tenor Mervin Fick (the director of music at Bloordale United), baritone George Kopulos, and bass Michael Downie. As of last November the group had raised nearly \$30,000 (\$18,000 for M&S and \$12,000 for other worthy causes).

As The Four Men website states, their concert will include inspirational ballads, folk songs, show tunes, jazz and pop hits. A critic writes, "...they perform a captivating mixture of classical, operatic, and contemporary songs. The singers' flair for taking a theme and exploring its varied musical expressions touches one's heart!" Tickets are \$20, available through the church office and at the door.

Wilmot's Historic Box Pews

While sitting in church have you ever wondered about Wilmot's unique and beautiful gated box pews? What is the origin of pews? Who designed them and why do they have doors?



A pew is a long bench or enclosed box used for seating members of a congregation or choir. Old French borrowed the Latin *podia* as *puie* for a raised seat or balcony, and Old English changed the word to pew. Did you know people originally stood in churches, but by the 13th century backless stone benches began to appear in English churches? Can you imagine how uncomfortable that was?

In the 14th century the word pew was used to describe a raised, enclosed area built of wood with a seat, reserved for important people such as local noblemen. Also, wooden benches began to replace stone in the 14th century and became common in the 15th century. Churches were not furnished with seating before the Protestant Reformation. The rise of the sermon as a central act of Christian worship, especially within Protestantism, made the pew a standard item.

Enclosed box pews with high walls provided privacy for the upper class and allowed families to sit together. In the 17th century these increasingly elaborate pews could include windows with curtains and even fireplaces! They were treated as private

property and were deeded. As sometimes the paneling was so high that it was difficult to look out or in, there was much speculation and twittering by those less privileged about what might be going on in those boxed pews!

By the 18th century it became the norm to install formal box pews instead of these random, high-walled private pews that were individually constructed. This provided more classic lines to the church and a more homogeneous and esthetic look. In colonial New England it was common for meeting houses, as they were called, to have gated box pews. These were unheated and it was typical for families to sit together bundled in lap robes with heated bricks placed on the floor. The heated bricks were probably transferred from the sleigh or carriage, brought inside for the service and returned to the sleigh with what little heat remained for the ride home. The sides of the pews would minimize drafts. That, plus body heat and a fiery sermon, would help keep parishioners warm. Families would have their own assigned pew. The position of the pew was based on their social rank, with lower class people farther to the back of the church and closer to the drafty doors! In some churches the pews had numbers on the gates.

Our current church, rebuilt in 1851-1852 following the Great Fredericton Fire, was designed by Mathew Stead Sr. (1800-1879). He was an English-trained architect and Wilmot is a fine example of the style known as Carpentry Gothic. Matthew Stead designed many buildings in this area including the Marysville Methodist church built by Alexander Gibson which unfortunately burned in 1877 following the morning service. Stead also designed Trinity

Anglican Church and St. James Anglican Church which both burned in the Great Fire of Saint John in June of 1877. Most of Saint John was destroyed at that time, including eight churches. Stead also designed hospitals, exhibition halls and cottages. He designed the Saint John Provincial Lunatic Asylum as it was called and the Fredericton Exhibition Palace, a grand building completed in 1864 which stood at the corner of Westmorland and Saunders streets and burned to the ground on October 30th, 1877.

Proceeds from the sale and rental of pews were a considerable source of income for the building of the Fredericton Methodist Church in 1832. It had seating for 500 people. When the church was rebuilt in 1852 following the Great Fire the sale of pews was again a great source of income. The box pews still have their original doors today. Each owner would provide hymn racks and cushions for their pew, which first had to be approved by the Trustees. "An old Ledger of Pew Rentals lists 118 pews with the names, purchase price and rent, and how and when each pew was acquired. Many of the pews date from January 1, 1853, with purchase prices ranging from \$12 to \$104. The records are complete for 1882 to 1892 and 1894 to 1915." ([The Story of Wilmot United Church 1791-2002](#) by Anita J. Jones). A ledger in the Wilmot Church Archives for 1853 shows that the sale of pews generated \$2,801 and \$480 in rentals, a considerable sum in those days. Also included in this history is an interesting note that several rows of chairs were added to the refitted end gallery (formerly the choir loft) and made available to single

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young men who wished to rent a seat. One can just imagine them from this vantage point, scanning the rows of family pews in search of pretty young ladies.

In March of 1913 the Official Board put forward a request to the Trustees to look into the free pew system. A meeting was called in June and the congregation voted in favour of this progressive step. Free pews were instituted on January 1, 1916. This change raised alarm about the effect it would have on the financial situation of the church, and a typewritten notice was sent out stating that free seating "will necessitate an increase in our weekly subscriptions, equal at least to the amount of pew seats." Cards were enclosed with the notices so members could indicate their intended giving for the year.

According to W.E. McMullen in his 1928 history, a proposal was put forward to remove the pew doors and was met with strong rejection. Some of the pew doors were removed but put back in place when it was realized how much of an impact this would have on the overall design of the church.

Gregg Finley, co-author of On Earth as it is in Heaven, a book on Gothic Revival churches of Victorian New Brunswick published by Goose Lane Editions 1995, observes that "Churches are part of our collective memory. Much more than wood and glass, stone and mortar, churches help us remember who we are, as individuals and as a culture. The architecture and artifacts of worship make us aware of how times have changed and encourage us to ask the question, why? The character and charm of these buildings embody the often unspoken sentiments and social expectations of a time when Christianity centered the culture."

The next time you sit in church reflect on this history and relish the fact that we are not

sitting on backless stone benches in a draughty unheated building, but on free wooden pews with comfortable padded cushions. We no longer need bricks to heat our feet and the integrity and beauty of the original design remains intact. I think the architect Matthew Stead Sr., who lost so much of his legacy to tragic fires, would be well-pleased.

☺Kathie Goggin



Council Chair Craig's Comments

Wilmot's vision statement is *Wilmot United Church is an open and welcoming presence in downtown Fredericton, putting our Christian faith into action to be a light in God's world.* Vision statements are meant to identify what we value most in helping us achieve our mission. They are a beacon or guide to the vision we hold for ourselves. Our vision statement calls us to be a welcoming community, one that nurtures Christian faith and most importantly enables us to act on that faith. A vision statement should prompt self-examination and a desire to grow and improve.

Since our 2013 AGM in February, 2014, we have been involved in two important processes that reflect this self-examination and desire to grow and improve. The *Wilmot on the Move* process seeks to discern God's call for Wilmot United Church and how we might act on this call while being mindful of the need to be good stewards of the financial and volunteer resources available to us. While some actions and consequences of this discernment may take longer to enable, our most urgent need is to find actions that result in change during this year or next.

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So far, we have heard from three speakers during Sunday worship about pivotal times in Wilmot's history when difficult decisions were made and how those decisions were handled. These talks are available to hear (website podcasts of March 16, 23 and 30) or read (see the *Wilmot on the Move* bulletin board in the gym). Kathie Goggin has produced a wonderful Wilmot Timeline mural hanging in the gym. Add yourself to this timeline and follow how Wilmot Church and its members have changed over the years.

The committees and groups within Wilmot Church have been engaged in a conversation we hope will highlight Wilmot's greatest gifts, concerns and needs, both in and beyond our congregation, as we move towards our re-imagined Wilmot faith community.



Our intent would be to use these ideas to begin a broader congregational conversation in the fall. The *Wilmot on the Move* logo (designed by Dylan Sweeney) conveys the positive moving of the Spirit through Wilmot as we discern and grow together into our future.

The other process involves the planning work that is beginning for our affirming diversity initiative. The aim is to help us, over the next few years, think about the welcoming community we currently are and the one that we want to be. In order to get a sense of how the congregation views the concept of welcoming, the steering committee is including a few questions into the committee/group engagement process being used by Wilmot on the Move.

These questions are:

- ⇒ If someone new showed up in your group, what would welcome look like?
- ⇒ When we say that we welcome all, who is the "All"?
- ⇒ When you look around the church today, who is missing?

If you have any questions about either process please speak to one of the committee members. The *Affirming Diversity* committee is Gayle MacDonald, Maureen Toner, Elizabeth Savoie, Tony Burnett and Norm Laverty. The *Wilmot on the Move* committee is Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin, Rev. Ellen Beirsto, Judy Coates, Kathie Goggin, Shirley Cleave and Craig Frame.

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Good Friday Drama

On Friday, April 18th at 11:00 am Wilmot was treated to a very special Good Friday service. "The Cry of the Whole Congregation", a play by Walter

Wangerin Jr., was presented to the congregation thanks to the combined talents of Darrell Mesheau (Narrator), Richard MacTavish (Judas), Neil Thorne (Peter), Jeffrey Beirsto (Pilate), Lindsey Sweeney (Liturgical Dancer), Amber Bishop (Soloist), Virginia Leiter (Organist), Steven Peacock (Guitarist and Musical Director), and the Wilmot Senior Choir.

The play brought to life the moving story of the way of the cross and was divided into scenes which included The Good

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Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper, The Agony in the Garden, The Judgment, Jesus Before Pilate, The Crucifixion and The Burial.

The choir, dressed in somber colours, sang the deeply moving *Hear Us Holy Jesus*, and the words of the narrator were made even more meaningful by their interpretation in dance by Lindsey Sweeney. The inclusive response of the people, made all those attending feel as if they were a part of the drama. This, combined with powerful organ music, stirring solos and the highly effective heart-stopping beat of a single drum provided a rising tension.

When the play ended the audience filed out quietly, the lyrics "*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*" resonating.

Thank you to those who participated to create this very special event. Wilmot is a community rich in talent and spirit.

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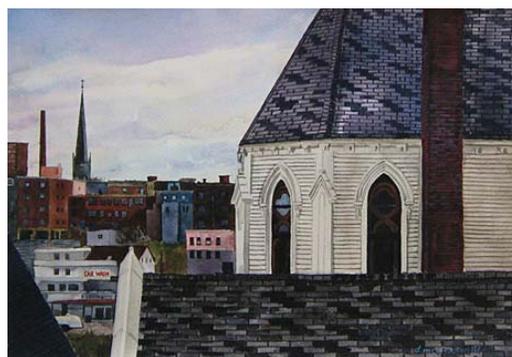
An Artist's View of Wilmot

If you appreciate art or are just curious you many want to visit Gallery 78 at 796 Queen Street. On a recent expedition there Carolyn Atkinson and I discovered Wilmot treasure.

Hanging on the wall in the upstairs gallery is a charcoal sketch by one of Fredericton's most celebrated artists, the late Mary Lamb Bobak. The sketch provides a unique view of Wilmot's roofline looking toward the St. John River. This piece measures 19x25 inches and although untitled, undated and unsigned, it does come with a note of authenticity. The sketch is valued at \$1,600.



Gallery 78 also has in its possession a watercolor painting by celebrated local artist Dawn McCracken. Recently deceased, she spent her retirement



years working in her studio at Young's Cove Road, Grand Lake where she painted southern New Brunswick landscape. Her untitled painting (view of Fredericton Over Wilmot) 1981 is 15x21.5 inches and is framed. It is a view looking toward the city and in the background is the spire of possibly Christ Church Cathedral. This painting is valued at \$1,200.

Both are lovely portraits and depict Wilmot United Church from unusual perspectives, highlighting how our beautiful old church is part of the fabric and skyline of Fredericton.

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Fredericton's Great Gathering

On March 15, 2014 Fredericton-area residents came together to focus on the question, “**How can we work together to make Fredericton and area better?**” The format was an open space forum and this event was the third one to be organized by (GFSI) Greater Fredericton Social Innovation (a social planning council) <http://www.frederictongreatgathering.com/gfsi.html>.

Several members/adherents from Wilmot attended. This was an ideal forum for Wilmot members not only to attend as individual citizens but to be present with open ears and hearts for some answers to our Wilmot discernment questions “*What is Wilmot’s context? Who are our neighbours? Who are we called to serve?*” thus, “putting our Christian faith into action to be a light in God’s world” (from our Wilmot vision statement).

Participants during the day’s event were very diverse from different social economic backgrounds and ages 13 to 65+. The following themes emerged and were discussed during the day:

Freddie Goes Green: Peak Economic Growth; Green matters; Recycling

Youth Rocks: Services for youth; Youth Action Team

Freddie On The Road: Traffic calming; Sunday transit; Transit issues

Culture: Immigration; Cultural development; Intergenerational Fredericton

Freddie Gets Fit: Improving built environment; Food security; Preventable healthcare; Senior care programs; Mid-wifery; Breastfeeding Friendly Neighborhoods; Services for persons with disabilities; Advocacy for persons with disabilities

Inclusion In Fredericton: Affordable Housing; Advocacy for Disabled; Com-

puter lessons; Adult learning and literacy; Access to justice; One stop service

Greater Fredericton Social Innovation (GFSI) now plays a support and coordinating role for these newly formed Networks as each working group moves forward with its issue and actions over the coming months. GFSI will assist in development of strategies and outcomes for each working group. Each group has the mandate to move forward and make their passions a reality, but it will continue to take all of us working together to make Fredericton better. Partnerships and/or assistance is no doubt possible for Wilmot where appropriate with these networks.

If you would like to connect with a working group to engage in the conversation or offer time and skills to be a mentor for a group please contact Jamie Haughn, GFSI & VGF coordinator coordinator@volunteerfredericton.ca, phone 262-5060 or Shirley Cleave who is on the GFSI management team, as is Derek Ness who is an advocate for Transit issues.

☺Judy Coates

Congratulations 2014 Graduates

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated at Wilmot on June 15 at 11:00 am. Come and celebrate with our graduates!

For a list of our graduates please see the side bar on this page.



High School

Bailey Graham
Samantha Landry
Daniel Lutes
Daniel Luton
Madeleine Messenger
Lucas Minchin
Claire Vezina

University of New Brunswick

Andrew Connor
Stefan Dubay
Will Haley
Philip Keyser

St. Thomas University

Emma Secord
Kelsey Pye

Memorial University Medical School

Sarah Smith

University of Guelph

Andrew Josselyn

McGill University

Rachel Smith
Blakney

Hurrah! for Wilmot's Hike for Hospice Team

Hospice
Fredericton



Sunday, May 4, saw 12 Wilmoters and one dog hiking around Killarney Lake to support Hospice Fredericton. It was the 6th year for the hike, but there was extra enthusiasm this year with word that the dream of a Hospice House will become a reality with the purchase of Rosary Hall which stands on a 3/4 acre property in downtown Fredericton.

The 2014 hike raised \$25,000. for the ongoing work of Hospice Fredericton, which has been providing in-home care and support services for the past six years to families coping with advanced illness, death and bereavement through qualified volunteers who have taken an intensive course in palliative care. Our Wilmot hiking team, coordinated by Kelly Ebbett and Rev. Ellen Beairsto, was proud to contribute \$600. to the cause.

Kelly said, "The Killarney hiking trail was an obstacle course of ice and snow patches this year, causing many to stumble, regaining their balance with many a whoop and whoa." This did not slow down the Ebbett boys, Alex (10) and Jacob (6) who sprinted ahead with Judy Coates. They were already eyeing the desserts provided by The Happy Baker when the other team members arrived at the finish. Other hearty souls in the Wilmot group were Ellen Sherren, Steven MacKenzie and granddaughter Morgan, Elaine and Bob Kenyon with their dog, Jilanna Eagles, Ann Kennedy and Rev. Ellen Beairsto.

Dr. John Price, a member of Wilmot church, is Vice-President on the Board of Directors for Hospice Fredericton and has

been giving many hours of volunteer time to promote the new residential project that will provide 10 resident rooms, a common room, kitchen facilities, family quiet rooms, office space, and over-night accommodations for family members on the third floor.

John has enjoyed speaking to five Rotary Clubs and The Golden Club so far and will be making presentations to other service clubs in the greater Fredericton area in the future. He says, "The people of Fredericton are very generous people toward worthwhile community projects, and seem to be particularly supportive of our hospice project." Project pledges have reached \$1.4 million to date. The goal to acquire, renovate and furnish the Rosary Hall property is between \$2.4 and \$2.5 million, and he feels this is entirely achievable.

John finds that the hospice organization is a good fit for his professional skills as an anesthesiologist at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital where he brought comfort and pain relief to many patients during his active career. He was awarded the Order of Merit by the New Brunswick Medical Society in 2000, recognizing his outstanding contribution to organized medicine. Now he finds his retirement dedicated to volunteering as busy as his former working life.



Several other Wilmot members have been involved in hospice care-giving over the years, including Helen Creelman who has just celebrated her 80th birthday with her relatives and church friends at Wilmot.

For more information on how you can contribute to Hospice Fredericton talk to John or go to the Hospice Fredericton website: www.hospicefredericton.ca.

☺L Caseley

Our Fall Retreat

Those of you who have attended the Wilmot retreats at Beulah Campground led by Sue and Peter Short will want to save these dates: November 14-16. And those of you who haven't attended one should think seriously about coming.

I can vouch for their efficacy. My husband and I attended two. Bill, not a church-goer, liked the first one so much that he wanted



to attend a second one. This was in spite of the fact that he, a heavy smoker, couldn't smoke in the buildings in February and had to smoke, even his last one before bedtime, outside in the frigid cold. In fact, he was so happy on those two weekends that he decided he wanted to become a member of Wilmot.

Peter and Sue Short are experienced and inspiring leaders of retreats, so successful in this endeavor that they have made it one of their activities in Peter's retirement.

The Campground is on the Saint John River, about 15 minutes from the Westfield turnoff on Route 7. The accommodations are motel quality, the food very good, the ambiance invigorating. It goes without saying that the company is first rate.

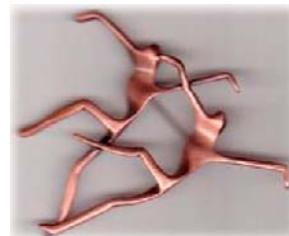
I had heard of Beulah Campground before attending the retreats because Robert Gibbs has written about it in one of the stories of *I've Always Felt Sorry for Decimals*. The fictional characters follow the trail that Bob and his family followed in the 1930's and 40's, up the river from Saint John on a riverboat. The Campground has a long and distinguished history. It derives its name from the verse in Isaiah: "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called *Hephzibah* and thy land *Beulah*; for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

☺Nancy Bauer

UCW Has New Shipment of FRIENDSHIP PINS

Popular Friendship Pins are available from UCW members. The price is \$12.00 and they are the perfect gift for a cherished friend, which includes an

original poem expressing gratitude for friendship. Contact Nancy Chase at 450-2978 or dpc@nb.sympatico.ca.



Wilmot UCW thanks the congregation for supporting all of its projects this past year. Because of you the group has been able to support our church financially as well as its many service projects.

Wheels to Wilmot



Transportation to worship is a hassle and expense to car-less people in a city that doesn't have Sunday bus service! Could you provide a drive to Sunday Worship? Our intent is to match a driver or drivers to each individual who needs a ride and lives in a neighbouring area, making this transportation service as convenient and flexible as possible. Judy Coates will compile and coordinate the list of volunteer drivers as well as a list of individuals who require transportation assistance.

At present we need drivers for the following areas: Island View; Skyline Acres; North Side - Sunset Drive; University/Hill; ideally we would like to have volunteer drivers to cover the city. If you or someone you know needs a drive to church on Sundays, please let us know. Also, if you are already giving someone a drive, thank you and please continue. We can't be a welcoming church if people can't get here!

Contact Judy Coates 454-5631
judycoates@rogers.com.



Our Outreach Never Takes a Vacation!



Since this is the last *Words From Wilmot* before summer, Outreach would like to thank the staff and congregation for your support of Outreach programs at Wilmot! Without your generosity, we would not be able to offer the outreach ministry that we do.

In the last *Words From Wilmot*, you read about the new Pantry Program for the Wednesdays @ Wilmot program as well as the Fair Trade booth. The Pantry Program has become very popular and it really helps stretch the Victory Meat Market food voucher that Wilmot is able to provide to its Wednesday clients. As mentioned last time, the food donated on the first Sunday of the month is now used in the pantry program. We are still considering offering other services which would be of interest to W@W participants. If you have ideas, please let us know.



The Fair Trade booth sells a range of products including olive oil on Sundays and the transition to a new corps of volunteers has gone extremely well. We really appreciate the commitment of

Janice and Laura Harvey, Holly Hagerman, Claire and Lucie Vezina, and Ann Colpitts in stepping up for this important program.

The Soup Luncheons are over until September but we are already planning for the fall. We are grateful for the congregation's support of the soup luncheons and feel that it's also a great chance to get to know each other and strengthen our Wilmot connections!



The Saturday Night Drop In program has continued throughout this past year thanks to contributions by Isaac's Way and members of the congregation. Beth continues to coordinate volunteers for Wilmot's participation at the Fredericton Community Kitchen.

These programs are only a few of the initiatives coordinated by Outreach and supported by the congregation.

Since last time, Outreach chair Judy Coates has taken on other Wilmot volunteer commitments and the committee is now co-chaired by Terri MacLean and Lynn MacKinnon. Outreach thanks Judy for her years of leadership and Terri and Lynn look forward to receiving ideas and suggestions that you might have related to Wilmot's Outreach in the community.

©Lynn MacKinnon



and Finance Committee Report

To help with cash flow that has been our main problem the past few years we have set up monthly equalization payments with Presbytery, NB Power, Insurance, and our taxes in 4 installments. Our M&S (Mission and Service Fund) contributions are submitted on a monthly basis.

Recently we transferred \$35,000 in interest from our investments which has enabled us to pay back our overdraft. After 17 weeks (to the end of April) our local offerings were over budget by \$222 but M&S was short \$1,500 and Capital short by \$1,042. The good news is that our M&S contribution for 2013 was \$58,927 the highest in the Presbytery. Our Easter offering was over \$1,944.50 which is encouraging.

Now that the summer months are upon us, we encourage you to consider the Pre-authorization remittance plan (PAR) for your donations. A new form has been created and can be obtained from Marlene in the office. This plan helps us manage our operating costs on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wilmot ministry.

©Maggie Clarke
Chairperson Stewardship and Finance

Keeping the Pulse The role of Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P)



“Keep the pulse of the pastoral relationship in its entirety is what the Ministry and Personnel Committee is all about!” This was an opening comment by Kendall Harrison

(Personnel Minister, Maritime Conference) at the Presbytery M&P training workshop held on April 5, 2014. Our Wilmot M&P committee members attended this informative and fun workshop getting us off to a good start in our term of office. Our committee members are Chairperson Judy Coates, Beverly Harper, Lois MacDougall, Debbie Bradbury, Shirley Cleave and Susan MacLeod.

The workshop had M&P committee members attend from several pastoral charges in the Presbytery – rural and city churches. The sharing and learning from each other was valuable. Kendall Harrison was an excellent facilitator with many stories and illustrations.

The *‘Trinity of M&P’ is Trust, Honesty, and Confidentiality!* With this ‘Trinity’ M&P is a conduit to communication. M&P is a mandatory committee required by the by-laws of The United Church of Canada to oversee relationships within the pastoral charge ministry, particularly the roles and functions of paid leaders and employees. M&P has a dual role: to be a consultative and supportive agent for staff, as well as for members and adherents of the congregation. We do not have decision making authority but report to and can recommend actions to Wilmot Council. The specific role, functioning and responsibilities of M&P are laid out in detail in the 39 page M&P Guidelines

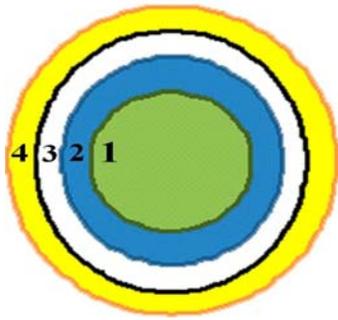
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The list of M&P responsibilities are:

- to support communication between the congregation and ministry personnel and staff, and communication between ministry personnel and staff members
- to review salaries, allowances, benefits and working conditions and to make appropriate recommendations to Council prior to budgeting process
- to clarify responsibilities, lines of accountability and review position descriptions for all staff
- to consult with staff re: continuing education plans and needs
- to conduct annual reviews of effectiveness of all staff positions referring to goals and objectives established and pastoral charge mission statement
- to communicate with and be aware of role of the Presbytery Pastoral Relations and Oversight committee
- to become familiar with resources available to enhance M&P committee’s effectiveness
- to educate the Council, church committees and congregation about the role of M&P committee
- to work to resolve conflict at the earliest possible stage

Our overall goal is to ‘strengthen ministry’ and in the United Church we describe ourselves as “being in ministry together.” Thus, we are all responsible for ministry. That’s a ‘mindset’ that we don’t always see for ourselves. The illustration of the 4 levels of Pastoral Ministry presented by Kendall at the workshop was particularly significant to me as we also go through an intentional discernment process here at Wilmot.

Four levels of Pastoral Ministry



1. At the centre is Sunday worship – this primes the pump for Christians
2. Administration and Care of Pastoral Charge (80% of our focus most often is in these 2 areas)
3. All Pastoral Care connections in the community
4. Wider community Outreach

If we really want growth in our churches we need to move out to the outer areas of number 3 and 4!

Please feel free to chat with your M&P committee members at any time. We each have valuable ministries to carry out as well as needing pastoral care from each other.

“Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.” - Rollo May

☺Judy Coates

Take Time for Wilmot’s Time Line

When looking toward the future it is helpful to understand where we are now and how we arrived. This was the rationale for creating a timeline of our church’s history as part of the *Wilmot on the Move* initiative. Little did I know when I began the process what an absorbing project it would be! Over a period of approximately three weeks the boardroom at Wilmot with its large

tables and good lighting was my second home. It was a cozy place to be on the snowy, blustery days of this year’s late spring. Working from a draft I had constructed at home, I worked on a big roll of paper with pencils, markers, scissors, glue, photographs, newspaper clippings and information gleaned from Anita Jones’s history of Wilmot.

The timeline includes important world history and trivia, traces the history of Wilmot United Church from its Methodist beginnings in 1791, and includes decisions made by the congregation, anniversaries and events. It also highlights some history of The United Church of Canada from its formation in 1925.

Occasionally I would have welcome visitors who would take a peek at the project and offer tidbits of information. As I kept adding information I had no idea what the final length of the timeline would be! Thankfully, Judy Coates offered to help me hang it on the gym walls when it was complete.



It was fascinating to immerse myself in our history and see the interplay between world events, the church, politics and social values. Especially interesting was to chart the role of women over time, the acceptance of sexual diversity and the changing attitudes toward our First Nations

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which included the tragic story of residential schools. Demographics played a huge role and of course one can see the impact of the baby boom generation as it rolls across the timeline. At one time there were over 200 children in Sunday School!

Now we are faced with a time of declining family size, a distracted world in which church is no longer the center of social and cultural activities, and yes, the boomers are getting older. What will our focus be, whose needs will we be serving and what will the modern church look like in this new world of the Internet and fast communication?

The burst of new technology that is shaping how we communicate is clearly evidenced in the last ten to twenty years. The history of Fredericton's Methodists, that began the same year Mozart died (1791), has transformed itself through the era of switching from horses to the automobile, to electricity from wood heat and gas lanterns, telegram to Internet, Gestetner to photocopier, from dogma to diversity, and from a place of not knowing to one of greater understanding. Change is exciting but scary, unavoidable and relentless. I am excited to see what new things might be added to our timeline over the next ten to twenty years.

Please take some time to explore the timeline in the gymnasium and make it your own by adding information, dates and memories. If you have photographs to add, your original can be photocopied and returned to you. If you have comments or questions please feel free to talk to me at church or call me at home 452-0802 or by email: kathiegoggin@yahoo.ca.

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Faith Formation Committee Social Events

Over the past year, the Faith Formation Committee has been able to host several Social Events: Sleigh Rides, Bowling and even Swimming at the Nashwaaksis Indoor Pool. Each event has been attended by all age groups which is fantastic. The



Sleigh Ride which was our “Winter Warm-Up” was held at the Oakland Farms in New Maryland. What a great evening filled with fun and fellowship. The ages ranged from one year old to Seniors. A pot luck, a sleigh ride, great music and laughter – what a wonderful uplifting combination.



Our **Bowling** at the Nashwaaksis Bowling Alley, although much smaller in numbers, also attracted a wide range of ages and certainly was very much enjoyed.

Everyone was amazed to watch Derek Ness bowl as people explained to him which pins were still standing. Derek was amazing and ended up with the highest score. **GOOD WORK, DEREK.**



Last spring, the **Nashwaaksis Indoor Pool** was donated to us for our very own swim time

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complete with life guards. We had a three month old as well as a 90 year old and many in between. Our next swimming party will be this Fall.

Our people — people of all ages — are our greatest gift and so getting to know each other in a whole new way has become a part of our mission as the Faith Formation Committee. Perhaps we will see you at our next social event!

☺Rev. Ellen Beairsto

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As usual, we have been kept busy each Sunday and love it. Our numbers are gradually growing and we are looking

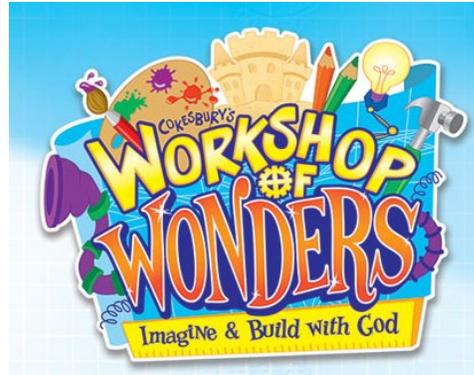


forward to the coming year. We have ordered next year's program, *Seasons of the Spirit*, but are also investigating some new learning adventures for the

older children. We are so pleased that a few people have stepped forward to lend a hand in next year's programming but we can always use more.

On June 22 at the *Worship in the Park* Service, while the barbeque is being made ready, we are going to have some great activities for the children. Our youth are coming together to plan the games and activities so the energy level will be high.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 25 — 29 from 9:00 — 11:30 combined with St. Paul's and held at Wilmot this year.



This year's program is **"WORKSHOP OF WONDERS"** — **WOW** for short — and it looks like a great program. At WOW VBS we will discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. We will use our hearts, our minds and our imaginations along with great music, storytelling, games, crafts, snacks! **Mark your calendars and come and join us.**

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND

On May 10, six youth (Laura Coon, Rose Messenger, Kelsey Shaw, Marissa Shaw, Matthew Chase and Nathan Gorey) came together for our first 'Confirmation Weekend'. Our program was based on 6 YouTube videos produced by the Maritime Conference - "Narthex: An Introduction, Images of the Divine, The United Church of Canada, Stories of Faith, Worship & Sacraments and Spiritual Practice." We gathered together from 10:30 in the morning until around 7:00 that evening. During this time we baked bread (with the help of Walter and Connie Steeves), had a great lunch (thanks to the Messengers), toured the new Y (with Laura McCartney), visited the Rev. Cliff Moase to whom we delivered our freshly baked bread and throughout the day had some wonderful learning moments. We



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even went to a movie and over supper discussed the gift of creation and our responsibility in caring for it.

On Sunday morning, we went to St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church where the Rev. Bill Brennan welcomed us. We wanted to visit another faith community and observe their liturgy, their customs and their church. Father Brennan thought it was great and is now going to bring his youth over to our church sometime ...and we will make that happen in the Fall. Although we still have a few things to do including the final two videos and one additional video on Fair Trade Coffee, it has been an amazing journey together. We have even been invited to visit the Mosque and a Hindu Temple. So much to learn.

On June 8 at 11:00, these 6 amazing youth will be confirmed into The United Church of Canada and then serve you Communion. Don't miss it!

RENDEZ-VOUS 2014

When – August 13-16

Where – University of Manitoba,
Winnipeg

For whom - Youth, young adults and
their leaders

Rendez-vous 2014 is a United Church of Canada national gathering for high school age youth, young adults, and their leaders. It is an opportunity to come together and worship, dream, and connect with one another. This

event will provide a showcase for local, regional, and national ministry ideas, speakers, and musicians. Participants will take part in amazing, inspired and powerful worship, listen to engaging and relevant speakers, participate in workshops and exposure trips, and create community with peers from across this country from coast to coast to coast.

Rendez-vous is an event for people who are passionate about youth and young adult ministries in The United Church of Canada. It is for those who want to connect with other young people. It is for those who are discerning where and how God is calling them to live their life. It is for leaders who are open to learning more about this important ministry.

I had the good fortune to take youth to *Rendez-vous 2011* in Toronto and found it to be so filled with energy and passion ...so Laura Coon, Lucie Vezina and I are heading west for *Rendez-vous 2014*. Stay tuned and check it out!

<http://www.uccrendezvous.ca/>

Our youth will be doing some fundraising over the coming year – not just to help cover the cost of *Rendez-vous 2014* but for other activities.

Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry here at Wilmot.

☺Rev. Ellen Beairsto

