

December 2024



Advent Greetings to all our Wilmot Family!

Each year as we enter Advent we reflect on the events of our past as we ponder the possibilities of our future. We may find ourselves thinking about what it means today to be rooted in a spiritual 'home' we call Wilmot.

Over the past year 'home' has become a place of privilege as we watch numbers of good folks struggle to find a home or afford one and wonder if they will lose one to both human and natural disasters. Times are uncertain around the world and while we do not deny it, our faith calls us into another room of God's house, a house of possibility.

Faith opens us to share our talents and resources to build up others. It calls us to seek in humility a common ground based on the life of Jesus who enters this world each year in a state of utter vulnerability. While it is true that our world at times is only lit by a few candles and the stars above, it is also a place of shrouded potential as Isaiah reminds us "I am about a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isa 43:19). From the darkness springs a light that begins for us in late November. A physical reminder of light appears on neighbourhood windows, announcing that something new is about to reveal the Good News.

For this faith-nurturing place of welcome, prayers are always whispered at dusk and in the dawn, knitted into a shawl of love, stitched into a quilt, or baked into sweetness shared among folks grieving and lonely. Amid the gatherings, laughing spreads among hot cups of tea.

Thank you for creating such a 'home' of new life for so many folks. Your generous hearts and your deeply appreciated resource donations allow this community to thrive to be the hands and hearts of God's compassion. We are blessed and enter this season with a sense of hope and peace for the future. Please visit our website and click the [GIVE](#) tab for ways in which to financially support Wilmot.

Listed below are some special services that we hope you will be able to attend and participate.

We wish you deep spirit-led blessings in this expectant season. May God bless you for the blessing you have been and continue to be.


Rev. Mary Tingley


Rev. Russ Daye

Services for Advent and Christmas 2024 at Wilmot United Church

December 1, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. Hanging of the Greens with Communion
December 8, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. White Gift Sunday: Christmas Stockings
December 15, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. An Intergenerational Service based on a Linnea Good Play "Count on It"
December 21, 2024 @ 7:00p.m. The Longest Night Service offered by the United Downtown Congregations
December 22, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. A Musical Service featuring the Wilmot Senior Choir
December 24, 2024 @ 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve Service
December 29, 2024 @ 10:30a.m. St. Andrews' and St. Paul's Service (no service at Wilmot)

Please note that the church office will be closed from **December 24th until January 1st inclusive** and reopening on January 2nd, 2025. If you wish to provide donations for the 2024 year for income tax purposes, these must be received in the office **by noon on Monday, December 23rd**. This includes cash, cheques and e-transfers. Thank you!