

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.

We welcome all into the life and ministry of our faith community.



Greetings!

I'm Russ Daye, Wilmot's Minister of Worship and Transformation. This is a creative and exciting time at Wilmot Church as we continue the programs and activities that have shaped our church in recent years and also add some new offerings, including the sharing circles, workshops, and consultations that make up our Transformative Process (more on that on page 13.) I hope this Guide will assist you to find activities that help you grow in faith, find community, and serve the larger community.

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Brenda Cameron and Kathy Osmond

Meet Our Office Staff

Brenda Cameron and Kathy Osmond are our Office Admin staff. The office responsibilities are divided into two part-time positions to serve our needs. Brenda focuses on financial matters while Kathy coordinates our communications efforts. Thank you to everyone for making our workday so rewarding and fun.



Monday to Thursday, 9am - 5pm Closed for lunch 12pm - 1pm.



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Web Site: https://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/



Randy Randall

Our Custodian

Randy Randall, has been our custodian/sexton for 22 years. He is well-know (and appreciated) for his welcoming smile and helpful manner.

His working hours are: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday to Thursday, with lunch break 12:00 to 12:30 PM.

Access to Wilmot

For access to our church building, please ring the doorbell button on the right side of the Carleton Street or King St. door. Outside of Office Hours, you can call the Wilmot Hall/Kitchen phone 506-452-0219.





Part of our responsibilities in the office includes keeping Wilmoters updated on what's happening in the church and the greater Fredericton community. We accomplish this with two weekly email announcements: an email on Wednesday sharing news, upcoming events, and other details and one on Saturday sharing the details of the upcoming Sunday service. If you would like to have these announcements in your inbox, let the office know so we can put you on our list.

Wilmot Online



You can find Wilmot at Facebook.com/wilmotunited or on

YouTube at *youtube.com/@wilmotUnitedChurch*.

Welcome to
Wilmot United
Church
Summer Worship
August 3, 2025
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Email: wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca

Website 7

Exciting News! Our new website is up and running. Kathy Aubin is our webmaster so reach out to her if you have any questions or see anything that should be changed. It's new so perhaps a few wrinkles still have to be worked out.

We also have a Google account where people can leave reviews. Leaving a review that describes your sense of Wilmot can help those searching for a congregation find the right fit for them.



Wilmot Door Supervisors

If you're attending a function or meeting outside our office hours, you're likely going to meet a Wilmot Supervisor. Our evening/ weekend door supervisors are Alex Ebbett, Jacob Ebbett, Wyatt Letourneau, Greg Blake, and Tammy Coughlan. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team to greet those entering our facilities. We are also thankful to Dianne Clowater, Steven Peacock and Chris Colwell who are always so willing to step up when needed.



Wilmot Interim

Music Director

Wilmot United Church Music Ministry

Mark Lloyd was hired to be our interim Musician and Choir Director. Mark has developed a positive relationship with the choir and incorporated many local members of the congregation into the music ministry, sharing their varied musical talents, via song and/or instrument. His musical talent, knowledge and skill have been an integral part of the Worship Services. He initiated having children contribute again via music and this will no doubt grow over time.

Mark has had the joy of being a church musician for over 45 years. He is a career teacher, currently works in the Anglophone West school district. In his spare time, Mark enjoys spending time with his wife Janet, four grandchildren, his music studio, observing and photographing nature. Mark & Janet have happily resided in Fredericton since 2022.

Wilmot is very fortunate to have him fill our Interim Music Director/ Organist/Pianist Position. Mark welcomes all who have ideas or who wish to participate in the Wilmot Music Ministry to contact him. As we go through our 'transformational process' Wilmot is open to exploring the ways and means of Music Ministry.



Wilmot Senior Choir

The Wilmot Senior Choir is a four-part ensemble contributing to the weekly worship of Wilmot United. The choir looks forward to a new season of contemporary to classical music under the joyful direction of organist Mark Lloyd. Rehearsals are held 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Thursday nights from September to May. A warm-up takes place in the sanctuary a half hour before the Sunday service begins. The Senior Choir is a user-friendly group that combines solid music making and fun in a nurturing and positive environment. New singers are always most welcome!



Other Ensembles and Soloists

Wilmot often welcomes a variety of smaller vocal and instrumental ensembles (such as the Youth Chime Choir) to special services throughout the year. As well, vocal, and instrumental soloists (and, on occasion, music professionals) from within and beyond the Wilmot congregation are a regular feature of our worship services. Rehearsal preparation, accompaniments, and arrangements for these musicians, with the goal of positive and worshipful musical experiences for our performers and our congregation can be arranged.

Contact out Music Director, Mark Lloyd at wilmotus@nb.sympatico.ca.





Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir

Steven Peacock volunteered to continue to conduct the choir when he retired. It is a three-octave choir which performs at worship services about once a month between September and May. Our rehearsals take place in the Godly Play Room every Thursday night between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and the musical challenges are always balanced with lots of camaraderie. New ringers are very welcome!

Contact: Steven Peacock: 506-452-0170 speacoc1@unb.ca



Wilmot Church Council

As the official governing body of the congregation, the Council is responsible for making major decisions for the congregation between annual meetings. The day-to-day work of the congregation is carried out by Committees and Church Staff, but the Council is there to provide support and guidance as necessary. It also plays an important role in facilitating communication among various parts of the congregation. Wilmot Church Council is comprised of representatives from all of our Committees, our Regional Representatives, the Council chair, secretary and treasurer, and our minister. Our Council meets the 4th Wednesday in the months of September, November, January, March and May, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Board Room. Between meetings, the Council Executive, consisting of chair, secretary, treasurer, two Council representatives, and the clergy acts on behalf of Council.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the Council can be directed to Shirley Cleave, Council Chair scleave@nb.sympatico.ca or Rev. Russ Daye

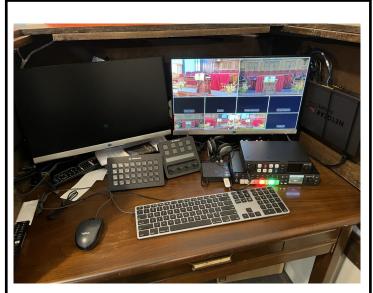
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

This committee (mandatory by the United Church of Canada) has responsibilities typical of a 'Human Resources Management Dept' such as salaries, posting non-clergy job positions, writing job descriptions, interviews, benefits, working conditions, annual reviews. M&P reports to and makes recommendations to our governing body, the Council, for decision making as needed.

Members (5-6) liaise with/represent one of our staff, but we work together sharing everyone's knowledge, skills, wisdom as we carry out the committee's business. Committee members meet together approx. 4-5x a year, use email, and meet/communicate with the staff they represent as needed. The United Church has valuable resources to assist us with policies and procedures.

Besides supporting our paid staff, M&P has a responsibility to be an 'ear & voice' for Wilmot members and adherents especially in relation to Wilmot Staff roles. We welcome any comments (positive and contrary) and concerns. As one of our M&P committee members said "Being a part of the M&P committee has given me a greater appreciation and knowledge of the work done in a church, behind the scenes." If you may be interested in joining the M&P committee, please do contact one of the committee members.

Chairperson: Judy Coates 506-454-5631 judycoates@rogers.com, Ruth Breen, Terri MacLean, Kenda Gorey, Gordon Cameron



Audio Visual Team

Live streaming to our YouTube channel (@WilmotUnitedChurch) of our weekly worship services is produced by our Audio Visual Team. We also live stream weddings, funerals or community events hosted in our sanctuary as requested. Hearing assist devices using Auracast technology are now available for use during our worship services from the Audio Visual Team.

Volunteers are always needed, and training is available.

Contact: Craig Frame, 506-459-4732 craig.frame1@gmail.com





Our Finance and Property Committee is responsible for the stewardship of our financial and physical resources. It develops the annual budget, oversees our investments, and ensures all our financial commitments are met. The Committee keeps the congregation informed about our financial situation at regular intervals. The Committee is responsible for all property concerns of Wilmot United Church and the old Manse, including repairs, renovations, and maintenance. Also, it ensures the proper management of the Fredericton Rural Cemetery, complying with the provisions of the NB Cemetery Act. Members meet monthly except during the summer.

Contact: Craig Frame 506-459-4732 craig.frame1@gmail.com

Downtown United

Further work in responding to the Downtown United Report (fall 2023) has been postponed. This report outlined how Wilmot and St. Paul's United Church's might enhance our Downtown United collaboration so that the two Churches might thrive and through collaboration be of greater service to the Fredericton community. St. Paul's needed more time as they deal with recent changes in their congregational life.

Contact: Craig Frame 506-459-4732



Wayside Pulpit

The wayside pulpit located outside of the building at the corner of Carleton and King is used to display information about upcoming services and special events. It also displays a Progressive Pride Flag to express Wilmot's dedication as an Affirming congregation to welcoming all identities of people.



Worship Committee

Meeting for worship is the cornerstone of Wilmot church. The Worship Committee supports our minister in planning future services as well as reviewing past services.



The committee is responsible for preparing the elements for Communion services throughout the year as well as finding guest speakers for the celebration of Anniversary Sunday. When guest preachers are needed, it liaises with the Ministry and Personnel committee to provide pulpit supply.

Ushers and greeters are arranged through this committee by a sign-up coordinator. The committee receives and approves requests for marriages and baptisms to be celebrated at Wilmot.

New volunteers are always welcome!

Contact: Angela Wrobel, 506-472-8234 ajwrobel2@gmail.com

Communications Committee

Our Communications Committee is responsible for keeping both our internal and external communities informed about Wilmot's programs and events. It supports our staff in preparation of weekly announcements monthly calendars and maintains the bulletin boards.

The committee also supports communication within the Wilmot United Church community by producing and distributing the annual program guide and assisting other committees with brochures and flyers as requested. Beyond our walls, it helps promote the church in the wider community through social media and the church website.

If you would like to see our work in action, check out our Facebook page - and stay tuned for our upcoming Instagram account!

Contact: Juan Sebastian Sanchez Castillo insbstn1@gmail.com

Sanctuary Committee



This committee is responsible for ensuring that the sanctuary is properly arranged (i.e. tapestries, pulpit and communion cloths, flower arrangements, candles, and seasonal decorations) according to the liturgical calendar. These are all things that serve to enrich our worship services throughout the year.

Contact: Barbara Frame bcframe1@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Our Committee is actively committed to the development, encouragement, and oversight of programs and opportunities to foster spiritual growth, development, education, fellowship and fun all the while engaging the spirit of the Wilmot church community. We participate with the UNB Campus Ministry along with other area churches.

Spiritual Practice

In worship and the sharing circles offered as part of the Transformative Process, our minister, Russ, has offered a sampling of spiritual practices. This year he will be adding a bi-monthly opportunity to gather for about 90 minutes on Tuesday evenings to explore these practices more deeply. These gatherings will vary somewhat, but will include the following components:

- Simple practices to work with breath and chi.
- Meditation and contemplative prayer.
- Small group sharing.



Youth Conversation Sunday School

The Youth Conversation Group is the Sunday school class for youth. It is facilitated by the Children and Youth Programming Coordinator and a group of volunteers. This programming does not follow a specific curriculum. Instead, each facilitator creates a lesson plan centred around a theme from either the time in the liturgical calendar, the scripture readings for the week, the week's sermon, or a nearby significant date in the broader culture (e.g., Orange

Children and Youth **Programming Coordinator**



Amy Foster has been our Children and Youth Programming Coordinator since 2022. Their role is quarter-time, and is overseen by the Faith Formation Committee. Amy collaborates with other committees, the Music Director, and the clergy to facilitate Children and Youth Programming as well as broader children and youth involvement in the church. Amy is a lay leader, whose professional background is in education and childcare. They have a BA in Child Studies, as well as a BEd elementary, and certifications in Early Childhood Education and Montessori. Amy can often be seen leading the "Young at Heart Time" portion of worship services, and is always happy to chat with anyone interested in volunteering with the Children and Youth!

More information on all aspects of Children and Youth Programming is available through a recently compiled Children and Youth Programming document which can be accessed by contacting the office.

Contact: Amy Foster 613-323-5521 amyefoster123@gmail.com

Shirt Day.) This allows each facilitator to draw on their individual strengths (career background, area of expertise, etc.) to provide the youth with a reading or lesson and then facilitate a discussion or activity around the week's topic. Youth are encouraged during this time to get to know one another, form relationships, and build community.



Godly Play is a Christian education program developed initially by Rev. Dr. Jerome W. Berryman, with pedagogical roots based in Montessori. Some key components of Godly Play include the lighting of a Christ candle, the use of biblical story sets by a facilitator to tell stories and illustrate abstract concepts in a concrete way, child-directed sacred work and reflection, child-directed meaning making through play, art, engagement with Godly Play materials, quiet reflection, etc., and the sharing of a feast that resembles the sacrament of Communion.

Godly Play was introduced to Wilmot in 2022, and our programming is still undergoing changes as we find the appropriate contextualization for our community. The current programming has been adjusted to further align Wilmot's practices, sacred work materials, and room set up with traditional Godly Play methods and maintains an element of flexibility in order to reflect values as an Affirming congregation. The volunteers who work in Godly Play at Wilmot bring with them a variety of backgrounds and strengths that culminate in a diverse array of educational/guiding techniques, which greatly enrich the programming.





Youth Group

Run in collaboration with Nashwaaksis United, the Youth Group is a group for youth in grade 6 and up that holds regular meetings, typically at one of the participating churches and occasionally in other locations around Fredericton. Some favourite activities of the youth group over the years have been playing Hide-and-Seek or Sardines in the Wilmot sanctuary, going for walks in O'Dell Park and around the downtown area, sledding, making Valentine's for congregation members, and hosting fundraisers to support local organizations. The Youth Group is facilitated by the Children and Youth Programming Coordinator and volunteers and generally incorporates elements of intentional community building along with engagement with social justice initiatives and theological concepts.



Youth Fund Raising

Fundraising is ongoing. Continue to save your refundable bottles and cans. The recyclables can be dropped off at the church during open hours.



<u>Intersections</u> (Group for Young and Middle Adults)

The Intersections group started meeting in 2025, and aspires to host regular meet ups for adults who are still in the child-rearing and working stages of their lives to build connections. These meet ups are planned by different members of the group around events that are interesting to them such as walks along the Wolastoq, games nights, and potlucks.



Nursery

The nursery is a volunteer-facilitated childcare service that takes place during Wilmot's services in the room used by the Fredericton Toy Library Coop. In recent years it has largely been facilitated by youth volunteers. The volunteer present with the nursery-aged children plays with them, ensures their safety and a respectful use of the available materials, reads them stories, and provides opportunities to engage in activities like colouring. In 2025 a SmartTV was added to the nursery to live-stream the service for volunteers and parents in the nursery.



Adult Bible Conversation

The adult bible conversation group meets before Sunday worship at 9:30 to 10:45 AM (Atlantic time). People participate physically in the Board Room on the 2nd floor and virtually via Zoom. To receive the reading materials and the Zoom address, please send your request and Email address to the church office (wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca). The first meeting for the season will be on the Sunday immediately following "welcome back Sunday" in September.

The group engages with the lectionary readings for the particular Sunday of the Revised Common Lectionary shared by Christian churches throughout the world. (See link below.) This group is a safe and welcoming environment for participants to respectfully exchange our various life experiences and often differing opinions concerning our faith. We seek relevance for today with the stories that go back several thousand years of our historical Christian journey.

Although the title of the group contains the word "adult", teenagers also may find the discussions interesting and have opinions to share with the group, in person or online.

For any additional information:

Contact: Norm Laverty 506-455-3349 lavertynw@gmail.com Lois MacDougall 506-455-2157 or any other group member.

Lectionaey link: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu



The trustees are responsible for holding and management of all real property and investments on behalf of the Wilmot United Church congregation. Trustees would be involved in decisions made by the church relating to property purchases, sales or mortgages and investment of any monies received by the church.

Contact: Craig Frame 506-459-4732 craig.frame1@gmail.com



Transformative Process

Over the years, Wilmot Church has engaged in a number of visioning processes and discussions about its future. Last fall, I came to Wilmot to help launch a Transformative Process that would help the congregation gain confidence, strengthen partnerships, and move toward key decisions informed by those visioning exercises as well as current realities. A series of sharing circles regarding Wilmot's future were held through the fall, winter, and spring. At first these were open-ended discussions, later there were more focused consultations with community partners as well as particular groups within Wilmot's faith community. In the spring, a congregational workshop was held that focused on the topic of the evolution of music and worship at Wilmot.

Reviewing the discussions and consultations to date, and looking at the most pressing opportunities and challenges at this time, the leadership of our



Heritage Projects

Work on the various Heritage Projects is on hold while our congregational review process is ongoing. These projects include site work for proper drainage around the church buildings, foundation repairs under the sanctuary building, repairs to stabilize the bell tower, replacing/repairing the sanctuary building roof and repairs to the sanctuary stained glass windows.

If you have any questions regarding the Heritage Projects, please contact:

Craig Frame craig.frame1@gmail.com

congregation has decided that, along with an Operational Review and continued sharing circles with constituencies within Wilmot, three areas of focus should guide the Transformative Process in the coming months:

- 1. Clarifying the direction and components (the 'model' if you will) of our mission.
- 2. Discussions regarding our building.
- 3. Expanding and deepening our consultations with the larger community and potential partners.

In the months ahead there will be congregational workshops, sharing circles, and other opportunities to learn together and share our hopes, ideas, and anxieties. We hope that you will engage deeply and frequently in these conversations. They will be key in shaping our faith community for the years to come.



The Radical Hospitality Committee meets to plan activities for the congregation with a focus on welcome and inclusion. We recognize and affirm the diversity of our congregation, its history, its membership and its future. We believe in being intentional and public with our mission.



Some activities that we sponsor include special worship services such as PIE Day, early Sunday morning coffee during the winter months, spring and fall barbecues, Rainbow Brunches, Progressive Dinners, Pride marches, etc.

We thank the congregation for their support and are open to any ideas or suggestions for new activities.

Contact: Rita Roach reetie2012@gmail.com or Deb Bradbury tdlbradbury655@gmail.com



Learning and Living into Right Relations

Recognizing that we are all TREATY PEOPLE, the Indigenous Relations Committee will continue to offer opportunities for Wilmot to Learn and Live into Right Relations.

On Sunday, September 28, we will celebrate Orange Shirt Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day during worship. Everyone is invited to wear an Orange Shirt, or something else orange, and to join us to enjoy some Bannock at Coffee and Conversation.

In partnership with Faith Formation, plans are underway to offer a weekend workshop this fall to help us learn more about First Nations cultures and increase our own cultural sensitivity. Planning is being done in collaboration with Indigenous leaders to ensure the weekend is respectful and authentic. Further details will be available in September.

The Indigenous Relations Committee encourages everyone to undertake this journey toward Right Relations and we welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Current Committee Members are Shirley Cleave, Russ Daye, Kathryn Downton, Jilanna Eagles, John Leroux, and Marilyn Luscombe. If you have a passion for this work, you are welcome to join the committee.

For further information, please contact Shirley Cleave, scleave@nb.sympatico.ca



Quilters and more!

Our quilting group meets regularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 9:30. We welcome those who love to quilt or those who would like to learn! There is a place too for those who wish to bring their own needles – to knit, crochet or rug hook! On Thursdays, for others looking for a place to hang out we have puzzles to enjoy and tea and coffee are served round 11 am, and maybe a snack or two! Come and join us any Thursday for a great social get together, everyone welcome, young and not-so-young, friends, and family visiting, bring them along and enjoy Wilmot's hospitality!

> Contacts: Linda Gough 506-459-3706 or Gill Keyser 506-455-4029



United Church Women (UCW)

Wilmot UCW members are a friendly and supportive group of Wilmoteers and friends. We are delighted to have visitors and caregivers at our meetings. We meet regularly each month, September to June, the second Monday of each month, 1 to 3 pm in the parlour, except for holiday weekends.

Each meeting is a social occasion where we share celebrations and concerns, enjoy a program, a business meeting and enjoy a lunch. Programs are interesting, informative and entertaining, and our business meetings help us organize our fundraising events and discuss our expenditures. We enjoy working with the whole congregation with all of our initiatives. Watch for our online weekly announcements from Wilmot.

> Contacts: Nancy Chase, 506-238-1305 or Linda Gough, 506-459-3706



Oct 25 and 26



Apple Pie Making Nov 7 and 8



Bake and New-to-You Sale Nov 29



Foodless Food Sale February Donations welcome



Spring Rummage sale April 2025

We appreciate all the volunteers who help with our events as we could not do them without you!

Note:

Rummage Sale donations for the Spring and Fall are welcomed at any time and can be stored on the gym stage whenever the office is open.



Pastoral Care is at the heart of almost all of the activities that take place in our congregation. Many acts of pastoral care are not known to the congregation but form part of the bedrock of Wilmot." (This quote is taken from Wilmot's 2019 Annual Report.) The Pastoral Care Committee is an umbrella group of those who care for others.

Contacts: Ann Morwood 506-472-1542 eannmor@icloud.com

> Joan MacDonald 506-459-7569 joanmac86@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our friendly group creates prayer shawls for folks in need of support or to help celebrate a life event such as a baptism. All knitters, crocheters and folks willing to learn are welcome to join in the Parlour at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Shawls are made together, and at home, and each one is blessed before being delivered to someone within our congregation and beyond.

We are so grateful for everyone who shares their time and talents with this warm and colourful ministry.

> Contact: Jilanna Eagles 506-260-9731 jilanna.eagles@gmail.com

Pastoral Visitors

The pastoral visitors make irregular but frequent visits to our Wilmot members who are elderly or shut in, often in senior residences. The visitors also meet together several times a year to share, in confidence, concerns or difficulties and to update their pastoral visiting skills.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Contact: Ann Morwood 506-472-1542 eannmor@icloud.com



The Circle of Care

The Circle of Care is made up of many "Wilmoters" who deliver short term food support to individuals in their homes while recovering from illness, surgery or loss. If you would like to join the Circle of Care to provide support, or if you are in need of support.

Contact: Joan Macdonald 506-459-7569 joanmac86@gmail.com



Our Prayer Circle

confidentially holds those who are experiencing difficult times in their prayers.

Contact: Guy Vezina colvez@nbnet.nb.ca



Wilmot Book Club

Do you like to read? Are you looking for suggestions for good books? Do you like to talk with others about what you are reading? If so, the Wilmot Book Club may be just right for you.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month from September through June at 7:00 pm you will find the Wilmot Book Club gathering in the Parlour to discuss the book of the month. In the lively conversation you'll hear serious reflections, thought provoking questions, and lots of laughter. We are a very diverse group with a variety of experiences and opinions, so the conversation is always rich and informative.

We select books from a wide variety of genres and intentionally choose books that are readily available from the Fredericton library. The schedule for the fall is listed to the right.

Everyone is invited to join us and newcomers are always welcome. There is always an engaging discussion and a cup of tea and sweets.

For further information, contact Shirley Cleave <u>scleave@nb.sympatico.ca</u>









There are many possibilities available for people, no matter their age, interests or talents, to share their time for others. The committee typically meets bi-monthly and, among others, supports the following endeavours:



Wednesdays at Wilmot

From September to June, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, an outreach opportunity is presented to individuals who may need a listening ear, information, lunch, food vouchers, bus tickets and haircuts. UNB nursing and law students are often available to answer questions. Outreach welcomes donation of cookies, baking, non-perishable foods and financial support to the Benevolent Fund from which food gift cards are purchased. Four volunteer teams of 8-10 people (many of whom are non-Wilmoteers) ensure this program happens.



Donations of Food/Personal Supplies

Donations of food and personal supplies are used by the Wednesdays at Wilmot program. Non-perishable food, mittens, socks, and personal hygiene items may be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sundays. Seasonal or event-specific needs are shared via the weekly announcements.



(Outreach continued on next page)



We educate ourselves and often express our concerns on Access to Justice issues for those without sufficient economic means to bring their needs to government.

Contact: Lynn MacKinnon mlmack@nbnet.nb.ca



Several times during the year, the committee prepares and serves a soup luncheon to the congregation after church. Funds raised support Wilmot's Outreach projects or other designated needs. Watch for upcoming dates in the Wilmot weekly announcements.

Supporting Community

Whenever possible, the Outreach Committee and our UCW provides financial support to community and global organizations/projects.



Saturday Evening Drop-In

From September until June, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, the Saturday Evening Drop-In offers a place to socialize, play cards or pool as well as other activities in an atmosphere of friendship. Food provided by the Abbey Cafe as well as snacks are enjoyed. Volunteer teams rotate over a 4 - 5-week period, being responsible for set up, serving, socializing with guests and clean up. Many of the volunteers provide soup, baking and other snacks to enhance the light evening meal.

Contact: Guy Vezina *colvez@nbnet.nb.ca* or Jon Sweeney sweeneyjonathan0@gmail.com



To learn more about the Outreach committee or programs, please contact the church office at wilmotuc@nb.ca or

> Committee co-chair: Sally McAllister sallywmcallister@gmail.com or Lynn MacKinnon mlmack@nbnet.nb.ca



The Cuba Twinning Committee partners with the Seminario Evangélico de Teología (SET) (Protestant Theological Seminary), which is centered in Matanzas, Cuba. The Seminary trains people for traditional ministry, but it also has a special interest in training people for congregational projects similar in either practice or philosophy to those carried out by Wilmot. Because of this community interest, Wilmot has contacts with several congregations and institutions in Cuba.

With the Seminary and our other contacts we carry out a number of activities:

- Exchange visits involving all ages and abilities;
- Participation in, and support for, activities including, music, dance, artisan activities, health concerns, sustainability, food preparation, library;
- as well as the traditional church activities of worship, bible discussion, etc.

The Twinning Committee also carries out practice sessions for Spanish, centred on the interests of the participants.

Lately there has been a developing need to have better contact with the Latin American community that has been growing in Fredericton and other churches in the area that have similar activities as Wilmot including the Baptists, the Church of the Nazarene and the Roman Catholics.

The Committee also maintains contacts with other groups within the United Church that work with Cuba and Guatemala.

We welcome new and former committee members to assist in the activities. We welcome any questions or suggestions. Please contact the Committee chair:

Greg Black *<blackbegr@outlook.com>*, 506-470 5546 or Committee members, América (Meca) and Norman Laverty *LavertyNW@gmail.com*, 506-455-3349

Fair Trade Cupboard



Coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil that are Fair Trade Certified are available during Coffee & Conversation and at other gatherings. Wilmot is committed to using Fair Trade Coffee specifically the *Breaking the Silence* blend, which is produced from a coffee co-operative in Guatemala. The extra virgin olive oil is from Palestine. Our goal is to promote and distribute fair trade products which puts more profit into the hands of the producers.

Contact: Melva Curtis 506-459-4828 peter.curtis 57@gmail.com



Emergency Evacuation Team For Special Events

Wilmot Church has become a key downtown entertainment venue. When renting out the sanctuary Wilmot has accepted the responsibility of providing an Emergency Evacuation Team. This consists of a group of volunteers who attend the event free of charge and are seated at the main exits both on the main level and the balcony. If an emergency should occur volunteers are responsible to guide the audience to appropriate exits and make sure they understand the exit path. At each event there is a Team Leader who organizes and does seat assignments.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers but are always looking to recruit more. The benefit to volunteering your time is the opportunity to see some great concerts at no charge. We are hoping to have an information evening in September where all the volunteers can be updated on the responsibilities of the position, have any questions answered and have the opportunity to socialize with each other. If you are interested in being added to our e-mail list please reach out to the church office:

506-458-1066 or wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca



Wilmot is a large building centrally located in downtown Fredericton with a variety of room sizes and a massive kitchen. Our spaces are available to rent for events, clubs, teams, and activities. Our sanctuary is renowned in Fredericton as a concert venue because of it's fantastic acoustics. It holds up to 410 persons and there is a lift within the building and wheelchair seating is available.

Discounts are provided for nonprofit organizations and anyone booking more than six hours of space. For more information and a rental application contact our church office at: 506-458-1066



Wilmot Writers

We celebrated our 20th anniversary in January, meeting every second and fourth Thursday at 1:30 year-round. We share our writing, have a mug of tea, and chat. Everyone is welcome, Wilmoteers and non-Wilmoteers alike, to this non-judgemental friendly group. We read our poetry, fiction, memoir, and general musings.

Nancy Bauer 506-455-8169 wbauer@nbnet.nb.ca

Community PARTNERS

Wilmot church widens its walls to create a space to welcome Fredericton's community organizations. You can find information on each of them by browsing their websites and/or Facebook pages, or by calling our church office for their contact information.

- Fredericton Toy Library
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Higashi Kaze laido and Kendo Club
- Shivering/Sweltering Songs Festivals
- Harvest Music Festival
- Elm City String Quartet
- Fredericton Legal Advice Clinic
- Candlelight Concerts by Fever



There are lots of opportunities for those looking to get more involved with church events or services. When it comes to Sunday worship, scripture readers, ushers, greeters and nursery helpers are always welcome. Livestream and sound training is available for those who'd like to assist with that. To get involved, you can contact the office (506-458-1066 or wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca) or use the Signup Genius link on our website.

Special Worship Services Fall of 2025

Season of Creation Time

Sunday, Sept 14, Worship at 11:00 am Welcome Back Sunday Start of Creation Time to Oct 8th

Sunday, Sept 28, Worship at 11:00 am **Orange Shirt Day**

Sunday, Oct 5, Worship at 11:00 am World Wide Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct 12, Worship at 11:00 am **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Sunday, Oct 19, Worship at 11:00 am World Food Sunday

Sunday, Oct 26, Worship at 11:00 am **Peace Sunday**

Sunday, Nov 9, Worship at 11:00 am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, Nov 16, Worship at 11:00 am **Anniversary Sunday - Soup's On!**

Sunday, Nov 23, Worship at 11:00 am Reign of Christ Sunday Hanging of the Greens

SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday, Nov 30, Worship at 11:00 am **Advent Communion** (Advent 1)

Sunday, Dec 7, Worship at 11:00 am White Gift Sunday (Advent 2)

Sunday, Dec 14, Worship at 11:00 am (Advent 3)

Sunday, Dec 21, (Advent 4)

Wednesday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve **Two Services (Times TBA)**

Formats for Worship

At Wilmot we love to share and expand upon the many seasons of church life including a wide variety of special days in our faith journey. We offer weekly worship in person at 11:00a.m. At the same time we also live stream the service for folks who cannot make it physically to our location. If you wish to catch up later, our services are also uploaded to Wilmot United Church YouTube after each live service. During the church year we also share some services with our neighbouring churches of St. Paul's United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church which enrich our faith experiences.

Contact: Angela Wrobel, 506-472-8234 ajwrobel2@gmail.com



Each Sunday after worship there is a stream of people heading to the gym for coffee and conversation. This is an opportunity to meet some new people, catch up with friends, hear about happenings within the church, and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/juice and some treats. While Committees host many Coffee and Conversation instances, others from the congregation are always welcome to lend a helping hand. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

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Please check our Sunday worship bulletin, our weekly email announcements, and our website wilmotuc.nb.ca for updates, changes and cancellations. We will keep you posted!



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