

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

June 9, 2013

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

Gathering in God's Name

Organ Prelude: Pastorale (Zipoli)

Piano Prelude: "First Light" (Morning Has Broken) Gaelic trad.
Alex Ebbett

Welcome to the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle Colton Gough

Call to Worship:

One: O God, as we gather here this morning, let our prayers and actions rise before You

All: **And may Your grace descend upon us and upon this world.**

One: Accept our prayers, guide our actions and bless us.

All: **Send Your Spirit to renew us.**

One: Give us, O God, eyes for seeing and ears to hear Your Word.

All: **Give us open hearts and open hands as we come together to worship.**

Opening Prayer:¹

**O God of mysteries revealed and of journeys yet to be experienced,
You touch our lives in so many ways**

- You raise us up when we feel discouraged,

- You ground us when we feel on edge,

- You inspire us when we have lost a sense of who we are,

And You accompany us in the many and varied journeys we take day by day.

**Be with us in this time of worship, and give all of us the direction we need to face our future with hope, and with energy
We pray this in the name of Your Son who taught us to pray saying....**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

***Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You VU #232**

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

*** Family Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48**

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing: ¹

**O Holy One, we admit that we do not always
appreciate the necessity of change.**

**Too often we are reluctant to enter into new commitments
to which you call us.**

**We do not always embrace the changes in our lives
that take place from time to time.**

And we can become stuck in our old ways and forget your ways.

**Although we know that you forgive us for our errors, O God,
we are slow to learn.**

**Be with us and help us to remain open to your presence and
your guidance.**

Help us to follow your example as given to us in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love: ¹

Give us courage to face the challenges set before us
and help us live life to the fullest.

Remembering that God cares and loves each one of us

Now and always.

Thanks be to God always.

Vocal Solo: "The Virgin's Slumber Song" - Amy Foster (Reger)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: Eugene MacLean

Open our ears, O God, so that we may hear the Word which is hidden in
Your Word; open our hearts so that we may receive Your Word and be
challenged by it; open our lives, O God, so that we may become bearers
of the Word for the world.

Amen.

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4
Matthew 22 (selected verses)

Response:

Herein lies such great wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Come As a Child" (Porterfield)

Reflection

Recognition of the Graduates & Blessing

* **Hymn:** I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry VU #644

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Presentation of our Offering

* **Doxology** VU #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

* **Prayer of Dedication:**

Holy and awesome God, our hearts are so full of wonder and excitement. With joy, we come offering ourselves. We commit ourselves to your way of peace and justice...of compassion and love. May these gifts of money also be transformed into action, commitment and faithfulness. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Hymn:** Go To The World VU #420

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Choral Amen** VU #971

Postlude: Festival Toccata (Fletcher)

¹ Based on prayers from the "Gathering – Resources for Worship Planners, Summer & Autumn 2012."
You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

BULLETINS: The bulletins today are in honour and celebration of the achievement of so many in our faith community who are graduating from High School, College or University this year. A special welcome to all those who are with us this Sunday. BLESSINGS!

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's worship service. This week Coffee Hour is being hosted by members of the ***M & P Committee*** with assistance also from Shirley Cleave. We appreciate their contribution to this important time in our church family and thank them for the extra effort that they have put into helping us honour our Graduates.

The June issue of ***Words from Wilmot*** is available from the Welcomers today, as well as at the Carleton Street entrance to the church, and you can pick up your copies at Coffee and Conversation after worship as well. If you are able please take copies for neighbours and family members who do not get to church. You can also access a paperless copy at the Wilmot web site at www.wilmotuc.ca under "publications" which you can also encourage those who no longer live in Fredericton to read. Extra print copies will continue to be available at the Carleton Street entrance in the brochure rack and from the church office.



THE PRAYER CIRCLE offers confidential prayer support for those with physical, emotional, family and spiritual needs. To have your concerns added to the Wilmot prayer list contact Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).

SERVICE AT SHANNEX: On Tuesday at 3:00, we will be leading this week's Chapel Service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion being served for the Shannex residents. It will be held at Governor's Hall with all residents invited. Come and join us if you are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Next Sunday, is our “Sunday Service in the Park” at Odell Park at 11:00 (A Congregational Picnic!) Our 'Outdoor Worship Service' will be followed by a barbeque and some games and laughter for everyone. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR.** In case of rain, we will hold it at the church. WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT WITH THE GAMES AS WELL AS THE BARBEQUE SO PLEASE LET ELLEN KNOW IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND. IT WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANKS.

CAN YOU HELP? A member of the congregation is looking for transportation to Moncton on Tuesday, June 18, for an appointment on St. George Street at 1:00. If anyone can help, please contact Ida Orenbach at orenbach@nbnet.nb.ca or 450-6395. Ida would be happy to pay for gas. Thank you.

THANK YOU to the teachers and volunteers that made this current Sunday school a great success. With this year coming to an end we are looking forward to the fall and are **in need of volunteers** to teach and help with Sunday School. If you are interested in helping us in any way possible please contact Andrea Stewart at 454-2055 or email spdy101@hotmail.com.

AN EXCITING TEN DAYS! Ellen will be flying to England next Sunday evening to officiate at a wedding. (Winnie Beairsto's sister with Pearl as the flowergirl). She will be returning on the morning of June 27. In case of a pastoral concern, you may contact Rose-Hannah or call the office and Marlene will pass the message along.

SUMMARY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE is posted on the bulletin board in the gym.

Wilmot Tour Guide 2013

Applications are invited for the summer tour guide position at Wilmot United Church. An applicant must have been a full-time student in 2012-2013 and intend to be a full-time student in 2013-2014. Preference will be given to a post-secondary student affiliated with Wilmot. The ability to host visitors in both French and English is desirable.

The work involves preparing tour materials, welcoming visitors with a pleasant manner, showing the sanctuary, relating historical information, maintaining records of visits, providing summer security, and in addition, and performing tasks of a custodial nature during the vacation period of the Sexton.

Please apply by letter with qualifications, education and work experience to "Tour Guide", c/o Wilmot Church office by June 24 at 4:00 pm.

The Top 10 Things that the ARK Taught Us

- 10 PLAN AHEAD. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 9 STAY FIT when you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- 8 DON'T listen to critics - do what has to be done.
- 7 FOR safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 6 SPEED isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- 5 IF you can't fight or flee - float!
- 4 DON'T forget that we're all in the same boat.
- 3 REMEMBER that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- 2 DON'T miss the boat.
- 1 NO matter how bleak it looks, if God is with you (and God is), there's always a rainbow on the other side.

FREDERICTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN is seeking donations of bottles of salad

dressing (any size, any flavour). If you can help out by making a donation, please leave your item(s) with Marlene in the church office.

YARD SALE: Riverside-Lake George United Church is having a Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, June 15th from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Dumfries Fire Hall, located at 7222 Rte 102. Coffee, tea, muffins, hot dogs, cookies and pop will be available.

BBQ - June 26: Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a Steak & Chicken BBQ on Wednesday, June 26th, 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$12.00 and child: \$3.00. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

ATHENS VBS: Children entering Kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to join us for a trip to ancient ATHENS to meet our special friend, Paul, who will be sharing the exciting story of his life before and after he met Jesus! Through games, stories, crafts, songs, snacks and so much more children will have fun while learning important Bible lessons. Brunswick St. Baptist Church, Monday to Friday, June 24 to 28, 9 am to noon. You can preregister on our(website www.bsbc.nb.ca), by email (receptionist@bsbc.nb.ca) or by phone (458-8348). No fee!

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292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beairsto
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Ministers Emeriti:

Rev. Vic Moriarty , Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Bob Jones

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THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

June 9th - 16th

TODAY:

11:00 am **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**
12:00 pm **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Monday, June 10:

5:30 pm **U.C.W. MEMBERS** meet at Wilmot for their outing
6:30 pm **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** - Gym
6:45 pm **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

Tuesday, June 11:

SENIORS MYSTERY TOUR

12:00 pm **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** - Parlor
12:00 pm **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** - Fireside Room
6:30 pm **EVACUATION PLANNING COMMITTEE** - Parlor
6:30 pm **PRENATAL CLASSES** - Wilmot Hall
7:00 pm **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

Wednesday, June 12:

9:00 am **MORNING OUT/QUILTERS** - Parlor
10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**
10:00 am **WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT** - Fireside Room
7:00 pm **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** - Fireside Room

Thursday, June 13:

1:00 pm **WILMOT WRITERS** - Parlor
7:00 pm **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym
7:00 pm **PAINTING CLASS** - Board Room

Friday, June 14:

12:00 pm **FOOD FOR LIFE** - Board Room

Saturday, June 15:

10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**
3:30 pm **WEDDING** - Sanctuary
6:30 pm **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, June 16:

11:00 am **WORSHIP**
12:00 pm **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

PASS THE LIGHT

Sometimes we are the strangers looking for welcome in other places. Sarah Shepherd was working with the Partners in Mission Unit of the United Church when she visited a church partner in Cuba in March 2012.

“Pass the light to the person next to you.” The brisk breeze off the Atlantic meant the candle flames were imaginary, but the connection was real. We were a cluster of students, teachers, staff, and visitors - Presbyterians, Anglicans, Quakers, and Baptists - gathered for morning worship at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba. We then slowly walked the seminary labyrinth, gathered in the centre, and lifted up prayers together.

Worship is one of many ways in which Matanzas students build relationships and understanding together. There are diverse classes, a dining room where everyone can eat together, a library, and a choir of students, staff, and teachers. The beautiful grounds on the edge of the town strengthen the community feeling and make spontaneous conversations easy. Many visitors are welcomed each year to learn and share. And although resources are scarce, students share what they have - food, books, dishes, furniture.

The seeds being planted now at the seminary will grow into vibrant ministry throughout Cuba, where trained ministers serve many people and where a faithful vision of social justice is important in a time of transition. Your support of the Mission and Service Fund can help these seeds to grow.

Every gift to the church’s mission and service is used wisely and helps transform lives. Please continue to give generously.