

# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

MAY 12, 2013

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

### THE PEOPLE SHALL GATHER

**Organ Prelude:** Voluntary in C (Russell)

**Welcome to the Church**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

One: On this Sunday morning, we gather to worship God:

**All: Open to the rhythm of life that surrounds us;**

One: Eager to participate in the joys of life that uplift us;

**All: Prepared to face the challenges of life that await us.**

One: May our openness to the way of Christ allow us to  
find peace and wholeness,

**All: This day and always.**

One: Amen.

**Opening Prayer:**

O God, open us to see Your hand at work  
In the splendour of creation.

Touched by Your hand, our world is holy.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

And to experience the joy of life in Your presence

Through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

**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  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** Rejoice, The Lord Is King VU #213

## **Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**\* Family Hymn:** In the Bulb There is a Flower VU #703

## **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing**

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

**\* Hymn:** As Comes the Breath of Spring VU #373

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 16: 16 - 34 William Luton  
Ephesians 1: 15 -23

**Response:**

Herein lies great wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hamer)

**Gospel Reading:** John 17: 20 - 26

**Reflection:** The Eyes of Our Hearts Rev. Ellen Beairsto

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:** Open My Eyes, That I May See VU #371

**Announcements****Invitation to The Offering****Offertory Music**

\* **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:**

Through Your love and grace, O God, You have blessed us generously in so many ways. May our gifts this day reach far and wide. Accept our gifts and may the eyes of our hearts always remain open to great possibilities and to hope. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.



review process. Join others on Tuesday May 14th at 7 pm or Sunday June 2nd after church to share your thoughts and ideas!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please sign the card for Nick Coates to carry to him our celebrations and best wishes as he is ordained in Sackville in May and then goes off to his first church in the Calgary area. The card will be at a table in the gym after church.

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Join us on Tuesday, May 21st at 1:30 in the parlor for a fun afternoon of Bingo! As usual, there will be a delicious refreshment time which will be provided this month by Group 1. All seniors and retirees are warmly welcome!

The deadline for articles and information for our Spring/Summer issue of ***Words from Wilmot*** is Friday, **May 24** in order to have it printed and ready for distribution on Sunday, **June 2**. Please think about what you want promoted for your group or committee for the summer and the new fall season 2013 so that we can produce a lively and informative newsletter for our church family. Articles should be sent to Lucille Caseley at [lucille@caseley.net](mailto:lucille@caseley.net).



**UNIVERSAL PORTRAIT STUDIOS** has begun contacting those who wish to be included in our **2013 Wilmot Pictorial Directory**. If you wish to call and book your own appointment please call **toll free** as early as possible at 1-888-769-7339. Kathy (ext. 3) is the contact person. The dates are May 21st and 22nd, and the week of May 27th. The times are from 1 pm and the last appointment is 8:30 pm. We are still looking for greeters. If you are able to volunteer for a two hour period on those dates please contact [maggie4357@rogers.com](mailto:maggie4357@rogers.com) or stop by the Stewards' table at Coffee and Conversation.

**SENIORS MYSTERY DAY:** Put June 11 on your calendars for our Annual Mystery Day. Promising to be a great day, interesting and delicious....lots of fun but not too

far and only 2 stops. \$20 per person. You will be chauffeured to and from your home, so no need for a car. If you would like to be a part of this day, please speak to Janett Kieley (455-3788), Susan Breen (455-4072) or Brenda Cameron (363-3388). All seniors and retirees are very welcome to join in the fun.

**POOL TABLE NEEDED FOR DROP IN:** Do you have a good heavy duty pool table or know of someone willing to sell one? Leave a message at the church office 458-1066 or contact Chris Colwell 455-1782 [chris.colwell@gnb.ca](mailto:chris.colwell@gnb.ca)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As summer approaches, there is a need for extra people to fill in on occasion for regular members of Wilmot's Community Kitchen teams. Please consider adding your name to the sub list for the summer months. You can always decline if the timing doesn't work for you. Volunteering at the Kitchen takes about 2 hours on Sunday, from 4:15 – 6 pm and you would only be called occasionally. The tasks involved include helping to prepare, serve, and clean up the meal that is served for Sunday supper, under the supervision of the Kitchen's cook. Please email or call Beth Paynter to add your name to the list: [bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca) or 454-5581.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Community Kitchen is in need of glasses, especially small juice glasses (preferably hard plastic). If you have any you would like to donate, please leave them in the church kitchen (marked with a note) and we will pick them up.

**CONCERT OF PRAYER:** A "Celebration of Life" concert of prayer will be held on Thursday, May 16, 10 – 11 am at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. All are welcome to come and join in prayer in celebration of God's gift of life and for its preservation.

**PORK LOIN DINNER:** Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a "Pork Loin Dinner" on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$12; Child: \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**COMMUNITY DAYS:** Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a “**Community Day**” on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be a Yard Sale, Breakfast, Car Show (River Valley Corvette Club), BBQ, Car Wash, and Children Activities (in support of Fredericton Boys & Girls Club)! Enjoy a Day with Gibson!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** If you are not currently using offering envelopes but would like to do so, please contact Marlene in the church office (458-1066).

**PAR:** Pre-Authorized Remittance is a great way to continue your financial support to your church even when you are unable to attend. Advantages to those who use PAR: (1) regular support of your church in the amount that you choose. (2) Continual support of your church when you are away. And (3) Avoidance of “catch-up” periods. If you would like more information about PAR please stop by the Stewards table during Coffee & Conversation or contact Marlene in the church office (458-1066).

**2015 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDAR PHOTOS:** The United Church celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 and we want to celebrate 90 years of mission and ministry in our 2015 calendar! See bulletin board downstairs for more details

**Ministers:**

**Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin**  
**292-1680**

**Rev. Ellen Beairsto**  
**206-1943**

**Ministers Emeriti:**

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

**Organist: Virginia Leiter**

**Choir Director: Steven Peacock**

**Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips**

**Sexton: Randy Randall**

**Church Office: 458-1066**

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## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 12 - 19

### TODAY:

9:30 am ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room  
11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
4:00 pm YOUTH GROUP

### Monday, May 13:

6:30 pm UCW - Parlor  
6:30 pm TELEMENISTERS - Parlor  
6:30 pm SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Gym  
6:45 pm TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

### Tuesday, May 14:

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

### Wednesday, May 15:

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

**Thursday, May 16:**

1:00 pm            **WILMOT DABBLERS** - Board Room  
3:00 pm            **INFORMATION TEAM-** Parlor  
6:30 pm            **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 pm            **PAINTING CLASS** - Board Room  
7:00 pm            **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym  
7:30 pm            **SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Friday, May 17:**

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

**Saturday, May 18:**

6:30 pm            **DROP-IN CENTRE**

**Sunday, May 19:**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY / COMMUNION**

9:30 am            **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room  
11:00 am           **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
12:00 pm           **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**  
4:00 pm            **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**ADVANCE NOTICE:      Summer worship services:**

Beginning the last Sunday in June and during the month of July we will have combined worship services with our friends from St. Paul's. Worship services will be held here at Wilmot beginning at 10:30 am. August and the first Sunday in September we will worship at St. Paul's.

## Tamil United Church Mission

*At the 39<sup>th</sup> General Council, the United Church committed to become an intercultural church. Intercultural ministries embrace diverse ways of being church together, including racial and ethnic minority congregations and ministries, Deaf ministries, and ministries with Aboriginal, francophone, or ethnic majority peoples.*

United Church layperson Vilvan Gunasingham dreamt of creating a Tamil United Church. None of the existing Tamil congregations in Toronto, Ontario, had the mission and outreach focus characteristic of the United Church. When Vilvan demonstrated in support of Tamil people in Sri Lanka in downtown Toronto in the summer of 2009, he met the Rev. Vicki Obedkoff and layperson Allan Parker, who both were active on the Justice and Global Issues team of Toronto Southeast Presbytery. The strangers connected because of Vilvan's dream, and that meeting was the beginning that led to the formation of the Tamil United Church Mission in 2011.

Though all the congregation members are immigrants to Canada, and thus need help to link with the cultures of the country and the United Church, many have family histories of deep and long-standing Christian faith. Many come from the Methodist tradition and feel comfortable with United Church worship.

Intercultural ministry helps the whole United Church as we learn from one another and help the Spirit flow among us.

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