

# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

## WELCOME SUNDAY

September 15, 2013

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.

Presider: The Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Trumpet Voluntary (Handel)

### Welcome to the Church

**Call to Worship:** see yellow insert "Celebrating The Gift of Community"

(Based on "Call to Worship" written by the congregation of High River United (Gathering, 2012)

**Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart** Rev. E. Beairsto

### LISTENING FOR TRUTH

**Prayer of Preparation** Steven MacKenzie

Good News! Good News for my people!

Those who wish to hear must open their ears  
to hear what is happening in the hearts of a people  
who have begun to awaken.

Those who wish to see must open their eyes  
to see what is happening in the hearts of a people  
who have begun to walk together.

[Latin America](#)

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 15: 1-10

### Congregational Response:

**One:** This is the witness of God's people.

**All:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Anthem:** A Prayer (Althouse)

**Sermon:** Being a Christian Means Being Part of a Welcoming Community Rev. R-H Gaskin

**Time for Silent Reflection**

\* **Hymn:** Let Us Build a House MV #1

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Announcements**

**Invitation to The Offering**

**Offertory Music**

\* **Doxology** VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit. One.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Last Word:** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you you should also love on another.  
John 13:34

\* **Closing Hymn:** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind VU #2234

\* **Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Amen** VU #971

**Postlude:** Allegro (Hine)

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Bulletins today are dedicated in loving memory of **Mrs. Frank (Isa) Pridham** by her children: Dorean, Harry, Pauline, Doris and Marjorie.

**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for a Hot Dog Lunch in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service.

**SCRIPTURES FOR SEPT 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Psalm 79:1-9 and Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

**SYMPATHY:** Our condolences to Flemming and Lorie Nielsen on the death of Lorie's mother, **Vivien Doucette** at Pine Grove last week. The service was held Thursday at St. John's Anglican Church.



**BAPTISM:** On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm the baptism of **Kailey Jane**, daughter of Danny & Heather Neville will take place in the sanctuary at Wilmot United Church - receptions after in the parlor. All are invited.

**WILMOT'S VOUCHER PROGRAM** is looking for edible donations to share with our clients during coffee hour on Wednesday mornings. Maxwell House Coffee (regular blend), tea bags, cookies (homemade or store-bought), and 'easy-to-chew' fruits (bananas, oranges) are always welcome. If you would like to make a contribution, please drop them off in the kitchen (clearly marked "Wednesday at Wilmot) or at the church office. Every little bit helps to create a welcoming atmosphere for those coming in for a voucher or just a hot cup of coffee. Thanks!

**YOUR PLACE OR MINE?** If you would like some time with either of our ministers, please do not hesitate to ask! We are readily available and most eager to respond to your requests.

Ellen Beirsto (206-1943) (ellen.beirsto2@gmail.com)  
Rose~Hannah Gaskin 292-1680 rose-hannah@wilmotuc.nb.ca

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW!** The Worship Committee is offering you an opportunity to learn something new. There is a need for individuals to operate the sound system for Sunday services. We will provide training to the person(s) interested. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Carlinda Daigle at carlinda@nbnet.nb.ca or 450-4319.

**FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE** will meet Monday, Sept. 16 at 6pm in the parlour.

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please plan to join us for our annual pot luck lunch on Tuesday, September 17th at 12 noon in the church parlour. Our special guest will be Wilmot's own writer and author Nancy Bauer who after lunch will chat with us and read from some of her works. What better way to start our fall season than over a delicious meal with friends followed by a time with Nancy? All seniors and retirees are warmly welcomed!

**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach Committee's first fall soup luncheon will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the funds raised for Syrian Refugee Relief. As always, we look forward to spending time together over a bowl of delicious soup. We welcome volunteers to preparation or clean up. See you on the 29<sup>th</sup>!



A Congregational Corn Boil will be held on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the home of Fran and Jessica Robinson, 383 Keswick Ridge Road. This is a family corn boil and a pot luck so bring along something that will complement the corn. Our goals are to have fun, enjoy some good food and reconnect with each other as the fall begins. Come along. We will begin at 4:00. Those planning to attend please RSVP Susan Breen at 4504072 or Ann Kennedy at 453-9302.

The Fall 2013 issue of ***Words from Wilmot*** will be published for distribution on October 6th, and the deadline for articles and notices of events to be included is Friday, September 21 in order for it to go to the printer. Please email Lucille Caseley at [lucille@caseley.net](mailto:lucille@caseley.net) with your information.



**THE SEEKERS GROUP** will begin its fall 2013 conversation on **Thursday Sept. 19 at 4:00 in the Parlour**. We will be discussing the book *Thank God for Evolution* by Michael Dowd (2007), especially on this occasion the first 62 pages. The Seekers Group is open to anyone who would like to explore new horizons in Christian faith through reading a current book a chunk at a time, and taking part in a group discussion at your own pace and your own way. It meets once a month, usually on the third Thursday of the month, 4:00-5:30 pm.

**SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP:** We are very pleased and excited to have with us three students from St. Thomas University working on a Social Action project with our Outreach Committee, and supervised by Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Dr. Gayle MacDonald and Dr. Suzanne Dudziak (St. Thomas). The students are with us until December, please give them a warm Wilmot welcome! You will be seeing them at the Drop-in, at Wednesdays at Wilmot and other Outreach activities.

Their words:

**Hi, I'm Jamie Frazier.** Over the next three months I hope to work collaboratively with the congregation and committees already in place at Wilmot to help with poverty reduction initiatives.

**My name is Christa Blizzard.** I chose Wilmot Church for my social action placement because I think they are a great example of a working church that does a lot of much needed outreach to the community, which I am very interested in being part of and helping with in any way that I can.

**Beth Anne Dolan:** Hello and thank you for the welcome to Wilmot. I come from Saint John and have a background in music therapy, I'm very excited for the opportunity to become part of the this community.

## **SYRIA REFUGEE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

The United Church of Canada is organizing an emergency appeal for donations for Syrian Refugees. There are now more than **4 million Syrians** (mainly women, children and the elderly) who are refugees. There is inadequate food, water and shelter for them. Your donation will help to provide some relief to these circumstances. You can donate by: on line at [www.united-church.ca/syria](http://www.united-church.ca/syria) by mail: The United Church of Canada, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4. Please note "Emergency Response-Syria Relief" on the face of your cheque or money order. By phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3050 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

**HELEN A YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Deadline for applications is Oct. 21. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a post-secondary learning institution, i.e. university, community college, trade school, etc. Application forms are available at the church office.

## **AN EXCITING MINISTRY**

Perhaps you have heard that we have begun organizing and training for what will be called Wilmot's TELEMISTRY Program (that will begin this month.) The concept – that was shared with us by the Port Nelson United Church in Burlington, Ontario – is simple. At least once a year, we will phone each family in our church to let them know that we are thinking about them, and inquiring into whether we can be of help to them or their family in any way.

The TELEMISTRYS are only a part of our PASTORAL CARE focus over the coming year. Communication, prayer, support, visitation, lending a hand and simply connecting with each other goes on every week by so many within our congregation. TELEMISTRY will help us bring these areas together so that we can remain connected with our Wilmot community in a more intentional way.

In the next few weeks, we will share our 'Flow Chart' with you so that you may see how we are beginning to connect several parts of our ministry together. It is exciting but as you might expect it will take us awhile to connect with everyone over the coming months.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**TODAY - FREDERICTON TERRY FOX RUN:** The 33rd Annual Fredericton Terry Fox Run will take place this Sunday, September 15th. Registration begins at 1pm and the run starts promptly at 2pm; location is the Pedway near the Lighthouse on the Green. There will be musical entertainment, a BBQ, and Terry Fox merchandise on site. If you wish to participate please join us this afternoon; volunteers are also welcome! For more information or if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please visit [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org) or contact Derek Ness (999-6554 or [Derek.Ness@unb.ca](mailto:Derek.Ness@unb.ca))

**DOORS OPEN FREDERICTON** - Next Sunday, September 22, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm approximately nineteen Fredericton buildings will be open to the public for visits and tours. Wilmot Church has been invited to participate again this year. Two or three volunteers from the congregation would be appreciated to assist with the welcoming of visitors. Please contact Peter Gough (459-3706) if you are available and willing to assist for a 90-minute shift that afternoon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Fredericton Community Kitchen is looking for volunteers to assist with a Fall Mail Out. They are seeking groups to participate in “envelope stuffing parties” The date, time and number of participants is entirely up to you. For more info or to volunteer, please call Jean Raymond at 457-1788.

**GREEN VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE: TODAY:** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Join friends and neighbours at The F'ton Food Bank for an unforgettable day, filled with food, music activities for all ages and loads of fun.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT**

**SEPT 22, 6:30 pm**

There will be a benefit concert on Sunday, September 22 at 6:30 PM at Grace Memorial Baptist Church for Tori McCarty, the burn victim from the Charlotte Street fire. Performers will be Gayla MacIntosh, BJ Edwards and Friends, The Crainsters, For His Glory and others. Free will offering.

**UNB/STU INTER VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** is looking to connect with churches in the city to take part in the ministry we're doing on campus. We cook dinners at the university every Thursday evening and would like to invite you to join us one of those evenings, to prepare a meal and connect with the students. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact us at [unb.stu.vcf@gmail.com](mailto:unb.stu.vcf@gmail.com) and we can send you a list of dates and times.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** For many years Wilmot has provided volunteer teams to assist in preparing, serving and cleaning up the Sunday supper meal at the Fredericton Community Kitchen. We are in need of new volunteers to join existing teams or to fill in on occasion. Each team works only one Sunday from 4-6 pm every 6th week. To join a team or to add your name to the substitutes list, please email or call Beth Paynter, [bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca) or 454-5581. All new and returning Kitchen volunteers are invited to a short information session with Aimee Foreman, executive director of the Fredericton Community Kitchen, in the church parlour following the service on September 22.

**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY?** There is an ongoing high need in our community for couples or individuals to become foster parents for children in care. Foster parents play an essential role in supporting the most at risk children in New Brunswick. The Department of Social Development is currently recruiting individuals or families to participate in their fall orientation and training sessions. If you are interested in getting information on becoming a foster family for children between the ages of 0 and 19 years old please call 1-866-444-8838 or visit [www.gnb.ca/family](http://www.gnb.ca/family). If you have any questions about the information provided, the fostering process or any other questions or concerns please contact Gwen McLeod, at [gwen.mcleod@gnb.ca](mailto:gwen.mcleod@gnb.ca)

**CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION: THE 3B's OF FAITH: BELIEF, BEHAVIOUR, AND BELONGING :** The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces presents Diana Butler Bass September 27-29 2013 - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 77 Hildegard Street, Moncton, NB "Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening" – Author: Diana Butler Bass.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT - Sept 15 - 22

**Today:** WELCOME SUNDAY

11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

12:00 pm WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH - Hot dogs

**Monday, Sept 16:**

9:45 am LALECHE LEAGUE - Nursery

2-4 & 6:30 pm LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

6:00 pm FAITH FORMATION - Parlour

6:45 pm TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

7:00 pm M & P COMMITTEE - Choir Room

7:00 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Sunday School Classroom

**Tuesday, Sept 17:**

12:00 pm SENIORS' POT LUCK LUNCH - Parlour

7:00 pm TELEMINISTRY - Parlour

7:00 pm MARTIAL ARTS CLASS

**Wednesday, Sept 18:**

9:00 am MORNING OUT/QUILTERS - Parlour

10:00 am TOY LIBRARY

10:00 am WEDNESDAYS AT WILMOT

7:00 pm NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room

**Thursday, Sept 19:**

1:00 pm WILMOT DABBLERS - Board Room

3:00 pm WILMOT SEEKERS - Parlour

6:30 pm BAPTISM - Sanctuary (Kailey Jane Neville)

6:30 pm HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE

7:00 pm MARTIAL ARTS CLASS - Gym

7:30 pm SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

**Saturday, Sept 21:**

10:00 am TOY LIBRARY

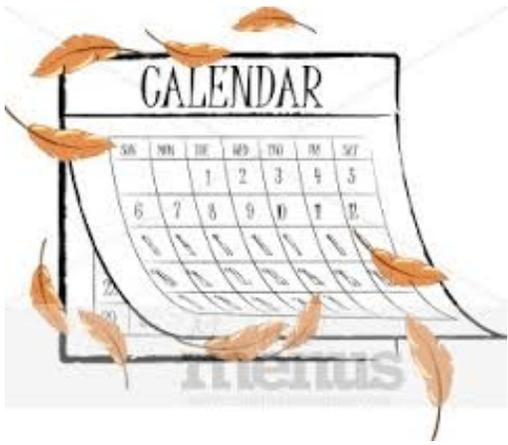
**Sunday, Sept 22:**

9:30 am LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP - S. S. Room

11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

12:00 pm COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**Mark Saturday, November 16, 2013**  
**on your Calendar**



In place of the Fall Auction, the Quilters Group is hosting a Tea and Talent event on Saturday, November 16.

We are inviting members of the congregation to participate by displaying and/or selling their talent at this tea. Do you knit, do handiwork, paint, wood work, etc. etc.? Let's show our community the many talents in our church family. Of course the quilters will have quilts, placemats, purses and many other items to be admired and for sale.

More information will be forthcoming but in the meantime put your talent to work!!

**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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