



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**Welcome Sunday**  
**September 10, 2017**

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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: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Organ Prelude:** Aria (Handel)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Christ Candle Lighting and Prayer:**

The Earth spins,  
from night to day to night again.  
The planets revolve.  
The galaxies dance through the sky.

**In all things, with all things,  
is the God of All.**

In the places where there is no light,  
in the places where only the tiniest spark can flare,  
in the places where the light  
is brighter than bright -  
and all the places in between -

**In all things, with all things,  
is the Holy Spirit.**

Let this flame be  
**our tiny reminder  
of the great Christ-light.  
Now and forever! Amen!**

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

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart** Rev. Ellen Beirsto

\* **Singing Together As This Church Family:** Let Us Build A House MV #1

## **LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE**

**Prayer to Open and Connect to Our Hearts' Deepest Longing - Psalm 139**  
selected verses

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Exodus 3: 1-15 and Romans 12: 9-21 Judy Coates

**Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** A Prayer (Althouse)

**Reflection:** We Are Called by God Rev. R-H Gaskin

**Time and Space for Silent Reflection**

\* **Unity Hymn:** We Are One VU #402

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Announcements**

**Invitation to The Offering**

**Offertory Music**

\* **Offertory Verse:** 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.**

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

God, you have overwhelmed us with your gifts of creation;  
accept, in return, we pray,  
these gifts from the fruits of your abundance,  
and in your generosity and open-handedness,  
use them to your glory and the preservation and mending  
of your created world and all those who inhabit it. Amen.

**Fern Gibbard**, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

**We Give Thanks and Pray for Others**

**\* Closing Hymn:** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

**\* Commissioning:**

And now may the heart of God  
be wide open in our living;  
the kindness of God  
show forth in all our relationships;  
the beauty of God  
be seen in our countenance;  
and the love of God for all creation  
be known in our passion for justice and peace,  
this day, this night, and forevermore. Amen.

**Bob Root**, Peterborough, Ont.

**\* Choral Amen** VU #969

**Postlude:** Sortie (Franck)

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You are invited to remain for the Postlude, it is part of worship

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**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited and encouraged to visit our “Ministry Fair” following the worship service. You are also invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** and a **BARBECUE** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to the **Hospitality Committee** who are hosting this time of fellowship.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** The new schedule for Coffee and Conversation has been posted in the gym by the kitchen window. If you are not on a Committee but would be willing to lend a hand one Sunday, just let Ellen know as a few of the Committees are small and an extra pair of hands would be a great help. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued work in so many ways throughout the year.

**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).

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING:** On one Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

**ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room.

**ATTENTION WILMOTERS:** Parking stickers have arrived! Please see Marlene in the office to purchase your sticker (\$10). White stickers have expired. New gold stickers expire in 2022.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Church Office is CLOSED on Mondays.  
Tuesday – Friday hours are: 9 – 12 and 1 – 4:30.  
Phone: 458-1066 Email: [wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca)



**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please join us on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon as we kick off our new year with a pot luck lunch. After lunch our guests will be John Beyea and Ian Stewart who will treat us to some musical fun and entertainment. It's going to be a great time with delicious food, fun and fellowship. All Seniors are very welcome!!

**CANOEING / KAYAKING ADVENTURE:** Do you enjoy paddling your canoe or kayak? On Sunday morning, Sept 17 a group of folks are going to head over to an island in our canoes or kayaks. What better place to sit and feel the sacredness all around us? If you are interested let me know and we will add your name to our list. This will be our Second Annual Adventure. **Ellen (206-1943)**

**WILMOT NEEDS** more *Occasional Door Supervisors* on our roster! Great way to earn extra money! Door supervisors are responsible for security, admission of individuals into the building and would have light custodial duties. Door supervisors are particularly employed when Wilmot has been rented for an event or concert by outside groups. Possibility of Sunday morning employment approx. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – to be available before, during, after Sunday worship service to open up and close building, security and door supervision, some set up or take down along with light custodial duties as well as snow clearing at entrance during winter. Training is provided. This role would be suitable for senior high school, post secondary students, and adults of any age. Expressions of interest can be emailed to M&P Committee **ATTENTION:** Judy Coates, Chair of M&P [Judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:Judycoates@rogers.com) cc [wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca) or submit your name and contact info to Marlene in the church office. Someone from Ministry and Personnel will contact you to discuss this position.

**WEDNESDAY AT WILMOT:** Old Mother Hubbard says “*The Cupboards are Bare!*” W@W will be starting again on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We have no supplies for the Top-Up table and funds for Victory vouchers are very low. The first Sunday of September is Benevolent Sunday. If you are able to donate to Benevolent or bring in food for the Top-Up table it would be greatly appreciated. We hope to be able to provide food and vouchers to 75 of our Wednesday friends as they have received no help in this regard for the past three months. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Also, we are looking for volunteers to join one of our four teams. If you have three to four hours to spare one Wednesday a month and are interested in joining one of our teams please contact Rita Roach at 206-2948 or Beth Paynter at 451-5082. Thank you for your continued support.



## FALL BOOK SALE

Wilmot United will be hosting a Book Sale on Oct. 5th and 6th from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. If you have books you wish to donate, you may leave them at the church. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Marlene in the church office. Thanks

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Sept. 10 - 17

### Today: WELCOME SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.                   **WORSHIP**  
12:00 p.m.                   **COFFEE & CONVERSATION and MINISTRY FAIR**

### Monday, Sept. 11:

1:00 p.m.                   **U.C.W. - Parlour**  
6:45 p.m.                   **TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room**

### Tuesday, Sept. 12:

12:00 p.m.                   **WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Parlour**  
7:00 p.m.                   **FAITH FORMATION - Parlour**  
7:00 p.m.                   **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**

### Wednesday, Sept.13:

9:00 a.m.                   **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour**  
10:00 a.m.                   **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.                   **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT - Lunch and Vouchers**  
7:00 p.m.                   **NA GROUP - Fireside Room**

### Thursday, Sept. 14:

9:30 a.m.                   **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP – Parlour**  
1:00 p.m.                   **WRITERS' GROUP - Parlour**  
6:30 p.m.                   **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 p.m.                   **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**  
7:30 p.m.                   **CHOIR PRACTICE**

### Saturday, Sept. 16:

10:00 a.m.                   **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:30 p.m.                   **HARVEST JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL - Sanctuary**

## **Sunday, Sept. 17 :**

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

12:00 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

**WILMOT IN THE MEDIA:** Wilmot volunteers have been featured in Episode 5 of The Right Reasons, hosted by Matt Brown. Here is the link

<http://tv1.bellaliant.ca/home/Ondemand/SubCategory/lifestyle/the-right-reasons>

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TOY LIBRARY:** The Fredericton Toy Library is open again from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday mornings (except long week-ends). Please share this resource with families you know who have children from birth to 8 years of age. Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the Toy Library.

**SEPT. 12:** 7th Fredericton Beavers and Cubs (co-ed) will be registering on Tuesday, Sept. 12th at St. Paul's United Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Beaver age is 5, 6 and 7; Cubs are 8, 9, and 10. There is funding for registration through Scouting if needed. See Scouts Canada – "No one left behind" fund for details. Email contact for more information is [jocraighenry@mail.com](mailto:jocraighenry@mail.com) Scouts ages 11 to 14 will be registering at Saint Anne's church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12th.

**SEPT. 13:** The Third Age Centre presents: **Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids, An Overview.** Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Willie O'Ree Place from 2 – 4 p.m. Presenters: Clinical Audiologists Caitlin Waugh and Denise Cross, Horizon Health. In this presentation Caitlin and Denise will be providing an overview of the different types of hearing loss. They will be providing communication strategies that may be helpful for conversing with a family member who has experienced some loss of hearing. They will also be going over various options in hearing aids. There will be a question and answer period. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5 for Third Age Centre members and \$10 for Non-members. Please register at 452-0526 or [3rdage@stu.ca](mailto:3rdage@stu.ca)

**SEPT. 14: GRANDMOTHERS HELPING GRANDMOTHERS** is a Fredericton group supporting the unsung heroes of Africa, the grandmothers raising children whose parents have died as a result of Aids. We work with two national groups who are engaged in direct support at the grassroots level, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho. We focus on 3 main purposes, Raising Funds to meet the needs of African grandmothers and the children in their care, Raising Local Awareness and Building Solidarity among African and Canadian Grandmothers. The next general meeting of this group is **Thursday , September 14 @ 1:30 pm at Holy Family church on the Hanwell Rd.** All who are concerned or curious to learn more about this work or who would like to join the group, please feel welcome to join us at this open meeting. For more information call Sue Short 455-5377 or Susan Breen 450-4072

**SEPT. 16: Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival** presents Will Paynter and the Hardbop Collective, Saturday, Sept. 16 at 3:30 pm. in the sanctuary at Wilmot United Church. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Come hear some awesome jazz from the group that won Best Jazz Group in Halifax in 2016. The Joel LeBlanc Trio also plays here on Sat. at 1:30 p.m.

**SEPT. 24: Doors Open Fredericton** - On Sunday, September 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. approximately twenty-two Fredericton buildings will be open to the public for visits and tours. Wilmot Church has been invited to participate again this year. We have Matthew Chase to act as Tour Guide for the afternoon, Peter Gough will be a greeter and extra Guide as needed for 1<sup>st</sup> shift 1 - 2:30. **We would like 1 more volunteer from the congregation to assist with the welcoming and hosting of visitors to the church sanctuary from 2:30 – 4 p.m.** You don't have to be a tour guide; just serve as a greeter. Please contact Judy Coates [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com) or 454-5631 if you are available and willing to assist for a 90-minute shift that afternoon.

**SEPT. 27: Opportunity for Dialogue: Christian Theist/Atheist Perspectives**

You are invited to participate in a day of dialogue on this topic: with guest presenter Gretta Vosper and two of her West Hill United Church congregants in daytime sessions (10 to 4) held at Forest Hill United church and again in an evening public dialogue (7-9 p.m.) with Gretta and theist presenter Dr. John Valk at Dineen Auditorium, UNB. (Dr. Chris Levan will also be available to take feedback for Toronto Southeast Presbytery.) Lunch and refreshments are provided for daytime sessions. Participation is by your donation to cover travel, food and other costs for daytime



sessions, and \$10 admission for the evening but no one turned away from any sessions. We encourage anyone interested to attend as feedback from all perspectives is needed! Details of evening session are available on Murray McFarlane's Facebook. For all details, including agenda for daytime and evening sessions in printable PDF or as printed brochures, contact Gail Wylie ([wylie1@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wylie1@nb.sympatico.ca)), Murray McFarlane [murraymcfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:murraymcfarlane@gmail.com), or Owen Washburn. To register, email Owen at [owenw@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:owenw@nbnet.nb.ca).

