



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
FEBRUARY 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Organ Prelude: Verset de Procession (DuBois)

Handbell Prelude: Be Thou My Vision/This Is My Father's World
The Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

We Light the Christ Candle

* **Opening Hymn:** Let All Things Now Living Vu #242

Opening Prayer:

**O Holy Spirit, breath of God, blow in our lives this day.
Fill us with the freshness of your living love.
Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place,
ready to be your people in the world. Amen.**

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. Ellen Beairsto

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

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Prayer for Hope VU #587

Handbell Choir: Allegro (Handel)

*** Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation VU #660

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Nancy Bauer

**God of startling revelation,
open us to your message this day.
Get our attention; show us the way to abundant life
for all of creation. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 21 - 37

Congregational Response:

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You (Althouse)

Sermon: Jesus Doubles Down on the Law and the Prophets
Rev. R-H Gaskin

*** Hymn:** When I Needed a Neighbour VU #600

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**

Affirmation of Faith VU #918

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer VU #916

* **Closing Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision VU #642

* **Commissioning**

* **Choral Benediction** VU #963

Postlude: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Fields)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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 following the worship service. Thank you to ***members of the Faith Formation Committee*** for hosting this important time of fellowship.

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).

ANNUAL REPORTS are available! If you did not receive a copy by email, please pick up a copy after worship.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are now available. You may pick yours up after worship.

THE OBSERVER: Subscriptions to *The Observer* are due the end of March. However, because Marlene is on vacation for three weeks in March we are asking that you consider renewing, or subscribing to The Observer now. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Wilmot United Church.

BIBLE STUDY: The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, Feb. 13th, at 10 a.m. at Forest Hill United Church. There is a sign just pass the St. Margaret Anglican Church on Forest Hill Road that points where Forest Hill United Church is on Kimble Court. Rev. Ali Anningson will lead the Bible Study. The Women of the Philippines have prepared the World Day of prayer event. The theme of this year is "*Am I Being Unfair To You?*" People of all faith denomination are welcome and please bring a friend.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wilmot will be holding its **AGM on Feb 19**. As has been our custom, we will have lunch beforehand. In order to prepare for the luncheon, we are asking our congregation to provide sandwiches, sweets, etc. We ask the people whose last names are from A to P - please bring sandwiches. As well, if you are bringing sandwiches that are gluten-free, please mark this for us. Those whose names are from Q to Z, please bring sweetbreads, squares or cookies (no nuts please). Thank you. Volunteers to help with the luncheon are much appreciated.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the Seekers group on Thursday, Feb. 16th at 1:30 p.m., who will be discussing Gretta Vosper's book *With or Without God: Why the Way We Live is More Important Than What We Believe* (2008). The paperback version of this book is available, and we have ordered some in at Westminster Books for \$19.95 less 10% to our group. Also available online through Amazon and Chapters. If you go into Westminster Books for this purpose, ask them at the cash register as they may keep them there for us. You might also want to phone ahead to make sure that they are in at the time of your visit. Another book of hers which could provide insight into her perspective: *Amen: What Prayer Can Mean in a World Beyond Belief* (2012). An additional approach is to read what Vosper says in her Blog. If you have time for only one part of her website, I would suggest that you go to www.grettavosper.com/words/ and then scroll down (way down!) to the section headed My Answers to the Questions of Ordination. This is the most concise summary of her theology that I have found. As usual we will be talking about how this author speaks to us, and the questions we have which arise from what she says.

CANCELLATION POLICY: In the event of a bad snow storm, you can check either the Wilmot website or the office voicemail to see if the building is open, or a service of worship has been cancelled. You can also call either Ellen (206-1943) or Rose-Hannah (292-1680).

WILMOT SENIORS: Why don't you join us on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour for a fun afternoon of Bingo! As usual, there will be prizes and a delicious refreshment time which will be provided this month by Group 3. All seniors and retirees are warmly welcome!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Shrove Tuesday (**Feb. 28**) is the day that Pancake Suppers will be held around the world. So mark the date and plan on joining us for a Delicious Pancake Supper (**5:00 – 6:30**). This has been successfully held many times here at Wilmot over the years and so we once again look forward to hosting it. Stay tuned for more details and feel free to call **Derek Ness (999-6554)**, **Judy Luton (459-1099)** or **Ellen (206-1943)** if you have any questions.



THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Feb. 12th - 19th

TODAY:

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

Monday, Feb. 13:

- 1:00 p.m. **U.C.W.** - Parlour
6:30 p.m. **MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER** - Parlour
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

Tuesday, Feb. 14:

- 1:30 p.m. **SPANISH CLASS** - Parlour
7:00 p.m. **FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE** - Parlour
7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

Wednesday, Feb. 15:

- 9:00 a.m. **QUILTERS** - Parlour
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT**
7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP** - Fireside Room

Thursday, Feb. 16:

- 9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP (learn to quilt)** - Parlour
1:30 p.m. **SEEKERS GROUP** - Parlour
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS** -Gym
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE** _____

Saturday, Feb.18:

- 10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, Feb. 19 :

- 9:30 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP & S.S.**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** and **ANNUAL MEETING**