

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2017

Baptism of Jesus

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: Song of an Angel (Rubinstein)

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

* **Hymn:** When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized VU #100

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 Beirsto

* **Hymn:** God of the Sparrow

VU #229

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:

God of mystery,
we confess that, more than deep questions,
we love easy answers;
explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News,
we domesticate your wild ways.
Teach us to love our questions, O God.
Teach us to struggle with faith.
Teach us to live with your holy mysteries.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

* **Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU #374

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Neil Thorne

**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: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Second Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17

Congregational Response:

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

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Anthem:	An Epiphany Blessing	(Purifoy)
Sermon:	Servant Leadership	Rev. R-H Gaskin
* Hymn:	We Are Pilgrims	VU #595

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**

Reception of New Member - Holly Hagerman

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to Holly our support and care.

Congregational Commitment

The people may stand and pledge their support

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.**

We pledge to you our love and our support.

**With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Affirmation of Faith

VU #918

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities
of membership in this congregation.

We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Prayers of the People: Acts 10: 36-38

³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

* **Closing Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171

* **Commissioning & Benediction**

* **Choral Amen** VU #967

Postlude: Toccata in F (Speth)

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.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences go out to Maynard Shore and family on the death of **Betty Shore**. A Memorial Service was held for Betty at Wilmot on Jan. 12th.

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).

TODAY: You are invited to attend one of two information sessions where Wilmot's Property Development Committee will present work done to explore possible property development options. The first session will be in the parlour after worship **today**. The second session will be in the parlour at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th. We hope you will be able to join us to hear this important information and share your questions and opinions with us.

PLEASE NOTE: For the remainder of the winter of 2017, we will not use the large blue doors on Carleton Street. Instead, we ask you to enter via the other Carleton Street double doors from the parking lot. We do this to conserve heat and thereby lower operating costs. Thank you for your understanding.

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).

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH: Winter is a difficult time to navigate sidewalks & streets. Many of our senior members no longer drive. If you would like a ride to/from church or can offer rides to someone that may be on your route, please contact Judy Coates 454-5631. I would like to create a list of Drivers in various areas of the city who would be willing to transport someone occasionally to church.

End of December (53 Sundays)			
	Actual	Budget	Short -/ + Over
Local	\$ 225,985.80	\$ 220,000.00	+ \$ 5,985.80
M&S	\$ 54,390.34	\$ 60,000.00	- \$ 5,609.66
Capital Projects	\$ 25,723.57	\$ 35,000.00	- \$ 9,276.46
	Benevolent: \$13,344.00	Easter: \$ 4,596.05	
	Anniversary: \$ 8,145.75	Auction: \$ 9,315.00	
	Christmas: \$ 6,874.00		

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT — Jan. 15th - 22nd

Today:

- 11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP & S.S.**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
12:00 p.m. **INFORMATION SESSION RE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT- Parlour**
2:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE MEETING - Parlour**

Monday, Jan. 16:

- 1:30 p.m. **SPANISH CLASS - Parlour**
6:30 p.m. **FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC - various rooms**
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room**
7:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE MEETING - Parlour**

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

- 1:30 p.m. **WILMOT SENIORS - Parlour**
7:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE MEETING - Parlour**

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

- 9:00 a.m. **QUILTERS - Parlour**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT - Lunch and Vouchers**
5:00 p.m. **M & P COMMITTEE - King Street Meeting Room**
7:00 p.m. **INFORMATION SESSION RE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT - Parlour**
7:00 p.m. **TRUSTEES - Board Room**
7:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE - Choir Room**

Thursday, Jan. 19:

- 9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP (learn to quilt) - Parlour**
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE MEETING - Parlour**
7:30 p.m. **STEWARDS - Wilmot Hall**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE _____**

Saturday, Jan.21:

- 6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, Jan. 22 :

- 9:30 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room**
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP & S.S.**
12:00 p.m. **SOUP LUNCHEON**
12:00 p.m. **MEETING re REMITS - Parlour**

NEW TIME FOR WEEKLY SPANISH SESSIONS: The Cuba Twinning Committee is now offering weekly Spanish sessions in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. These sessions will take place on Monday afternoons, except for the 2nd Monday of the month when instead, it will take place on Tuesday. These sessions are for beginners as well as for experienced speakers. Anyone inside and outside the congregation, and of any age is welcome. Please feel free to invite others to come along. For more info, please call América (Meca) or Norman Laverty at 455-3349.

WILMOT SENIORS: At our gathering on Tuesday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour, we are happy to be welcoming our own Marlene Phillips and her son-in-law, Laurie Burgoyne as our guest speakers. Marlene will share her success story with Juice Plus and give you tips on how healthy eating can aid you in feeling A-1! Laurie will have with him a Tower Garden and explain how you can grow vegetables and some fruits INSIDE your home year round. A Tower Garden is a form of gardening without the mess of dirt, without the work of weeding, etc. Come see what this is all about. Everyone is welcome. This month refreshments will be provided by Group 2.

ANNUAL MEETING has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 19th. In order to have Annual Reports ready for distribution the week prior to this meeting, Marlene must receive your report no later than, Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

COMMITTEES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! - Various Church committees are in the process of seeking volunteers to help fulfill the role and ministry of their committees beginning at the AGM in February 2017. If you are interested -- or know someone else who might be -- in the following roles, please contact Derek Ness - Acting Chair of Council (999-6554 / Derek.Ness@unb.ca), Rose-Hannah Gaskin, or Ellen Beairsto for more information:

- Secretary, Wilmot Church Council
- Co-Chairs, Worship Committee
- Chair, Trustees Committee
- 2 Presbytery Representatives
- co-ordinator of ushers and greeters for Sunday worship

REMIT INFORMATION SESSIONS: In August 2015, Commissioners to the 42nd General Council agreed to consult the whole church on eight proposals that would substantially change the United Church of Canada. In the United Church, this consultation is done through remits, a form of voting by pastoral charges and presbyteries across the church. At the January meeting, our Church Council will vote on two remits. *Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement* would primarily impact the first appointments of Ordained and Commissioned Ministers. *Remit 3: Office of Vocation* would result in the creation of an office at the national level that would set standards for and accredit candidates for ministry, support ministry personnel, and oversee discipline of ministry personnel. Information on Remits 2 and 3 can be found on the UCC website at <http://gc42.ca/remits>
An informational session on Remits 2 and 3 will be held twice: on Sunday, Jan. 22nd after church and on Tuesday, Jan. 24th at 7 p.m. in the parlour. Each session will last about an hour. Everyone is invited to come to learn about and discuss what the proposed changes will mean for our church. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Cleave, scleave@nb.sympatico.ca 459-7743 or Rose-Hannah Gaskin rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com 292-1680

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANNING MEETING: The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, Jan. 23rd, at 10 a.m. at Forest Hill United Church. The 2017 World Day of Prayer service, titled "Am I Being Unfair to you?" was written by the women of The Philippines. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 3,2017. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

TOY LIBRARY is held on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 at Wilmot.