



# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

September 17, 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:** Meditation (Saint-Saens)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Call to Worship:** Sing to God a New Song!  
**Enter God's house with thanksgiving.**

\* **Opening Hymn:** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided VU #274

**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!

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

**\* Singing Together As This Church Family: Jesus Loves Me VU #365**

### **LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE**

**Prayer of Confession and Seeking Forgiveness:**

**You asked for my hands,  
that you might use them for your purpose.**

**I gave them for a moment,  
then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

**You asked for my mouth,  
to speak out against injustice.**

**I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes,  
to see the pain of poverty.**

**I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

**You asked for my life,  
that you might work through me.**

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

**O God, forgive me for my calculated efforts to serve you  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**O God, forgive me, renew me,  
send me out as a useable instrument,  
that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

**Scripture:** Exodus 12: 1-14  
Romans 13: 8-10

Steven MacKenzie

**Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Hear My Prayer

(Hogan)

**Reflection:** A Fine Balance

Rev. R-H Gaskin

**Time and Space for Silent Reflection**

\* **Hymn:** Lord, Speak to Me

VU #589

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Announcements**

**Invitation to The Offering**

**Offertory Music**

\* **Offertory Verse:** Grant Us, God, the Grace  
**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

VU #540

\* **Offertory Prayer**

**We Give Thanks and Pray for Others**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VU# 288

\* **Commissioning**

\***Blessing**

**Postlude:** Postlude from "Scenes from Childhood" (Schumann)

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You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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**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 the Quilters who are hosting this 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).

**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.

**REMINDER regarding staff parking at Wilmot United Church:** our staff [ministers, secretary, custodian, organist, and choir director] have designated parking spaces off King Street which are reserved for their use 24/7. Our staff may need to use their space at any time of day/evening and are inconvenienced when they arrive to find their space occupied. Please be respectful of this. Thank you for your cooperation.



The fall issue of ***Words from Wilmot*** is available from our welcomers at the door this morning and at Coffee and Conversation after worship. Please pick up your copy, and consider taking copies for neighbours, friends or relatives whom you know are unable to get out to church, or would enjoy having a copy. Large print copies are also available, and you will be able to access a copy in colour on the Wilmot website: [www.wilmotuc.nb.ca](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca). Please encourage your friends and relatives to check the Wilmot website for our newsletter and updates for all of our special activities during September, October and November.

## **RECRUITING WORSHIP HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS**

Are you seeking a more active role in Sunday Worship? Do you like to chat with people before Church starts and catch up with them? Are you fond of public speaking and reading from the Bible? If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, then perhaps you'd be interested in ushering or greeting before Church on Sunday mornings or in reading Scripture during Worship! **For more information or to sign up**, please contact the Coordinator of Ushers, Greeters, and Readers, Derek Ness, at 999-6554 or [Derek.Ness@unb.ca](mailto:Derek.Ness@unb.ca).



**FLOWERS FOR THANKSGIVING:** The Sanctuary Committee invites members of the congregation interested in placing memorial flowers at the front of the church on Thanksgiving (Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>) to have them to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Marlene no later than Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> of whom your donation is in memory, so that it can be noted in the bulletin. The committee also welcomes donations of fruits, vegetables, potted mums, pickles or other harvest season items with which to decorate the sanctuary.

|                    | <b>Givings end of August, 2017 (34 Sundays)</b> |                      |                            | <b>(35 weeks)</b>          |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                    | <b><u>Received</u></b>                          | <b><u>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>-Short/+Over</u></b> | <b><u>August, 2016</u></b> |
| <b>Local:</b>      | \$143,292.30                                    | \$147,753.46         | - \$4,461.16               | -\$13,049.85               |
| <b>M&amp;S:</b>    | \$ 41,884.42                                    | \$ 39,230.09         | +\$2,654.33                | -\$ 5,383.78               |
| <b>Capital</b>     | \$ 20,181.31                                    | \$ 19,615.62         | +\$ 565.69                 | -\$ 7,121.12               |
| <b>Projects</b>    |   |                      |                            |                            |
| <b>Benevolent:</b> | \$ 9,161.00                                     |                      |                            | \$7,995.00                 |

**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!!

**HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Deadline for applications is Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Sept. 17 - 24

### Today:

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP & S.S.**

12:00 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

### Monday, Sept. 18:

6:45 p.m.

**TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

### Tuesday, Sept. 19:

12:00 p.m.

**SENIORS POT LUCK LUNCH** – Parlour

6:30 p.m.

**PASTORAL HEALTH & Care** – Parlour

7:00 p.m.

**TRUSTEES** – Board Room

7:00 p.m.

**MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

### Wednesday, Sept.20:

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. 21:

9:30 a.m.

**QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** – Parlour

4:00 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, Sept. 23:

10:00 a.m.

**TOY LIBRARY**

6:30 p.m.

**DROP-IN CENTRE** - Gym

### Sunday, Sept. 24 :

9:30 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

12:00 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**



**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

**LISTENING SESSION:** On Sunday September 24th, we will host the first of several monthly "listening sessions" in the parlour after worship. This is a time to chat with members of the Property Development Committee and Council as we move forward in our discernment process concerning possible re-development of our property. This is not a formal presentation, but rather a time to listen, chat and share ideas through dialogue together. Please pick up your coffee and come to the parlour. We plan to have these sessions every month this fall.

**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**

**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.

**SEPT. 24: Hymn Sing** - Join the congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church for an hour of singing your favourite hymns on Sunday, September 24, 6:30 p.m. All welcome.

**SEPT. 24:** Karon Croll, Contralto, and Ruth Nieboer, Piano, with guest Alexis Ervin, Soprano, will present **A Seesaw of Song – from Bach to Britten** on Sunday evening, September 24, 7:00 pm at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Admission by free will offering at the door with reception to follow in the Church Hall. Please join us for an enjoyable hour of musical entertainment.

**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).

**SEPT. 30: Silent Gathering to Resist Hate**

Where: South Riverside Trail (between the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and Bill Thorpe walking bridge) When: 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>