



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
January 21, 2018
Third Sunday after 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 GATHERING

Organ Prelude: Waltz in E-Flat (Albeniz)

Welcome

Call to Worship:

**God has called us to this place,
where we can hear the stories
that have formed us as a people.
God has called us to add our names
To the long list of those who have followed.
God has called us to hear the story,
so that we can respond to the call.
We are called.
We respond:
“Here I am; send me.”**

Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Like a star in the midst of the beautiful dark sky,
like a bright window on the rainiest of days,
like a beacon...
like a grand “AHA!”
Christ’s light shines.
Now.
Always!
Amen!

Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, B.C.

Opening Prayer:

**God of peace, we ask that your righteousness
may come down upon us
like flowing streams of gentle water.**

We pray for your justice to bring forth true equity.

**We humbly ask for your peace to be with us,
as we seek your will for all your children. Amen.**

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont.

*** Opening Hymn:** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven VU #240

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

*** Hymn:** This Little Light of Mine - see back of bulletin

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Jilana Eagles

Loving and Incarnational God, as we celebrate the season of Epiphany, illuminate us and this place with your heavenly rays. Enlighten your people to notice the sacred and the divine, central to all that we are. Make us aware of your light illumining our way. Attune us to the voices from inside and beyond that take us beyond nativity or birth, to baptismal calling and opportunity. As we celebrate your revealing of yourself to us, may we reveal to one another the gifts that we are, that together we might be an epiphany to the world about us. In the name of the light that came into the world that the world might be light. Amen.

David Lander, Castleton-Grafton P.C., Grafton, Ont.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62: 5 – 12
Mark 1: 14 - 20

Congregational Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Here in the House of the Lord (Besig)

Sermon: Discipleship – The Work of a Lifetime

Rev. R-H Gaskin

*** Hymn:** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

VU #560

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:**

**God who gives us every good thing,
we bring ourselves before you,
as Jesus brought himself to the River Jordan,
trusting in your will. We pray that these gifts
may be used, to bless others and make
your presence known. Amen.**

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont.

Prayers of the People

*** Closing Hymn:** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU #509

***Commissioning:**

**The Spirit dances here among us.
The Christ goes with you on your way.
The Holy One gives you power to give this song
to those you meet.**

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

*Benediction

Postlude: Canzonetta (Buxtehude)

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. We're glad you're here! You are invited to join us for a **SOUP LUNCHEON** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to members of the Outreach Committee and other volunteers for providing the delicious soup and hospitality.



Carleton Street doors are closed now for the winter. Please use the doors off the parking lot into the Dr. G.M. Young Hall and parlour.

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).

CONDOLENCES: Our love and condolences are extended to Eric Tucker, family and friends of **Heather Weldon**. Heather passed away on Dec. 29th, 2017. Also our love and condolences are extended to Nancy & Dale Chase and family on the recent death of Nancy's brother, **David Rawn**.

BAPTISM: We will be celebrating Baptism again on Feb. 4th. If anyone is interested in baptism or in renewing their baptismal vows, please let Rev. R-H Gaskin or Rev. E. Beairsto know.

WILMOT BOOK CLUB meets on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 7 p.m. in the parlour to discuss *The Unlikely Redemption of John Alexander MacNeil* by Lesley Choice, a witty and heart warming novel by a well-known Nova Scotia author of over ninety books of literary fiction for both adults and young adults. Come and enjoy an uplifting winter diversion with friends around the fireplace and a mug of hot tea. Everyone is welcome.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!

Shrove Tuesday (**February 13**) 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.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU: As a congregation, we could not carry out our mission without the dedication and hard work of many people carrying out a wide variety of roles and responsibilities. Please consider how you might get involved in one of the committees that support the work we do at Wilmot. Specific vacancies are listed below, but if you are interested in something that is not listed or would like more information, please contact Shirley Cleave (scleave@nb.sympatico.ca) or one of the ministers.

Worship – committee member

Trustees – chair & committee members

Hospitality – Special Event Conveners

Ministry & Personnel – committee member

Stewards – committee member



The deadline for submissions of articles and notices for the **Lent** issue of *Words from Wilmot* is Friday, February 2 in order to prepare it for printing and distribution on Sunday, February 11. Please send your articles to lcaseley@caseley.net and include all activities and news up to the summer issue which will be delivered in June.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Boundaries Commission Chairperson, the Rev. Andrew Richardson, has presented a YouTube conversation about the work of his group. It is available on www.youtube.com/unitechurchofcanada.

or the report is available at: http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/draft_statement_from_the_boundaries_commission.pdf
If you need a printed copy, please contact the Wilmot office.



TELLER TRAINING

For anyone interested in assisting with the counting of Sunday's collection, there will be opportunities for one-on-one training during the month of February. Tellers and Chief Tellers usually agree to count the four or five Sundays in any given month, but will only be scheduled once or twice a year, depending on their wishes and availability. Standard forms make the process easy, and each week the work takes approximately 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the size of the congregation. Tellers usually operate in teams of 2, and all necessary supplies are provided. Becoming a Teller, or perhaps a Chief teller, can be a satisfying way to use your talents in the work of the church, and your contribution will be greatly appreciated. For more information, or to arrange training, please contact Flemming Nielsen at 471-8356.

IS THERE MEANING TO LIFE: THREE PERSPECTIVES: Join others at St. Paul's United Church for a live stream discussion between three scholars as they offer their insights into this timeless question, part of the ongoing Religion and Society Series from Wycliffe College in Toronto. On Friday, Jan. 26th at 8:30 p.m., at St. Paul's United Church we will hear philosopher William Lane Craig, psychology professor Dr. Jordan Peterson, philosopher and author Dr. Rebecca Newberger Goldstein for what will be an exciting two hours of dialogue, moderated by journalist Karen Stiller.

<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/about/events/meaning-life-three-perspectives>

JAN. 15 - 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, January 15th, at 10 a.m. at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Go route 640 South toward Silverwood, turn left off Patience Lane pass Shannex. Follow Patience Lane and Rainsford Lane, turn right onto Morning Gate Drive. It is wheelchair accessible. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. 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 2nd. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.



MID-APRIL IN CUBA: A special information session on a possible trip to Cuba will take place **Wednesday, Jan. 23**, from noon to 1 p.m. Special guest is the **Rev. Dr. Chris Levan**, who will inform us of the details of what College Street United is planning. Wilmot participants may participate with College Street United or plan their own variation

(meeting and exchanging ideas with real Cubans, exploring with Cubans their views of the world situation, enjoying fellowship on the beach or taking in the special tourist attractions that Cuba has to offer, etc.) The occasion is a special ceremony where the Province of Matanzas government would like to thank the Canadian churches for all their cooperation. Whether you wish to go to Cuba or just be informed about this special occasion, please bring your brown bag lunch to the Fireside Room, and enjoy the fellowship. The meeting and trip are open to persons of any age or organizational affiliation. So tell your neighbours. If you cannot attend and wish to be kept informed, please contact Greg Black (209-5546), or Norman or Meca Laverty (455-3349). If you want to attend and need transportation, please contact Norm.

JAN. 25 - The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council will be hosting a Panel discussion on the Theme ***"God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity."***

Place: Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Members involved in the Panel Discussion are Moderator Mary Ryan along with Gladys Lacey-House, Linda Lamont, Nancy Bauer, Dr. W. Barry Miller, Margaret Leonard, Kate Rogers, Chris McAloon, Lisa Bamford, Kay Furlong, Shirley DeMerchant and Father Monte Peters. **Storm date** will be Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 2 – 4 p.m., same place. Ample parking available. There are no stairs. Patrons can be dropped off at the door. Free-will donation to Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women.

THE WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY is from January 22-28 For the Week of Christian Unity there will be, hosted by the Women's Inter-Church Council, a Panel discussion on the theme "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity" on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church , 1500 Hanwell Road. Storm date will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the same place.

ECUMENICAL FAITH DELEGATION TO HONDURAS, January 24 - 30

For more information please contact:

Jean Stokan, Justice Coordinator, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
8380 Colesville Road, #300, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-0423, ext. 2249 jstokan@sistersofmercy.org

DIVORCECARE will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St. on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on January 16th. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527.

Fresh Start

Our gifts for Mission & Service support new ministers.

United Fresh Start is a program offered by the General Council Office through trained presbytery-based facilitators. The goal of the program is to nurture the pastoral relationship between a minister and key congregational leaders, especially at the beginning of a pastoral relationship after a new minister is called or appointed. Over two years, a facilitator works through pieces of the United Fresh Start curriculum with the minister and key congregational leaders to facilitate effective leadership, cooperation, mutuality, creative problem solving, and potential reductions in conflict.

“The program enables shared learning and growing as a tool for strengthening and enhancing the new ministry relationship,” reports Bob Wallace, a facilitator in South Alberta Presbytery. Brenda Watt, a facilitator in Foothills Presbytery, says, “I watched relationships and attitudes be transformed with renewed enthusiasm and awareness. I have experiences creativity and collaboration emerge from inspired participants who are willing to step outside of their comfort zones and their typical boxes to seek new ways of reflecting on, behaving, and leading in their relationships with others. I am especially grateful for Mission & Service funding and to our church leadership for having the foresight to bring this program into our midst!”

A vibrant ministry that shares in God’s mission of love with our neighbours is often rooted in a healthy pastoral relationship, Thanks to Mission & Service for supporting United Fresh Start and other programs for vital ministry personnel and their healthy pastoral relationships.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please consider making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of Mission & Service.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Jan 21 – 28th

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
12:00 p.m. SOUP LUNCHEON

Mon, Jan. 22:

6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

Tues, Jan. 23:

4:15 p.m. MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP – Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. BOOK CLUB - Parlour
7:00 p.m. TRUSTEES – Board Room

Wed. Jan. 24

9:00 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT
7:00 p.m. COUNCIL – Board Room

Thurs. Jan. 25:

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

Sat. Jan 27:

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

Sun. Jan 28:

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION