



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH September 23, 2018

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory: For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the unceded traditional territory of the Wolastowqiyik and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Pastorale (Vierne)

Welcome to the Church

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: We come together this Sabbath morning with joy
and thanksgiving written upon our hearts.

All: We come so aware of the beauty of God's creation.

One: God, whose joy is revealed to us on the faces of those around us.

All: God, whose concern is revealed to us in the midst of life's most difficult moments.

One: As our voices sing God's praise, as our minds are challenged by
God's Word, as our hearts respond to God's great love.

All: Let us worship together this day.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God,
we come to this sacred space today with many differing hopes and needs.
We yearn to feel closer to you, to trust you more fully.

We want to feel a deeper sense of joy and gratitude for our many blessings.
We pray for wisdom, humility and courage,
that we may be the people you call us to be.
Bless this time of worship, and enliven us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth VU #226
(tune: VU #81)

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart

***Family Hymn:** It Only Takes a Spark VU #289

Connecting to our Heart's Longing

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love:

Know that Christ, present at the dawn of creation,
sustains, calls, inspires, and forgives us.
He empowers us to be a new creation.
In Christ, all things are made new.
Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn:** Spirit of the Living God VU #376

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: (Unison) Craig Frame

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word, our hearts to love your word, and our lives to be obedient to your word, through the power of your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings: James 3: 13–4:3, 7-8a and Mark 9: 30-37

Congregational Response:

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Peace I Leave with You (Landgrave)

Sermon: Renewal of Faith: Christian Community Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** Three Things I Promise MV #176

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Offertory Music

Presentation of Our Offering and Prayer 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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication:

Holy Wisdom, we rejoice in the signs of your power in evolutionary creation and the unfolding cosmos. From the stardust of the galaxies to the plankton of the sea, from the oasis in the desert to the crowded city, all creation is infused with your power. Make us ever mindful of the inspiration that infuses all creation.

Pain-bearer, we hear the cries of creation and of our brothers and sisters, human and every other kind, the world over: climate refugees, species in danger of extinction, victims of war and economic injustice, especially those people and places we name at this time. We remember also those in special need in our own community and families who we name at this time. Extend the balm of your healing power, we pray.



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/wfw.html](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/wfw.html). Please encourage

your friends and relatives to check the Wilmot website for our newsletter and updates for all of our special activities for this fall, and enjoy the friendly articles written by members of our church family.

CHŒUR LOUISBOURG AND SKYE CONSORT CONCERT AND CD LAUNCH: The **Louisbourg Choir** is releasing its first CD on the ATMA Classique label. *Chansons d'amour d'Acadie et de France (Love Songs from Acadia and France)* offers an original and exceptional musical program of Acadian folksongs and polyphonic songs from the Renaissance. Arranged especially for this occasion by Seán Dagher of **Skye Consort**, these folksongs emerge in new and creative ways: rich vocal harmonies and the colourful sound of period instruments. As for the polyphonic songs, they were written by Jacotin LeBel (ca. 1516-1556), one of the most mysterious musicians of the Renaissance. The Fredericton concert and launch will take place on September 24, 7:30 p.m., at **Wilmot United Church**. Tickets are \$25 and will be on sale at the door. Admission is **free** for students.

BOOK CLUB meets for the first fall meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour. We will discuss the book *The Angel's Jig* by Daniel Pelouquin, which is about the Pauper's Auctions in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in New Brunswick. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good conversation with those who love books. All are welcome.



Please support the Wednesday at Wilmot program by contributing baked goods (cookies, squares or sweet breads). These are needed and welcome every week! Just drop them into the church kitchen and let one of us know they are there, or we can arrange to pick them up. Contact: Beth Paynter, beth.paynter.nb@gmail.com, 454-5581 or Rita Roach, reetie2012@gmail.com, 260-6067. Thank you!!

CAN YOU HELP? Wilmot's Community Kitchen team needs YOU! At the moment, we have 6 teams in rotation every Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, but we could use a few more volunteers. We have a great time at the Kitchen and always leave knowing we've done a good job. If you'd like to be part of this worthwhile effort, please call Ida Orenbach at 450-6395 to get placed on a team. Thank you!

FAITH IN ACTION: STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE: Over the fall we are going to have a number of opportunities to explore what it means to be good stewards of our resources as individuals and as a congregation. Our first opportunity will be a workshop on Planned Gifts led by Roger Janes, the United Church Stewardship and Gift Officer for Atlantic Canada. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 2 – 4 p.m. Roger will help us consider the role that bequests and other planned gifts have in the funding of our mission and ministry at Wilmot and how do we invite such gifts and manage them faithfully. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop to learn about Planned Gifts at Wilmot. If you have questions or suggestions, please speak to Marg Routledge, Shirley Cleave, or Rose~Hannah Gaskin

DROP-IN CENTRE: Wilmot's Saturday evening Drop-in starts up again on Sept. 29th and runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. most Saturdays from fall to June, excluding holidays. At Drop-in, we open our doors to members of Fredericton's downtown community and offer a safe space for fellowship, recreation, and refreshments. The Abbey restaurant kindly provides a light meal. New volunteers are always welcome to join a team (one Saturday every 4 weeks) or be on the substitute list when a team member has another commitment. If you'd like to help out, please contact Jon Sweeney at 450 1277 or by email: sweeneyjonathan0@gmail.com



UCW RUMMAGE SALE: Mark your calendars for Friday Oct 26th (3-6 pm) and Saturday Oct 27th (9-12 noon) for Wilmot's fall Rummage sale. This initiative is always warmly received by the

Fredericton community and is also a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for us at Wilmot. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the gym stage anytime up to Oct 26th. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706.



FALL AUCTION: Seeking Treasures and Talents! The popular Wilmot United Church Biennial Auction will be held on Saturday, November 24th. Do you have some treasures or talents to consider donating to this event? If so, please drop off your items (or state the talent you will be offering) at the church soon for our photo shoot of items. Your items will be stored in a secure location leading up to auction day. To ensure we can supply you in 2019 with an accurate official tax receipt for your donations, please fill out one of our auction donor sheets at Randy's desk when leaving your items at the church. Many thanks to all who have already donated items. If you have any questions or need an item picked up, please contact Judy Luton (459-1099) or Andy MacDonald (459-7569).

WENDY TOPOLSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The Wendy Topolski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one recipient per year. Applicants must at present, or in the last two years, be involved in a United Church committee, group or activity and be currently attending an accredited university or community college in Canada. Deadline for applications is Oct 26th. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship is awarded to at least one recipient per year. Applicants must be from a family connected with Wilmot United Church and be currently attending a post-secondary institution. Deadline for applications is Oct 26th. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE ELECTION QUESTIONS & PARTY RESPONSES: The Access to Justice Coalition of NB raised two issues for all five NB Political Parties, including research and proposed changes, regarding: 1. Greater legal rigour required of the Social Assistance Appeal Board's make-up and process and 2. Broader definition/greater transparency in awarding Disability – Extended Benefits status. The issues and Party responses are now posted to the Maritime Conference website: <https://marconf.ca/resources/access-to-justice-working-group>.

PLEASE NOTE: The Office of Vocation of the Ministry and Employment Unit has appointed Office of Vocation ministers to be part of a team of regionally deployed and General Council Office–based staff. These ministers will support the processes for the discernment and training of ministry personnel, the determination of their fitness/readiness for accreditation, the fulfillment of continuing education standards, and the formal processes for oversight and discipline of ministry personnel.

The Office of Vocation ministers will be deployed to serve within the following clusters of regional councils. The minister who will serve the Indigenous Church will be announced at a later time.

- Regions 1 and 3: **Brenda Fawkes** (ordained minister) is the Director of Theological Field Education and Instructor in Ministry Practice at the Vancouver School of Theology.
- Regions 2, 4, and 5: **Karen Medland** (ordained minister) is currently serving Carman United Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia.
- Regions 6 and 10: **Marlene Britton-Walfall** (diaconal minister) is currently serving Knox (Shuniah) United Church in Thunder Bay, Ontario.
- Regions 7, 8, and 9: **Tanya Cameron** (lay) is currently serving as the Acting Personnel Minister of London Conference.
- Regions 11, 12, and 13: **Karen Valley** (lay) works with The War Amps and is an active leader within her congregation, Zion-Memorial in Carleton Place, Ontario. She will begin her Office of Vocation work on November 1, 2018.
- Regions 14, 15, and 16: **Andrew Richardson** (ordained minister) serves Trinity United Church in Summerside, PEI.
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BRIDGE LUNCHEON: The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27th from 12 to 3 at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Paul's United Church. Winter clothing and footwear, small household items, toys, books, etc. Come early to shop and BRING YOUR BAGS !

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Sept. 23 - 30

Today:

- 9:15 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**
12:00 p.m. **SOUP LUNCHEON**
1:00 p.m. **DOORS OPEN** - Sanctuary

Monday, Sept. 24:

- 6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS** – Board Room
7:30 p.m. **CHOEUR LOUISBOURG CONCERT** - Sanctuary

Tuesday, Sept. 25: CHURCH OFFICE – CLOSED IN A.M.

- 7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS** – Gym
7:30 p.m. **BOOK CLUB** - Parlour

Wednesday, Sept. 26: CHURCH OFFICE – CLOSED IN P.M.

- 9:30 a.m. **QUILTERS** – Parlour
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT** – Gym
7:00 p.m. **COUNCIL** – Board Room
7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP** – Fireside Room

Thursday, Sept. 27: **PRESBYTERY meets in Minto**

- 9:00 a.m. **QUILTERS** – Parlour
1:00 p.m. **WRITERS GROUP** – Parlour
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Saturday, Sept. 29:

- 10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
2:00 p.m. **KICK OFF – STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - Parlour

Sunday, Sept. 30:

- 9:15 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE CONVERSATION**