

WEEKLY EMAIL -- September 4, 2013

Grace and peace to the congregation of Wilmot United Church!

As summer fades into its final glory, we are already feeling the autumn rhythm at Wilmot. I am so looking forward to connecting with you this Sunday at 11 a.m. You'll see some welcome changes around the building: a new gym floor thanks to one generous gift, clean carpets throughout, a refreshed nursery and Sunshine Room to mention a few of them.

The Quilters were hard at work this morning and meetings have already begun; Pastoral Care and Health gathered last evening and what exciting ministry is going on there! You will hear more shortly about the special pastoral care initiative this year. Ellen and I, and a specially trained Teleministry Team plan to call and/or visit as many people on our membership list as we possibly can before July 2014.

The Financial Planning Working Group meet Wednesday evening. We are still waiting for the right person to respond to God's call to act as Treasurer at Wilmot. Meanwhile Bob Lutes is continuing to gift us with his considerable expertise and experience.

Next week out 3 social work interns begin their time with us and [Wednesdays@Wilmot](#) begins another season.

I hope you had a fulfilling summer, I certainly did. I had two special weeks of spiritual retreat during which I focused some time on what it means to be a Christian in today's context. That will be a sort of over-arching theme through this fall season. There are some very important questions concerning this which we must each ask ourselves both as individuals and as vibrant, faithful congregations.

One of the readings for Sunday is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. In this reading, we see the image of God shaping people of faith as a potter shapes and re-shapes the clay.

I find this image full of hope because of the infinite possibilities a lump of clay holds. In our faith journey, we can ask God to re-shape us now and again. When we have come to realize ways in which we need to change, grow, and mature in faith, we can turn to God for help in becoming more the people God calls us to be, people committed to serving others through faithful exercise of the gifts God has given each of us.

Try to stay grounded in love this week,

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