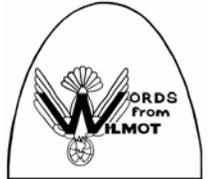




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Tuesday, 7th Seniors' Mystery Day

Sunday, 12th 11:00 am Graduation Sunday

Monday, 13th UCW 6:00 pm Special Outing to Fredericton Inn

Sunday, 19th 11:00 am Congregational Picnic Odell Park

Sunday, 26th to July 24 10:30 am Downtown United combined services with St. Paul's at Wilmot

## August

Monday to Friday  
August 22th - 26th  
Vacation Bible School  
at St. Paul's  
as well as  
Sunday Worship Services  
at St. Paul's at  
10:30 am

## September

Sunday, 4th 11:00 am  
Worship service back  
at Wilmot

Sunday, 11th 11:00 am  
Welcome Sunday  
with Activity Fair after  
worship in the gym

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Monday to Friday, 25th – 29th  
GO Project Nashwaaksis United  
Church for Grades 2-7, sponsored  
by Fredericton United Churches

Sunday, 31th to August 29 10:30  
am Downtown United combined  
services with St. Paul's at St.  
Paul's

### Looking Ahead:

Sunday, October 2 11:00 am World Wide Communion Sunday and Affirmation Celebration, with special guest the United Church Moderator, The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell

Friday to Sunday, October 14 — 16 Wilmot Retreat

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## Children, Youth and Young Adults Corner

What's up? Life is good here at Wilmot with the children, youth and young adults continuing to be such a blessing to us all. Our numbers are slowly growing and smiles can be seen on the faces of the wee ones each Sunday morning as they watch the congregation gather and wait for their special moment in the service as well as in the Sunshine Room. Our Sunday School year is coming to a close although there will still be

Summertime Fun for the children during the Worship Services. In the Fall, we hope to incorporate more music into our gathering time in the Sunshine Room. Let us know if you would be able to help us with this venture.



### THANK YOU, EMILY

Emily is smiling from ear to ear as she looks over the amount of food and money she collected for our *Wednesdays @ Wilmot* program. For her birthday party, Emily asked her fellow preschoolers to bring in a donation instead of a present and they were overwhelmed at the amount of donations she received! THANK YOU, EMILY, what a wonderful and generous act. We hope that you had a happy birthday!



**Vacation Bible School** will once again be combined with St Paul's and Forest Hill, to be held the last full week in August (**Aug 22 - 26**) from 9:00 – 11:30 am. With the upcoming construction on Carleton Street, we decided to hold it at St Paul's this year. Give Ellen a call if you have any questions. The program, "**SURF SHACK**", is based on Nehemiah 4:14b - "Remember that the Lord is great and awesome." It looks exciting filled with stories, music, games and a few surprises.

"**THE GO PROJECT**" is for children Grades 2-7. This environmentally based day camp is an action-packed week for children and youth being held at Nashwaaksis United from July 25-29. For more information see page 3.

The past couple of months has seen the Middle School Youth focusing on Confirmation as well as other activities. This means that they met most weeks. A special thank you to the Senior Group who stepped back allowing them this time. Confirmed on May 15 were **Ally Aalders, Jonathan Chase, Dan Luton, Will Luton, Stephen McQuade & Matthew Messenger**. A great celebration for a great group of youth. And from May 23-26,

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**Laura Coon**, one of our Senior Youth, will attend Youth Forum in Sackville, NB. It is always good to see our youth gather together with the other Conference Youth. Enjoy, Laura!

We continue to have youth and young adults studying or working abroad. **Jacqueline Young** has a few more weeks in Belgium finishing up her term before returning to her studies in the Engineering Program at UNB. She lives in an International Residence (17 students from around the world). Living in Europe provides such a wealth of learning. Besides studying abroad, Jacqueline has taken advantage of every opportunity to travel to various countries. She even spent Easter Sunday at the Vatican. Pretty neat!

**Laura McCartney** is finishing up her year of teaching in South Korea. She has found it both rewarding and challenging. Although Laura gave some thought to remaining there for another year, she misses Canada. She said, "I am glad to have experienced living outside of Canada. Now, having that experience, I miss Canada and will have a new perspective when I go home." In her last email, Laura said that the cherry blossoms were in full bloom and as "pretty as people say." A beautiful time of the year!

I also learned that **Nicola Seguin** has been on an exchange to Lille, France this past term. Lille is located in Northern France and as one tour book says 'may be France's most underrated major city with a beautiful old city centre'. Nicola is studying political science at St. Francis Xavier and headed across the Atlantic in early January and "LOVED it!" With the term behind her, for the past 6 weeks Nicola's been backpacking around southern Europe. So far, she's been to 6 countries, and is enjoying herself immensely! Nicola will be home on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and returning to St. FX in September for her final year.

*Exciting times. Have a great summer!*

☺ Rev. Ellen Beirsto and  
Wilmot's Children and Youth



## Fredericton United's Go Project Day Camp for Children Grades 2—7

The United Churches in the greater Fredericton area are offering a Children's Go Project day camp at Nashwaaksis United Church from Monday to Friday, July 25th to the 29th. It is co-sponsored by Maritime Conference and the National Church. Camps are taking place across Ontario and the Maritimes this year.

This social justice-based day camp is an action-packed week for children in Grades 2—7. Trained staff and volunteers will lead programming inspired by The GO Project along with traditional camp experiences like games, crafts, and lots of fun! Children's Adventure Campers will do their part to make our world a better place. Ecological clean-ups, volunteerism at local non-profit organizations, team-building activities, growing and sharing food, and other projects will spark their imaginations and give campers the confidence to change the world one small step at a time.

It will be an action packed week as children explore together what peace and justice looks like through the experience of The GO Project. The program runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Lunch and snacks are included. For more information visit [www.thegoproject.ca](http://www.thegoproject.ca) or contact Ellen (206-1943).

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## Seniors Hear About City’s Downtown Development Plan



A City Hall planner, Sebastian Salazar-Chavez, gave an informative talk at the regular April meeting of the Seniors Group. Our church surprisingly finds itself at the centre of Fredericton’s new downtown planning. Starting in June Carleton Street will be torn up, new sewers better able to handle flooding will be installed and electric wires will be put underground. The street itself will be paved in a way to contrast from other street paving. Carleton will become the central axis of the city, from the old cemetery to the pedway across St. Anne’s Drive.

Possible plans include making wider sidewalks and relocating the bus stop from the front to the rear of King’s Place. An experiment will have the street from the pedway to Queen become a “shared street” by cars and pedestrians, making it easier to cross from the Garrison District



(which includes the New Brunswick College of Craft & Design and the Officers’ Barracks) to the Library and Sports Hall of Fame and finally to the York Museum and Officers’ Square. The whole of Carleton will eventually be made more pedestrian-friendly.

The flavour of the city must be kept and enhanced while heritage buildings like Wilmot are featured. The parking lot next door, where Isaac’s Way burned down, is central to the city plan as well as to Wilmot itself. Salazar-Chavez pointed out how many such parking lots there are in the city, especially along the river from the old train walking bridge to the old hospital. They are ugly and unproductive uses of the land. He suggested several ways Wilmot could partner with others in making the lot better-used. The lot is too narrow to have a driveway to its back but is a long lot so could have plenty of parking in back of a new building. We could swap some of our land in order to make the driveway to parking which we then could use. We could partner in creating a useful, beautiful building, one perhaps with stores on the bottom and other uses central to our mission in the other stories. This could be used to generate much needed rental income for Wilmot. The city planners want Carleton Street to become a dynamic, vibrant, attractive street.

Wilmot Council has appointed a Property Development Committee and its report can be found on page 5.

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## The Carleton Street Upgrade

This summer Wilmot members will experience some disruption of traffic on Carleton Street between King and Queen Streets as the City of Fredericton begins to move forward with the first phase of their fifteen to twenty year plan to completely upgrade ser-

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vices such as water, sewer, gas and electrical in the downtown area. But don't worry, the city will ensure access to our parking lots is maintained throughout this process. Most of the work in front of Wilmot will occur during the month of August and will be completed at the very least prior to the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival in mid-September.

There will be no disruption to our basic city services and CBCL Consulting Engineering will have someone on site at all times. The work schedule is also available. This initiative will ensure that current levels of city infrastructure are maintained and address anticipated concerns having to do with climate change. Already we are experiencing more frequent and severe storms with heavier amounts of rainfall over shorter periods of time. The city must ensure storm sewers are up to the task of preventing flooding.

There will also be some changes to electrical services to provide for new lamp treatments on Carleton Street when the new City Centre plan is rolled out, providing Fredericton with a fresh, revitalized look. This will include attractive new lamp posts on Carleton Street with underground electrical lines replacing the current overhead wires.

Final stages of this plan will occur within four to five years and include new sidewalks. Calvin Thompson, Manager of the Capital Project, Planning and Implementation is making sure these plans are carried out smoothly with the least amount of disruption possible. He has met with Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and is available to answer any questions.

☺ Kathie Goggin

## Wilmot Church Property Development Committee

Unlock the Potential  
in your Property



At a congregational meeting on March 20, 2016, Wilmot United Church approved the formation of a group to actively lead the congregation in exploring some form of property development. The Council subsequently approved the following people to serve on this ad hoc committee of Council: **Angela Wrobel, Lori Nielson, Guy Vezina, John Leroux, Dana Hanson, David Coon, Andy Secord, Rev. Ellen Beairsto, Richard Scott, Kathleen Cruttenden, and Craig Frame (chair).**

This committee has met once and has started to look at how it can help the congregation evaluate a broad range of possible property development options in order to find the one that supports and enhances Wilmot's current and future mission and ministry. It is an exciting time to be part of our ministry at the corner of King and Carleton and we look forward to lots of interesting conversations in the future. Our committee will continue to provide updates to the congregation as we progress in our work.

☺ Craig Frame



## Rev. Cliff Moase, Woodworker: one of Wilmot's Artisans



Imagine yourself as a newly-inducted minister in your second pastoral charge in which one of the congregations was undertaking a complete renovation and then proceeding to build from scratch not only a lectern and pulpit, but also all of the church pews! This is exactly what Rev. Cliff Moase did a few years following his ordination in 1952. After his retirement in 1992, he designed and built all the furnishings for the newly formed Forest Hills congregation in Dartmouth, with a backlit cross in the chancel in place before the first service, the pulpit before the second service, and the communion table before the third service.

Cliff recalls that growing up he did not want to be a minister, "but God wouldn't stop until I said yes. It was a battle of wills, but God won." In fact, Cliff was the youngest member of his graduating class from Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax. Next year will mark the 65th anniversary of his ordination.

Cliff first learned about his other passion, woodworking, as a young boy working alongside his grandfather as his "gopher". His first solo project was to build a desk. Now in his eighties, Cliff is still working with wood, and takes great pleasure in crafting wooden bowls. He began woodturning in earnest in 1971. "I am not an artist," Cliff explains, "I look at a piece of wood and I don't see anything outstanding until I am almost finished. I love seeing shapes as they emerge in the grain of the

wood. I work mostly with maple, cherry, apple and butternut." It is a fortunate person who owns something made by Cliff, engraved not only with his initials but also the type of wood and the date it was made.

In his forty years of parish ministry Cliff became known for his beautiful handcrafted church furnishings. He explains, "pretty well all church furniture must be custom made to fit the space. There is no warehouse where you can go to buy it." Cliff holds a photo album of the many pieces he has made including pews, kneeling benches, display cabinets for church artifacts, communion tables, pulpits and baptismal fonts. There are also photos of the personal wood-turned gavels he has given to each President of Conference since 1980. The album brings back fond memories, and conducting the baptism of one of his seven grandchildren using a font he designed and made is especially moving.

Talking with Cliff is like having a fascinating lesson in history. When the Wilmot congregation made the difficult decision in 1974 to take down the church steeple, the wooden hand that sat atop it was stored in a locked room so that those seeking souvenirs could not remove pieces of the iconic pointing finger."The base of the hand was totally rotten and the index finger had been cleanly sawn in half in order to make dismantling easier. It was in very bad shape. That winter, I took it upon myself to load the wooden hand in the back of my car and



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take it home to restore it.” Not content with just restoration, he then proceeded to build the glass display case which houses and protects the hand so that we can all enjoy seeing this important piece of Wilmot history today.

Not only has Cliff volunteered his skills with the United Church over the years, his church furnishings are also in use in Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches. “I am an ecumenical furniture maker,” Cliff says with a smile. Although Cliff may not regard himself as an artist, his artistry and passion for what he does is clearly evident, and will provide a treasured legacy of his ministry for years to come.

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### **Rev. Rose~Hannah’s Sabbatical**

A few days ago Rose-Hannah, our full-time minister, embarked on the spiritual journey of a lifetime. Granted a sabbatical by Wilmot of three months from June 1 to August 31, she will undertake a period of pilgrimage followed by several weeks of reading, reflecting, and writing.

The first month she will walk along the pilgrimage way, Camino de Santiago de Compostella in Spain. She plans to develop a worship and sermon series using this experience, one that might be suited to Advent or Lent.

The topic she wants to explore on her sabbatical is that of hope, where do individuals find their source of hope. In her weekly email letter, she asked Wilmoteers to share their sources of hope with her. To this end, she will ask a simple survey question, “what is your source of hope” from various groups outside our congregation, some who are actively involved in a faith community and some who are not.

She writes about her theme of hope, “It seems to me that we can learn a lot about what keeps people going in our communities. Maybe it will help us know more about ways to take our

faith beyond these walls. Maybe it will indicate ways worship and Christian faith development could be more useful to many inside the church....I am interested in learning more about how the church can be more relevant to more people in our Canadian context. I want to understand in more detail what people mean when they describe themselves as ‘spiritual but not religious’.”

You could follow along with Rose-Hannah’s spiritual journey by reading some of the books she has on her list: *Becoming Human*, Jean Vanier; *The Dream*, Martin Luther King; *Integral Christianity*, Paul R. Smith; *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, Eric Metaxas; *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*, Cynthia Bourgeault; and *Theology of Hope*, Jürgen Moltmann.



“I plan to use my reflections on these books in a sermon series or in small group study sessions. I hope to discover connections which I can share, as I read these through the eyes of a pilgrim, and also as one who is curious about where we find hope in our time.”

The United Church mandates that ministers may apply to have a sabbatical of 12 weeks every five years. The church “is committed to supporting the ongoing professional and vocational development of its employees and provides the opportunity for a Sabbatical Leave for permanent staff... The result may be an individual who is revitalized to continue her or his work.”

The sabbatical, from the word Sabbath, is a long-revered concept in the church as well as in other similar vocations. We let our fields lie fallow for a period, and they come back to us renewed and strengthened.

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## Cuba Committee Trip 2016

How many people at Wilmot Church, Fredericton, New Brunswick or in fact the world have been affected by the ongoing twinning relationship that was established between Wilmot Church and the Semenarío Evangelico De Teologia in Matanzas Cuba? If you know the answer to this question, please let the Cuba Committee know.



The Cuba Committee continues to participate in this twinning opportunity recently with the trip of a lifetime to visit friends, and make new acquaintances. March 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, Gail, Norm, Mecca, Maria, and Greg traveled to Matanzas. During the trip, we took an opportunity to attend Church Services, visit ecological and organic farms, hear from experts talking about Cuban justice systems and economic specialist on the future of the US relationship with Cuba. Religion and politics was a focus of the visit to the Martin Luther King centre in Havana.

Hearing the story of the Prodigal Son through an interpreter places an important focus on the message. Cuba demonstrates on a daily basis the importance of people, families and children. During the past years when Cubans had nothing, they focused on “Being and not Having”. In my opinion the Cubans are moving into a time that will see many distractions to the things that they have held as important for the past several generations.



Wilmot’s support for the projects in Cuba were gratefully received. Meals and entertainment events brought Cubans, Canadians, Americans and other nationalities together for evenings of song and dance. Sewing circles in Cuba appreciate the sewing materials and notions that were provided from Wilmot. Since the trip we have heard about the benefits achieved from the sewing materials taken to Cuba. Seniors and others in need have an opportunity to benefit from many items that were transported on this trip.



According to presenters and other discussions, the future of Cuba is protected by laws that are well engrained in the lives of Cubans. New laws that will affect the tidal wave of good and bad opportunities coming with the lifting of the US embargo are in place. Cuba will take advantage of new investment opportunities to lead the way for leading environmental technologies.

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How will the future unfold for the twinning relationship? Life is changing in Cuba, laws and culture will drive the country as we move into the next stage of our relationship. The



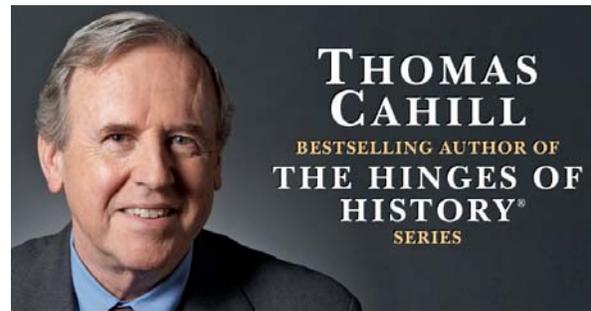
ongoing support for the Seminary will continue to raise opportunities for learning, and growth for both Cubans and Canadians. The development of several opportunities will continue to be a focus in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the twinning relationship, Cuba Committee, or future opportunities please feel free to contact Greg Black, Chair of the Wilmot Cuba Committee.

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**Thomas Cahill and the “Hinges of History”**

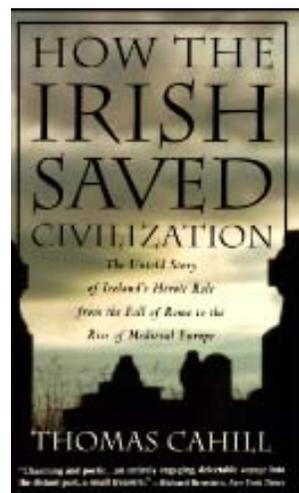


Thomas Cahill has written a series of books linking specific episodes in history to major changes. As a former editor of the Anchor Doubleday Bible he brings a Christian (and somewhat Roman Catholic) perspective. So far six books have been published. And, these form a sort of “Dominic Crossan lite” approach to linking political history with religious history with modern research and scholarship—now something of a cottage industry.

Cahill’s writing is distinguished by being graceful, entertaining and informal. He picks specific events and describes how they fit in to the broad sweep of Western culture. As well, each book has a theme, not always obvious at first but which is apparent by the end. They are extensively annotated and exceptionally well illustrated.

All are available in paperback.

The books were not written in chronological order and may be read in any sequence. The first book *How the Irish Saved Civilization* describes Ireland’s role in preserving learning after the fall of Rome. In it he



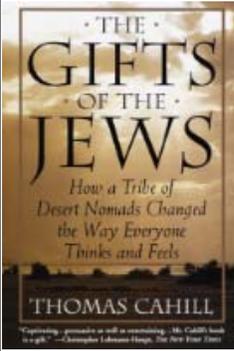
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speaks to the role of Saint Patrick and his experience as a slave and to slavery in general.

The books (in the order they were published) are:

- *How the Irish Saved Civilization*
- *The Gifts of the Jews*
- *Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The World Before and After Jesus*
- *Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter*
- *Mysteries of the Middle Ages: The Rise of Feminism, Science, and Art from the Cults of Catholic Europe*
- *Heretics and Heroes: Ego in the Renaissance and the Reformation*

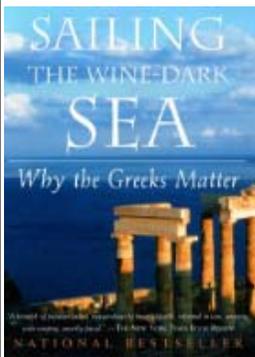


- And a seventh one to come

To take three examples:

In *The Gifts of the Jews*, Cahill focuses on the instructions to Abraham “Go forth from your land” and the dramatic *wayyelekh avram* —“Abraham went”.

He didn’t know where or the way. In much world philosophy this is very strange. Some (for example, Greeks) say “do not over reach”. Chinese sages say there is no purpose in earthly striving. In India *time* is the domain of suffering. The Maya have a circular calendar where everything gets repeated and Buddhists meditate on the river of life and its

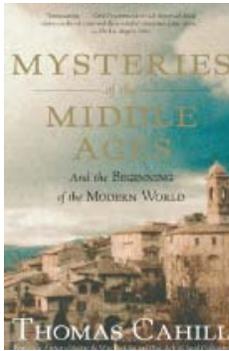


ceaseless flow. But Abraham went, leaving a civilized world, expecting change, expecting to experience something new. Cahill argues that taking this journey has infused Western thought ever since. The subtitle of this book is: *How a Tribe of Desert Nomads Changed*

*the Way Everyone Thinks and Feels.*

*Why the Greeks Matter* begins by describing the contributions of Greek civilization *How to Rule, How to Think* and *How to Party*. But the last chapter reflects on the changes brought by its contact with the Judeo-Christian world.

“The Greeks no longer strove to emulate Apollo and Aphrodite” [as the perfect ideal]. Instead “they came to resemble... the storm-browed Christs and sad, resigned Madonnas”.



*Mysteries of the Middle Ages* provides short biographies of people in the 1200s who influenced the change to the later, more modern, world of the Renaissance.

Warriors, philosophers, religious leaders, artists and writers—Eleonore of Aquitaine, Roger Bacon,

Thomas Aquinas, Abelard

and Heloise, Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Giotto, Dante—are all woven into the story—most were contemporaries, many knew each other.



Cahill always displays a very Irish sense of humour, describing this detail of a fresco by Giotto (Saint Clare mourning Saint Francis) as describing “a mighty friendship”.

To the extent that our world is formed by what has gone before, these books provide a scholarly, but very accessible, prelude to *our time*.

☺ Kirby Keyser



## UCW Happenings

As we look forward to summer, quite a few things happened within UCW in the past couple of months. Our Spring Rummage Sale reaped a total of \$2,365.87. This comes not just because of all the work that many members put into it, but all the added time and effort that other members of the congregation so willingly gave. Thank you to everyone who participated, we honestly couldn't do it without you. Plus, a huge thank you for all the donations that came in and covered the tables...and the floor!

The annual UCW Rally took place at Nashwaaksis United on Saturday, April 30, with three of our members attending. Hand-painted paper butterflies were hung at the Rally, each with the name of a Wilmot UCW member who has passed away in recent years. A lovely tribute to many hard-working women.



The Canadian Bible Society's Bible reading initiative took place at St. Anne's Christ Church Parish Church the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Wilmot's day was May 6<sup>th</sup> with Jeannette Hall as the Captain, who organized all the readers and Linda Gough as the Hospitality Supervisor. Thank you to all those who donated refreshments. Several of our members participated and although it didn't draw much in the way of an audience, it still felt rewarding to be part of this spiritual experience.

Our very own Sue Breen has recently been given by the City of Fredericton their annual Above and Beyond Award. A well-deserved

acknowledgement for her work with Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers, Meals on Wheels and Seniors at Wilmot. I know that Sue doesn't like to call attention to herself but if you see her around you could just walk up and give her a hug. When she says, "What's that for?" just say, "Oh I just felt like it." That way she'll never know I told you.

Here's a quote for the day:

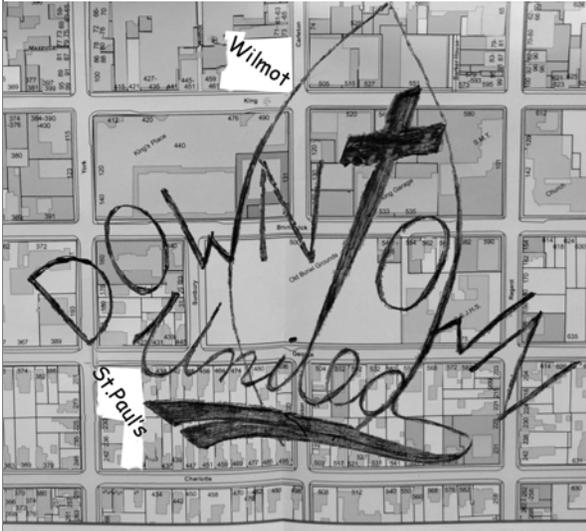
*"Aspire to inspire before you expire."*

☺ Lorie Nielsen



**Susan Breen** has a quiet humility about her which perhaps is how she so easily navigates her numerous volunteer commitments. Susan is the current President of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers group; a group providing both verbal and financial support to grandmothers in Africa who are raising children orphaned by AIDS. She is also a very active member of the Wilmot United Church and serves as a Meals on Wheels delivery agent.

## Downtown United Church



Some people have wondered about the shortcut name we have been using, “Downtown United Church.” This is a quick and pleasant way to say that the event in question is being sponsored by the two downtown churches, Wilmot and St. Paul’s.

A warm and open relationship can certainly be felt. For many years we shared summer services, one month here, the other one at St. Paul’s with the minister in the hosting church presiding. A couple of summers ago the ministers thought it would be great to share the summer services – sometimes one minister being present; others, 2, 3 or even 4 ministers working together. We share a Vacation Bible School and the Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast. This year, we did Maundy Thursday and planned Good Friday together (*which unfortunately was cancelled because of a storm*). We’ve invited the St. Paul’s congregation to come for our guest speakers and events and they have invited us. The Very Reverend Dr. Peter Short has been the minister for both churches. Downtown United is evolving. It is exciting. We are cousins.

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## Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has continued to be busy with the following activities:



**Access to Justice** – Gail Wylie continues to work within the community on this issue. A very successful workshop was held at Wilmot this year thanks to Gail.

**Soup Luncheons** – Many thanks to the congregation for attending the luncheons, which offer a bowl of soup and a chance to visit with other members of the congregation. Funds raised at Soup Luncheons are used to sponsor Outreach activities throughout the year and donations are made to projects each year.



**Wednesdays @ Wilmot** – June 1 is our final date until September. This extremely successful program is beginning a new format in the fall. We hope to have four teams so that each team works one Wednesday per month. If you wish to be part of a team, please let Beth Paynter know. It is a rewarding experience for our participants and volunteers.

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**Inter-Church Refugee Committee** – we are still awaiting news on arrival of a family.



**Saturday Night Drop-In**

If you wish to be part of a team for the drop-in, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee. The program continues to be successful in

our downtown community and we are planning a summer day excursion, thanks to a budget allocation from the Wilmot 2016 budget.



**Fair Trade Coffee** – The booth will be closing soon so make sure to get your coffee, tea and chocolate supplies before the summer. Thank you to the youth volunteers who take care of the booth on Sundays!

We look forward to participation and feedback anytime. To the congregation and our volunteers, have a great summer!

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**THE VISION STATEMENT OF WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**

as amended

Sunday April 17, 2016

At the congregational meeting held on Sunday, April 17th, it was approved that Wilmot United Church become an Affirming Congregation within The United Church of Canada. Our Vision Statement was amended to read:

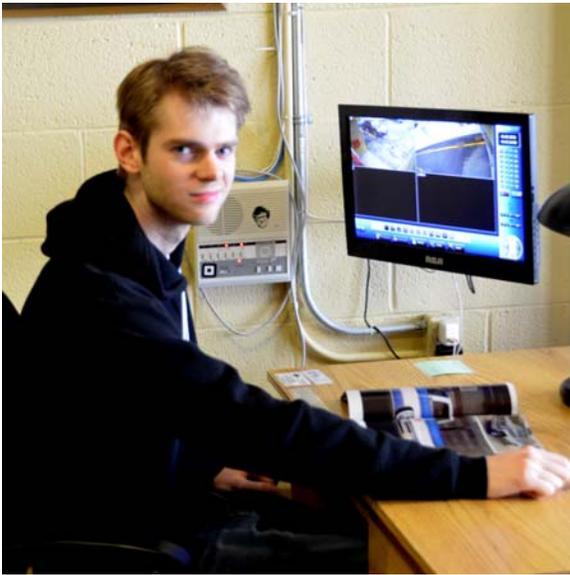
**Wilmot United Church is an open and welcoming presence in downtown Frederickton, putting our Christian faith into action to be a light in God's world. We welcome all into the life and ministry of our faith community, including persons of any age, ability, race, ethnicity, place of origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, and social and economic circumstance.**

We will celebrate our Affirmation on Sunday, October 2 (World Wide Communion Sunday) with the United Church Moderator, The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell as guest speaker.

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## New Webmaster



We welcome Dylan Sweeney as Wilmot's new webmaster. He can often be found with a welcoming smile at the Carleton street entrance or graciously operating the elevator. You can now address your notices for the website to him at: [tegg96@hotmail.com](mailto:tegg96@hotmail.com).

### MARITIME CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 2016 **Gathering Strength, Scattering Light**

The 91st United Church Maritime Conference Annual Meeting was held May 26-29 at Sackville, NB. **Rev. Ellen Beairsto, Norman Laverty, Shirley Cleave and Laura Coon** were there from Wilmot. Ellen was honoured to take part in the Service of Ordination, laying hands on Ordinand Rev. Keith MacPherson. Keith's home congregation is St. Paul's United Church, MacAdam, and he says, "I was supported and encouraged to pursue ministry by many folks there especially our minister Rev. Ellen Beairsto." Keith is the father of Karyn, one of Wilmot's Youth Leaders. Seven persons were ordained and one ordained minister from The Presbyterian Church was received. The President of Conference Rev. Murray Fillier led the special Sunday service on the theme "One Body, Many Parts".

Two beloved ministry personnel from Wilmot, **Wendy Topolski**, Staff Associate, and **Rev. Victor Moriarty**, Minister Emeritus were remembered at the moving Memorial Service; and Rev.

David Brewer and Rev. Kay Clowater from Woolastook Presbytery were recognized for their years of ministry upon their retirement. Rev. Catherine Stuart, from Bedeque Pastoral Charge, Prince Edward Island, was elected the new President-Elect of Maritime Conference for the coming Conference year. She offered a Celtic prayer written by J. Phillip Newell, a scholar of Celtic spirituality, in keeping with the theme of "Gathering Strength, Scattering Light": *May the light of God illumine my soul. May the flame of Christ kindle me to love. May the fire of the Spirit free me to live this day, this night and forever.*



While the Annual Meeting was in progress **Laura Coon** was attending Youth Forum, a gathering of over 250 United

Church Youth between the ages of Grade 10 and age 17, and 50 leaders from across the Maritimes, the Gaspé and Bermuda. They explored what they believed and how they are called to live their lives, while sharing in music, worship, workshops and fun. For a little taste of what Laura experienced go to <http://youthforum.ca/about/> and watch the video accompanied by upbeat background music of our Maritime youth in song. Their enthusiasm and energy gathered strength and scattered light for all.

Hymn for Pentecost

A flame within us burning  
 passed down from days of old  
 has given us a yearning  
 to be disciples bold.  
 When Moses was a shepherd  
 he walked through stone and briar  
 while pondering Israel's slavery  
 God spoke to him through fire.

Isaiah in a vision  
 approached God's holy seat  
 God placed hot coals upon him  
 and gave him words to speak.  
 A campfire at a lakeside  
 lured fishermen ashore  
 Jesus their friend stood waiting  
 to flame their hearts once more.

At Pentecost souls gathered  
 they came from far and wide  
 to celebrate the good news  
 that could not be denied.  
 The fires within keep burning  
 as old as distant suns.  
 The Pentecostal story  
 through all the ages runs.

Sung to *Thornbury*7676D  
 # 633 Voices United  
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 Pentecost 2012



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2016

**Fredericton High School**

Alex Campion  
 Laura Coon  
 Will Luton  
 Daniel Minchin

**Ecole Saint-Anne**

Lucie Vezina

**University of New Brunswick**

Andrew Balcom, Double Honours in  
 History & Economics  
 Catherine O'Connell-Cooper, Doctor of  
 Philosophy (Geology)

**Dalhousie University**

Duncan E.J. Bowes, Doctor of Medicine

**Eastern College**

Dale Chase, Diploma in Accounting and  
 Payroll Administration

**University of Manitoba**

Tim Breen, Master of Education

**Atlantic School of Theology**

Keith MacPherson, Master of Divinity

*If you know of anyone  
 we have missed  
 please contact Ellen  
 (206-1943)*



**Deborah Park Piano Concert  
 at Wilmot United Church  
 Friday, June 10th, 7:00 pm**

Deborah will perform pieces from her repertoire for her Doctoral Piano Performance Exam. The concert will include selections from FAURE, LISZT, LOUIE and more, featuring BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3 with organ accompaniment by Nhat-Viet Phi (from the Universite de Moncton). Special guest will be classical guitarist Stephen Peacock.

Admission at the door only - adults \$20, students \$10 (a portion of the proceeds will go to support UNB and STU Campus Ministry).

CDs will be for sale following the performance.



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The doors will be monitored and access  
generally available during July and August  
Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

*It is wise to call first to check that the church is open  
and arrange in advance access when necessary*

For pastoral care during July and August call Rev. Ellen Beairsto (206-1943)

**Office Administrator** days and hours for **July and August**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
with 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch

**Sexton** hours for **July and August**

8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm (may vary depending on  
activities at Wilmot)

Vacation leave for Sexton is **August 8** to **August 26** (Sunday worship will  
be at St. Paul's)

**Student Tour Guide**

Hours to be determined



**Due to construction on Carleton Street  
during July and August,  
the City has given assurance that access to Wilmot  
United Church will be maintained**