

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
July 1st, 2012
CANADA DAY

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.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Tine in E (Thalben-Bull)

Choral Introit: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

This is the day the Lord had made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

* **Opening Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies VU #339

We Light The Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Wondrous God:
you touch our lives with healing and with justice;
new life is your gift.
We praise you for the Good News
which is ours through Jesus Christ.
May this time of worship nourish us
with your promise of meaning and purpose.
May we be empowered to carry your goodness
into the coming week.
We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour.

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing

Psalm 130

Silence for Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:
 God loves us more than we love ourselves.
 God set us free to love others.

Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn:** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart VU #378

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Illumination:

Cliff Moase

O God, in whose mercy we find our peace,
in whose presence we find our place,
in whose world we find our calling:
grant us grace so to hear and accept your Word
that we may be faithful followers
of your will and your way all our days.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 5: 21 - 43

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.
 All: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon: Jesus Promises Healing Rev. R. Gaskin

Time For Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** We Are One VU #402

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music: Rondeau (Dandrieu)

* **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**

Prayers of the People

Lord of all being and source of every blessing,
we thank you for all good things:
for life and love,
for health and food,
for work and home,
for nature's beauty and comfort,
for human skills and laughter,
for memory and hope,
for everything which gives us
pleasure, nourishment, and strength.

Gracious God,
we pray for the faithful all over the world,
that all who love you may be united in your service.
We pray for the church
God, hear our prayer.

R *And in your love, answer.*

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations,
that they may be reconciled one to another
in pursuit of your justice and peace.
We pray for the world
God, hear our prayer. **R**

We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed or violence,
that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness.
We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion,
and for all refugees.
We pray for all who are oppressed
God, hear our prayer. **R**

We pray for all in need
by reason of famine, flood or earthquake,
that they may know the hope of your faithfulness
through the help of others.
We pray especially for the people of
God, hear our prayer. **R**

We pray for the land, the sea, and the sky,
that we may live with respect in creation
and use your gifts with reverence.
We pray for the earth
God, hear our prayer. **R**

We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness,
loneliness, fear or loss,
that those whose names are in our hearts,
in the hearts of others,
or known to you alone,
may receive strength and courage.
We pray for those in need
God, hear our prayer. **R**

God of compassion,
into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, now and forever.
Amen.

The Last Word: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 20

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

* **Commissioning**

* **Benediction**

* **O Canada** VU #524

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style (Young)

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. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. A special welcome to our friends and neighbours from St. Paul's United Church. It is also our privilege to welcome Peter Waterhouse again this week, as our organist. Our wonderful nursery workers take the summer off, but don't worry they will be back in September. Feel free to use the nursery and listen to the service. For children wishing to stay in, there are activity packs at the back of the church - just ask one of the Ushers.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Services of Worship for the month of July will be held at Wilmot and at St. Paul's for the month of August and Sept. 2nd. Time of worship is 10:30 am.

SYMPATHY: Our love and condolences are extended to Chris Colwell on the recent death of his aunt, *Dorothy Fullerton*.

THANK YOU: Almost lost in the excitement of the retirement (?) tributes was the fact that I was being made "Minister Emeritus". To be mentioned in the same breath as Vic Moriarty and Cliff Moase is a great honour. My sincere thanks to all who made June 24 a memorable day for me. *Bob*

THANK YOU: We wish to thank everyone who has helped hosting Coffee and Conversation. Also - thanks to those who keep the cookie cupboard supplied so faithfully. During the summer, worship services will be held at Wilmot United Church on **July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**, and we will need Wilmot volunteers to host this important time after services. This time to greet one another is very special. In the summer, you may serve only juice and ice water with some cookies if you wish. A new sign-up is in the gym, and we would encourage you to take one Sunday during this time to host. Thank you. *Nancy Gilbert and Susan MacLeod*

CONGRATULATIONS! Sue and Peter Short are over the moon happy to announce the safe arrival of a wee baby girl, born in Yellowknife to Greg and Tara Short, Thursday June 28th. at 5:30 am. This is a sister for Peter James. Hallelujah !!

CHURCH PARKING STICKERS: Current Wilmot members and adherents who wish to use our parking lot on Carleton St. for church purposes may now obtain new numbered white stickers from Marlene in the church office, for \$10 each, to recover the cost of printing the stickers. The new stickers are valid until August 31, 2017 and replace the gold stickers which expired at the end of 2011.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY "AT HOME" - 25 July. You are all invited to our "Family At Home" in the Wilmot parlor on Wednesday, July 25 from 3 - 5 pm. *Bob & Johanne Jones*

JULY NOON HOUR FAITH FORMATION SERIES: Come share a video and conversation WITH MARCUS BORG - four Thursday beginning July 5th. Please contact Rose~Hannah to register.

CAN YOU HELP? The Interchurch Refugee Committee will be welcoming a family of four to Fredericton in mid July. We have some furniture but are still in need of 2 single beds with mattresses; chest of drawers and a double bed mattress Also kitchen items are needed (i.e. dishes, pots and pans, etc.) and bedding for the beds. Any donations to help settle this family in their apartment would be most appreciated. Please contact Maggie Clarke (maggie4357@rogers.com) or Elaine Kenyon (ekenyon@nbnet.nb.ca) if you able to help in any way. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: We are no longer collecting bottles and cans for recycling. Thank you for your support in the past.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Aug 27th - 31st, 9 am - 11:30 am at St. Paul's United Church. Children ages 4 yrs - 10 yrs (helpers ages 11 yrs+) are welcome to explore this year's theme **Music Machine!** Offered jointly by Wilmot United and St. Paul's United, your support is appreciated through donations. Please speak to Kelly Ebbett regarding registrations, donations or volunteering. Contact kelly@wilmotuc.nb.ca or phone 472-7716.

CAMP WOOLASTOOK: The Camp Board has set clean-up days for Pastoral Charges and congregations to assist in readying the camp for family and group rentals this summer. The days set aside for volunteers to come and help are: July 3, Tuesday and July 4, Wednesday, as well as July 7, Saturday and July 8, Sunday. Bring work clothes, cleaning supplies, tools like brooms, vacuums and pails and a lunch to share pot luck style with others on site. Jobs are cleaning cabins, kitchen, bathrooms, windows, equipment. All are welcome. If you are able to assist with this project, please contact Norman Laverty at 455-3349.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DROP-IN CENTRE EXCURSION IN AUGUST: Wilmot's Drop-In is planning an excursion up river with an overnight at Camp Woolastook near Kincardine, NB. The plan is to leave very shortly after supper, at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 10, to return before supper on Saturday, Aug. 11. Three mini-vans have been reserved. So we need 3 drivers for the vans. It would be nice to have two additional volunteers to help out with other aspects of the trip. If you are available for such service, please contact Norman Laverty (455-3349) or Chris Colwell (455-1782).

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS: Do you have Lyme Disease or think you do but have tested negative? A group of concerned citizens in our area is preparing for a Lyme Awareness session in Fredericton to be held before the end of the summer. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call Louise Billings at 459-4853.

SUMMER CLEANING DAY!

We are planning to do a BIG 'house' cleaning during the last part of August and clean out all the storage spaces at Wilmot. This is a great opportunity to clear out and lighten our load as we prepare for our new partners moving in at the end of September. Now, What we need is some energetic and fun person/s to co-ordinate this project. Will you ponder this please ? It might be done over 2 or 3 days for example, or even more quickly. Please contact Marlene if you are willing to be a part of this "good work".

COMMUNITY NOTICES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 23 - 27th at Christ Church Cathedral. 9 am - 12 noon for children ages 5 to 11. For more information see bulletin board downstairs or go online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/ccckids/gpgs/home.aspx.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND AUCTION at Knox Presbyterian Church - Harvey on Saturday, July 21st. Supper is from 4 - 6 pm. Menu: Barbequed chicken breast, potato & pasta salads, homemade rolls, tea/coffee and assorted, homemade pies. Cost: \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under. Between the supper and auction (4 - 7) there will be a YARD SALE. **AUCTION** - a fun-filled evening of good buys and entertainment by our auctioneer begins at 7 pm. Something for everyone!

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beairsto
458-1066

**Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Vic Moriarty
and Rev. Bob Jones**

Guest Organist: Peter Waterhouse

Choir Director: Steven Peacock

Secretary: Marlene Phillips

Sexton: Randy Randall

Church Office: 458-1066

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