

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 8, 2012

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: Offertoire (Franck)

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Welcome to the Church

We Light The Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

*We feel your welcome, gracious God,
 in this time of worship.
 You welcome young and old,
 all seeking peace,
 and all brimming over with energy.
 You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
 all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
 and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
 You welcome us all, welcoming God.*

* **Hymn:** Let All Things Now Living VU #242

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing

Silent Prayer

* **Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Illumination: (Unison)

Joan MacDonald

*Loving God,
 you speak to us in so many ways:
 in the song of a bird,
 in the babbling of a brook,
 in the voices of our friends,
 in the hug from Mom or Dad,
 in the songs we sing,
 and in the stories of the Bible.
 Speak to us now through the reading of scripture.
 Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus.
 Amen.*

Scripture: Mark 6: 1 - 13

Congregational Response:

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

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

Guitar Solo: Etude in E minor (Sor)

Sermon: Wanted: A Prophet Rev. R. Gaskin

Time For Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** I Have Called You By Your Name MV #161

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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**

Prayers of the People

For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts,
for every sensation of our bodies:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses,
for the arms that reach out in love:

we give you thanks, O God.

For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow,
for the laughter of shared joy:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the freedom to choose, for the ability to love,
for the power of hope:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the presence you reveal to us,
for the courage you offer us,
for the rest you assure us will be ours:

we give you thanks, O God.

In the silence following each petition,
let us offer our prayers of intercession and concern
for all those in need:

Let us remember those who suffer from illness,
from the pain of memory,
from torture, from victimization,
especially those hurt by the church or its members

Let us pray for those who are outcast,
or in prison, or oppressed

Let us pray for those who are hungry, or homeless, or poor,
and those who are unemployed, or exploited

Let us pray for the coming of justice in the world,
offering what we have and receiving what we need
of the earth's beauty

Let us pray for peace that is a just reconciliation

Let us pray for the earth on which we walk
and to which we will one day return

And let us offer our own petitions,
trusting in God's wisdom and compassion

God hears the prayers of the faithful,
and in her arms we find safe harbour and understanding. Amen.

The Last Word: Isaiah 44: 6-8

* **Hymn:** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU #586

* **Commissioning**

Go into the world:

dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world:

risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world:

believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God!

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Postlude: Festival Postlude on "Westminster Abbey" (Towers)

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.

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 the family of the late **Doreen McCormack** who passed away on June 29th.

COMMUNION: Session and the Worship Committee have decided that Communion

will be held 4 times a year. The next Communion, by intinction, will be celebrated on Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 7th.

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.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: You are invited to celebrate with Joyce and Cliff Moase and their family in the Wilmot parlour on Saturday, July 21 from 2 - 4 pm. No cards or gifts please. Instead, you are welcome to bring a contribution for the Fredericton Food Bank.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Check out what is happening within the Maritime Conference by going onto their webpage at: Maritime Conference - The United Church of Canada

FAITH FORMATION SERIES: Drop in and share a video and conversation WITH MARCUS BORG - on Thursdays at noon during the month of July. Please contact Rose~Hannah to register. Attend one or all four sessions, as your schedule permits..

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 are 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.

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, at 6 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 Lavery (455-3349) or Chris Colwell (455-1782).

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. Maggie Clarke and friends will co-ordinate this cleaning. However, more help is needed so please contact Marlene (458-1066) if you are willing to be a part of this "good work".

CAN YOU HELP? St. Paul's would appreciate 1 or 2 adult volunteers with an interest in Scouting to be part of a Group Committee. The commitment requires a police record check, willingness to adhere to the aims and principles of Scouts Canada, take training and have the time to attend 2 meetings a month. There are returning youth and leaders who meet on a regular weekly basis on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and an upcoming parking fundraiser in September. The adult registration process must be completed by the end of August in order for youth meetings (Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers) to begin in September. If you are interested in volunteering to assist these Scouting groups that St. Paul's has sponsored since 1946 or for further information, please call Helen Craig at 472-4886.

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!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL: As part of Marysville's 150th Anniversary, the Marysville United Church will host a Strawberry Social in the Boss' Café, 351 Canada Street on Sunday, July 22, noon - 2 pm. Cost is \$8/person which includes casserole, oven-baked ham, strawberry shortcake, tea and coffee. All are welcome. Come celebrate our history!

Ministers:

**Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
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**Rev. Ellen Beirsto
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**Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Vic Moriarty
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Organist: Virginia Leiter

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