



# DOWNTOWN UNITED CHURCH

## July 1, 2018

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                      Preacher: Rev. Richard Bowley

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 (Maliseet) and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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### THE GATHERING

**Organ Prelude:**            The New Commonwealth            (Vaughan Williams)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Call to Worship:**

We have gathered to worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort,  
inspiration, community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves  
to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons  
and the turnings in our lives,  
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

## **Opening Prayer:**

Gather us together, Great Spirit.  
Fill your hearts here with goodness,  
your worship with creativity,  
your world with new possibilities,  
and your church with promised gifts.  
Gather and fill us, Great Spirit,  
in these days of winter,  
with all those things you have stored up for us.

*Daryl Webber, Ebenezer P.C., Campbellville, ON*

**\* Opening Hymn:** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven VU #240

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Singing Together:** O Canada VU #524

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:**

**Creator God, You offer us new life – healing from old wounds, renewed strength, and a spirit that helps us to forgive others and ourselves, so that we might start anew. Too often we reject Your invitation to be free, to put down our burdens and to start again. Forgive us. Help us see new opportunities for growth and healing. Help us to have an open and willing heart.**

*Catherine Tovell*

### **Silence for Prayer**

### **Assurance of God's Love:**

O Lord, You have said to us, "Peace I leave with you."  
The peace that You give is not that of this world:  
Your peace is love for all people, justice for all people,  
truth for all people— the truth that liberates.  
Lord, this is the peace You promise:  
grant us Your peace, and we will share it with the world.

## **Prayer for Understanding:**

Open Your Word to us this day, loving God  
Open to us the sacred story of journeying in faith  
The sacred story of giving thanks in all things  
And open to us new ways of understanding.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Scripture:** Matthew 14: 22-33

Dorothy Frazier

## **Congregational Response:**

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Guitar Solo:** Aire de estilo – Steven Peacock

(Merlin)

**Sermon:** Together in fear. Together in hope.

Rev. R. Bowley

\* **Hymn:** I Have Called You by Your Name

MV #161

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Announcements**

### **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:**

Self-giving God, we give You thanks for all the blessings we know in this life and for the opportunity to give back. Use our offerings and our service to touch human lives and communities with the gentleness of Your grace and the vitality of Your goodness. This we offer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Richard Bowley



Merna Dunphy and family on the death of husband and father, **Bob Dunphy**. Bob's death occurred on June 26.

**THE PRAYER CIRCLE** offers confidential prayer support for those with physical, emotional, family and spiritual needs. To have your concerns added to the Wilmot prayer list contact Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING:** On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:** Thank you to those who have been able to commit themselves to helping out for Coffee and Conversation this summer. We are still looking for a couple of people for July 22 and July 29. If you are able to do one of these two Sundays, just let Ellen know. **THANKS**



**HOURS FOR JULY and AUGUST** (Wilmot)

**OFFICE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**RANDY:** Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**July 15** - Ellen will once again be heading to **GRAND MANAN** to lead their Sunday Service of Worship. As there is no United Church on the Island, each summer they organize having a visiting clergy or lay person to conduct a service for them. Feel free to travel to the Island and join me. It is a great place to visit and to go biking or hiking.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR DROP-IN TOUR:** On Saturday, July 21, Wilmot has planned a day tour to Grand Falls for the participants in the Drop-In. Volunteers are required to drive the 3 seven-passenger vans which have been reserved. If you can help to transport additional people in your own car with the gas being paid, that, too, would be very much appreciated. If you can assist in either capacity, please contact, as soon as possible, Norm Laverty (455-3349).



Are you a gardener or would you like to be?

Help us build a small vegetable garden at Wilmot. We'll offer the produce to all in the neighbourhood who would love some healthy veggies this summer. Contact Rose~Hannah and let's get digging!

**MAGGIE'S MUFFIN MANIA COOKBOOKS** are still available (\$15). You may obtain one from Marlene in the Church Office.

**FACES OF NEW BRUNSWICK:** Those who wish can now purchase Keith Minchin's latest book of photography *Faces of New Brunswick* at the church office for the reduced price of \$30. All profits will be generously donated to the Wilmot Local Fund.

### **ANO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE@**

It has been our policy to ask that our AWilmoteers@ be aware that scented products can cause allergic reactions in some of our members. This can be triggered by perfume and aftershave, but also by certain Afresh-smelling@ laundry products, soaps, and hair products. Please pay attention to how you use them.

### **THE 'GO' PROJECT ADVENTURE CAMP -- For Grades 2 – 7 - July 16-20**

The GO camp is a United Church Camp designed to happen right here in your own community. It is a joint effort by St. Paul's, Forest Hill, Nashwaaksis & Wilmot to be held at Nashwaaksis. There will be trained staff and volunteers that will lead exciting programming with an outreach and justice focus. Children will spend time learning, playing, volunteering and learning about their faith. It is a full day program filled with fun activities. LIMITED SPACE so give Ellen a call to reserve a space for you or register online at [WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA](http://WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA) Cost is \$125 (Sponsorship is available – touch base with Ellen)

### **LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**July 1 - 29 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be combined with St. Paul's and held here at Wilmot at 10:30.

**July 16 – July 20 – GO Children’s Adventure Camp** (see notice)

**July 21 – July 27 - The 43<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL of the UCC** to be held in Oshawa, ON **Rose-Hannah** will serve as the commissioner clergy from the Woolastook Presbytery.

**August 5 – Sept. 2 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be at **St. Paul’s at 10:30.**

**August 27-31 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - “ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE”** held at St. Paul’s this year.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL AND BBQ:** On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, a Strawberry Social and BBQ will be held at Nashwaaksis United Church from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Enjoy your choice of one hamburger or hot dog, with a beverage and fresh, homemade strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. Rain or shine – join us for a yummy time!

**ANNUAL YARD SALE, SUPPER AND AUCTION** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey. Yard sale is ongoing all day (from 8 a.m.) Supper is 4 -6 (barb-e-cued chicken breast, variety of salads, homemade rolls and pies. Auction begins at 7 o’clock.

**REDEEMABLES:** Just a reminder that we do pick ups if you have any bottles to donate to the YOUTH FUND! You can also leave them in Ellen’s office at the church. The summer is a great time to save your redeemables and then pass them along to the youth. Just give Ellen a call at 206-1943.

**FALL AUCTION: A CALL FOR TREASURES AND TALENTS!**

Be sure to reserve November 24<sup>th</sup> for the popular Wilmot United Church Biennial Auction. It was a grand time two years ago with a professional auctioneer moving the day

along quickly as many items generously donated by our congregation were purchased in either the silent or live auction. Please consider over the summer what treasures or talents you may have to donate to this event. We encourage you to drop off your items at the church over the summer or very early fall so that we will have a large variety of lovely items to photograph as we ramp up our promotion of the auction. To ensure we can supply you in 2019 with an accurate official tax receipt for your donations, please ensure you fill out one of our auction donor sheets when leaving your items at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Luton (459-1099) or Andy MacDonald (459-7569).