

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 11th, 2016 11 am
ADVENT III: JOY
Singing Our Way To Christmas!
Sunday School Pageant: “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy season! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Advent grace and peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION:

Be truly glad ... there is a wonderful joy ahead. 1 Peter 1:6

T H E G A T H E R I N G

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Amber & Emma Knorr

**All Sing: Come, O Child of Joy we pray.
Enter our hearts and show us your way.
Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,
Joy for our world shining bright!
Come, O Child of Joy, we pray.**

Narrator 1: The Messiah's Coming was punctuated by Joy: “The angel said to the shepherds, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people;

Narrator 2: to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.””

Narrator 1: Joy to the World! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king!

The Third Advent Candle (Pink) is lit

All Sing: Come, O Child of Joy we pray.

Enter our hearts and show us your way.

Promise of God, Heaven’s pure Light,

Joy for our world shining bright!

Come, O Child of Joy, we pray.

Narrator 2: Let us pray: Thank you God, for all the ways you love us. Help us to listen for Your Voice throughout this Advent Season.

Narrator 1: Help us to spread your Joy everywhere we go! This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

A CAROL SING!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jessica Tupling

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY: All That We Have (From *Gather*)

All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT:

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Scene 1 - *Said The Night Wind To The Little Lamb* Emma Knorr

Choir sings

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 1-3, 9-10

Congregation joins to sing: Hymn #81 VU verse 1:

As with gladness men of old,
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so most gracious Lord, may we
ever more your splendour see.

Choir sings

Scene 2 - *Said the Little Lamb to the Shepherd Boy* Faith Ross

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-14

Congregation joins to sing: Hymn #48 VU verse 1:

Hark the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Choir sings

Scene 3 – *Said The Shepherd Boy To The Mighty King* Amber Knorr

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 17-18, 20

Congregation joins to sing: Hymn #60 VU verse 1:

**O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Choir sings

Scene 4 – *Said the Mighty King To The People Everywhere* Jessica Tupling

Congregation joins to sing: Hymn #59 VU: Joy to the World

Stars: Emma Loftus, Nolan Harris & Lily Nelson

Songs: Ella Nelson, Brooklyn Rodrigue & Aubrey

Shepherds: Allyson Loftus, Hudson Harris, Abby Tupling

Angels: Nevaeh Ross, Evey & Mia Minor

Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus: Chandra, Craig & Tenley MacBean

Scripture Readers: Jessica Tupling, BrookeLyn Power & Emma Knorr

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star* MV#220**

**Joy shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
And illumine the pathway Home.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Kaye Lister and Diana Hall

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Dec): Doug Price and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Dec. 11th - 11:00 am – Advent III – Sunday School Concert

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

-Coffeetime following service

Mon., Dec. 12th - 6:00 pm - Men’s Club Christmas Dinner (see over)

Sun., Dec. 18th - 11:00 am - Advent IV –Worship- Holy Communion

Tue., Dec. 20th - 6:30 pm - Carolling – Meet at NMUC, then carpool

Sat., Dec. 24th - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

10:00 pm - Service of Candlelight & Holy Communion

Join us downstairs following the service for cake/tea/coffee & fellowship.

The MEN’S CLUB will be holding their **Christmas dinner at Dolan’s Pub** at **6 pm on Monday, Dec. 12th** followed by a tour of Gray Stone Craft Brewery at 7:30 pm. This invitation is open to all men of the congregation. Please let Dave Ward/ Keith Ball know your interest no later than **Dec. 11th**.

U.C.W. will be having their Christmas Party Meeting on **Wed., Dec. 14th** at the earlier time of **6:30** in the home of Dorothy Webster, **215 Bradshaw Dr.** We will each bring a finger food to share and a wrapped gift for our Yankee Swap. All women in the congregation would be very welcome to join us for this fun evening. Contact Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

“THE TUPLING FAMILY”

The costs involved in going through a transplant are astronomical. If you would like to help the Tupling family out, you can do so by going through the church. Just mark “Ron Tupling” on your envelope and we will make sure your donation is deposited in their bank account. And please know that your offering of prayer is even more appreciated!

It’s that time of year ... our **MITTEN TREE** is now in place and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

UCW - Church calendars are now available for purchase for \$6. See Sue Morrison following the service.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - The latest edition of “**The Beacon**” has been sent out electronically; however, for those who prefer a hard copy, they are available at the main door today.

New copies of “**Our Daily Bread**” (**Dec/Jan/Feb**) are now available at the main entrance of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Price Class is available.

GREEN TIP: Ways to use used wrapping paper: open packages carefully and flatten so it can be re-used the following year. Use it to re-pack your Christmas ornaments, line dresser drawers and bookshelves.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **December**, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars, and juice boxes**. Please note that **condiments** always come in handy as well. Another item that is much appreciated is plastic bags, as they go through 1000’s in a month. It is noted that food bank donations have been down over the last few months and with winter coming it would be great to increase our contributions. Any food items are greatly appreciated.

STORM NOTICE - In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, **but not before 8:30 am.**

- 1. E-mail notification (if you have e-mail, this is the most direct method);**
- 2. Radio stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL;**
- 3. Web-site: [Http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/) it will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page;**
- 4. Answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Organ Recitals at St. Paul's - Two noon-time organ recitals will be held at St. Paul's United Church (George Street at York) during the Advent season. They will be on Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 21. Both will start at 12:10 p.m. and conclude at 12:50 p.m. The December 14 recital will feature David Drinkell, Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral. Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul's, will present the second recital on December 21. Both recitals will include classical repertoire as well as seasonal selections. The December 21 concert will also include The Choral Collective, a quintet of teenaged singers, performing a program of Christmas and seasonal songs. A freewill offering in support of Hospice Fredericton will be received at both events.