

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 4th, 2016 11 am
ADVENT II: PEACE
White Gift Sunday

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy season! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Advent grace and peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one.

John Lennon

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Judy and John St. Pierre

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

Narrator 1: The prophets promised that the coming Messiah would bring the presence and peace of God: "His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end."

Narrator 2: O come Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace!

The Second Advent Candle (Blue) is lit

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

Enter our hearts and show us your way.

Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,

Peace for our world shining bright!

Come, O Child of Peace, we pray.

Narrator 1: God of Advent Peace, be with us as we make our way through the darkness and the waiting.

Narrator 2: And as we wait, let us pray together, in the way of Jesus, 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.

Gather With The Children: #158 MV Dream A Dream v.2

Presentation of White Gifts And The Mitten Tree

As Children go down to Sunday School: #158 MV Dream A Dream v.3

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON (s): Romans 15:4-13 1st John 4:7-18

ANTHEM: *In The Bleak Midwinter* C. Courtney

SERMON *“Fear Not”*

***HYMN#48 VU Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #44 VU It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

Rev. Kelly returns from medical leave next Sunday, December 11th. Today we welcome Bob Miller as our Worship Leader! Bob and his wife Colleen are members of St. Paul's United Church, Fredericton, and Bob is currently taking part in the Licensed Lay Worship Leader's programme. Thanks for sharing your gifts with us Bob!

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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: Linda and Doug Watson

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues., Dec. 6th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., Dec. 7th - 7:30 pm - Carolfest at St. Paul's United Church

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

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.

Join us downstairs today, following the service, for a delicious “Slow Cooker Luncheon”. The Sunday School is hosting this event with a freewill offering to go the Tupling family.

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.

“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!

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 or 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.

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

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.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – Please note that the 2016 Christmas ornament has sold out. Many thanks for your support. Marilyn & Allen Parlee

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:

The NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB canvasses the village in early December with a **“Food & Toy Drive”**. The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. In the past, our Church has collected **canned peas** to contribute to this project. The peas would need to be in by **Sunday, December 4th**.

Come out to the **ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL** at **St. Paul's United Church** on **Wednesday, December 7** and help raise money for our local food banks! Our choir is teaming up with members from the Gagetown and Grand Lake United Church choirs once again to participate in this great event. The concert starts at **7:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there.