

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 27th, 2016 11 am
ADVENT I: HOPE
Singing Our Way To Christmas!

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

He who sings frightens away his ills. ~Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote

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:

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

Narrator 1: The promises of God are promises of hope: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Narrator 2: O Hope of every contrite heart; O joy of all the meek. To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

The First Advent Candle (Blue) is lit

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Narrator 1: God of Advent Hope, 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.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: #7 VU Hope Is A Star v.1

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 16:19-28

ANTHEM: *Be the Light of Christ* W. Cameron

SERMON: *Singing Our Way Through The Darkness* Rod Campbell

***HYMN#1VU O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

THE RESPONSE

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 #64 VU O Little Town of Bethlehem

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING Hope Shines as a Solitary Star
Hope 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: Lorna and Keith Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sun., Nov. 27th - 11:00 am - Advent I - Worship Service**
Mon., Nov. 28th - “The Beacon” Newsletter due date
Tue., Nov. 29th - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri., Dec. 2nd - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner
Sun., Dec. 4th - 11:00 am - Advent II - White Gift - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - ‘Crock Pot’ Luncheon for Tupling Family
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
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

PASTORAL CARE: As you know, Rev. Kelly has had surgery this past week and will be off for approximately two weeks. During Rev. Kelly’s absence, please contact Rev Jane Johnson for any pastoral emergencies. Her contact info: 440-9981 revjane81@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - All submissions for the December issue of ‘The Beacon’ may be left at the church office or forwarded to klister1938@gmail.com on or before Monday, November 28th.

“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! **On Sunday, December 4th following the service, the Sunday School is hosting a “Slow Cooker Luncheon” with proceeds to go the Tupling family.**

Plans are underway for our annual **“Progressive Dinner”** for **Friday evening, December 2nd at 6 pm.** Sue & Paul Morrison have offered to host the appetizer course and Ginny & John Kershaw have graciously offered to host the main course. We will finish off the evening with dessert at the home of Revs. Kelly & Jane. Join in the fun and add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back door for whichever course you’d like to contribute to.

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

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 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.

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: This is the best time of year to sort your summer clothing. Before putting them away, separate items you won’t use next year and have them bagged and ready to donate when the collection agencies start calling in the spring.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **November**, we will focus on **beans of any type**. 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.** – **E-mail notification (if you have e-mail, this is the most direct method); radio stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL; Web-site: [Http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/) it will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page; and the 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!

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – The **2016 Christmas ornament** is available (\$12) each. Contact Allen or Marilyn Parlee at 459-8007. There is a sample in the Church office.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - Come join us for a **Nativity Tea** on **Friday, Dec. 2nd**, from **2–4 pm and 7-9** at the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium (46 Main St). Sandwiches and sweets will be served with tea, coffee, or apple cider. Enjoy the many unique variations of the Nativity

and help us celebrate the Advent Season. **Admission by donation.**