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Celebrating The Holy Sacrament Of Baptism

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

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*When you are older you will understand how precious little things,
seemingly of no value in themselves, can be loved and prized above all price
when they convey the love and thoughtfulness of a good heart.*

Edwin Booth

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 CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

On this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word; on this day of faith and family, of promise and praise: may we recognize your presence here O God, with us and amongst us. And so, in trust and confidence, we pray the words that came through Jesus, our brother and Saviour, 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***HYMN # 443 VU God, We Pray At This Beginning (using alt tune #333)**

Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):

**In grateful response to God's abundant love,
we bear in mind our integral connection
to the earth and one another;**

we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.

To point to the presence of the holy in the world,

**the church receives, consecrates, and shares
visible signs of the grace of God.**

In company with the churches
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:
Baptism and Holy Communion.
In these sacraments the ordinary things of life
—water, bread, wine—
point beyond themselves to God and God’s love,
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are born into the brokenness of this world.
Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are surrounded by God’s redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity
is the means by which we are received, at any age,
into the covenanted community of the church.
It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith
and cleansing by the power of God.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,
and transforming power of God’s love
and our grateful response to that grace.**

The Presentation of the Candidate – Sue Harris, Session:

Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I
present **Riley Rosamond Bungay** for initiation into the body of Christ
through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Jessica and Chris Bungay:

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words
and by your actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil,
living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you continue to grow in faith, so that being strengthened
by the Holy Spirit and nurtured at the Table of the Lord, you may
go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

I will, God being my helper.

(Congregation will stand)

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit
yourself to support and nurture **Riley and her family**, within this
community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice,
and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in
water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the
waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought
forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea
waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the
Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit.

By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Baptism in the name of the Triune God:

Marking with the sign of the cross

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Aaronic Blessing

Declaration and Presenting her to the Congregation

Presentation of Certificate and Candle

A Song For Riley: *God Claims You*

[CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL]

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

SERMON: *The Small, Sacred Acts of Life Together*

***HYMN #296 VU This Is God's Wondrous World**

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 #420 VU Go To The World**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Blessing Song #962 VU**

May the blessing of God go before you.

May her grace and peace abound.

May her Spirit live within you.

May her love wrap you round.

May her blessing remain with you always.

May you walk on holy ground.

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Today we welcome Riley Rosamond Bungay into the Family of Faith by the Sacrament of Baptism. Riley is the daughter of Jessica and Chris Bungay, and sister to Carter. We are thankful that you are part of the New Maryland United Church community. A warm welcome to your family and friends celebrating with us today. Blessings on you all!

The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of Albert Olmstead, lovingly remembered by Marjorie and family.

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: Ann Urquhart and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Meg Simms

Trustees On Duty (Oct): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Oct. 23rd - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Sacrament of Baptism
12:00 pm - Chili Luncheon (following service)

Mon., Oct. 24th - 7:00 pm - Christian Development meeting

Wed., Oct. 26th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Thur., Oct. 27th - 12:00 noon – U.C.W. Bridge Luncheon (see over)

Sun., Nov. 6th - 11:00 am - Worship Service - Remembrance Day Service

"CHILI LUNCHEON" The Sunday School will be offering a chili lunch after church today with money raised to go towards the M&S fund. Collection will be by donation. Please stay after church for a nice warm bowl of chili and a dessert. Thank you to the Social Committee for providing tea, coffee and juice.

On **Thursday, October 27th**, our U.C.W. will host their **Fall Bridge Luncheon at 12:00 noon at the New Maryland Rec Centre**. Cost is \$40 for a table of 4. Contact Loraine Ward at **455-8208** to reserve your table.

“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!

GREEN TIP: Glass cleaner – steep eight black tea bags in one and one half cups of boiling water, let cool, put in spray bottle. The tannins in black tea act as a cleaning agent.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **October**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. 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. **However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.**

The **October** edition of “*The Observer*” is available for you to borrow. It is in the library area in the new foyer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH is holding an “Apple Pie” Fundraiser. They will be making apple pies on **Saturday, October 29** at a cost of \$8 per pie. If you or any of your friends/neighbours would like to place an order, please contact Diane Robinson (459-8779) by **Wed, Oct 26.**

OROMOCTO UNITED CHURCH - “Fall Turkey Dinner”
(144 Winnabago St) **Nov 5th 2016 from 4--6 PM** Adults \$14, Children under 12 \$ 6.00 Preschoolers Free **Everyone Welcome**

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH It's a "Square Dance"--

Bring your partner, bring your friend and "do-si-do" in the Nashwaaksis United Church gym to the rhythm of foot stompin' and hand clappin' music. **Saturday, Nov 5th, 2016 from 7-8:30 pm** – a free-will offering will be received. All are welcome no matter age, dancing ability, or shoe size. Join the fun as we dance in lines and squares, or laugh alongside, to the call of Gerry O'Hara. (Proceeds of this dance will go to the general fund.)