

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come for miles to watch you burn. – John Wesley

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 Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom (#10 MV)**

**Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: O lilies of the field, we of all colors and all varieties,
GOD calls us to hear the Word.

**All: As those who have been planted in faith,
we turn our open faces to you, O GOD.**

O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains,
we of all colors, theologies and life choices, we are
God's field.

Come into God's sanctuary with joy!

You have cultivated us, O GOD.

**Let us vine and blossom and bear the fruit of your
integrity.**

O we of mustard seeds and wheat, we of little faith and
great, we come.

**We come to the Living Waters, to the Sun of love
and light.**

**We will drink of your ways, O GOD, and we will
sow your seeds.**

O, all who are of the world, come and see what GOD
has grown.

We come to worship you.

We stand in the sunshine of your living word.

**We prosper in your paths, O GOD, as the lilies of
your field. Praise be!**

***HYMN #559 VU Come, O Fount of Every Blessing 2.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:

Great God-Gardener, Creator of all living things,

you live with us today, shining like the February sun,
and promising tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.
The crocus tells us you are near and the snow-drops make
vows you alone can keep. May we find you in every
blooming thing beneath the snows of our lives. May we see
you in the brightness of the morning streaming through
these windows. May we know you in the promise of today
and today and today – becoming, always becoming.

And hear us as we pray 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.**

HYMN #595 VU We Are Pilgrims verses 1-4

A Time with the Children

HYMN #595 VU We Are Pilgrims verses 5&6

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S):

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 119:1-8 Voices United page 838Part One

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37

ANTHEM: As the Deer Pants for the Water

REFLECTION:

***HYMN #169 MV When Hands Reach Out**

T H E R E S P O N S E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

DEDICATION

**These gifts are our fruit, O God of all fields.
Each giver has made the choice between life and death,
blessings and curses. We choose blessing. We choose life.
May God's promises be fulfilled through the harvest of
God's garden in these our gifts.**

4.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #639 VU One More Step Along the World I Go**

***BENEDICTION**

The Law of Moses says:

“You can have life or death. Which will you choose?”

We choose life.

The Law of Moses says:

“Obey the commandments of the Holy One, your God,
loving God, and walking in God’s ways, and you will grow.”

We choose to grow.

The Law of Moses says:

If you turn to your own ways, you will perish.

We choose God’s ways.

The Law of Moses interpreted by Jesus says:

“Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself.”

We choose to walk that talk. Amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: Take Up His Song (#213 MV)**

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in every moment.

**In every moment of the journey, we’re laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace, lay them down,
and take up his song.**

God’s Field: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany was written by The Rev. Marilyn K. Levine, a United Church of Christ pastor, ministering to New Town United Church of Christ and Parshall Memorial Congregational Church on the Fort Berthold Reservation at Lake Sakakawea in northwest North Dakota. Copyright 2017 Local Church Ministries, Faith Formation Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt this material for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.

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*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.Jane Johnson at 440-9981.*

Greeters This Week: Ann Urquhart

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Feb): Jim Merrill and Doug Price

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Feb. 15th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

**Sun., Feb. 19th - 12:00 noon- Congregational Annual Meeting
(Storm date: Feb. 26th)**

Annual Congregational Meeting

12:00 noon -Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017

Plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday and stay for a potluck luncheon between the service and meeting. If you would like to bring some fingerfood to share for lunch, that would be most appreciated: for instance, sandwiches, cheese & crackers, fruit, a veggie tray, etc. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. **(Open to all members & adherents of NMUC) (Storm date: February 26th) Copies of the 2016 Annual Report are available for pick up at both doors.**

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** would like to encourage all members of the congregation to consider offering their time and talent to a Committee at NMUC. **6.**

At this time, we could use someone on the Outreach Committee. Please contact Dave Ward 455-8208 or e-mail davidward45@gmail.com

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Fredericton Community Kitchen – On the 4th Saturday of each month NMUC sends 3 or 4 people to the **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. From 8:30 am to approx. 1 pm, we prepare and serve lunch for the clients. Our schedule for 2017 is nearly complete; except for vacancies in April (1person), May (3people), Nov (1person).

GREEN TIP – When recycling plastic bags in your BLUE box, do not just throw them in the box loose. Rather, put all the loose bags inside ONE bag & tie it up tightly before putting the box out for the recycle.

NOTE: If you would like to send a card to Rev. Kelly during her time away, her mailing address is Rev. Kelly Burke, 100 Berkley Drive, New Maryland, NB E3C 1C3

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The **Men's Club** would also like to remind the congregation that it is planning a “**Yard Sale**” for early May. We encourage you to start saving your items you no longer need and would like to get rid of. Further information will be available soon.

HYMN NUMBERS – Looking for the hymn numbers for the large hymn board.... Anyone know their whereabouts??

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GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD

CENTRE - For the month of **February**, we will focus on **canned soups**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well.

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).**

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) is hosting a “**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**” on **Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 4 – 6 p.m.** Menu: Sausages, Baked Beans, Pancakes, Ham, Potato Scallop, Brown Bread and dessert! Adult: \$12 and Child: \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

MARYSVILLE UNITED CHURCH - Pancake Supper for Shrove **Tuesday, February 28th from 4:30-6:00 pm** at 351 Canada Street. Serving Pancakes, Baked Beans, Sausages, Rolls, and Dessert. \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children 6-12 and free for children under 5.