

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 26th, 2017 11 am

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

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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: We gather here and now, a time never to be repeated.
All: We come to rest from the week that was.**

One: Each one gathers for our own private reasons.

All: We come to gain strength for the week that will be.

One: We come as many and as one family to this place.

All: May our hearts be open to both receive that which we need and give that which we can.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(daily Iona Prayer)*

With the whole church

All: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit.

With people everywhere

All: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation

All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

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 #624 VU Give to Us Laughter

A Time with the Children

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Litany of Faith for three voices (*Yvonne Morland*)

Voice 1: God of justice, keep us silent when the only words we have to utter are ones of judgement, exclusion or prejudice. Teach us to face the wounds in our own hearts.

(Silence)

All: God of Justice, give us power of speech to resist injustice, oppression and hate, not only on our own behalf but for others who are not heard. Make us peacemakers and restorers of the streets.

Voice 2: God of power, keep us silent so that we may listen respectfully to another person's pain without trying to fade or fix it, for you are present within each one of us.

(Silence)

All: God of power, give us courage to share our gifts of speech to comfort, uphold and strengthen. Let us be a glimpse of your love to those in need.

Voice 3: God of love, in the silence of our hearts give us words of welcome, acceptance and renewal so that when we speak our words come from you.

(Silence)

God of of love, give us voices of praise to celebrate each other and the glories of creation believing that we all live within your blessing.

Words of Grace

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM 2 – VU p. 725

HYMN #135 MV Called By Earth & Sky

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ANTHEM

SHARING A MESSAGE

HYMN# 356 VU Seek Ye First the Kingdom

T H E R E S P O N S E

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATION OF THE OFFERING 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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN# 375 MV Spirit of Gentleness**

COMMISSIONING

***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.**

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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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.

Greeters This Week: Maxine and Shirley McConnell

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Dave Ward and Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Mar. 1st - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Mon., Mar. 6th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club

Wed., Mar. 8th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see below)

Tue., Mar. 14th - 1:30 pm - Session

Sat., Mar. 18th - 8 am-12 noon - Fundraising Community Breakfast

Tue., Mar. 21st - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

UCW will meet on **Wed., March 8th at 7 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. Because our Feb. meeting was cancelled due to weather, we will be holding our fun '**Bring & Buy**' at this meeting. New members would be very welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.

FUNDRAISING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our N.M.U.C. Outreach Committee, along with the New Maryland Lions Club and Fire Department, will be hosting a "Fundraising Community Breakfast" at the New Maryland Rec Centre on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 from 8am - 12noon. There will be a silent auction and all proceeds are for the continued support of the Tupling family. Please bring your family and friends and join Ron, Krista, Jessica and Abby for breakfast.

GREEN TIP – An important part of your “declutter” routine should be your “medicine cabinet”. **PROPER DISPOSAL IS IMPORTANT !!**

DO NOT PUT EXPIRED MEDICATIONS IN THE GARBAGE. DO NOT FLUSH DOWN TOILET !!! RETURN TO YOUR NEAREST PHARMACY FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.

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

Please note that NMUC 2016 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the main foyer.

New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Mar/Apr/May) are now available at both entrances 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.

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.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **March**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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.

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).**