

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 26th, 2017 11 am
Lent 4

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 The real voyage of discovery consists not of seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes. ~ Marcel Proust

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: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (#121 VU)**

**Light of life beyond conceiving
mighty Spirit of our Lord,
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: We gather together as many making one family of faith.

All: We gather from the week that was in preparation for the week that is to come.

One: This is a place to pause and ponder.

All: Our worship is a chance to rest, surrounded by and reminded of the unending love of our God.

One: Here we give thanks.

All: **Here we open ourselves to be comforted, challenged, and to find that with we need.**

HYMN #256 VU O God Beyond All Praising

OPENING PRAYER (All)

Loving and every present God, you are aware of my needs and desires before even I know. I pray to be open to your Spirit in this place and time. My my mind, my eyes and my Spirit see anew. So be it, Amen!

HYMN #8 MV And On This Path

A Time with the Children

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LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, open our minds to see ourselves as you see us, and from all unwillingness to know our weakness. Good Lord, deliver us.

Left: From selfishness;

from wishing to be the center of attraction;

from seeking admiration;

from the desire to have our own way in all things;

from unwillingness to listen to others;

from resentment of criticism,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Choir: From love of power; from jealousy;

from taking pleasure in the weakness of others,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Right: From the weakness of indecision; from fear of adventure;

from constant fear of what others are thinking of us;

from fear of speaking what we know is truth,

and doing what we know is right,

Good Lord, deliver us.

All: AMEN!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 VU 747

John 9: 1 - 41

ANTHEM “*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*”

SERMON *Nothing Ever Changes Until It Does*

HYMN # 1 MV Let Us Build A House

T H E R E S P O N S E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Deep in Our Hearts 154 MV

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #410 VU This Day God Gives Me**

THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Even as the days grow longer,

People: Jesus' time grows short.

[the fourth purple candle is extinguished]

Leader: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of kindness.

People: But we will not let our kindness be hidden.

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings 214 MV**

**May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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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: Margot Arnold

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Mar. 29th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Wed., Apr. 5th - 6:00 pm - Chili Night (see over)

Sun., Apr. 9th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Palm Sunday

Sun., Apr. 16th - 11:00 am - Easter Sunday

EASTER PLANTS – The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, can be placed as memorials, or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service. Cost is as follows: lilies, tulips, and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$20. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward @ 455-8208. Cut off date for ordering is **March 26.**

GREEN TIP – Before you go shopping, plan your meals: inventory your fridge and pantry, make a list and stick to it. Prepare reasonable size servings and freeze or repurpose leftovers.

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 Group** would like to invite everyone to their **annual Chili Night on the evening of Wednesday, April 5th** at the Church at **6pm**. Guest speaker is again our own "In-House" speaker extraordinaire, Rod Campbell. All proceeds will be donated to the Outreach Committee for the Tupling Family.

The **Men's Group** along with the **U.C.W.** are having a **Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 6th, 2017** at the church. Donations of articles for the sale (excluding **adult clothing and electronics**) will be accepted. If pick up is required, please advise Keith Ball or David Ward to make the necessary arrangements.

<p>GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of April, we will focus on canned vegetables. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

LENTEN RECITALS: All are welcome to hear the following recitals at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York St.

Wednesday, March 29, at 12:10 pm - Dianne Roxborough Brown and Julie Grant (piano and flute); Wednesday, April 5 at 12:10 pm - Dr. Sharon Pond (organ) with the Vocal Collective (youth Choir).

UNITED CHURCH VISIONAIRES:

We are looking for congregation member to attend occasional meeting of Fredericton area United Churches to discuss common goals. 1st meeting April 19th. Please contact Tina Glenn 459-5652.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - UCW Bridge Luncheon

Book your table now for our upcoming Bridge Luncheon.

Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon. At the Nashwaaksis United Church gym. Tables are \$40.00. Contact Connie – 472-4744