

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 26th, 2017 11 am
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2017) – Celebrating 130 years!

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 to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Christianity did not begin with a confession. It began with an invitation into friendship, into creating a new community, into forming relationships based on love and service.
Diana Butler Bass

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*INTROIT: Shall We Gather At The River (#710 VU)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod?
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For 130 years people have been gathering here in this place to worship God.

People: For 130 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

Leader: For 130 years men and women have preached, and baptized, and celebrated the Lord's Supper here.

People: For 130 years, men, and women and children have gathered to share in the work and the fellowship; to share in the joys and the sorrows,

Leader: to remember what *was*, to be faithful witnesses *now*,

People: And to look forward to what God has in store for us all!

Leader: And now, as it has been for 130 years, our worship continues in the name of Jesus, who was, and is, and evermore shall be!

***HYMN #585 VU Jesus Bids Us Shine**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust. Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy "now". May we celebrate every day that you give us with joyful praise, and abundant hope. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends to pray together, 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: The Church in the Wildwood

**There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
no lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood as the little brown
church in the vale.**

**Oh come, come, come, come....
Come to the church in the wildwood;
Oh come to the church in the vale;
no spot is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.**

**How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,
to list to the clear ringing bell;
its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh come to the church in the vale.**

**Oh come, come, come, come....
Come to the church in the wildwood;
Oh come to the church in the vale;
no spot is so dear to my childhood
as the little brown church in the vale.**

T H E R E S P O N S E

**DEDICATION OF ART ~ painting of New Maryland United Church:
depicting it both as it looked originally, as the old Kirk, and as our
present accessible church, by our artist-in-residence Pam Gonnason.**

Scripture: 2Corinthians 4:5-7

Presentation (Sue Morrison, Chair OB): On behalf of the Anniversary Committee, and with great thanks to Pam, I present this painting for dedication.

Response (Rev. Kelly): On behalf of the congregation I accept this generous gift with much gratitude. We shall place it with joy in this church that means so much to Pam, and to us all. Let us pray together:

ALL: Holy One, source of all inspiration and beauty, we thank you for this gift of art now dedicated to you. And we thank you for Pam, for her artistry and generosity. May your Spirit, O God, guide us in the loving and reverent use of all that is entrusted to us. This we pray in the name of your most extravagant gift, Jesus. Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (tune 541 VU)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

ANTHEM: *I'll Fly Away Medley*

AN OLD TIME HYMN SING: Pick your favourites!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

***HYMN #457 VU As We Gather At Your Table**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

We give you thanks, God of all time and place. Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new.

In assurance of this hope, we join with the saints of all time and place to give you praise, singing:

Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

It was on the same night in which he was betrayed, Jesus sat at table with his friends... (*the Institution narrative continues*)

We do remember, and in our remembering, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world. Through Christ, all glory and honour are yours, with the Holy Spirit, in the holy church, now and forever.

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

-----*We Share the Feast*-----

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is both gift and grace. Amen.

***HYMN: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

**What a fellowship, what a joy Divine,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have peace complete with my Lord so near,
leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (974 VU)**

**A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!
Amen! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!
A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!
A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!**

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This Anniversary bulletin is dedicated to the Saints who, so long ago, dreamed a dream of a church out here in Nasonworth, and who made that dream a reality! And our thanks too, go out to the 130th Anniversary Committee, who laboured to make this service so special: Lydia LaPointe, Sharon Noel, and Sue Morrison!

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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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Sue Morrison and Lydia LaPointe
Trustees On Duty (Nov): Lloyd Penney and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Wed., Nov. 29th - 10:00 am - Worship Comm. decorating Church**
1:00 pm - Quilters
- Fri., Dec. 1st - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner (see over)**
- Sun., Dec. 3rd - 11:00 am - Advent I - Sunday Worship**
- Mon., Dec. 4th - 6:00 pm - Men's Club Christmas Dinner (see below)**
- Sun., Dec. 10th - 11:00 am - Advent II - White Gift Service &
Sunday School Pageant**
- Sun., Dec. 17th - 11:00 am - Advent III – Sunday Worship**
- Sun., Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve - No morning service**
7:00 pm - Family Service
10:00 pm - Candlelight & Communion Service

N.M.U.C. 130th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday, November 26th, 2017 - 11:00 am

Join us today following this special anniversary service for a sit down potluck luncheon. We look forward to a time of fellowship & food!

SAVE THE DATE for **Friday, December 1st** for our annual “**Progressive Dinner**” which begins at **6:00 pm**. Plan to join in the fun as we move from home to home and enjoy delicious dishes. We will begin with appetizers at the home of Pam & Rod Campbell; main course at David & Loraine Ward’s; and finish up at the home of Revs. Kelly & Jane for dessert. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the main foyer.

MEN'S CLUB - On **Monday, December 4th** at **6pm**, the Men's Club will be holding their annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be held at Wetmore's Pub. This outing is open to all men of the congregation. Please confirm your attendance with either Keith or Dave.

It's that time of year ... our **MITTEN TREE** will be in place next week and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

U.C.W. – 2018 United Church calendars are now available for purchase for \$6.00. Sue Morrison is the contact person.

GREEN TIP - The United States Department of Agriculture recommends that the following items should **not** be microwaved: yogurt containers, newspaper, foam cups and plates, margarine tubs and china with metallic paint on it.

FIRE DRILL INFORMATION ("IN CASE OF FIRE") has been posted 3 PLACES. PLEASE take the time to read this IMPORTANT notice !!! LOCATIONS are:

Bulletin board in the vestibule at ROAD ENTRANCE; bulletin board next to LORNA'S OFFICE; left hand wall under the FIRE PULL in front of NEW MAIN ENTRANCE.

NOTECARDS designed by Pam Gonnason and featuring the artwork of the church are now available to purchase. Each package has 4 cards / envelopes and sell for \$10. All profits will go to NMUC.

There are limited quantities in the church office but they can be ordered at any time through Pam or Trevor (tpgonnason@gmail.com)

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **November**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

A **Christmas Nativity 'Tea'** will be held on **Friday, December 1 from 2-4 pm** at **NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH**, 46 Main Street, featuring a variety of lovely nativity scenes. Enjoy sandwiches and sweets along with tea and coffee. Free-will donation. No reservation required.

CAROL SING - The **Stepping Stone Singers** will be leading the singing of favourite Christmas carols at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Forest Hill Rd. on **Sunday, December 3 at 2pm**. All are invited to join in the Christmas spirit! A free will offering will be taken.

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 3rd**.

The **ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL** held each year at **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH** (corner George and York) will take place on **Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.** Local church and community choirs will present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to join in the festive singing. A freewill offering will be received with proceeds going to the CBC's Feed a Family Campaign.

MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm** at the **Oromocto Funeral Home** (108 Winnebago St.) and at **McAdam's Funeral Home** (160 York St. Fredericton) on **Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm**. See bulletin board for more details.