

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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EASTER 3 & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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:

*When you love someone, the best thing you can offer is your presence.
How can you love if you are not there?*

Thich Nhat Hanh

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 In, Come In And Sit Down, #395 VU (chorus, v1, chorus)**

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.
You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain,
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of
the family!**

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!!

OPENING PRAYER (unison:)

On this day of Resurrection, 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. This we ask in the spirit of the Risen One, 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***HYMN# 442 VU Wash, O God, Our Sons And Daughters**

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.

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

The Presentation of the Candidate – Tina Glenn, the Clerk of 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 **Ayla Dawn Angus** for initiation into the body of Christ through
Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Kara and Greg Angus:

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 and love, so that being
strengthened by the Holy Spirit, 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 **Ayla 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 Spirit

Aaronic Blessing

Declaration and Presenting them to the Congregation

Presentation of Certificate and Candle

A Song For The Newly Baptized: *Ayla, Ayla, God Claims You*

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: *Thank You, Lord, On This Day*

SERMON: *So, Ayla, Your Family is Waaaay Bigger Than You Thought!*

***HYMN# 145 MV Draw The Circle Wide**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU: chorus/v.2/chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CELTIC RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

The path we walk, O Christ, walk with us.

And hear our stories of challenge and joy along the way.

Protect us wherever we find ourselves, in times of faith and times of doubt.

And may we learn the grace of giving voice to our needs.

As the Ancients have taught us, may we know – and may we offer to one another:

A hand to clasp in the darkness, companionship in times of worry;

And in so doing, may light kindle the darkness;

And in so doing, may we know your presence with us, Christ.

For the Kingdom of God is not a destination,

but a way ever walked,

and it is walked by those who meet the Risen Christ

as a surprising stranger to be welcomed in!

Amen!

***HYMN # 352 VU I Danced In The Morning**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING**

Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men

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Today we joyfully welcome Ayla Dawn Angus, as she is baptized into this community of faith. Ayla is the daughter of Kara (Hachey) and Greg Angus; the granddaughter of Donna and Gary Hachey and Cindy and Grant Angus; and the great granddaughter of Myrtle MacNaughton. Blessings abound!

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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Marjorie Olmstead

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Doug Price and Lloyd Penney

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Apr. 16th - 8:00 am -Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral

Sun., Apr. 22nd -11:00 am - Worship Service – Earth Sunday

Tue., Apr. 24th - 7:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library

We have had such success with our book library, members of our church decided it would be fun to have a jigsaw puzzle lending library as well. Looking for donations of adult jigsaw puzzles (all pieces still there, please) and the rules will be the same as with our book library...take what interests you, keep as long as you need to complete it, and bring it back when you are done! Donations can be left on the bench in the upper foyer of the church and a permanent area for this library will be organized in the weeks ahead. **Contact Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.**

GREEN TIP: In case you are thinking about some “Spring Cleaning” & because we often say vinegar is a great cleaning agent— here is some info on where **NOT TO USE VINEGAR**.

DO NOT USE on computer monitors, smartphones, stone or ceramic floors, or marble/granite countertops.

DO NOT USE on egg stains, **AND NEVER MIX WITH BLEACH**.

If anyone who would like church envelopes, please contact Lloyd Penney at 447-0784 or e-mail lloydpenney12@gmail.com

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **April**, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars or juice boxes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT All are invited to the "**Gospel Side of Elvis**" concert at Wilmot United Church on Sunday, **April 22nd at 3 pm** **Mike Bravener** will be "in the building" singing your favourite Gospel tunes such as Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art and There'll Be Peace in the Valley. By Free will offering to support the Youth Ministry. Light refreshments served. Come and sing along with Elvis!

UCW Bridge Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, May 3rd, at 12 noon at NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH (46 Main St.)** Please contact Connie—472-4744 to reserve your table at a cost of \$40. Hope to see you all there!

The **UCW of ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH (corner of George & York Sts., Fredericton)** will be hosting a **BRIDGE LUNCHEON** on **Saturday, May 5th at 12 noon**. Reserve your table for \$48.00 or \$12.00 per person, by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!