

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 16th, 2018 11 am
ADVENT III: JOY
SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT: The Innkeeper's Wife

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

*Those wise men brought Jesus gold and myrrh, and something else.
But a Lego set would have been better. Also a puppy. Definitely a
puppy.* Jordan, 5 years old.

THE GATHERING

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

*ENTRANCE OF THE CHOIR: #1 VU, verse 6

O Come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #45 VU Joy Is Now In Every Place

THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY: Amber Knorr & Emma Knorr

Reader 1: And so continues the Season of Advent: the season of waiting for Jesus to be born.

Reader 2: It is a season of waiting in wonder; of waiting with JOY!

Reader 1: For we remember that the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Reader 2: And so week by week, Sunday by Sunday, we wait in hope, and peace, and great joy! And as we do, we will light the Advent candles.

Reader 1: This ritual helps us to prepare our hearts for the great gift of the king born in a manger: Emmanuel: God-with-us!

[The Pink Candle of Joy is lit]

ALL SING: Hope is Shining V. MacKenzie

Joy is shining in the darkness, Rejoice! The Lord is near.

We are waiting for the Christ child, the Saviour to appear.

Our Messiah, born in Bethlehem, will lead us through the night.

Joy is shining in the darkness, follow its light.

Reader 2: And now let us pray together, as the Light of the World taught us, 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 RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#55 VU verse 4): Emma Knorr

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT: THE INNKEEPER'S WIFE

As the Story unfolds, we will be joining in by singing some Christmas carols:

HYMN #62 VU Once In Royal David's City, verses 1 and 2

HYMN #46 VU Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, verses 1 and 2

HYMN #75 VU While Shepherds Watched, verses 1, 2, and 6

HYMN #59 VU Joy To The World

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING: (#69 VU, verse 3)

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

THE CAST OF *THE INNKEEPER'S WIFE*

Directors: Sheila Power & Brooke-Lyn Power

The Innkeeper's wife: Jessica Tupling

Mary: Kailey Wight

Joseph: Declan Selwah

Angels: Jorja Harris, Becca Wight, Evey Minor, Tenley MacBean, Ella Nelson, Aubrey Phillips, Mia Minor, Hunter Ward, Emmett Harris

Shepherds: Lily Nelson, Abby Tupling, Charlie Selwah, Aidan Brown

Reader: Emma Knorr

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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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Nancy Jenkins

Trustees On Duty (Dec): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

Tellers Today: Loraine and David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Dec. 16th -	11 am	Advent III: Joy - The Children's Pageant
Sun., Dec. 23rd -	11 am	Advent IV: Love - Holy Communion
Mon., Dec. 24th -	7 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	10 pm	Service of Candlelight and Holy Communion
Sun., Dec. 30th -	11 am	Worship Service

Join us downstairs following the service today for a time of fellowship and coffee/tea & Christmas cake!

Note: Rev. Kelly will be away from December 17 to 20th as her family heads to Winnipeg to celebrate her Dad's 100th birthday!

The **MITTEN TREE** is now in place and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

Just a reminder from the Sunday School that the M & S coin jar project will be collected in early January.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE – For the month of **December**, we will focus on **stove top dressing, cranberry sauce or 1 litre apple or orange juice**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

OUTREACH:

The sign up schedules are out for both the Community Kitchen Volunteers and Christ Church Sandwiches, they are found on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the foyer by Lorna's Office.

The Community Kitchen is in great need of more volunteers to fill up the schedule for Saturday mornings. NMUC has traditionally sent 4 people on the 4th Saturday of the month. Over the last year we have seen a great decline in volunteers for this service. It is a very rewarding experience and not overly strenuous. If you have never been to the Community Kitchen and are interested in more information please approach someone on the Outreach Committee or someone who is already on the sign up sheet.

Food Bank donations are always welcome in the designated bin in the main entrance of the church, and are especially needed at this time of year. Please also note that you can make a monetary donation to the Food Bank through your offering envelope, simply by marking the amount on the envelope that you wish to direct to the Food Bank, or you can designate a portion of your monthly PAR specifically to the Food Bank simply by sending an email to Lloyd Penney.

As always the Outreach Committee is very appreciative of all the support we receive from the congregation either through donations or helpful volunteering. Merry Christmas!