

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 11 am  
ADVENT I: HOPE

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

*Hope is an echo,  
Hope ties itself yonder, yonder, yonder!*

Carl Sandburg

## THE GATHERING

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

### \*ENTRANCE OF THE CHOIR: #1 VU

O Come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** The hope of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship the Lord together!

### \*HYMN #2 VU Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

### THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY: Session Members:

Tina Glenn and Meg Simms

**Reader 1:** And so we begin 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 in HOPE!

**Reader 1:** “Behold the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I shall raise up for David a righteous branch, and he will reign as king!”

**Reader 2:** And so week by week, Sunday by Sunday, we wait in hope. 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 Blue Candle of Hope is lit]*

**ALL SING:**

**Hope 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.**

**Hope 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.**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #7 VU Hope Is A Star verse 1**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN#7 VU Hope Is A Star verse 1**

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21: 25-28**

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**ANTHEM: *We Await Emmanuel***

**Lynda-Jean Coffin**

**SERMON: *I'll Come Too!***

**\*HYMN #64 VU O Little Town of Bethlehem**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#55 VU verse 4)**

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN #43 VU Go, Tell It On The Mountain**

**\*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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.***

**Greeter This Week: Rachel and Allan Grant**

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

**Tellers Today: Dorothy Webster and Ann Urquhart**

**Sunday School Teachers Today: Krista and Jessica Tupling**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

<b>Sun., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent I: Hope</b>
<b>Tue., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Official Board Meeting</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent II: Peace- White Gift &amp; Mitten Tree</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Men's Club Supper (see below)</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>U.C.W. Christmas Get Together (see below)</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent III: Joy - The Children's Pageant</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent IV: Love - Holy Communion</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b>
	<b>10 pm</b>	<b>Service of Candlelight and Holy Communion</b>

**MEN'S CLUB** – On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, the Men's Club will be holding their annual Christmas dinner at Wetmore's Pub. This outing is open to all men of the congregation. Please confirm your attendance with either Keith Ball or Dave Ward.

The **U.C.W. December Christmas Party/Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at the earlier time of **6:30 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Dr. Everyone will bring a finger food to share and a wrapped gift for our Yankee Swap. All women of the congregation would be very welcome to join us for this fun event. Call Dorothy at **457-9795** for more info.

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## **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!

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

**DAILY BREADS** - New copies of “Our Daily Bread” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available at both doors 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. **5.**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**THE NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB** canvasses the village on **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL** - The **Annual Advent Carol Festival** held each year at St. Paul's United Church (corner George and York) will take place on **Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.** Local church and community choirs will present a program of familiar, as well as new, Christmas music. A freewill offering will be received on behalf of the CBC Feed a Family campaign to support the 12 food banks in this area.

**MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING** – McAdam's and Oromocto Funeral Home are once again hosting an evening of comfort and remembrance in each of their chapels, to reflect on the season and those who have shared past. In **Oromocto**, it will be on **Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** and in **Fredericton**, it will be on **Thursday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. You may wish to participate by placing your loved one's name on our Honour Roll and/or bring a non-perishable food item for the local foodbanks. All those who are remembering a loved one at this holiday season are invited to attend.

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH** - There will be a **Christmas Tea, "Angels Among Us"**, on **Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1 - 3 pm** at Nashwaaksis United Church. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome!