

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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February 11th, 2018 11 am
The Transfiguration of Jesus
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Annual Meeting Sunday

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:

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some challenging days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. **Martin Luther King Jr.**

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 and Seek The Ways of Wisdom, #10 MV**

**Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
For her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do!
showing us what love must do!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #530 VU All Beautiful The March of Days**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of the seasons turning,

People: we gather on this midwinter morning to worship you with song and word; with story and Table.

Leader: But we also gather to worship you through our potluck and annual meeting.

People: To this place we bring all the celebrations and challenges,

Leader: all the joys and the sorrows of the past 12 months.

People: We recall the mountain top times.

Leader: We remember the deep valley times.

People: And we rejoice that you were with us always.

Leader: May *all* that transpires this day be according to the Ways of Jesus, who taught us 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.

HYMN: This Little Light of Mine (trad spiritual)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, (O, Brother).

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: This Little Light of Mine (trad spiritual)

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, (O, Brother).

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, (O, Brother).

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY What Can I Do? (#191 MV)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

ANTHEM: *At The Riverside* African-American Spiritual, arr. J Raney

SERMON: *On Jesus, Helicopter Parents, & Preparing For The Future*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #460 VU All Who Hunger**

*** A New Creed**

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,

**the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We do give you thanks, God of all time and place: You who gave us life and love us; You who mend us and forgive us; You who will one day welcome us home. And so with joy, we join with the saints and angels, 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! **4.**

We thank you for Jesus, who lived a life of radical hospitality. He shows us still that life is a holy gift, and meant to be shared. And he taught us this by sitting down at a table... (*the Institution narrative continues*)

And so we continue to partake in this holy meal, and in so doing, 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, your gathered people, and upon these gifts of the Table: wheat of the field and fruit of the vine; and may we all be filled!

***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 #635 VU All The Way My Saviour Leads Me**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: When The Saints Go Marching**

**Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!**

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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: Margot Arnold

Trustees On Duty (Feb): Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., Feb. 12th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

**Wed., Feb. 14th - 10:00 am - Ash Wednesday – “Coffee,
Conversation, and Ashes”**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

Join us today for our Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck luncheon following our service. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are available for pick up at both doors. (Open to all members & adherents of NMUC)

The Nominating Committee would like to encourage all members of the congregation to consider offering their time and talent to a Committee at NMUC. If you'd like to offer and are not sure in which area, let us know and we'll find a position for you. Please contact Dave Ward at 455-8208 or e-mail davidward@gmail.com

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for all of the wonderful "White Gifts" that were received as well as all the mittens, hats and scarves that were made and donated for the "Mitten Tree". These gifts were distributed to various groups and classrooms around our community and were so very much appreciated. It's a wonderful feeling to be able to delivery these generous gifts on your behalf and we just wanted to share with you the gratitude of those who received them. Thank you, and God Bless you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Mission & Service Project -To help out with our church's annual Mission and Service fund contribution, the Sunday school has organized a fundraiser for 2018. "spare-change-jars" have been decorated by the children, one for each family to take home. We ask that you place the jar somewhere in your home, and then, throughout the year drop in your spare change. Every little bit helps and you would be surprised how it adds up! You may recall we did this fundraiser a couple of years ago and it was quite successful. Of course, if you feel like dropping in other monetary items, we will also accept paper money in any amount and cheques. We will be collecting the jars at the end of the year. If you haven't picked up your jar, please take one from the upper foyer. Thanks for donating to the Mission and Service Fund.

ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTERS - A copy of each of the 125th and 130th Anniversary Newsletters have been preserved and are located in the church office where they may be seen by anyone interested.

GREEN TIP: Air fresheners, Febreeze, Glade, etc. are generally very toxic causing eye, nose, throat and skin problems. One-quarter of the chemicals used in these products are classified as toxic or hazardous. (University of Melbourne Study) This study found that some of these chemicals, when reacting with the ozone in the air, produces secondary pollutants, formaldehyde being one. Air fresheners are not designed to clean and disinfect the air, they are a chemical mixture that masks odour.

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

***2017 tax receipts available for pick up today in the main foyer.**

*** February edition of “*The Observer*” is available to borrow**

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am.**

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.

The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - “Pancake Supper” When: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Time: 4:00 -6:00 pm Cost: \$7 adults, \$3 for children under 10 Come and join us for a delicious pancake supper which includes: pancakes, sausage, home baked beans, brown bread and cake.

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a “Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper” on **Tuesday, February 13, 4 – 6 p.m.** Menu: Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown bread, pancakes and dessert. Tickets are \$12/adult and children eat free. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH in Fredericton is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** with special events in 2018. On **February 18** (storm date March 11) there will be a service at 10:00 am led by the Rev Deborah Ambridge Fisher. Guest speaker will be the President of Maritime Conference, Rev Richard Bowley. Founding members will have a role reading Scripture and assisting with communion. There will be displays of the colourful banners that have enhanced the worship space over the decades, plus other displays of activities at Forest Hill United Church over the last 50 years. There will be a light lunch and anniversary cake following the service and all are welcome.

ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH would like to invite any Stewards/Finance Committee members of local United Churches to attend a Stewardship Workshop/ Information Session on **Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm** at their church (224 York St.) Session put on by Roger Janes of United Church Stewardship & Gifts Officer for the Atlantic Region. **8.**