NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 4th, 2018 11 am Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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 Jesus said, "Love your neighbour," he knew your neighbour would act, look, believe, differently than you. It's kind of the whole point.

Lindsay Clark

THE GATHERING

*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!

*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 #356 VU Seek Ye First

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of all people, God of all creation, you have called us to this place,

People: to be your community of faith.

Leader: In our struggles hold us together;

People: In our celebrating be our joy;

Leader: In our serving, be our abundance!

People: So open our hearts, O God,

Leader: Open our hearts, and hear us as we pray, 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 spirtual)

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

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: This Little Light of Mine (trad spiritual)

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

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

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

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THE WORD OF GOD

*THE RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 122, p. 845 VU

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1Corinthians 10:15, 23-31

ANTHEM: I Want To Be Ready trad. African American Spiritual

SERMON: What's For Dinner? And Other Neighbourly Dilemmas!

*HYMN #138 MV My Love Colours Outside The Lines

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: All That We Have

All that we have, and all that we offer, Comes from a heart both frightened and free. Take what we bring now, and give what we need,

All done in his name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
*HYMN #154 MV Deep In Our Hearts

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING: May The God Of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)

May the God of Hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of Justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful, when we hear Christ's call!

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.

Greeters This Week: Lorna Ball

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Doug Price and David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., Feb. 5th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., Feb. 7th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see over)

Sun., Feb. 11th – 12:00 am - Annual Congregational Meeting

(storm date: Sun., Feb. 25th)

Wed., Feb. 14th – 10:00 am - Ash Wednesday "Coffee, Converstion

and Ashes"

Annual Congregational Meeting – 12 noon Sun., Feb. 11th, 2018

Plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday and stay for a potluck luncheon between the service and meeting. If you would like to bring some fingerfood to share for lunch, that would be most appreciated: for instance, sandwiches, cheese & crackers, fruit or veggie tray, etc. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. (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

U.C.W. will hold their **February** meeting a week early as our usual second Wednesday of the month falls on Feb. 14th, which is both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. Our meeting will be on **Wed.**, **Feb. 7th at 7 p.m.** in the home of Dorothy Webster (215 Bradshaw Drive) and will be our annual **Bring and Buy event**. All are welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

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: In many products, the words "Unscented" or "Fragrance Free" are used – they do not mean the same thing. "Fragrance Free" means no extra fragrance has been mixed in, but the item may have an existing aroma from other ingredients in the product. "Unscented" products, typically, are treated with chemicals to remove or cover-up scents in the product. The chemicals used to "unscent" these items may be irritating to some people.

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.

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:

The UCW of ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH (corner of George and York Streets) will be hosting a Frozen Casserole Sale, on Saturday, February 10th from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Choose from 3 sizes and a variety of flavors including: chicken, meatballs, tuna, salmon, lasagna, shepherd's pie, hash browns, turnip, squash, baked beans, and more. Some gluten free. Bonus! We will have fresh baked bread for sale as well! Come early for the best selection.

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 **50**th **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.