

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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March 18th, 2018 11 am
Lent V

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:

*Vulnerability is actually the glue that holds relationships together.
It's the magic sauce.* Brené Brown

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 LENTEN CANDLES**

***Introit: Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery, #121 VU v. 4**

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #223 VU Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy One, you gave us Jesus, that we might give ourselves to you,

People: And live according to your Way of Love.

Leader: You know our good intentions, and our every falter,

People: so set us aright, O God.

Leader: Keep our feet firmly in the Way where Christ leads.

People: Help our lips to speak his truth.

Leader: And may our very lives demonstrate Christ within us,

People: as we journey together to the Cross.

Leader: And now we 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 #400 VU Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ~ Lenten Story Boxes

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:25-37

ANTHEM: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

arr. K. Lee Scott

SERMON: *A Crown of Thorns, Small Pieces of Paper, & Other Audacious Acts of Vulnerability*

***HYMN #28 MV God Of The Bible verses 1, 2, 4 &5**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Spirit Open My Heart #79 MV refrain

Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart!

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercies.**

For what we have done that breaks your heart, O God,

For what we have failed to do, that breaks your heart,

Forgive us, O God.

**Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE:

***HYMN #374 VU Come And Find The Quiet Centre**

***THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Holy Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Were there no depths to which you would not go, for love of
the world?

Leader: Were there no indignities you would not suffer, as our brother?
Is there no shame I must bear alone, but you are there before me?

People: What wondrous love is this?

[The fifth purple candle is snuffed]

Leader: Amen and Amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: Stay With Us Through The Night (#182 VU, v.1)**

**Stay with us through the night
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger,
Till the morning breaks again.**

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.

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Ann Urquhart and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD

**Mon., Mar. 19th - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral
1:00 pm - Bible Study (see over)**
Tue., Mar. 20th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting
Wed., Mar. 21st - 6:00 pm - Men's Club Chili Night (see over)
Sat., Mar. 24th - 8:30 am - Outreach goes to F'ton Community Kitchen
**Sun., Mar. 25th - 11:00 am - Worship Service - Palm Sunday
12:00 pm - Coffeetime**
Thur., Mar. 29th - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service
Fri., Mar. 30th - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service
**Sun., Apr. 1st - 9:30 am - Continental Breakfast
11:00 am - Easter Sunday – Holy Communion**

Bible Study: Monday Musings About Our Faith

On Ash Wednesday a lively group met over coffee to discuss the season of Lent and the imposition of ashes. As often happens when folks around here gather, the conversation took many turns, leading us to more and more questions - and a lot of laughter. So, this Lent, please join us as you can, for a time of faithful conversation on a variety of topics. Please feel free to send in your suggestions ahead of time. Meanwhile, some of the questions that I have received are:

~What is actually important about communion? Why do we do it the way we do? Why do other churches do it differently?

~Do we really believe in Hell anymore?

~ What can we learn from our neighbours of different faiths?

Mondays at 1:00 pm at "The Manse" 100 Berkley Drive in New Maryland, running March 19, and 26.

MEN'S CLUB CHILI NIGHT: Our annual 'Chili Night' will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st at 6 pm.** Margie Layden-Oreto will do a presentation of a "Tour of India". Freewill offering and proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee of NMUC. Menu: chili, rolls, dessert and tea/coffee. **All are welcome!**

"The Beacon"- Please submit all items for the next issue of 'The Beacon' newsletter to the church office or to klister1938@gmail.com on or before **March 21st** .

GREEN TIP: *During the month of March, our green tips will focus on "green spring cleaning". Here are a few tips to help you on your way to a clean "green" house.*

Toilet bowl cleaner: Sprinkle a toilet brush with baking soda and scrub away! Occasionally disinfect your toilet by scrubbing with borax instead. Wipe the outside of the toilet with straight vinegar.

Disinfectant: Mix two teaspoons borax, four tablespoons vinegar, three cups hot water and ¼ teaspoon liquid castile soap. Wipe on dampened cloth or use a spray bottle. Wipe clean.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **March**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. 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.

New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Mar/Apr/May) 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.

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: Good Friday: The Fredericton Symphony Orchestra and the **Fredericton Choral Society** will be presenting Antonin Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" at **7:30 pm on Friday, March 30th** at Wilmot United Church. This wonderful work, one of the towering monuments of choral music, is a setting of the 13th century hymn, ‘Stabat Mater’, which imagines Mary’s suffering during Christ’s crucifixion. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 student, children 12 and under free) and are available at Reads Newsstand on King Street, from choir and orchestra members and at the door. **6.**

CHILI NIGHT

Sponsored by the NMUC Men's Club

WHEN? Wednesday, March 21, 2018

WHERE? New Maryland United Church

Guest Speaker: Margie Layden-Oreto
Speaking on her recent "Tour of India"

(Menu: Chili, rolls, dessert and tea & coffee)

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee