NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 13th, 2019 11 am BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

When immersing a babe at Baptism, the old Irish tradition was to leave their right arm out; the understanding was that the right arm would still be pagan, and therefore could still be used for fighting!

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered (#14 MV)
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #376 VU Spirit Of The Living God

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, before time you named us. Through time you redeem us. And always, you call us precious in your sight. Named and claimed as your own, we are bold 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #99 VU Christ When For Us, v.1 TIME WITH THE CHILDREN CHILDREN'S HYMN#99 VU Christ, When For Us, v.2

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

ANTHEM: Water Flowing From The Mountains (#87 MV)

SERMON: Baptism Deconstructed

*HYMN # 61 MV I Have Called You By Your Name

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.3) As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger crude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you our heavenly King!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
*HYMN #710 VU Shall We Gather

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.5) In the heavenly country bright, none shall need created light; You its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing hallelujah to our king!

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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Merlin Tracy

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Lloyd Penney and David Ward

Tellers On Duty: Lloyd Penney and Meg Simms

Sunday School Teachers: Deborah and Amber Knorr

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 13th - 12:00 noon - Official Board Budget Meeting Sun., Jan. 20th - 11:00 am - Worship Service followed by Coffeetime Mon., Jan. 21st - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral

2019 Church envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer at the main door. If anyone would like church envelopes, please contact Lloyd Penney at 450-4342 or e-mail lloydpenney2@gmail.com or see Lorna in the church office.

ANNUAL REPORTS – **To Chairpersons of all Committees:** It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due soon. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **Wednesday, January 23rd**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE requests that all Chairpersons check with their committee members to determine if they are remaining on the committees they are serving on. Please advise Dave Ward if members are remaining or if replacements are required.

NMUC Library - The resounding success of our church library has resulted in an over abundance of books and we have absolutely no more room or space for another book shelf. The library committee has decided that **cook books** and the "**Chicken Soup for the Soul**" books will no longer be accepted.

M & S Jars ...Spare-change-jars will be collected over the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to have all jars returned before the end of January, with funds raised going to the Mission and Service. Please include your name and envelope number for a tax receipt. Funds will gratefully be accepted in any manner you prefer - coins, bills or cheque, (payable to New Maryland United Church). If you have questions, please contact Sheila Power at 472-9824. Thank you for supporting this Sunday school's fundraiser.

The January edition of "*The Observer*" is here and available to borrow. It is in the library area of the main foyer.

Jigsaw Puzzle Library – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are always greatly appreciated.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **canned beans**. 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.