

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 6th, 2019 11 am
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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. Burke. Grace and peace to you all in this Holy Season!

Thought for Meditation:

To confine our attention to terrestrial matters would be to limit the human spirit.
Stephen Hawking

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: O Come All Ye Faithful, #60 VU, v.1**

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come, ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN # 91 VU The First Nowell verses 4-6**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God of new beginnings, instigator of Christmas and New Year, start something new in me today. Reopen my soul to hope, and give my will a new direction. Set before me today the face of Jesus, that

I might have new life through him. And set within me your Holy Spirit, that I might walk a new path with you. This we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace, who taught his friends 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: We Three Kings

We three kings of orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: CHALKING THE DOOR

CHILDREN'S HYMN: We Three Kings

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again.
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign!

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM: *When Heaven's Bright With Mystery* (#93 VU)

SERMON: *An Epiphany Tale*

***HYMN # 82 VU A Light Is Gleaming**

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 & A LITANY FOR EPIPHANY & THE NEW YEAR:

Holy God, Light of Light, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and
our end: we balance on the cusp of our days,

**Teetering between old, and new, between coming and going,
between sojourning and homecoming.**

To you, O God, we entrust all our yesterdays: yours to hallow and to
hold; yours to forgive and to cherish.

**To you, O God, we dedicate all our tomorrows: strengthen and
challenge us; and guide us to your light!**

And hold us – and surprise us! - O God, in the holy now. And blessed
be all those we encounter.

**Blessed be our humility, blessed be our care, blessed be our
blunders.**

Blessed be this family of faith in this time and place!

AMEN!

***HYMN #87 VU I Am The Light Of The World**

***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.

Greeter Today: Doug Watson

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

Tellers On Duty: David and Loraine Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Jan. 7th – 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Sun., Jan. 13th – 12:00 noon – Official Board Budget Meeting (Storm date: Jan. 20th)

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.

U.C.W. - There are still a few Church calendars available for purchase. See Lorna Ball if you are interested in one of these calendars. The price is \$8.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 scrolling feeder on the Home Page.

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