

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 24th, 2019 11 am
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2019) – Celebrating 132 years!
REVISITING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL HEROES: CALEB

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

Our ancestors are an ever widening circle of hope. **Toni Morrison**

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 To My Heart Lord Jesus (#661 VU, v.1)**

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; Teach me to walk in your way.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; Come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; Give me a song to sing.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For 132 years people have been gathering here in this place to worship God.

People: For 132 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

Leader: For 132 years men and women have preached, and baptized, and celebrated the Lord's Supper here.

People: For 132 years, people of all ages have gathered to share in the work and the fellowship; to share in the joys and the sorrows,
Leader: to remember what *was*, to be faithful witnesses *now*,
People: And to look forward to what God has in store for us all!

***HYMN #657 VU He Leadeth Me**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust. Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy “now”. May we celebrate every day that you give us with joyful praise, and abundant hope. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, 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 #40 MV Never Ending Joy

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

CHILDREN’S HYMN #40 MV Never Ending Joy

T H E R E S P O N S E

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: For Food In A World (#552 VU)

**For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
for friends in a world where many walk alone,
for faith in a world where many walk in fear,
We give you thanks O, God.**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 13

SERMON: *Together Into The Unknown!*

ANTHEM: *Holy Manna* G. Atkins/J. Raney

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

***HYMN # 480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Love, God of Courage, we give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

For the wonder of the earth, for food on our tables, for the love of family and the love of neighbours.

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of peace in a world that threatens violence,

For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the complicated stories of our forebears in the faith, people like Noah and Sampson, Miriam and her brothers, Sarah and Hagar, David and Jonah and Mary Magdalene.

We lift up the countless saints, the hapless and the heroic, the terrified and the wholehearted, who have gone before us to teach us the ways of your people.

And so we lift our voices, singing together the praises of the ages:

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!

We give thanks for Jesus, the One we call Christ.

Child of Mary, Child of Grace, he came to teach us about the wonders of your love. Sharing a table, a meal, with absolutely anyone and everyone, he showed us what the Great Banquet of Life could look like. And as we gather now, at this table, we remember another table, long ago, and far away....

[the Institution Narrative continues]

And so, God of Love, we eat and drink and remember. And in our remembering, we sing the mystery of our faith:

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 the gifts of this table, and upon these your people. And may we all be transformed. And all the people sang:

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

~~~~~ *We share the Feast* ~~~~~

**The Prayer After Communion:**

Day by day, God will lead us:

**To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

**To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

**The people we might be; the community we might become.**

And all God's people said:

**AMEN!**

**\*HYMN #647 VU Travel On, Travel On**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace      Besig/Price**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others, so all the world can see,**

**God will be there, watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.**

***The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of  
Bob and Dawn Watson by the Choir.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

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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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter This Week: Maxine MacConnell**

**Trustees On Duty (Nov): Doug Price and Ann Urquhart**

**Tellers On Duty: Merlin Tracy and Tina Glenn**

**Sunday School Teachers: Deborah, Amber and Emma Knorr**

**Nursery: Tina Glenn**

*The flowers in the sanctuary today have been placed by the UCW.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Advent I: A Gypsy Tale of Christmas**

**Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner (a 'moving' feast!)**

**Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Advent II: White Gift & Mitten Tree**

**Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Advent III: The Children's Pageant**

**Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11:00 am - Advent IV: Holy Communion**

**Tue., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service**

**10:00 pm - Candlelight Service & Holy Communion**

**NMUC 132<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** Join us today following our worship service for a sit down potluck luncheon. We look forward to a time of fellowship and food.

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** for our annual “**Progressive Dinner**”. Plan to join in the fun as we move from home to home and enjoy delicious dishes. We will begin with appetizers at the home of Sue and Paul Morrison; John and Ginny Kershaw have offered to host the main course, as well as, Revs. Kelly & Jane have graciously offered to host dessert. **6.**

A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board for adding your name and which course you'd like to contribute to.

***It's that time of year....*** Our **MITTEN TREE** will be in place next week and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

The **2020 United Church calendars** have arrived and are being sold by the UCW for \$8. See Lorna Ball or call the church office at 459-3313.

New copies of **“OUR DAILY BREAD”** (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available at both entrances of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class is available.

## **GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE**

For the month of **November**, we will focus on **pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing.

**THE NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB** canvasses the village in early December with a **“Food & Toy Drive”**. The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. **In the past, our Church has collected canned peas to contribute to this project.** The peas would need to be in by **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL** - The annual **Advent Carol Festival** held each year at **St. Paul's United Church** (corner of George & York) will take place on **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.** Local church and community choirs will present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will be a chance for audience members to join in the festive singing, too. A freewill offering to support 12 Fredericton area food banks will be received.

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH** -The Fredericton Choral Society and The Fredericton Concert and Marching Band present ***Voices on the Wind***, Sunday, November 24, 2019 at Wilmot United Church, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20; Seniors and students: \$15. Available at the door.

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **“Breakfast and Christmas Market – INN from the Cold”** on **Nov. 30th, 2019, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Breakfast is \$8 and entrance to the Market is free. All proceeds to the Fredericton Homeless Shelters and the Church Outreach Fund.

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - ...*Do you hear what I hear?*** Enjoy an **“Angels All Around Us” Christmas Tea** on **Friday, December 6, from 2-4pm** at **Nashwaaksis United Church (46 Main St.)** View varied collections of angels. Coffee and tea with light refreshments will be served. Admission by donation.