

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 2nd, 2020 11 am
In the Season of Epiphany

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. 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:

I dreamt that the spirit of God passed by close enough to fog the window.

Carrie Newcomer

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: A Light Is Gleaming (#82 VU, refrain, v.4, refrain)

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.

We trust that God is here a-sparkle and a-bla-ze,
warming all our days!

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #220 VU Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

OPENING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: God be in our heads and in our understanding.

People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.

Leader: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

People: God be in our hearts and in our thinking.

Leader: God be so near us, as together we pray in the Way of Jesus, the Light of the World, 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 #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine, verse 1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine, verse 2

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1: 35-43

ANTHEM: *Many Are The Light Beams*

SERMON: *In The Beginning....*

***HYMN #559 VU Come, O Fount, Of Every Blessing**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

***OFFERING & OFFERTORY: As We Journey Together**

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**As we journey together on the path of faith,
May our hearts be attentive to Christ's plan,
And may we be responsive to our broken world,
Off'ring freely the talents that we can.**

**May all we bring, be blessed and shared
With those who need a helping hand.
May all we bring, be blessed and shared
creating justice through the land.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 563 VU Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Siyahamba (#646 VU, a hymn in Zulu)**

**See yah hahm----bay googa nee-en gwen Ghos,
See yah hahm bay googa nee-en gwen Ghos---
(repeat this section)**

**See yah hahm-bah----oo-oo
See yah hahm bay googa nee-en gwen Ghos----
(repeat this section)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Lydia and Pat LaPointe

Trustees On Duty (Feb): Doug Price and Lloyd Penney

Tellers On Duty: Dorothy Webster and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School: Krista and Jessica Tupling

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Feb. 3rd - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Sun., Feb. 9th - 12:00 noon - Annual Congregational Meeting (see below)

Wed., Feb. 12th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see over)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 9th, 2020 – 12:00 noon

Plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting 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.)** Storm date: Feb. 23rd

2019 Annual Reports are available for pick up today at both doors.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - As we begin another new year, the Nominating Committee would like to invite members of our congregation to participate in one of our many committees that we have. Your skills will be greatly appreciated. No experience required. We will be looking for people to take an active part especially in Christian Development Comm. or Outreach Comm. Or if you would like to serve on any other committee, we will find you a spot. Please call Dave Ward at **455-8208**.

U.C.W. will meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 7 pm** at the home of Dorothy Webster (**215 Bradshaw Dr.**). This will be a great social time as well as with our annual “Bring & Buy” auction...so bring your new or gently used “treasures” as well as baking, preserves, etc. and we will have fun raising some funds for all our outreach endeavors. For more info, contact Dorothy Webster at **457-9795**.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **February**, we will focus on **canned pasta or stew**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

OUTREACH: Sign up schedules are out for both the **Community Kitchen Volunteers and Christ Church Sandwiches**. They are found on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the main foyer by Lorna’s office. The Outreach Committee is very appreciative of all the support we receive from the congregation either through donations or helpful volunteering.

2020 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 lloydpenney12@gmail.com or see **Lorna** in the church office.

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