

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 26th, 2020 11 am
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:

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.
Howard Thurman

THE GATHERING

*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.

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN # 375 VU Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness**

OPENING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: Holy God, sweep over us now. Create in us something new.

People: Call us away from our distractions. Let us experience what you are doing in us, and through us. Open us to a new awakening, and new beginning.

Leader: This we pray in the Way of Jesus, who leads us into life, 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 (VU) Jesus Bids Us Shine, verse 1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM: *Bathe Me In Your Light*

Oldham/Klusmeier

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SERMON: *Gentle Justice*

***HYMN #12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts, verse 1-4**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #679 (VU) Let There Be Light, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: As With Gladness Men of Old (#81 VU 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: Sandra Cook

Trustees On Duty (Jan): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

Tellers On Duty: Merlin Tracy and Tina Glenn

Sunday School Teachers: Deborah and Emma Knorr

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 26th - 12:00 noon -Official Board Budget Meeting

Thur., Jan. 30th-10:30 am - Worship Committee Meeting

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

Sun., Feb. 9th - 12:00 noon - Annual Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES resume today.

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.**

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 Committee or our Outreach Committee. Or if you would like to serve on any other committee, we will find you a spot. Please contact Dave Ward at 455-8208.

ANNUAL REPORTS – To Chairpersons of all Committees: Annual reports are due. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary as soon as possible. You can submit your report by hard copy or by e-mail:

nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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)**

U.C.W. There will be **no** UCW Meeting in the month of January. Our regular meeting in **February** will be our annual **“Bring & Buy”** sale.

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.

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.

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).