

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 26th, 2023 11 am
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2023) – Celebrating 136 years!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! 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

*I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.*

Naomi Shihab Nye, in “Famous”

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 Touch Our Hearts, #12 MV v.5

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread, and share the cup of peace;
That we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For 136 years people have been gathering here in this place to worship God.

People: For 136 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

Leader: For 136 years people have preached, and baptized, and celebrated the Lord's Supper here.

People: For 136 years, people 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!

Leader: And now, as it has been for 136 years, our worship continues in the name of Jesus, who was, and is, and evermore shall be!

***HYMN: #1MV Let Us Build A House**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust.

People: Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy “now.”

Leader: May we celebrate every day that you give us with curiosity, 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 #585 VU Jesus Bids Us Shine v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

CHILDREN’S HYMN #585 VU Jesus Bids Us Shine v.2

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY: We Give Thee But thine Own #543 VU
We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1: 1-11

SERMON: *That Which Is Ours To Do*

ANTHEM: *Blessed Are Those Who Are Called To The Table.* L.Good

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

***HYMN # 469 VU We Gather Here**

*** A NEW CREED**

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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 Ruth and Joshua, Miriam and Moses, Alexander Haining and Nell Charters.

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 Brother. The one we call Christ. Child of Mary, 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 we 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# 333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace (Don Besig)**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Tina Glenn**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster**

**Trustee on Duty (Nov): Ann Urquhart**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of our parents Carl & Darlene Snyder and Horatio & Eileen Murray from Angie Snyder and Don Murray.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**Fri., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner**

**Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 pm - Men's Club Christmas Luncheon**

## **NMUC 136<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 am**

Join us today following our worship service for a sit down potluck luncheon. We look forward to a time of fellowship and food. The flowers in the church today are placed by the U.C.W.

**M & S Fundraiser** – Toonie Clocks will be collected between Nov. 12-26<sup>th</sup>. Fill them up and bring them in to Sheila Power.

The **Men's Club** will be holding its annual **Christmas Luncheon** on **Wednesday, December 6, 12:30pm** at Wetmore Street Pub. This luncheon is open to all men of the congregation. If interested in attending, please advise Keith (506-455-1948) or Dave (506-455-8208).

## ***It's here!***

The **2023 NMUC Online Auction Fundraiser** will be opening on **Saturday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am** with the close **Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00pm.**

The auction can be accessed here [New Maryland Online Auction Fundraiser](#) or by visiting the NMU Church website [New Maryland United Church - Home](#).

There are lots of great items to bid on, so be sure to join in the fun! We encourage sharing news of our upcoming auction with family and friends. Together we can ensure we have a successful fundraising event to support the important work of our church.

***Sincere thank you to all who donated.***

For questions, please contact Sheila Power at [spower1511@gmail.com](mailto:spower1511@gmail.com) or Myrna Belyea-Tracy at [myrna.belyea16@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.belyea16@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** for our “**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 David & Loraine Ward; John & Ginny Kershaw have offered to host the main course; as well as, Revs. Kelly & Jane have graciously offered to host dessert. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for adding your name and which course you'd like to contribute to.

**NMUC LIBRARY** – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow. There have been a couple of requests for “**large print**” novels for our library. If you have any at home or know someone who would like to donate some, we'd love to have them.

**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. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

The **December** edition of “**Broadview**” has arrived and is available to borrow from the library area.

New copies of “**Our Daily Breads**” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available at the main entrance. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container is available for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class.

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| <p><b>GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:</b> For the month of <b>November</b>, we will focus on <b>canned meats (tuna/ham, etc)</b>. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p> |
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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH** - Wilmot will be hosting a **Bake Sale & New-to-You** sale on **Friday, December 1** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**.

**ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL – ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH** - Join us on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** as choirs from around the Fredericton area come together to sing us into the Christmas season. In the midst of the singing, there will be a special offering taken up in support of local area Food Banks. Music starts at **7:30 pm** so come early to get a parking space and a seat!

**NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB FOOD & TOY DRIVE** will take place on **December 4, 5, 6, & 7**. The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. In the past, NMUC has collected canned peas to contribute to this project. The peas should be in by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.