

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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October 8th, 2023 11 am
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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 friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*I like cutting the cucumber, the knife slicing the darkness
into almost-transparent moons, each with its own thin rim of night.
I like smashing the garlic with the flat of steel
and peeling the sticky, papery skin from the clove.
With all that's destroyed, look
how the world still yields a golden pear.
Freckled and floral, a shimmering marvel.*

Ellen Bass, from her poem "Sous Chef."

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Praise God For This Holy Ground (#42MV, v.2)**

Praise God in whose word we find,
food for body, soul and mind.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship God together!

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

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As we gather on this sacred day, Holy One, may the of blessing of the Maker be ours,

People: encircling us, above us, and within us.

Leader: May the Blessing of the Son be ours,

People: the food and the stories, to feed us and to remind us.

Leader: May the Blessing of the Spirit be ours,

People: the Wind and the Fire, the still small voice of calm, to comfort us, and to disturb us.

Leader: May the Blessing of God be ours,

People: to delight us, confound us, encourage us and strengthen us.

Leader: And may we be a blessing to one another,

People: a blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of a friend.

Leader: And hear us now as we join our voices, 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: It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker, MV 30,v.1
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN: It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker, MV 30, v.4

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

ANTHEM: *The Way We Love* J.M. Martin

SERMON: *To Life And To The Giver!*

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: As Those Of Old (#518 VU, v.3)

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you.

Not just to serve your cause,

but share your love with neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,

Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go To The World (#420 VU, v.4)**

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

For I am with you 'til the age shall end,

When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"

Hal – le – lu – jah! Hal – le – lu – jah!

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.

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Janet Merrill

Trustee on Duty (Oct): Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Oct. 15th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Salmon Supper

Men's Club Salmon Take-Out Dinner – The Men's Club will be hosting a BBQ Salmon Take-Out Dinner at the New Maryland Centre on **Sunday, October 15th**. Our goal is 300 meals this year. We look forward to the continued support of the entire congregation. Tickets are now available for purchase at \$20. We need ticket sellers plus workers for this take-out supper. We are also in search of lady ashburnham/mustard pickles and homemade apple crisp donations.

To work at the supper or donate pickles/apple crisp call David Ward at 455-8208. For tickets or a book of tickets to sell call Keith Ball at 455-1948.

Thank you in advance.

M & S Fundraiser – The Toonie Clocks that were handed out earlier this year will be collected between **Nov. 12- 26th**. Fill them up and bring them in.

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.

GREETER SIGN UP SHEET – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by any Sunday that would be convenient for you. Thanks!

CHURCH BULLETINS - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins. There is a sign up sheet (up to end of November) posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you’d like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.

<p>GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of October, we will focus on canned diced tomatoes. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FRAUD/SCAMMING SESSION -The Pastoral Care Committee will be hosting this session, to be held in the auditorium of **Nashwaaksis United**, on **Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm**. Guest speaker will be Cst. Mike Bamford of the Fredericton City Police. A question and answer period will follow and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Chili Take Out – Friday, November 3rd , 4 :00 – 5 :30 pm at Nashwaaksis United. Cost - \$15 (Menu – Mild Chili, Caesar Salad, Roll and Apple Crisp.) To reserve your meal, please call the church office at (506) 458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca

Connect with your Community
An Expo to Promote Healthy Aging
Saturday, October 14, 2023
10 am – 2 pm – Leo Hayes High School

Join us and 50+ Exhibitors for a fun filled and informative day, including four ‘try-it’ sessions and 4 info sessions!

It’s FREE Drop in and stay as long as you like!

Try-It sessions in the gym:

10:00 – 10:45 - Floor Curling with Margaret Roxborough

11:00 – 1:45 - Mobility for Wellness with Shelley Swift

12:00 – 12:45 - Line Dancing with Eric Hart

1:00 – 1:45 - Nordic Walking

Info Sessions in the Library:

10:00 – 11:45 - 211 with Daniella Fernandez of United Way NB

11:00 – 1:45 - Fraud with Cst. Mike Bamford

**12:00 – 12:45 - Elder Abuse and Legal Changes with Jodi Lee
White**

1:00 – 1:45 - Telling Your Story with Bill Randall

Church Officials

Official Board Chair – Sue Morrison

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