

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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February 4th, 2024 11 am

Fifth After Epiphany

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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:

Children of chance, we have made ourselves into what we are — creatures who can see a universe of beauty in the feather of a bird and can turn a blind eye to each other's suffering, creatures capable of the Benedictus and the bomb. Creatures who yet still hope. Maria Popova

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***INTROIT: Fairest Lord Jesus, #341 VU, v.1**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

O thou of God to earth come down:

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,

thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN # 339 VU When Morning Gilds The Skies**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, again and again you call to us to come and see,

People: not only who we *are*, but who we might become.

Leader: It is no easy thing, and so we gather together, that we might be companions on this journey,

People: light to one another, and love in the midst of uncertainty.

Leader: It is no easy thing, and so we 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 #45 MV You Are Holy

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 29-39

ANTHEM: *Lord, Lead Us Day By Day* Handel/H. Hopson, arr.

SERMON: *On What Offends Us: Being Human And Our Many Conditions*

***HYMN #171 MV Christ Has No Body Now But Yours**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#538 VU For The Gift Of Creation)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of your Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts

THE BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING: May the God of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share
our joy with all, working for a world that's
new, faithful, when we hear Christ's call.**

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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 This Week: Marg Frenette

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Allen Grant

Trustee on Duty (Feb): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Feb. 7th - 1:30 pm – Men’s Club Meeting at the church

7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting at the church

Tue., Feb. 13th - 7:00 pm – Committee of Stewards Meeting

Sun., Feb. 18th - Official Board Budget Meeting (following the service)

Sun., Mar. 17th - Annual Congregational Meeting (following the service)

New Look for Church Envelopes:

Due to the high increase in cost of personalized church envelopes, the Stewards Committee has developed a church envelope that can be used by everyone, at any time. You will continue to use your current assigned envelope number, but there will now be a space on the envelope to fill in that envelope number and the date, as well as the previous categories of where you would like your offering directed: to Local, M&S, Building, or Other. And, of course, all offerings will continue to be recorded for your personal income tax purposes. Envelopes will be available in packs of 20 throughout the year in the church lobby, so you can just pick them up as needed. Thank you so much for your continued financial support of New Maryland United. Dorothy Webster, Church Treasurer

Also note that your 2023 tax receipts are ready for pick up in the foyer.

The Nominating Committee would like all committee chairpersons to check with their members of committees to see if they are willing to serve another year and notify David Ward (506-455-8208) or (506-440-3558) of their requirements for the upcoming year 2024. Also, we invite members of the congregation to put their names forward to serve on one of our committees and we will find a spot for you.

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 mini kitchen (off the sanctuary). They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of February, we will focus on **canned pasta sauce**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 4-6 pm.** And in celebration of Valentine's Day, "Bring your Sweetheart for Pancakes". On the menu: pancakes, sausages, ham, baked beans, scallop potatoes, brown bread and dessert. \$20 per person. Please call (506) 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH (46 Main St.) will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 4-6 pm.** Menu: Pancakes, sausage, baked beans, brown bread, cake, tea & coffee. Price \$10. For more information, please contact the church office at (506) 458-9452.

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).