

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 21st, 2024 11 am
Third In The Season Of 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:

In real pain we often have nothing to give back other than our own gratitude, a smile that looks half way to a grimace or the passing friendship of the thankful moment to a helpful stranger, and pain is an introduction to real friendship, it tests those friends we think we already have but also introduces us to those who newly and surprisingly come to our aid. David Whyte

THE GATHERING WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***INTROIT: Fairest Lord Jesus, #341 VU, v.2**

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN #356 VU Seek Ye First**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As simple as this worship space may be, O God, it also opens into mystery.

People: As routine as our lives may appear, we carry the mark of the Holy One within us.

Leader: So meet us in this holy, ordinary place, O God; Meet us and bless us, just as we are,

People: for the sake of who we may yet be.

Leader: In awe and trust, in curiosity or hope, in whatever way we have arrived here, we offer now the words of Jesus, 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: 21-28; 32-34

ANTHEM: *In Suffering Love* R&E Johns/Gardiner's Sacred Melodies

SERMON: *On Jesus And Demons: The Stories We Avoid*

***HYMN # 358 VU When Jesus The Healer (verses 1,5,6 and 7)**

THE RESPONSE

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 #266 VU Amazing Grace

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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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: Linda Watson

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Loraine Ward

Trustee on Duty (Jan): Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 28th - 11:00 am – Worship Service followed by coffeetime

Mon., Jan. 29th - Annual Reports Due

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

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS for 2023 are due on January 29th. Kindly submit as a docx document if possible. Many thanks.

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 **January**, we will focus on **kids snacks (peanut-free)**. 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).