

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY: CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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:

*Our very life here depends directly on continuous acts of beginning.*

John O'Donohue

## 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 the Lord together!

\*HYMN # 99 VU Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** Holy God, before time you named us.

**People:** Through everything, you love us. And always, you call us precious in your sight.

**Leader:** And so we let that beautiful idea sit within us, as 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**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #45 MV You Are Holy**

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 4-11**

**ANTHEM: *Be Still* David Evans/Jane Holstein**

**SERMON: *A Ritual Of Beginning***

**\*HYMN#387 VU Loving Spirit**

## **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 # 313 VU God, Whose Almighty Word**

**\*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.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://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: Kaye Lister**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and David Ward**

**Trustee on Duty (Jan): Jim Merrill**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - Annual Reports Due**

### **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

**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.

**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 posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.

The **Jan/Feb 2024** issue of **BROADVIEW** has arrived and is available in the library area for you to borrow.

**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.

### **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).