

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 10th, 2016 11:00 a.m.
EASTER 3: *Still* Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Easter grace and joy to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

We show hospitality to strangers not merely because they need it, but because we need it, too. The stranger at the door is the living symbol and memory that we are all strangers here. This is not our house, our table, our food, our lodging; this is God's house and table and food and lodging. We were pilgrims and wanderers, aliens and strangers, even enemies of God, but we, too, were welcomed into this place.

Thomas G. Long

THE GATHERING

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

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*WELCOME

*INTROIT:(#187VU)

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*** HYMN #161 VU Welcome Happy Morning**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

O God, with the glory of the Resurrection stirring within us, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, 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 #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 30 p.757 VU

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM: *Grateful*

T.Tomaszek/S.Hart, arr.

SERMON: *Christ Surprises Us in the Stranger's Guise*

***HYMN #182 VU Stay With Us Through The Night**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

A CELTIC RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

The path we walk, O Christ, walk with us.

And hear our stories of pain and joy along the way.

Protect us wherever we stay, and may we come to know the grace of hospitality received.

And may we learn the grace of offering such gift:

As the Ancients have taught us, let us place for the stranger:

food in the eating place, and drink in the drinking place, and music in the listening place,

And in so doing, may our hearts burn within us.

And in so doing, may we know your presence with us, Christ.

For the Kingdom of God is not a destination,

but a way ever walked,

and it is walked by those who meet the Risen Christ

as a stranger to be welcomed in!

Amen!

***HYMN #595 VU We Are Pilgrims On A Journey**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

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A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! 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. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Brenda and Jonathan Charters

Tellers This Week: Loraine Ward and Dorothy Webster

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School: Deborah Knorr & Jenn Harris **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Apr. 12th - 7:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting

Wed., Apr. 13th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

Thur., Apr. 14th - 10:00 am - Worship Committee Meeting

Sun., Apr. 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service followed by Coffeetime

Mon., Apr. 18th - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

Sat., Apr. 23rd - 9:00 am - Outreach – F'ton Community Kitchen

Tue., Apr. 26th - 12:00 noon - U.C.W. Bridge Luncheon

Thur., Apr. 28th - Woolastook Presbytery Meeting (Base Gagetown)

U.C.W. will meet on **Wed., April 13th at 7 p.m.** in the home of Loraine Ward, 64 Kindle Court. New members would be very welcome. If you need a ride to the meeting or more info, please contact Dorothy at 457-9795.

OUTREACH – On the **3rd Monday of the month (Apr. 18)** the Outreach Committee of our Church volunteer at **Christ Church Cathedral** to offer sandwiches and fellowship to assist in their weekly outreach efforts.

On the **4th Saturday of every month, (Apr. 23)** NMUC sends people to the **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. From 9 am to 1 pm, we prepare and serve lunch for the clients.

NMUC U.C.W. is holding a **Bridge Luncheon** at the New Maryland Rec Centre on **Tuesday, April 26th from 12 to 3pm**. You can reserve your table of four for \$40 by calling Loraine at 455-8208.

THANK YOU! from **Men's Club** for your support of our '**Chili Night**' this past week. Also huge thank you to Rod Campbell for his entertaining stories! Proceeds go to the New Maryland Elementary School Playground fundraiser.

The **April edition** of the United Church "**Observer**" is available for you to borrow. It is available in the library area of the vestibule at the back door.

Bulletin Dedication - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate a family event, special day, or memorial can do so by contacting the Church secretary at 459-3313. The cost is \$20.

<p>FOOD BANK - For the month of April, we will focus on macaroni and cheese. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Oromocto High School presents Beauty and the Beast!

April 15 and April 16 at the OHS theatre (25 MacKenzie Ave.) at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. This show is an all ages classic with high-energy dance numbers, musical favourites and guest performers from Summerhill Elementary School! Please see Carolyn for more information.

Muscular Dystrophy – A booksale will be held on **April 28 & 29th** at **King's Place**. Books can be dropped off at our house or I (Allen Parlee) will pick up. Contact number for the Parlee's is **459-8007**.

Nashwaaksis United Church UCW, Unit 6, will host a **SPRING LUNCHEON BRIDGE** on **Thursday, May 5th, at 12 noon** at the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium (46 Main St.) Fredericton. Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. Please contact Sharon at 458-5246 to reserve your table.