

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 8th, 2015 11 am

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this joyous 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. Grace and peace to you!

Thought for Meditation:

If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart.

Cesar Chavez

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*INTROIT: Gather Us In (Marty Haugen, from *Gather*)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,

We shall arise at the sound of our name!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN# 82 VU A Light is Gleaming

OPENING PRAYER:

**Radiant God, by the light of faith, we gather in this season
Epiphany. In this time of worship shine forth; raise us up; Form
and re-form us into your people. And hear us as we pray together
the words Jesus taught, 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.**

HYMN#167 MV Hush! Hush!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 147, Part One, p. 868-869 VU

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:29-34

ANTHEM: *There is a Balm in Gilead*

SERMON: *The Raising Up of In-Laws and Servers*

***HYMN#26 MV Your Love is Amazing**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (D. Dufner, OSB, from *Gather*)

**Like ripples in a pool, our gifts, however small they are,
will reach and heal a needy world, will comfort near and far.
For Christ will bless our bit of bread, the loaves our hands provide,
till empty baskets overflow and all are satisfied.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN# 619 VU Healer of Our Every Ill**

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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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: Judy and John St. Pierre

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Frank Glendenning

Trustees On Duty (Jan): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

Nursery: Lorna Ball

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Rebecca Minor

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Feb. 11th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

- 7:30 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see over)

**Sun., Feb. 15th - 12:15 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting
(snow date Feb. 22nd) (see over)**

Mon., Feb. 16th - 1:00 pm - Bible Study beginning (see over)

Wed., Feb. 18th - 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service

**Sun., Feb. 22nd - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent 1
Holy Communion**

Annual Congregational Meeting – 12:00 noon – Sunday, Feb. 15th

Plan to attend our annual Congregational meeting and stay for a potluck luncheon between the service and meeting. If you would like to bring some fingerfood to share for lunch, that would be most appreciated: for instance, sandwiches, cheese & crackers, fruit, a veggie tray, etc. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. **(Open to all members & adherents of NMUC.)**

Note: Annual reports (2014) are available for pick up at the door.

UCW will meet on **Wed., February 11th at 7:30 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. This will be our annual Bring and Buy meeting, so bring your new or gently used treasures and join us for an evening of fun! For more info, call **Dorothy at 457-9795.**

GATHER, TALK, EAT: Nourishment in the Season of Lent

What would be your last meal on earth?

Where would you choose to eat it?

Who would you like to share your table?

Lent, with its old emphasis on fasting and quiet, may seem like an odd time to pursue such things as gathering together to share stories and food. But this is exactly what I am proposing. Together we will reflect on holy stories - both scriptural and personal - that centre around a recipe, a meal. After all, meal-sharing is central to the story of God and critical to a healthy communal life. For more info contact Rev Kelly.

When: Mondays at 1 pm, starting February 16th through to March 23rd

Where: Rev. Kelly's – 100 Berkley Dr., New Maryland, (Forbes's subdivision)

GREEN COMMITTEE – Winter storms often cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries rather than disposable ones stored throughout your house with your flashlights. If you do use disposable batteries, prevent hazardous waste by buying batteries with low mercury content.

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. Email notification: If you have email, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

SEEKING TOWELS Recently a member of the congregation told me that she needed to clean out her towel cupboard and wondered if by chance we could use any gently worn towels at our monthly Christ Church Outreach program that we support. I said that we should take them and see. So she gave me an assortment of fresh smelling used towels and I packaged them into bundles of 3 or 4, with 2 bars of soap on top, put them into clear plastic bags and set them on the clothing tables. I am pleased to report that they were scooped up (by 4 individual people) as soon as the doors opened! So if anyone else has any older towels that they would like to see go to a good cause, please bring them to the church and we will package them up and take them with us when we go again on February 16th. If it is easier to have them picked up, call me at 457-2377 and I would be happy to come and get them. Thanks, Nancy Ostaff, Chairperson, Outreach Comm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL M & S Project - 2015

Wondering what the "stained glass" mason jars at the front of the church are for? The New Maryland Sunday School has started it's annual Mission and Service Fund fundraiser for 2015! The jars are loose change collectors - to put your spare change in throughout the year. We ask each family to choose a jar that "speaks" to them, take it home, place it somewhere convenient for you to throw your extra change into, and then bring the jar (and change!) back at the end of 2015!

FOOD BANK: For the month of **February** we will focus on **canned soups (all types)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags. **5.**

African American Spirituals

These are songs created by Africans who were captured and brought to the United States to be sold as slaves. This stolen race was deprived of their families, their culture, their home, and their languages. But the white masters could not take away their music. Over the years these slaves and their descendants adopted Christianity, the religion of their 'owners'. They re-shaped it into a deeply personal way of dealing with the oppression and violence of their enslavement.

They expressed their faith in songs, which were to become known as "Spirituals".

But these songs also became a way of communicating among themselves without their owners' knowledge: this was particularly important when a slave was planning to escape bondage into freedom by way of the Underground Railroad.

This music was "lost" for a time after the Act of Emancipation (which called for the end of slavery) and the end of the American Civil War. But such powerful music could not stay hidden.

We treasure it now for its beauty and strength, and as a reminder of what humanity is capable of, in the name of God: both violence and cruelty, and also grace and beauty.