

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11 am  
The Transfiguration of Jesus

Annual Meeting Sunday

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:

*Might we begin, then, to transform our passing illuminations into  
abiding light.*      **Huston Smith**

## 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# 341 VU Fairest Lord Jesus

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

**God of the high places, and God of the low places; God of dazzling light and every darkness; God of the ordinary and the transcendent; God ever present: Open us to recognize you in our midst. May we know you in this time of worship, and in our time of meeting. This we pray in Jesus' name, 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**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9**

**ANTHEM: *We'll Understand it Better By and By***

**SERMON: *On Jesus, Tadpoles and Incantations...***

**\*HYMN#103 VU How Good, Lord, To Be Here**

**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# 334 VU All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name**

## **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:** Tina Glenn

**Tellers This Week:**L.Penney/T.Glenn **Next Week:** L.Penney/F.Glendenning

**Trustees On Duty (Feb):** Jim Merrill and Allen Parlee

**Nursery:** Lorna Ball

**Sunday School:** Nancy Steeves and Brooke-Lyn Power

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - Outreach at Christ Church Cathedral**  
**1:00 pm - Bible Study beginning (see over)**

**Wed., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - Coffeetime - "Grounds & Ashes"**  
**(Come for coffee, conversation & Imposition of Ashes)**  
**1:00 pm - Quilters**

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

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 12:00 noon – Today**

Join us for our annual Congregational meeting today and potluck luncheon following the service. Annual reports are available for pick up at both doors. The **Nominating Committee** invite members of the congregation to participate in the life of our Church by serving on one of our Committees. Your talents are always appreciated. **2014 Annual Reports are available at both doors. Open to all members & adherents of NMUC.**

## **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 center 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 1:00 pm, starting February 16<sup>th</sup> through to March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**MEN'S CLUB – GIANT YARD SALE** – The Men's Club is planning for a **Giant Yard Sale** on May 23, 2015 at our Church. Start saving all your items you would like to get rid of (except televisions, computers, or monitors).

**GREEN COMMITTEE** – If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin/metal container instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden.

## **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).

## **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 its 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!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**Gibson Memorial United Church** will be hosting a “**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**”, **Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m.** Menu: Sausages, Pancakes, Ham, Potato Scallop, Baked Beans, Brown Bread and Dessert. Adult: \$12; Child \$3, please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets or ‘by chance’ at the door.

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church (1224 Rte. 101)** is hosting a “**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**” on **Tuesday, February 17 from 4-6 pm.** Menu includes: sausage, pancakes, baked beans, brown bread, gingerbread with whipped cream, tea/coffee. Price: Adults \$6/ Children (6-13) \$3/ Children Under 6 Free

**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.

## ***We'll Understand It Better By and By***

### **African American Gospel**

**HYMN WRITER:** Charles Tindley

**HYMN HISTORY:** Charles Tindley was born near Berlin, Maryland, in July of 1851, the son of a slave, Albert Tindley, and a freewoman, Hester Miller Tindley. Hester passed away when Charles was only four, and a year later he was separated from his father. When he became old enough to work, he was hired out to work with slaves, although his status as “freeborn” was recognized. Little did the people of Berlin realize that a theological and musical giant was springing up in their midst. Tindley is often called a founding father of American gospel music.

In 1902, after finishing his educational ventures and pastoring several churches in Philadelphia, he became pastor of the church where he had served as janitor 25 years earlier. After bearing eight children, his wife Daisy, passed away in 1924, the very day the congregation entered the new sanctuary for the first time. Initially struggling with her death, he would later explain, “one day I will understand it better by and by”.

**BIBLE VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 13:12 - For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

