

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 22nd, 2015 11 am
LENT I

Annual Meeting Sunday

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. Grace and peace to you!

Thought for Meditation:

*I already know the storm, and I
am troubled as the sea.*

*I sense ahead the wind which is
coming, and must live
it through.*

Rainer Maria Rilke

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying (#400 VU)**

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Presence of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN#142 (VU) Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: And so our Lenten journey begins. Jesus, the way to your Cross is not a path we enter lightly.

People: **The way is like a rocky path, on a mountain pass, through thick cloud.**

Leader: Open our eyes and ears, our minds and our hearts,

People: **that we might be attentive to the gift, the challenge, the mystery of the cross.**

Leader: Bless our intentions.

People: **Bless our perseverance.**

Leader: Bless our discoveries as we travel together to the cross. And hear 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.

HYMN# 229 VU God of the Sparrow v. 1 gathering, and v.3 departing

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 9-13

ANTHEM: *At the Riverside*

SERMON: *So....About the Cross.....*

***HYMN The Old Rugged Cross**

**1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

**2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

**3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.**

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OFFERING & OFFERTORY (tune: #542 VU)

**These Lenten gifts we bring,
our faith in act expressed.
We offer them most lovingly,
and pray their use be blessed.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN# 149 (VU) When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Greater love has no one that this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

People: God loves the world this much!

Leader: God loves you this much!

People: You laid down your life. For me.

(Extinguish the first purple candle)

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Jesus, how can it be that our life is so precious?

Yours is a love that is stronger than death.

Ours is a gratitude that is longer than life.

CHORAL BLESSING: Stay With Us Through the Night (#182, v. 3 VU)

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us, blessed stranger

till the morning breaks again.

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Tina Glenn

Tellers This Week: L. Penney and Tina Glenn

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

Nursery: Lorna Ball

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Brodie Power

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Feb. 23rd - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

Wed., Feb. 25th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Thur., Feb. 26th - 10:00 am - Presbytery – Nashwaaksis United Church

Sun., Mar. 1st - 11:00 am - Worship Service -Lent 2 (Holy Communion)

Mon., Mar. 2nd - 1:00 pm - Bible Study beginning (see below)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 12:00 noon – Sunday, Feb. 22nd

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. **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 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 1:00 pm, starting March 2nd through to March 23rd.

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

EASTER PLANTS – The **Worship Committee** will be taking orders for Easter lilies (\$10), tulips (\$10), daffodils (\$10) & hydrangea (\$22). Orders will need to be in by **Sunday, March 15th**. See or call Loraine Ward (455-8208). Any profit from this project goes to our Sunday School.

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.

New copies of “Our Daily Bread” (Mar/Apr/May) are now available at both entrances of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class is available.

<p>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.</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH is hosting a **Bridge Luncheon** on **Thursday, March 26, 2015**, (corner of York and George Sts.) at **12:00 noon**. Contact Isabel Green at 459-7116 to reserve your Table. Cost \$40.00. Enjoy a Delicious Lunch and Door Prizes. Sponsored by St. Paul's UCW.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service written by the Women of the Bahamas has been prepared for the Women's Inter-Church Council. The Theme this year is Jesus said to them, “Do You Know What I Have Done to You?” Service for our area: **Friday, March 6, 2015** at St. James Presbyterian Church, 1991 Rte 640 Highway, Hanwell at 7 PM – See bulletin board for a list of other services in the Fredericton area.

African American Gospel

Wade in the Water

The song relates to both the [Old](#) and [New Testaments](#). The verses reflect the [Israelites'](#) escape out of Egypt (Ex 14) and the chorus refers to healing: ([John](#) 5:4)

It is also likely that the lyrics contained explicit instructions to fugitive slaves on how to avoid capture and the route to take to successfully make their way to freedom with the Underground Railroad.

Harriet Tubman used the song to tell escaping slaves to get off the trail and into the water to make sure that the dogs employed by slavers lost their trail.