

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:

*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.*

Socrates

## 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#559 VU Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**Leader:** God-who-calls-us: It doesn't matter how far we run from you, you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands; you turn us around so we can follow you home.

**People: God-who-invites-us-to-follow: It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you; you remove our fears with your compassion; you take away our doubt with complete acceptance of who we are.**

**Leader:** God-who-speaks-to-us: It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words; you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen with eager hope.

**People: God in Community, Holy in One, continue to call us by name,**

**Leader:** even as we pray in the name of the One who has taught us to say:

**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 Story of Samuel and Eli**  
[dramatized scripture: 1Samuel 3:1-10]

**SERMON: *Awake in the Night....***

**ANTHEM: *Here I Am Lord***

## **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: Psalm 139, p. 861 VU**

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

## **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. Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeters This Week:** Nancy Jenkins

**Tellers This Week:** L. Penney

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

**Nursery:** Lorna Ball

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - 12:15 pm – Official Board – Budget Meeting**

**Mon., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral**

**Tue., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**

**Wed., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**

**Sun., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Coffeetime**

### **TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF ALL COMMITTEES**

A reminder from the **Nominating Committee** that all Chairpersons of Committees should check your committee's requirements for the upcoming year. To all members of the congregation, if you feel you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Dave Ward or Ruth Landers.

**Annual Reports:** It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due soon. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE** - On the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month**, two people from our Church volunteer at **Christ Church Cathedral** to offer sandwiches and fellowship to assist in their weekly outreach efforts. This month (**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**) Rev. Kelly and Nancy Ostaff are our volunteers.

**GREEN COMMITTEE** – Use electric snow removal products rather than gasoline powered ones. While electric products consume energy, they do not emit greenhouse gases. As alternatives, use snow shovels, ice crackers, and brooms to clear snow from your sidewalk, porch, or driveway.

**FOOD BANK:** For the month of **January** we will focus on **baked beans**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

## **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).