

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 25th, 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:

We're here to know God, to love and serve God, and to be blown away by the beauty and miracle of life. You just have to get rid of so much baggage to be light enough to dance, to sing, to play. You don't have time to carry grudges; you don't have time to cling to the need to be right.

Anne Lamott

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#245 VU Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpets**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: O God of Such Mercy; Surprising, Unsettling God:

Each morning,

People: you break your fast with those for whom we have no place at our tables.

Leader: Each day,

People: you set out to meet those who stand at the edge of our narrow-mindedness, to show them the path home.

Leader: Each evening,

People: you take our foolish fears and gently blow them away from our hearts.

Leader: O Companion of Grace, You open your arms ...

People: to everyone we hold at a distance.

Leader: You open your heart ...

People: to draw all the odd ones out into the safe shelter of your Love.

Leader: Open us ...

People: to the wonder of that Love, that we might breathe with new life, in the Spirit.

Leader: And so we pray together:

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

ANTHEM: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

SERMON *.....and God Changed His Mind*

***HYMN# 679 VU Let There Be Light**

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#660 VU How Firm a Foundation**

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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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: Ann Urquhart and Meg Simms

Tellers This Week: L. Penney & Frank Glendenning

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

Nursery: Lorna Ball

Sunday School: Nancy Steeves & Deborah Knorr

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 25th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Coffeetime

Wed., Jan. 28th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Fri., Jan. 30th - Annual Reports are due

Tue., Feb. 3rd - 6:30 pm - Worship Committee

Sun., Feb. 15th - 12:15 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting – 12 noon, Sunday, February 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.)**

Annual Reports: It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **January 30th**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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. 4.

Join us downstairs following the service today for coffee/tea/juice/cookies.

2015 Church envelopes are available for pick up at the back door.

GREEN COMMITTEE – Have you heard of, “**Beat the Peak**”?

N. B. Power launched a challenge between Fredericton/New Maryland and Moncton/ Dieppe/ Riverview, to cut down on energy use during “peak” hours. Peak hours occur between 6 – 9 AM and 4 – 8 PM. The challenge runs from **Jan. 19th - Feb. 6**. The community with the highest rate of participation (per capita) will receive an investment of \$10,000 in energy savings at their local YMCA. You can log on at “beatthepeak.ca” where you can share your energy saving habits on the website and social media. Here, as well, you will have a chance to win weekday and weekly prizes. The goal is to use less energy during these hours, maybe we could do our laundry after 8 PM.

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 Committee

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).