

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 11 am  
LENT II

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning.

We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you!

## **Thought for Meditation:**

*Death is the last enemy:*

*once we've got past that I think everything will be alright.*

- Alice Thomas Ellis

## **T H E     G A T H E R I N G**

\*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#338 (VU) "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"**

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

Leader: Without you, life's battles seem to have the upper hand.

**People: With You there is life, and hope, and strength.**

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

**People: that we might keep close by your side, the side of love, and goodness, and grace.**

Leader: Bless our victories.

**People: Bless our failures.**

Leader: Bless our struggles.

**People: As we journey together, to the Cross.**

Leader: 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 #159 (VU) "The Strife is O'er"**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Hebrews 2: 13-15,**

**1 Corinthians 15: 54-57**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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**

Leader: Let us praise our loving Redeemer,

**People: Lord, create a new spirit in us.**

Leader: Christ, our life, through baptism we were buried with you  
and rose to life with you,

**People: may we walk today in newness of life.**

Leader: Lord, you have brought blessings to all humanity,

**People: open us to share your concern for the good of all.**

Leader: May we work together to build up the earthly city,

**People: with our eyes fixed on the city that lasts for ever.**

Leader: Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit,

**People: so that we may grow in holiness through your constant care.**

Leader: Take us by the hand and lead us out of the shadows of our fear

**People: and protect us from all evil. Through Jesus' grace, Amen.**

**\*HYMN# 151 (VU) "Lift High the Cross"**

## **LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: "The last enemy to be overcome is death"

**People: "The grave could not hold him,**

Leader: nor could evil destroy him.

**People: Jesus died, that we might live**

(extinguish second candle)

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Jesus, in the face of evil, we have hope,  
For you have overcome evil.**

**As darkness descends, we have hope,**

**For you are here, in the darkness.**

**Even in the valley of the shadow of death,**

**We shall fear no evil.**

**For You are with us.**

**Choral Blessing: (VU 182, vs.1)**

**“Stay with us through the night  
Stay with us through the pain.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger  
Till the morning breaks again.”**

## **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:** Linda and Doug Watson

**Tellers This Week:** L.Penney/M.Tracy **Next Week:**L.Penney/M.Simms

**Trustees On Duty (Mar):** Lloyd Penney and Doug Price

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Bertha Brown (sister), Charlotte Brown (mother), and Howard & Doris LaPointe (parents) by Lydia and Pat LaPointe.*

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:00 pm - Bible Study beginning (see below)**

**Tue., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm - Men’s Club**

**Wed., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**

**Sun., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III**

**Wed., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see over)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** – There will be no Sunday School or nursery this week Mar 1<sup>st</sup> or next week Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>. **Classes will resume on March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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 February 23<sup>rd</sup> through to March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**UCW** will meet in the home of Maudie Boyle (509 New Maryland Hwy.) on **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the earlier time of 7 pm.** For more info call Dorothy at 457-9795.

### **EASTER PLANTS**

The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: **to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, can be placed as memorials, or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service.** **Cost is as follows:** lilies, tulips, and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$22. Orders need to be in by **Sun., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>.** To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward (455-8208) or the Church office (459-3313). Any profit from this project goes to our Sunday School.

All submissions for the next issue of “**THE BEACON**” are due on or before **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. They may be left at the church office or forwarded by e-mail to [pklisternbnet.nb.ca](mailto:pklisternbnet.nb.ca).

**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 do not need or want (except clothing, televisions, computers, or monitors).

**New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (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 Price Class is available.

**GREEN COMMITTEE** – Recycle old newspapers by making rolled paper logs for your fireplace. Roll newspaper sheets around a broom stick until the log is the desired size, then soak the log thoroughly in water. Dry the log overnight and use like ordinary wood. Always follow proper safety precautions when burning anything around your home.

<p><b>FOOD BANK:</b> For the month of <b>March</b> we will focus on <b>juice boxes for children’s lunches</b>. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.</p>
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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.

**ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH** is hosting a **Bridge Luncheon** on **Thursday, March 26, 2015**, corner of York and George Street 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.