

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 15th, 2015 11 am
LENT IV

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:

The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.

William Shakespeare

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#148 VU Jesus Remember Me, When You Come Into Your Kingdom
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Hebrews 2: 13-15,
1 Corinthians 15: 54-57**

ANTHEM: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us* S. Townend

SERMON *On Mousetraps, Trojan Horses and Getting the Better of Old Nick*

***HYMN#147 VU What Wondrous Love is This**

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 the fourth 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. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Thanks be to God! Amen, and Amen.

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.”**

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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: Keith and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: D.Ward/L.Ward

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

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Brooke-Lyn Power

Nursery: Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Mar. 15th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent IV + Coffeetime

Mon., Mar. 16th - 8:00 am - Outreach at Christ Church Cathedral

Wed., Mar. 18th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Tue., Mar. 24th - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

Plan to join us for coffee/tea/juice and conversation downstairs following the service today.

WELCOME BACK !! Sunday School classes resume today!

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 **Sunday, March 15th**. 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.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – On the **3rd 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 (Mar. 16th) Nancy Ostaff and Linda Watson & Rev. Kelly are our volunteers.

All submissions for the next issue of “**THE BEACON**” are due on or before **Tuesday, March 24th**. They may be left at the church office or forwarded by e-mail to pklisternbnet.nb.ca.

The **Men’s Club**, with the help of the **UCW**, invite you to join them for a time of fellowship at a continental breakfast Easter Sunday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 am. (menu includes coffee/tea/juice plus a delicious assortment of hot cross buns, biscuits, scones/muffins and fruit & cheese)

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).

The latest **issue** of our United Church **Observer** is available for you to borrow. It is on the stand near the library at the back door.

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 – Install a timer on your water heater and furnace to turn it off at night and back on just before you wake up in the morning. Few people realize that waiting to do electricity-heavy activities (such as laundry or showering) before 7 am and after 10 pm can hugely reduce your energy requirements and costs. (In fact, some provinces now raise electricity rates in the daytime (prime time), making it smarter than ever to wait until it’s late to run your appliances.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, (183 Gibson St.), will be hosting a **“Jigs” Dinner (Corn beef)** on **Tuesday, Mar. 17th, 4 – 6 p.m.** Adult \$12, Child \$3, please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets, or by chance at the door.