

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 3rd, 2015 11 am
Easter 5

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. Easter grace and joy to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: (#187 VU)**

**The spring has come, let all the earth be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Lord 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 ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ who taught us to 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#958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

ANTHEM: *Ordinary Miracle*

A. Snyder, arr.

SERMON: *The Page We Usually Skip Right Over....*

***HYMN# 649 VU Walk With Me**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

#179 Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks (v.2)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN# 232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

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A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Gwen and George Morrow

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and David Ward

Trustees On Duty (May): Jim Merrill and Allan Parlee

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Nancy Steeves

Nursery: Sue Morrison

The bulletin this week is dedicated in loving memory of Amos Jones from his wife Audrey and family.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Mon., May 4th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting**
Tue., May 5th - 9:00 am - U.C.W. Bridge Luncheon (N.M. Rec Centre)
Wed., May 6th - 1:00 pm - Quilters
Sun., May 10th - 11:00 am - Worship Service (Holy Communion)
Mother's Day
Wed., May 13th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)
Sun., May 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service (Vivian Ni)
Sat., May 23rd - 8:00 am - Yard Sale
Sun., May 24th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Coffee Hour
Thur., May 28th - 6:00 pm - NMUC Yard Clean-Up

Recently several members of the congregation have agreed to be part of a **'Philosophers Club'** to be held (**tentatively**) on **Tuesday mornings** at the church. The idea is to gather over coffee and a cookie and discuss current events. It is hoped that each meeting will have group selected topics and a facilitator to keep the conversation on track. This Club is open to both men and women. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact Lorna at the church by phone (459-3313) or email (nmuc@nb.aibn.com) .

U.C.W. will meet on **Wed., May 13th at 7 p.m.** in the home of Loraine Ward, 64 Kindle Court in Nasonworth. New members would be very welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

JOINING THE CHURCH??

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Maryland United? Maybe you are relatively new here, or maybe you have been part of the community for years, but haven't gotten around to becoming a full member. We will be having a special service of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of new members in early June, and we would love to officially welcome you into the fullness of this family of faith! Please see Rev Kelly for more info.

GREEN COMMITTEE – Cellophane has been around for more than a century, & we still buy products (especially food) wrapped in cellophane. Although it gives the appearance of plastic, it is actually made from plant matter (cellulose). Therefore it should NOT be put in the "blue recycling box", as it is NOT plastic.

Cellophane biodegrades in approximately 90 days. It is broken down by micro-organisms in the soil, just as leaves & plants are.

Cellophane is an example of a more environmentally-conscious way of packaging consumer goods, & can actually be buried in your compost pile.

Spring Cleaning your kitchen cupboards? Why not donate some of your **extra mugs** to the **Community Kitchen!** This excellent community service that our church has supported for decades is in real need of some extra mugs. For health safety reasons, we do ask that the mugs be free from chips or cracks. Bring them in to church and we will make sure they are delivered. With many thanks!

GIANT YARD SALE

(sponsored by Men's Club)

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

Saturday – May 23rd

8:00 – 12:00 noon

Save all your items you do not need or want (except clothing, televisions, computers, or monitors). You can drop off items at the Church Friday evening, May 22nd.

FOOD BANK: For the month of **May** we will focus on pasta sauce (all types). However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

“WE ARE ONE! Please join us Sunday, May 3, 7 pm, at Nashwaaksis United Church, for a special evening of music to celebrate the unifying power of music in our schools and communities. A free-will offering will be collected to assist the *Music in the Schools* program and *NUC Music Ministry*.”

NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB is hosting a **“Ladies Night Out”** on **Saturday, May 9th** at the **New Maryland Rec Centre**. Chicken or salmon dinner, entertainment, door prizes and draws. For more information, see poster on bulletin board at back door.

Comprehensive Review Gathering

Come to listen, ask questions, and learn

Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7 pm

Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson St, Fredericton)

The United Church of Canada is facing the realities of life in these challenging times. There is a proposal coming to General Council this summer that will radically alter the way the UCC is structured and how it will operate. It is all laid out in the document entitled *The Comprehensive Review*. A couple of copies are available in the church office, OR you can access it online at:

<http://www.gc42.ca/comprehensive-review-report>

Please join folks from United Churches in the area for an open discussion.

