

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 17th, 2015 11 am
ASCENSION SUNDAY

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:

Why can't we get all the people together in the world that we really like and then just stay together? I guess that wouldn't work. Someone would leave. Someone always leaves. Then we would have to say good-bye. I hate good-byes. I know what I need. I need more hellos.

~Charles M. Schulz

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: (#187 VU, verse 1fg)**

**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#264 VU Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Blessed are you, O God. And blessed is Jesus, who came in flesh and bone, to live and die in such extraordinary ways that the world has never been the same. And so we dare to gather as the people you call your own: ordinary people who are blessed, and sent out to be a blessing to the world! This we pray in the name of the Ascended Christ, 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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

ANTHEM: *Sing to The Lord!* D. Govenor

SERMON: *The Long Good-bye*

*HYMN#484 VU God The All-Holy

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# 420 VU Go To The World

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Connie Jones and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Tina Glenn

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

Sunday School: Nancy Steeves

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., May 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service (Vivian Ni playing piano)

Wed., May 20th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

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

Tue., June 2nd - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

**Sun., June 7th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Baptism,
Confirmation & Transfer of Membership**

Tue., June 9th - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

Our annual Spring Fundraiser letter is being handed out today.

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: Don't have anywhere to grow a garden??

Veggie bags!!! Burlap or porous grocery bags (or purchase custom made at garden stores) work well on porch, patio or balcony. If they get in the way, they can be moved. Another way to have a "bag garden" is to buy bags of topsoil, cut them open (flat side up) & plant seeds/plants. However these aren't so easy to move, but still easier than a garden patch.

GIANT YARD SALE & BAKE TABLE – The Men's Club is planning for a **Giant Yard Sale on May 23, 2015** at our Church. **Note:** If you have the time and a fair price, please feel free to price your own articles. Pricing labels will be available at church office. **Don't forget that there will be a deposit area for e-waste at the yard sale on Saturday, May 23. E-waste relates to electronics, old cell phones, cords, batteries, tools, printers, VCR's, games, etc.**

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.

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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Our choir is combining with members of Grand Lake and Gagetown United Church choirs to perform at an **Ecumenical Festival of Praise** at **St. Dunstan's Catholic Church** (120 Regent St.) on **Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.** This event is sponsored by the Canadian Bible Society and will feature choirs and soloists (including Allan and Carolyn) from various denominations in our region. Admission is a free will offering and there is a reception to follow at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. Come out and support our church choir! We'd love to see you there.

Sunday, May 24th 2015 M.S. Walk of which our Pam Gonnason is part of.

