

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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CELEBRATING PENTECOST: THE HOLY BREATH OF NEW LIFE

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. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting for spring to rise and walk.

Marge Piercy

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT:(#23 MV verse 1, refrain)**

Choir:

Come, O Holy Spirit, set the church on fire;
Strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
Of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!

ALL:

Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!
I said a- come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pen-te-cost is now!

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Lord of Pentecost be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Your Spirit, O God, works in our weakness, even through our lifeless ways. Do not stop we pray, until we are aflame with your love and power. Fill us with holy breath, that we may bring new life to dry bones. This we pray in the name of 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: *Dem Bones* (Trad. Spiritual)

Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones,

Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones,

Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones,

O hear the Word of the Lord!

**The toe bone's connected to the foot bone,
The foot bone's connected to the ankle bone,
The ankle bone's connected to the leg bone,
O hear the Word of the Lord!**

**The leg bone's connected to the knee bone,
The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone,
The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone,
O hear the Word of the Lord!**

**The hip bone's connected to the back bone
The back bone's connected to the neck bone,
The neck bone's connected to the head bone,
O hear the Word of the Lord!**

**Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk around,
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk around,
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk around,
O hear the Word of the Lord!**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104, Part 2, p.827 VU, Refrain 2

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

ANTHEM: *Spirit Present at Creation* M. Haugen

SERMON: *A Tale of Dry Bones*

***HYMN#375 VU Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN# 220 VU Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

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

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The bulletin today is dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the 2015 M.S. Walk from the Gonnason family.

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: Marjorie Olmstead and Alice Kirkpatrick

Tellers This Week: Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

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

Sunday School: Nancy Steeves

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sun., May 24th - 11:00 am - Worship Pentecost Sunday + Coffee Hour**
Wed., May 27th - 1:00 pm - Quilters
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**
Mon., June 8th - 7:00 pm - Session Meeting
Tue., June 9th - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting
Wed., June 10th - 6:00 pm - U.C.W. Dinner (see over)
Sun., June 21st - 11:00 am - Worship - Dad & Grad + S.S. Closing

If you haven't received yours already, the "Spring Fundraiser" letter is available for pick up at the back door.

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 on June 7th, and we would love to officially welcome you into the fullness of this family of faith! Please see Rev Kelly for more info.

"THE BEACON"- All submissions for the next newsletter to be left at the church office or forwarded to pklist@nbnet.nb.ca on or before **Wednesday, June 3rd.**

"GRADUATES"

If you are graduating or know of someone within our Church family who is graduating this year from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know. Graduates will be honoured during the service on **Sunday, June 21st.**

The U.C.W. are going to **Dimitri's** on **Wednesday June 10th at 6:00 pm** for our year end outing. Dorothy is away that week so anyone wanting to go can call me at **455-8208** or e-mail me at ward.lorraine@gmail.com. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

GREEN COMMITTEE – Deter slugs with used coffee grounds. Sprinkle around the perimeter of your garden. Coffee grounds also contain nitrogen which helps nourish the plants.

New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Jun/Jul/Aug) 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.

The **May issue** of our United Church *Observer* is available for you to borrow. It is in the library area at the back door.

<p>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.</p>
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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!

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THURSDAY – MAY 28TH

6:00 PM

“Y A R D C L E A N U P”

**All members of the congregation are invited
(men as well as ladies) who would like to join
us! Please bring your own rake!**