

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 22nd, 2015 11 am
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2015) – Celebrating 128 years!
Christ the King 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. Grace and peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Church isn't where you meet. Church isn't a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Lets not just go to Church, lets be the Church!

Bridget Willard

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (#220 MV)**

**Hope shines as the solitary star. Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For 128 years people have been gathering here in this place to worship God.

People: For 128 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

Leader: For 128 years men and women have preached, and baptized, and celebrated the Lord's Supper here.

People: For 128 years, people have gathered to share in the work and the fellowship; to share in the joys and the sorrows,

Leader: to remember what *was*, to be faithful witnesses *now*,

People: And to look forward to what God has in store for us all!

Leader: And now, as it has been for 128 years, our worship continues in the name of Jesus, who was, and is, and evermore shall be!

***HYMN # 213 VU Rejoice, the Lord is King**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust. Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy "now". May we celebrate every day that you give us with joyful praise, and abundant hope. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #8 MV And On This Path v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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THE RESPONSE
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY: All That We Have (From *Gather*)

All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2Corinthians 4:1, 5-12

SERMON: *We Have These Treasures*

ANTHEM: *One Love Released* *B. Frenzel/K. Keil*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

HYMN #457 VU *As We Gather At Your Table

***A New Creed #918 VU**

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

We give you thanks, God of all time and place. Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new.

In assurance of this hope, we join with the saints of all time and place to give you praise, singing:

Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

On the same night in which he was betrayed, Jesus sat at table with his friends. And he took bread, and he blessed it and broke it, and he passed it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

And after supper he took the cup, saying: this is the new covenant poured out for you in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink this, do this in remembrance of me.

We do remember, and we give thanks for such love; a love poured out for all. And in our remembering, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world. Through Christ, all glory and honour are yours, with the Holy Spirit, in the holy church, now and forever.

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

-----*We Share the Feast*-----

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Amen.

***HYMN #706 VU Give Thanks For Life**

MEAL BLESSING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings (#214 MV)

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

**May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

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: Maxine Hiscock and Sarah Hayes

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Sue Harris

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Jim Merrill and Allen Parlee

Sunday School: Deborah Knorr & Sarah Loftus **Nursery:**Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Nov. 24th - 6:30 pm - Committee of Stewards

7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 25th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sun., Nov. 29th - 11:00 am - Advent I

Wed., Dec. 2nd - 7:00 pm - Carolfest at St. Paul's United Church

Fri., Dec. 4th - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner (see over)

Sun., Dec. 6th - 11:00 am - Advent II – White Gift Sunday

N.M.U.C. 128th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Welcome to our 128th anniversary service. Please join us following the service today for a sit down potluck luncheon to celebrate this special occasion! We look forward to this time of fellowship and food.

All submissions for the next issue of 'The Beacon' may be left at the church office or forwarded to klister1938@gmail.com on or before **Thursday, December 3rd.**

U.C.W. - Church calendars are now available for purchase for \$6. See Anne Johnson following the service.

The **MEN'S CLUB Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th at Wetmore's.** All men of the congregation are welcome. Contact David Ward at 455-8208 so as reservations can be made.

SAVE THE DATE! Plans are underway for our annual “**Progressive Dinner**” for **Friday evening, December 4th at 6:00 pm.** Doug & Anne Johnson have offered to host the appetizer course and Dorothy Webster has offered to host the main course. We will finish off with dessert and singing of carols at the home of Revs. Kelly & Jane. Join in the fun and add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back door for whichever course you’d like to contribute to.

It’s that time of year ...our **MITTEN TREE** will be placed by next week to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

Advent II – December 6th will be our **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY.** Items should be wrapped in white paper and will be picked up by the Sunday School children during the service. These items will be distributed to the Christ Church Cathedral drop-in centre that NMUC Outreach Committee helps with on a monthly basis.

The new New Maryland United Church website is now in place.

Please have a look by googling New Maryland United Church in your browser or using the web address of <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca>. Many thanks to Pam Gonnason for her lovely new painting of our church displayed on our web site and to Kaye Lister for providing the many pictures for the web site; without her it would not have come together so quickly. The site is easily edited so please email or phone me with any concerns you have. This is your web site; I am only the administrator. Hopefully, with your input, we can keep the site current. Thanks for your help.

Sue Harris

M&S Fund: Just a reminder of the Sunday School sponsored fundraiser for the Mission and Service Fund, our "Spare Change Jars". As you get home from your busy day, with all that change loading down your pockets and purses, please feel free to use the spare change jar to lighten your load! We would like to have all Jars returned to the church by the beginning of January. Please feel free to continue until this time. However, if your jar is filled before that, we will certainly accept it whenever you would like to

bring it in. Each year, the New Maryland United Church pledges to donate a certain amount to the Mission and Service Fund. Estimating what the "Spare Change Jars" will bring in, the M&S collection for our church is still about \$1000 short of where it usually is by this time in the year. The M.&S. committee would ask you to keep this in mind over the next couple of months. Every little bit helps us in reaching our goal for 2015!

GREEN TIP: To clean floors: 1 C. white vinegar, 1 Tbsp. dish soap, 1 C. baking soda, 2 gallons very warm tap water. Floor is spotless and smelling fresh.

The "**OBSERVER**" is constantly in touch with people from all over the United Church of Canada. The cost of a subscription to the "Observer" has increased, effective January 2016, from \$20 to \$25 and can be ordered by putting your money in your regular envelope and marking it under Other as "Observer" or contact Sharon Noël at 459-5976. Please note that your money must be received by the **end of November** in order to be submitted in time for 2016.

<p>FOOD BANK - For the month of November, we will focus on macaroni and cheese. As always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB canvasses the village in early December with a "Food & Toy Drive". The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. In the past, our Church has collected **canned peas** to contribute to this project. The peas would need to be in by **Sunday, December 6th**.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – The **2015 Christmas ornament** is available (\$12 each). Contact Allen or Marilyn Parlee @ 459-8007. There is a sample in the Church office.