

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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November 29th, 2015 11 am

ADVENT I

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. Advent grace and peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The telling of stories creates the real world.

Alberto Manguel

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**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Voice 1: The time has come, to tell once more the ancient story.

Voice 2: The story that leads us from the temple to the desert, from hillsides to a manger...

Voice 1: and a baby born to save the world.

People: With hope-filled hearts, we come to gather around the manger, for the time is right to begin the story again.

Voice 2: And so we light the first candle of Advent: the Candle of Stories. The Candle of Hope.

[the first blue candle is lit]

Choir sings once; then All sing: (from: Gather # 328)

Come, light of the world, light up our lives, Lord.

Come, light of the world, light up our hearts.

**Dispel all our darkness, remove all our blindness,
Come, light of the world, be light for our eyes.**

OPENING PRAYER:

In this holy time of story and carol, word and ritual, may we enter this season of Advent, the season of waiting, with expectant hearts and daring hope. This we ask in the spirit of Emmanuel, 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 # 9 VU People look East v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:1-17 A multi voiced reading

ANTHEM: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

H.Hopson/E.Lund

SERMON: *Begetting the Begats OR How Stories Birth More Stories*

***HYMN #76 (VU) See Amid The Winter's Snow**

T H E R E S P O N S E

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN#2 VU Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: (#75 VU v.6)

All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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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: Doug Watson

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

Sunday School: Sheila and Brodie Power **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Nov. 29th 11:00 am - Advent I
Wed., Dec. 2nd - 7:30 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
Wed., Dec. 9th - 6:30 pm - U.C.W. Christmas Get Together
6:00 pm - Men's Club Christmas Supper

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.**

The **MEN'S CLUB Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 pm at Wetmore's.** All men of the congregation are welcome. Contact David Ward at 455-8208 so as reservations can be made.

The Christmas party meeting of **U.C.W.** will take place on **Wed., Dec. 9th** at the earlier time of **6:30 pm** in the home of Sue Harris (268 Woodlawn Lane. All members will bring a finger food and a wrapped gift for the Yankee Swap. New members always very welcome! Contact Dorothy at 457-9795.

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

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 – Dec. 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.

The **Outreach Committee** will be making up the Community Kitchen roster for 2016. If you would like to be removed from the existing list or added to it please let Nancy Ostaff know by **Dec. 12th** 457-2377 or ostaffdn@rogers.com

GREEN TIP: The first rule of Green Christmas is: “simplify, simplify, simplify”. (Thoreau)

FOOD BANK - For the month of **November**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

New copies of “Our Daily Bread” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available at the front entrance 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 “**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.

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 graciously 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.

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**.

