

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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Twenty First After Pentecost

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:

*It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just pay attention....*

Mary Oliver

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For just a moment, let us be still, and know that God *is*.

People: Before creation began, God *was*.

Leader: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still *be*.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Leader: Let us praise God together!

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

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.

I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light.

For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free. (W. Berry)

And so let us pray together in the way of Jesus, in whom we find our rest and our grace, 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#13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me v.1
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

CHILDREN'S HYMN#13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me v.2

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 38: selected verses

ANTHEM

SERMON: *On Morning Stars, Holy Questions and God's Odd & Beautiful Answer*

***HYMN# 135 MV Called By Earth and Sky**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Go To The World (#420 VU v.4)

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Hal – le –lu-jah! Hal – le –lu-jah!

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: Pam Campbell and Marjorie Olmstead

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Tina Glenn

Trustees On Duty (Oct): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School: Deborah Knorr and Brooke-Lyn Power

Nursery: Lorna Ball

The bulletin today is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Glendenning by the Men's Club.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Oct. 18th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

4:00 & 5:30 pm - Salmon Supper

Mon., Oct. 19th - 8:00 am - Outreach (Christ Church Cathedral)

Wed., Oct. 21st - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sun., Oct. 25th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Coffeehour (following)

Tue., Oct. 27th - 12:00 noon - Bridge Luncheon (sponsored by UCW)

O U T R E A C H

On the 3rd Monday of the month, two people from our Church will volunteer at **Christ Church Cathedral** to offer sandwiches and fellowship to assist in their weekly outreach efforts.

On the 4th Saturday of every month, NMUC sends three people to the **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. From 9 am to approx. 1 pm, we prepare and serve lunch for the clients. This month (Oct. 24th) Rod & Pam Campbell and Dave & Loraine Ward are our volunteers.

GREEN TIP: Continue to wear your sunglasses through the fall and winter. The sun's UV rays, no matter the season, can fuel cataracts and macular degeneration.

The October edition of "*The Observer*" is available for you to borrow. It is in the library area in the new foyer.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **October**, we will focus on **pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TAKE-OUT BAKED HAM PLATE - Nashwaaksis United Church, October 23rd - "Why not start your weekend with a tasty take-out supper consisting of baked ham, potato salad, pasta salad, roll and dessert for only \$10. Pick-up at the Nashwaaksis United Church Hall, 46 Main Street, 4:30-6:00 pm, Friday, October 23rd. Reservations only, please call Randy & Tom Austin at 450-7151 with your name, phone number, the number of meals, and your desired pick-up time."

RUMMAGE SALE - Wilmot United Church is holding a "Rummage Sale" on **October 23rd and 24th**.

TURKEY DINNER - Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a "**Turkey Dinner**", **Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 4 – 6 p.m.** Cost \$12/Adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets. (no tickets at the door)