

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 20th, 2015 11 am
WELCOME BACK 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.

Thought for Meditation:

In the airport, luggage-laden people rush hither and yon through endless corridors, like souls to each of whom the devil has furnished a different, inaccurate map of the escape route from hell.

Ursula K. Le Guin

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: So here we are!

People: Brought together in this wondrous community to find true life within it.

Leader: Here we sing:

People: Sing of joy and sorrow, praise and imperfection, all held together in Divine love.

Leader: Here we listen:

People: Listen to stories ancient and emerging – and discover truths written deep in our hearts.

Leader: Here we live:

People: Live as people of the great shalom: persistent in love, compassion, justice, and gospel hospitality.

Leader: May it be so. Let's worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #245 VU Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Welcoming God, we gather together in this place of belonging. Greet us and hold us in your heart, for there we find our true peace, our natural home. Hear us now as we pray the words that Jesus taught us, 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

BLESSING OUR NEW BEGINNINGS:

Imagine all that these bags will carry O God!

Lunch and calculators; toys and dreams; dirty gym clothes and borrowed books.

Think of all the hopes that these bags will hold!

Hopes that we can finish our homework. Hopes that it won't be too hard! Hopes that it will still leave time for fun!

So many dreams in these bags, Holy One!

Dreams that we can really shine! That we can be the person you made us to be!

Bless these children, O God, and all that they carry. May they be filled with hopefulness and joy,

and enough challenge to keep them excited for what comes next!

When their load feels heavy, ease their burden that comes from being afraid.

When it feels overwhelming, please God, will you send an angel, to help them carry it?

AMEN!

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: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

ANTHEM: *Come With Me Into The Fields* D. Schutte

SERMON: *A Travelling Tale: The Trouble With Luggage and Carnivores*

***HYMN# 421 VU Lead On, O Cloud**

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 #193 MV God Bless To Us Our Bread**

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: Loraine Ward and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Mon., Sep. 21st - 8:00 am- NMUC Outreach at Christ Church Cathedral
7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**

Tue., Sep. 22nd - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

Thur., Sep. 24th - 7–9 pm - Food Safety Course (see over)

Sun., Sept. 27th - 11:00 am - Worship – Pulpit Exchange (see over)

Sun., Oct. 4th - 11:00 am - World Communion Sunday

Sun., Oct. 11th - 11:00 am - Thanksgiving Sunday

Today is "Welcome Back Sunday" ! Plan to stay following service

and enjoy the fellowship along with bar-be-qued hot dogs,

hamburgers, and hot buttery corn. We welcome everyone to join us in our fall activities.

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“The ABC’s of Food Safety” course is being held at our church on **Thurs., Sept. 24th** from 7-9 pm.

The Fredericton area UCCs are participating in a pulpit exchange next Sunday, September 27. Rev Kelly will be preaching at Gibson Memorial and Rev Cora Krommenhoek will be preaching here at NMUC.

Rev Kelly is away in Winnipeg **Sept 29 - Oct 1** and Rev Jane Johnson will be available for pastoral emergencies. Please contact her at 440-9981.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11TH, 2015

Do you have some extra vegetables from your garden, or could you pick up an extra turnip or a few extra apples when you are next doing your grocery shopping?

*How about a fall mum, or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam? The Worship Committee needs your help to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday and donations of **vegetables, fruit, preserves and decorative fall items** would be so very much appreciated. Your items can be dropped off any week day morning between 10 and 12 noon, or on Saturday morning, October 10th by 10:00 am, in the basket on the Church step at the parking lot level. Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Sunday Thanksgiving service! All food items will be donated to the Food Bank following the service.*

The latest edition of **“THE BEACON”** is available at the back door.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **September**, we will focus on **juice boxes for school lunches**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (N.B.) will be having a book sale on **Oct. 15/16** at Kings Place. If you have any books to donate, you can drop them off to Allen Parlee, (**Kingston Ave., Sunrise Estates**) or call **459-8007**.

On **Thursday, October 22**, **Nashwaaksis United Church UCW**, Unit 6, will host a fall luncheon bridge at 12 noon at Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium, 46 Main Street, Fredericton. Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. **Please contact Connie at 472-4744 to reserve your table.**

ELLEN'S COUNTRY KITCHEN - Hillcrest United Church in Stanley, NB is hosting their popular luncheons from **Sept. 28th to Oct. 3rd**.

Monday, Sept. 28th - Turkey dinner (apple or pumpkin pie)

Tuesday, Sept. 29th - Beef tips over your choice of rice or potatoes (cheesecake, cream pies)

Wednesday, Sept. 30th - Scalloped potatoes, baked beans, ham (lemon pie, chocolate cake with boiled icing)

Thursday, Oct. 1st - Turkey a la King (apple crisp, coconut cream pie)

Friday, Oct. 2nd - Roast pork (strawberry shortcake)

Saturday, Oct. 3rd - Turkey dinner

**Each day's meal includes fresh rolls and pickles.
Drumstick pie and rice pudding available daily.
Homemade jams and pickles for sale.**

**To reserve seats for larger groups, call Frances at 367-2326,
or leave a message at the church office, 367-2288.**