

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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February 21st, 2016 11 am
LENT II

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this joyous 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. Lenten grace and peace to you!

Thought for Meditation:

Listen! Do you want to be right, or do you want to be married?

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 & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES**

***INTROIT: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (#121 VU v.1)**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are re-born,
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN# 226 VU For The Beauty of The Earth**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison):

Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your peace with us this day, that we may live in harmony with one another. Touch our hearts. Help our peace to shine forth in a world that hungers for it. This we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us 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#577 VU I’ve Got Peace Like A River v.1

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TREE: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

CHILDREN’S HYMN#577 VU I’ve Got Peace Like A River v.1

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 8:11

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14 selected verses

ANTHEM: Rebecca & Ben Minor: *Holy and Anointed One*

SERMON: *Peace Making*

***HYMN#12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts**

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sung Response: O God We Call (411 VU)

O God we call, O God we call,
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn, for you.

Leader: Lord, we have made peace with that which does not give us peace.

People: We seek our own comfort before heeding another's injustice.

Leader: We are quick to criticize yet reluctant to *be* the change.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Restore to me the peace of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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From deep inside we yearn, for you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Here is the Good News: The Prince of Peace comes to grant us peace, and instills in us, the courage to be peace-makers.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Amen!

***HYMN#684 VU Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Even as the days grow longer,

People: Jesus' time grows short.

[the second purple candle is extinguished]

Leader: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of Peace.

People: But we will not let our Peace be hidden.

Leader: Amen and amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: Take, O Take Me As I Am (#85 MV)**

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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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: Floyd & Carol Ross and Faith & Neveah

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

Trustees On Duty (Feb): Jim Merrill and Lloyd Penney

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Jen Harris **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Feb. 21st - 11:00 am – Worship Service – Lent II
Mon., Feb. 22nd - 1:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study (see below)
Sat., Feb. 27th - 9:00 am - NMUC goes to Community Kitchen
Sun., Feb. 28th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III
12:00 noon- ‘After Church Chili Luncheon’ (see below)

Our Lenten Study this year is entitled "Gather, Talk, Eat: The Sacred Act of Sharing Meals**"**

What would you choose to be your last meal? Where would you eat it?

With whom would you like to share your table?

Lent, with its ancient emphasis on fasting and silence, may seem like an odd time to pursue such a focus as gathering together around food and conversation. But that is exactly what I am proposing. We will reflect on holy stories- scriptural and otherwise - that centre around a meal, a recipe, and life together as God's people. Please join us as you are able,

Mondays at 1 pm (100 Berkley Dr, New Maryland, Forbes subdivision, off Crown) 470-9634

Next Sunday, February 28th, the **Sunday School** will be hosting their first **"After-Church-Chili-Luncheon"** as a fundraiser for the **Mission and Service Fund**. Join us immediately following church for a delicious lunch of chili, rolls and mouthwatering dessert! Coffee, tea and juice will also be provided. The cost is only a smile and donation of your choosing. Why not stop down after church for this time of fellowship? It is also a time-saver as you won't have to go home and cook lunch! Hope to see you all there.

EASTER PLANTS – The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, can be placed as memorials, or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service. Cost is as follows: lilies, tulips, and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$20. To order your Easter flowers, contact Lorraine Ward (455-8208) or the Church office (459-3313). Any profit from this project goes to our Sunday School.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **February**, we will focus on **canned soups (all types)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

GREEN TIP: Use baby powder to clean your playing cards. Loosely place cards in a plastic bag with a bit of baby powder, give it a couple of shakes, remove cards, they will feel smooth and fresh to the touch.

Envelopes, Building Funds and the Accessibility Project

The Stewards have noticed that there may be some confusion in marking church envelopes when making a contribution to the accessibility project. Those using church envelopes to fulfill their pledges or make special contributions to the project should clearly indicate under “Special Projects” the amount, marked with an “AF” (indicating the Accessibility Fund). Since there other “Special Projects” such as Sunday School, Memorials, Outreach, Spring Fundraiser, it is important to mark the amount with an “AF”. Some people may be placing their contributions under “Building Fund and Improvements”. If this happens, the money goes to maintaining and repairing our church building and property not the Accessibility project. Until we have fully paid for the project, the Accessibility Fund will have to be maintained under Special Projects. If you have any questions please talk to any of the Stewards or our Treasurer, Lloyd Penney.

At our last Official Board meeting, it was decided that NMUC would establish a **Syrian Refugee fund**. The decision was made in response to a request by the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, "urging everyone to participate in a church-wide appeal for Syrian Refugees who are seeking relief from civil war in their country". Until the **end of February 2016**, the Canadian Government will match donations dollar for dollar. If you are interested in donating to this fund, you can use your church envelope and indicate under special funds "Syrian Refugee Fund". Please consider donating. No amount is too small. Remember until Feb 29th your donation will be matched by the Government of Canada.

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COMMUNITY EVENT: N. M. Elementary School - Breakfast Fund Raiser –Sat., Feb. 27th (8 am–12 noon) N.M. Rec Centre (see bulletin board)

