

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EPIPHANY 4

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

*Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.*

Winston Churchill

## 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 CHRIST CANDLE

### \*INTROIT: Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom (#10 MV)

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We have come to worship the Living God,  
People: who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.  
Leader: We have come to praise the God of Love,

**People: who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

**Leader: We have come to worship the God of Grace,**

**People: who chooses you and me, to receive and carry the words of life and hope!**

**Leader: Glory be! Let us worship the Lord together!**

**\*HYMN#334 VU All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**God of the prophets, is it possible that you, who spoke to Jeremiah and Jesus, will speak to us?**

**We may not be ready to believe it.**

**We may not be ready to receive you.**

**But we dare to pray, 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.**

**HYMN # 42 MV Praise God For this Holy Ground v.1**

**A Time with the Children**

**HYMN # 42 MV Praise God For this Holy Ground v.3**

# THE WORD OF GOD

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 4:14-30

ANTHEM: *Be Not Afraid*

SERMON: *The Danger of Preaching Near Cliffs*

HYMN#509 VU I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY As Those Of Old (#518 VU v.3)

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you.  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with  
neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN# 410 VU This Day God Gives Me

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BLESSING: Take Up His Song (#213 MV)

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in every moment.

In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in peace, lay them down,  
and take up his song.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://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:** Lorna and Keith Ball

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

**Trustees On Duty (Jan):** Ann Urquhart and Dave Ward

**Sunday School:** Sheila Power and Brooke-Lyn Power **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting**

**Tues., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**

**Thur., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - Worship Committee**

**Sun., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**

**12:00 pm - Congregational Annual Meeting**

**Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study (see over)**

**Wed., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday**

**Sun., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent I**

**Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting**

## **Annual Congregational Meeting – 12 noon – Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Plan to attend our annual Congregational meeting and stay for a potluck luncheon between the service and meeting. If you would like to bring some fingerfood to share for lunch, that would be most appreciated: for instance, sandwiches, cheese & crackers, fruit, a veggie try, etc. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. (Open to all members & adherents of NMUC)

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – Copies of 2015 Annual Report are available for pick up today in advance of next week's annual meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee would like to thank all those who have remained on committees and those who have come forward to add their names. Names can still be added up to and including the day of the congregational meeting. Should you decide you would like to offer to serve on a particular committee, contact Dave Ward at 455-8208 or e-mail [davidgward45@gmail.com](mailto:davidgward45@gmail.com)

### **LENTEN STUDY**

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, beginning:

**Monday, Feb 8th at 1 pm**

**100 Berkley Dr, New Maryland, (Forbes subdivision, off Crown)  
470-9634**

**U.C.W.** will start of the New Year with a **Bring and Buy** meeting on **Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. This is a week later in the month than we normally have our meetings because this year Ash Wednesday falls on our usual meeting date. This meeting will be our annual Bring and Buy...so gather up those gently used items you no longer use and join us for an evening of friendship and fun! New members are very welcome. Call Dorothy at **457-9795** for more info.

**NURSERY:** We are in need of some volunteers for the nursery each Sunday. If you would like to take a turn with the wee ones, see Lorna Ball or call 459-3313 (church) or 455-1948 (home).

There are still a few **Church envelopes (2016)** for pick up at back door. If you would like envelopes for 2016, contact Lloyd Penney at 459-8622.

**GREEN TIP:** The Green Committee is asking the congregation to submit helpful tips on various topics whether it is household, gardening, shopping, environmental, etc. you can put them in the basket at the back entrance. As well, there is information posted on the bulletin board on places to walk during the winter months. Please note, for those who do not wish to drive to town, the gym at the Faith United Baptist Church is open each weekday morning for walking.

<p><b>FOOD BANK</b> - For the month of <b>February</b>, we will focus on <b>canned soups (all types)</b>. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>
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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**Gibson Memorial United Church** (183 Gibson St.), will be hosting a **“Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper”**, **Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m.** Menu: Sausages, Ham, Pancakes, Potato Scallop, Baked Beans, Brown Bread & Dessert. Tickets; \$12 Adult and \$3 Child; call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**Marysville United Church** (351 Canada St, F’ton) **Pancake Supper Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:30-6:00 pm** -\$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, free for under 5 Pancakes, beans, sausages, rolls, and dessert will be served.

**St. Paul’s United Church** (corner George & York Sts.)  
**“Frozen Casserole Sale” Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am.**  
(Salmon, tuna, chicken, turkey, lasagna, meatballs, hash browns, turnip, squash, baked beans, some gluten free)

The **Fredericton Women’s Inter-Church Council** is having the **World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 10:00AM** at St. Andrews’s Presbyterian Church 512 Charlotte Street, Fredericton. The Women of Cuba have prepared the World Day of prayer event. All are welcome and bring a friend.

