

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 10th, 2016 11 am
CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

*For whatever we lose (like a you or a me),
It's always our self we find in the sea.*
e.e. cummings

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: God spoke through the prophet, saying: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

People: God calls us by name, we belong to God.

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

People: **God will be with us.**

Leader: When we pass through the rivers,

People: **God will be with us.**

Leader: When we walk through the fire,

People: **God will be with us.**

Leader: So come, let us worship the One who leads us into life!

***HYMN# 374 VU Come And Find The Quiet Centre**

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit out upon us:

spill over our shoulders, down our heads, hands, feet.

Drench our hearts.

Your lavish love and reckless gift of the Spirit has enriched us

beyond telling. We ask that you continue to be with us, in the name

of the One baptized by John, 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.

HYMN #365 VU Jesus Loves Me v.1

A Time with the Children

HYMN #365 VU Jesus Loves Me v.3

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

ANTHEM

SERMON: *Getting Found*

HYMN#100 VU When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized

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.**

***HYMN#651 VU Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

***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.**

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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: Ann Urquhart and Cynthia Geldart

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Tue., Jan. 19th - 1:30 pm - Session Meeting

Sun., Jan. 24th - 11:00 am – Worship Service

12:15 pm - Official Board – Budget Meeting

WELCOME BACK! Sunday School classes resume today. Nursery care is also available. 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).

The NMUC family is invited to a **90th birthday celebration** that is being held for **Doris Gorman** on **Sunday January 10th** at Paradise Villa.

It will be located on the second floor of Paradise Villa in what they call the "activity room" and you are welcome to join Doris and family between 1pm - 3pm . There will be lots of food and of course birthday cake, coffee and tea.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE would like to advise all committee chairpersons to check with their committee members if they are committed to another year of serving. Also at this time, the Nominating Committee would like to invite all members of the congregation if they feel they could offer their time and talent to come forward and we will find a position for you. Please contact Dave Ward 455-8208 or e-mail davidgward45@gmail.com

ANNUAL REPORTS – To Chairpersons of all Committees: It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due soon. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **January 24th**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

A reminder to everyone to return the "Spare Change Jars" to church as soon as you can. We have started counting the money so we can put it towards last year's M & S contributions. We will take the donations in any form. I have had a couple people ask if they can just write a cheque, to which I answer with a resounding "YES!" Any donation is appreciated and thankfully accepted in the form of change, bills or cheque. Also, please remember to include your name or envelope number with the donation. We have a couple already handed in without name or number so if this might be you, please contact Sheila or Lorna about this. Also, if you have any questions, please let me know!

2016 Church envelopes are available for pick up at the back door. If you would like envelopes for 2016, contact Lloyd Penney at 459-8622.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **school snacks, puddings, fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes**, etc. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am**.

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page.

The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

