

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 17th, 2016 11 am
CELEBRATING THE WEDDING AT CANA: THE FIRST OF JESUS' SIGNS

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

*Why would you want to keep the heart captive,
like an unopened bottle of wine?*

Hafiz

THE GATHERING

*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: (based on Psalm 36)

Leader: Welcome to the House of our generous God.

People: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens. Your

faithfulness stretches beyond the clouds.

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Christ who does nothing by half measures.

People: Your children find refuge in you. They feast on the abundance of your house, and drink from the rivers of your delight.

Leader: Welcome! In the presence of the Spirit, let us worship together!

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

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, despite all that we have, we still yearn for that holy wealth which nothing can buy: your abundant, saving grace. We need your inflowing spirit if this time of worship is to rise. Re-ignite our love and awe, that we may praise and adore you; that we may pour ourselves out for the world. And so we pray together, as 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.

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

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

ANTHEM

SERMON: *When the Wine Runs out...*

HYMN#138 MV My Love Colours Outside the Lines

T H E R E S P O N S E

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# 79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart**

***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: Linda and Doug Watson

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Jen Harris **Nursery:** Sarah Loftus

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Jan. 18th - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

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

Thur., Jan. 21st - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards

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

12:15 pm - Official Board – Budget Meeting

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 next Sunday, January 24th**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – On the **3rd Monday of each month**, two people from our Church volunteer at **Christ Church Cathedral** to offer sandwiches and fellowship to assist in their weekly outreach efforts. This month (**Jan. 18th**) Rev. Kelly and Steve Hayward are our volunteers.

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).

The January edition of “The Observer” has arrived and is available to borrow from the library area.

GREEN TIP: Over the years we have all developed ways of doing ordinary chores that are both time savers and earth friendly. The Green Committee would like for you to share some of these with the congregation. Please put your tips in the basket that has been placed at the back entrance. Thanks

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).

