

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 29th, 2017 11 am
A Service of Blessing and Parting for a Time

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

We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are.

Madeleine L'Engle

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: Beloved of God, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN#1 MV Let Us Build A House

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, you call us to gather as your people, to honour you with praise and blessing. And always you call us precious in your sight. In awe and wonder, we gather now for worship. Hear us as we pray in the way of Jesus, 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 #115 MV Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New
A Time with the Children**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5: 1 - 12

ANTHEM: *The Life of My Song*

SERMON: *The Oddness, Wonder, and Persistence of Blessing*

HYMN#896 VU Blest Are They

THE RESPONSE

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*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

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: Sandra Cook and Tina Glenn

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Ann Urquhart and Lloyd Penney

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 29th - 11:00 am - Worship service + Coffeetime

Wed., Feb. 1st - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sun., Feb. 5th - 11:00 am - Worship service (Holy Communion)

Wed., Feb. 8th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

Sun., Feb. 19th - 12:00 noon - Congregational Annual Meeting

(Storm date: Feb. 26th)

CHURCH ENVELOPES – 2017

2017 Church envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer at the main door. If you would like envelopes for 2017, contact Lloyd Penney at 459-8622.

ANNUAL REPORTS – To Chairpersons of all Committees:

It's that time of year again. Annual reports are now due. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary as soon as possible. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** would like to encourage all members of the congregation to consider offering their time and talent to a Committee at NMUC. This year, the Christian Development committee; Outreach Committee; and Social Committee need helpers. If you'd like to offer and are not sure in which area, let us know and we'll find a position for you. Please contact Dave Ward at 455-8208 or e-mail davidward45@gmail.com

U.C.W. will meet at **7 pm** on **Wed., Feb. 8th** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. This meeting will be our **annual “Bring and Buy Sale”**. New members would be very welcome. For more info contact Dorothy at 457-9795.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Fredericton Community Kitchen – On the 4th Saturday of each month NMUC sends 3 or 4 people to the **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. From 8:30 am to approx.. 1 pm, we prepare and serve lunch for the clients. Our schedule for 2017 is nearly complete; except we need volunteers for: April (1 person), May (3 people), Nov (1 person).

GREEN TIP – When on your “green” vacation, practice there the things you do at home. Take short showers, turn off the water when brushing your teeth, turn off the TV when leaving the room and re-use sheets and towels. Bring your own toiletries, avoid using the packaged ones provided and avoid purchasing overly packed souvenirs.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. (Please note that egg cartons are no longer needed.)

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. Web-site: [Http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/) it will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page;**
- 4. Answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).**

“THE TUPLING FAMILY”The costs involved in going through a transplant are astronomical. If you would like to help the Tupling family out, you can do so by going through the church. Just mark “Ron Tupling” on your envelope and we will make sure your donation is deposited in their bank account. And please know that your offering of prayer is even more appreciated!