

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 7th, 2018 11 am

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2nd Corinthians, Ch.5,V17

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 (Responsive)**

L. This is the day that the Lord has made.

P. We will be glad and rejoice in it.

L. This is the year that the Lord has begun.

P. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
For his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

P. **Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

L. The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who seek him.

P. **Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

***HYMN #42 MV Praise God For This Holy Ground**

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you created this world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset just as we do. Help us to participate in the life around and within us. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. AMEN.

HYMN #115 MV Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Philippians 3: 13-14

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

ANTHEM

SERMON “*New Beginnings*”

***HYMN #642 VU “Be Thou My Vision”**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: All That We Have

**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 & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 #563 VU Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: May The God Of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of Justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful, when we hear Christ's call!**

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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Doug Price and David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 14th -11:00 am - Worship Service – Sacrament of Baptism
- **Sunday School classes resume**
-12:15 pm - **Official Board Budget Meeting**
(storm date: **Jan. 21st**)

Mon., Jan. 15th - 8:00 am - NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral

Wed., Jan. 24th - 2017 Annual Reports are due

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 **Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 2017**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Men's Club meeting for the month of January.

2018 Church envelopes are available for pick up at the main entrance. This includes anyone on PAR. If anyone wishes envelopes or has any questions or concerns, contact Lloyd Penney at 450-4342 or e-mail lloyd.penney02@bellaliant.net

There are still a few 2018 United Church calendars available. See Sue Morrison if you'd like one. They are \$6.

GREEN TIP: Re-purpose Christmas items. Christmas cards can be made into tags for next year's gifts—use pinking shears to cut out small scenes, & a hole punch for a brightly coloured ribbon.

Gift bags which are undamaged can be stored for use next year—just add one of your newly created gift tags. Wrapping paper & tissue paper, although bright & colorful, **CANNOT BE RECYCLED**. It must be put in the garbage, or saved for other uses like crafts.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **canned beans**. 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 Home Page.

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