

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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May 21, 2017 11 am
6th Sunday of Easter

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. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another. Jonathan Swift

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: Christ is Alive (#158 VU)**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come and listen, all you that love God.
People: And He will guide me on my journey.
Leader: God is mighty and powerful.
People: God will provide us with all that we need.
Leader: Come, and bow down before Him.
People: It is what we are asked to do.

HYMN #28 MV God of the Bible

OPENING PRAYER: (All) O God of love, who has given us a new commandment that we should love one another as you love us, although we are unworthy and have wandered from your ways. You gave us your Son to show us the way, and to die a horrible death on the cross to save us, that during our short time on this earth, we may have only good thoughts and a sincere heart to love all of our brothers and sisters. If we only offer this one prayer, we humbly pray,

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 #289 MV It Only Takes A Spark

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14 , p. 735 VU

Ephesians 3: 14-21

SERMON *God By Any Other Name*

ANTHEM

T H E R E S P O N S E
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Spirit of Life #381 VU

**Spirit of life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #245 VU Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet**

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go, Make a Diff'ence (209 MV)**

**Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.**

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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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.

Greeter This Week: Lorna and Keith Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (May): Doug Price and Ann Urquhart

The bulletin today is dedicated with deep thanks and appreciation for all the members of New Maryland United Church. You have helped so much with your love, care and concern for our Mom during her chemotherapy treatments. We are so very grateful to all of you! Ben, Chelsea and Lauren

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., May 23rd - 1:30 pm - Committee of Stewards
7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Thur., May 25th - 6:30 pm - NMUC Yard Clean-up
Tue., May 30th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting
Mon., Jun. 5th - 6:00 pm - Men's Club Supper (see below)

The Beacon: All submissions for the next newsletter can be left at the church office or forwarded to pklistner@nbnet.nb.ca on or before **May 31st**.

The MEN'S CLUB have planned their year-end supper for **Mon., June 5th at 6:00 pm** at Wetmore's. All men of the congregation are welcome. Call Dave @ 455-8202 or Keith @ 455-1948 so as reservations can be made.

U.C.W. will be going to **McGinnis Landing** (corner of King & Westmorland) to enjoy a social time and a lovely dinner on **Wed., June 14th at 6:30 p.m.** All women in the congregation would be very welcome to join us. If you would like your name added to the reservation list, please contact Dorothy at **457-9795.**

GRADUATES: On **Sunday June 18**, we will be celebrating graduation for members of our New Maryland United Church family. If you have any family member graduating this year, please give Lorna the details of who is graduating and from where.

GREEN TIP: Use a natural weed killer, undiluted vinegar with a squirt of dishwashing soap. You'll skip the environmental pollutants in most weed killers and this solution helps keep future weeds at bay.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **May**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

CHURCH PROPERTY CLEANUP - Please be advised that the Men's Group are organizing a Church Property Clean up on **Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome to help out!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a "**Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner**" on **Wednesday, May 24th, 4 – 6 pm**. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets. Adult \$ 13; Child \$3.

KESWICK RIDGE UNITED CHURCH (499 Route 616, Keswick Ridge) is holding its annual "**Lobster supper**" with pie for dessert on **Saturday, May 27 at 4:30 and 6 pm**. Tickets cost \$20. Advance tickets only. Contact C. Sheppard at 363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739 to reserve tickets. Take-outs also available.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

CLOTHING DRIVE

Spring cleaning time is upon us! Spring has sprung, the fresh air surrounds us, new life grows up around us and brings about a renewed energy within us. We invite you to clean out your closets and join us in supporting the Association for Community Living. We will be accepting donations of gently used, clean clothing and footwear for the entire month of May.

Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sundays. We can arrange pick-ups for those that are not able to drop off items themselves.

The New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL) is a provincial non-profit organization that works on behalf of children and adults with an intellectual disability and their families. They work to ensure that people with an intellectual disability, with the support of their families, have the option to choose the supports they need to live meaningful lives and participate in their communities as valued and contributing members. Donating clothing is one way the Association fund raises.

Y A R D C L E A N U P

Thursday, May 25th

6:30 pm

**All members of the congregation are invited
who would like to join us!**

Please bring your own rake!