

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 8th, 2015 11 am
Service of Remembrance and Commitment to Peace

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. Peace to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

To tell the truth about ourselves — to our own selves and to others - that is often just what we also fear more than anything else... And so little by little we come to accept instead the highly edited version which we put forth in hope that the world will find it more acceptable than the real thing.

Frederick Buechner

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*Processional: *Pack Up Your Troubles/Tipperary* Piper: Lewis Morgan

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*INTROIT: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (#220 MV)

Hope shines as the solitary star. Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today we stop and remember:

People: The tragedy of war: the lives lost; the hearts broken; the families who have grieved.

Leader: Today we stop and remember:

People: The legacy of the past: the courage of many; the price of peace; the freedom. Today we stop and remember that peace still takes courage.

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

O God of many names, lover of all nations and all people, we pray for peace: peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our nation, and in our world. We pray for your peace, which passes all understanding. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who taught his friends 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# 806 VU O God Our Help in Ages Past**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: On this day of remembering, O God, we ask forgiveness for those qualities in us that make war possible.

People: **We acknowledge that there are times when we have not sought justice;**

Leader: times when we do not seek the ways of peace;

People: **times when we believe our way, to be the only way.**

Leader: times when we harden our spirits to the suffering of others.

ALL: **Forgive us, O God.**

----- *a time of waiting* -----

CHOIR: *Sung Response (#96 MV And When You Call For Me)*

The Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: There is nothing – absolutely nothing - that can separate us from God’s love! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our sins are forgiven, our broken-ness made whole.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Reading of names of those who made the supreme sacrifice:

William Elderkin

Ringing of the Bell: Brodie Power

Placing of the Wreath of Remembrance: Emma Geneau

Reading: John McCrae’s *In Flanders Fields*: Amber Knorr, Jessica Tupling, Emma Knorr

Act of Remembrance - Rev. Kelly

Leader: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

ALL: **We will remember them.**

***Silent Remembrance**

(as you are able, we will stand for the time of silence. Brodie will ring the bell to begin the 2 minutes of silence. He will ring it again, to end the silence.)

Lament: *Flowers of the Field* piper: Lewis Morgan

Reading: Bill Elderkin – *The Hero*, by Siegfried Sassoon

ANTHEM: *For The Fallen*

M. Sammes

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

SERMON: *On What Passes For Truth*

***HYMN# 527 VU God, As With Silent Hearts**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 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.

PRAYER LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY (responsively)

Loving God, Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces.

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

For veterans who came home but struggle to find their place within their home or community anymore,

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

Keep all our veterans and current members of the forces in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honour them, we also pray for people everywhere who struggle for freedom and dignity.

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer.

Remind us again, O God, of your call upon our lives. Make us signs of your generosity, justice and peace. Light us each day with hope, that we may walk in your truth and be love in your name.

O God, giver of peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

***HYMN # 684 VU Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

***BENEDICTION**

***Postlude: *Long, Long Trail/Home Fires* Piper: Lewis Morgan**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Keith Ball and Allen Parlee

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Jim Merrill and Allen Parlee

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Jen Harris **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Nov. 15th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Tue., Nov. 17th - 1:30 pm - Session Meeting

7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed., Nov. 18th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see over)

Thur., Nov. 19th - 10:30 am - Worship Committee Meeting

Sun., Nov. 22nd - 11:00 am - 128th Anniversary Service

Tue., Nov. 24th - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

Fri., Dec. 4th - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner

The new New Maryland United Church website is now in place.

Please have a look by googling New Maryland United Church in your browser or using the web address of <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca>.

Many thanks to Pam Gonnason for her lovely new painting of our church displayed on our web site and to Kaye Lister for providing the many pictures for the web site; without her it would not have come together so quickly. The site is easily edited so please email or phone me with any concerns you have. This is your web site; I am only the administrator. Hopefully, with your input, we can keep the site current. Thanks for your help. Sue Harris

Next Sunday, November 15th, in Rev. Kelly's absence, we will welcome Heather Donnelly as worship leader. Heather is the Chair of Woolastook Presbytery, a member of St. Andrews United Church in Harvey, and is undertaking the Licensed Lay Worship Leader Programme.

U.C.W. will meet at a later date than usual, on **November 18th** at **7 pm** in the home of Sandra Cook (50 Whittaker Road in Rusagonis). New members are always very welcome. Contact Dorothy at **457-9795** for more info. Church calendars are now available for \$6. See Anne Johnson following the service.

SAVE THE DATE! Plans are underway for our annual “**Progressive Dinner**” for **Friday evening, December 4th at 6:00 pm**. Doug & Anne Johnson have offered to host the appetizer course and we will finish off with dessert at the home of Revs. Kelly & Jane. If anyone would be interested in hosting the main course, please contact Loraine Ward (**455-8208**). Join in the fun and add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back door for whichever course you'd like to contribute to.

M&S Fund: Just a reminder of the Sunday School sponsored fundraiser for the Mission and Service Fund, our "**Spare Change Jars**". As you get home from your busy day, with all that change loading down your pockets and purses, please feel free to use the spare change jar to lighten your load! We would like to have all Jars returned to the church by the beginning of January. Please feel free to continue until this time. However, if your jar is filled before that, we will certainly accept it whenever you would like to bring it in. Each year, the New Maryland United Church pledges to donate a certain amount to the Mission and Service Fund. Estimating what the "Spare Change Jars" will bring in, the M&S collection for our church is still about \$1000 short of where it usually is by this time in the year. The M.&S. committee would ask you to keep this in mind over the next couple of months. Every little bit helps us in reaching our goal for 2015!

GREEN TIP: Recycle an old mailbox by placing it in your garden, use it to store trowel, clippers, gardening gloves, etc.

<p>FOOD BANK- For the month of November, we will focus on macaroni and cheese. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>

The “**OBSERVER**” is constantly in touch with people from all over the United Church of Canada. The cost of a subscription to the “Observer” has increased, effective January 2016, from \$20 to \$25 and can be ordered by putting your money in your regular envelope and marking it under Other as “Observer” or contact Sharon Noël at 459-5976. Please note that

your money must be received by the **end of November** in order to be submitted in time for 2016.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – The **2015 Christmas ornament** is available (\$12 each). Contact Allen or Marilyn Parlee @ 459-8007.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Get Some Joy from the World! Ten Thousand Villages is coming to **WILMOT UNITED CHURCH!** Fredericton Mennonites is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The Festival Sale will be held Friday, November 13th, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Wilmot United Church, 473 King St., Fredericton. Admission is free.

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call Jill Bateman at 459-5685. **Your purchase makes a difference!**

ST. PAUL's UCW Luncheon/Christmas Bazaar, (224 York St.) will be held on **Saturday, Nov.14th**. Doors open at 10 a.m., lunch served at 10:30. Tickets available from UCW members for \$10. Menu: chicken a la king and gingerbread. It's not too late to order mincemeat pies at \$6 or \$12. Telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885 for more information.

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH -There will be a '**Turkey Supper & Bake Sale**' on **Saturday, 21 November, from 4 to 6 p.m.**, at **Forest Hill United Church** on Kimble Court. Tickets at the door – \$12:00 for adults, \$7:00 for ages 6 to 12, 5 or under free. Gluten-free (Celiac) meals and takeouts will be available. Wheelchair accessible.

