

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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ADVENT I: HOPE: THE GIFT OF THE INCARNATION

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

I know that

hope is the hardest

love we carry.

Jane Hirshfield

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.

*THE WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Hope of Advent be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY:

Voice 1: Through this season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus,

Voice 2: this tiny baby, born long, long, ago, in a village far away.

People: The One called emmanuel, “God with us”.

The One who is both gift and great hope.

Voice 1: Every Christmas story, ancient or modern, includes the ones who find their ragged way to the stable.

Voice 2: They all arrive, just as they are.

People: Anyone who showed up was welcomed in as a gift.

Voice 1: And so we light a Candle of Hope, that we find ourselves here too, welcomed into the sacred story.

[Light the First Blue Candle]

Voice 2: Let us pray:

All: As we recall the old, old stories of your birth, Jesus, we look for new stories, written in the lives of all humanity. Open our lives to your Spirit. Be born in us today.

Sing: Born in Human Likeness (#47 MV) x2

Born in human likeness, found in human form:

Jesus, “God is with us”, we proclaim your glory!

Voice 2: And now let us pray together, as the Light of the World 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.

CHILDREN’S HYMN #7 VU Hope Is A Star v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1: 26-31

SOLO: Lynda-Jean Coffin: *Born In The Night* (G. Ainger/R.Wetzel)

SERMON/STORY: *The Christmas Story: Holy And Human*

HYMN #61 VU Once In Royal David's City

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: In The Bleak Midwinter (#55 VU, verse 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #58 VU Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: While Shepherds Watched (#75 VU, v. 6)

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will to all from highest heaven, begin, and never cease.

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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Sue Harris

Tellers This Week: Myrna Belyea-Tracy and Dorothy Webster

Trustee On Duty (Dec): David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Dec. 4th - 11:00 am – Advent II - White Gift & Mitten Tree

Wed., Dec. 7th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Sun., Dec. 11th - 11:00 am - Advent III

Wed., Dec. 14th - 1:00 pm - Men's Club Christmas Luncheon

6:30 pm - UCW Christmas Meeting in church kitchen

Sun., Dec. 18th - 11:00 am - Advent IV

Sat., Dec. 24th - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

10:00 pm - Service of Candlelight & Holy Communion

SPARE CHANGE JARS: It is that time of year again - leaves are falling, the weather is getting cooler and it is time to think about returning our spare change jars! Please continue to drop your spare change in the colourful jar until **Nov 27th**. Then it will be time to return it to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Power at 292-4106. Thank you for contributing to the Mission & Service Fund.

Church Offering

Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or smorriso@unb.ca.

It's that time of year **Our MITTEN TREE** is now ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

DAILY BREADS – New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available in the main entrance. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container is available for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE- For the **month of December** we will focus on **canned meats**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

The NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB has announced that the “**2022 Food & Toy Drive**” will be returning to its original format ... on the Village streets for the first time in three years on **December 5th, 6th, and 7th**. The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. **In the past, NMUC has collected canned peas to contribute to this project. The peas should be in by Dec. 4th.**

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **Breakfast & Christmas Market** on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022** from **8 am-11 am**. The breakfast will be from 8 am – 10:30 am at \$10/person. The market tables will feature Christmas cards by Lori Donovan, a church table with baking, pickles & knitting and a Book & Puzzle table. Everyone is welcome!

The **Zoomers Group of New Maryland** is partnering with financial and consumer services of New Brunswick to bring you a presentation for seniors on **Tuesday, December 13th** for one hour on “Scams for Seniors”. We want to bring awareness to seniors of current scams that are happening. It will be held at the New Maryland Centre and coffee will also be provided. **We do ask that people mask up.**