



**So...what the dickens is a Remit?**

When the United Church wishes to change The Basis of Union, which functions as its constitutional document, a number of steps must take place before the proposed change can be adopted. First, a General Council must approve the proposed change. Then the proposed change is sent to presbyteries and, in instances such as this, to the session (or the equivalent body, which may be a church council or church board) of each pastoral charge for that body to vote on.

**This referral to presbyteries and sessions (or equivalents) for a vote is called a remit.** If a majority of the presbyteries and a majority of the sessions (or equivalents) vote in favour of the proposed change, then the next meeting of the General Council must also vote one more time in favour of the proposed change in order for it to take effect. Only if an absolute majority of the presbyteries and an absolute majority of the sessions vote in favour of the proposed change can the subsequent General Council consider ratifying that change—not just a majority of those who vote. In other words, the failure of a presbytery or session (or equivalent) to vote is in effect a negative vote.

In this instance the remit asks us to expand the Doctrine section of the Basis of Union by adding further statements of faith. They are: **the Statement of Faith** (1940), **A New Creed** (adopted in 1968, revised in 1980 and again in 1994), and **A Song of Faith** (2006).

These additional statements have each, in their time, been formally approved by the actions of a General Council. The remit will test the church’s agreement to include each of them in the Doctrine section of the Basis of Union following the 20 Articles of Faith. Regardless of outcome, this process has engaged us, the Session of NMUC, as well as members of Bible Study group, in a conversation about the beliefs of the church, and whether any or all of the proposed statements are approved, it will confirm the importance of doctrine as a living expression of faith within the church.

On May 8, the Session voted unanimously to have each of the 3 statements of faith added to the Doctrine section of the Basis of Union. That vote has been sent to General Council office of the UCC. In large measure, the Session agreed with Thomas Kilpatrick, a founding member of the UCC, who, in 1928 wrote:

Creed revision is the inherent right, and the continual duty, of a living Church. This is our “Confession of Faith.” We are conscious of limitations and inadequacies in the intellectual form of our statement. It will be the duty of those who come after us to find a more fitting intellectual expression for the unchanging and inexhaustible truth of the Gospel.

*Rev. Kelly*



**NEWS! NEWS! SUMMERTIME WORSHIP AT NMUC**



It has been a tradition at New Maryland United Church, as in many churches, to switch the time of worship during the summer months, to an earlier hour. As far as we know, it began with the idea that finishing worship earlier gave you a little bit more time to enjoy a summer Sunday. Like a lot of things, we begin a practice, and it carries on, for years, with little thought given to why we do it, or whether it is meeting current needs. To remedy that, the past year I have spoken to a number of you about this practice, and how you felt about the time of summer worship. While many appreciate the earlier hour, there was also another perspective offered. For those who are more senior in years, or for those with physical ailments, getting up, washed and dressed takes extra time. For these folks, the earlier hour means they were being short changed on their rest in order to come to church, or they simply cannot attend in the summer. With all of this in mind, we gathered to discuss it at Session, which is the body responsible for setting the hour of worship. The decision was made to try something new this summer:

**Worship from July 1 through September 2 ( inclusive ) will be at 10:30 am.**

We will await your feedback as the summer progresses!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



As you are aware, discussions have been taking place at the church regarding renovations and accessibility. A letter, including a survey, has been sent out to everyone on the church's mailing list. Please read the letter carefully, and answer the survey, which will be strictly confidential as only the treasurer will have access to the completed surveys. If you have any questions, you may ask me or any member of the Trustees. If you would like a visit from an elder and a trustee, that can be arranged by contacting the church office at 459-3313.

It should be stressed that this proposal is not something that some people would like. It is indeed a need which has to be tackled, if at all, now. Some people are finding it harder and harder getting into the church. With our ageing congregation that situation is only going to get worse. The time to address the issue is now, before we are all too incapacitated to do anything. Also, mortgage rates are still low, and some funds may be available from the national church, as well as other possibilities. Other congregations have undergone major projects, and have managed to pay them off, very often ahead of schedule. We can too. All that we require is the commitment and giving the House of God in Nasonworth some priority. If everyone gives what they can, and no one is asking for anything more, this project is entirely manageable. But it requires all of us to give beyond our weekly offering. After all, the church still has to pay its bills, renovations or not.

Over the years the New Maryland Kirk has prided itself as a welcoming, inclusive congregation. If we limit access to the church to those who are mobile only, we will have betrayed our tradition and our stewardship of this fine institution. Wouldn't that be a fine 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift!

### HATS OFF!



- ~ to all those who donated items and to those who assisted in any way with the Yard Sale on May 12<sup>th</sup>
- ~ to those who helped with the church yard clean-up on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>
- ~ to those who are making plans for our 125<sup>th</sup> NMUC Anniversary
- ~ to Christopher Smith who graduates from STU with his BA and his acceptance into the UNB BEd Program
- ~ to Shanna Eveleigh who graduates from UNB with her BN, Bachelor of Nursing.
- ~ to Robert Eveleigh who graduates from Dalhousie University with his M.Sc in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, and who is now employed at the department of Human Genetics at McGill University.

## FOOD BANK



Fredericton Community Services (Food Bank) supplies its clients with more than food. One of the categories in which they are pleased to accept donations is 'Grooming'. This includes toothpaste, brushes, shampoo, soap, etc. These donations are not in place of food, but as extras. Clothing is not wanted. Remember that the Food Bank's opening day at the new location, 686 Riverside Drive, is May 28, 2012 (former Green Village property).

## NMUC WEBSITE



Check out the New Maryland United Church Website at [www.newmarylanduc.ca](http://www.newmarylanduc.ca) The address is shown in the bulletin each Sunday.

Once you are there, look at the Newsletters, Bulletin Board and Calendar to see what has and is happening and when. All the newsletters for 2011 and 2012 are there and in colour.

Click on Photos to see a few church photos and photos of all the cemetery stones. If you have photos which you think would be of interest to others, please submit them.

If you have ideas of what you would like to see on the site and any suggestions to make it more informative and interesting, please send an e-mail to [webmaster@newmarylanduc.ca](mailto:webmaster@newmarylanduc.ca)

## THE KING JAMES BIBLE



The King James translation of the Bible has endured the test of time. It has been referred to as, "the single greatest monument to the English language." What makes the King James so good? In one word, elegance. It is not the most accurate, but it is the most beautiful.

## A WORD FROM THE STEWARDS



Spring is here and so is our annual Spring FundRaiser, sometimes referred to as the "Hamless Supper". Just a reminder that this is our main fund raiser for the year. Monies raised go towards the daily running of the Church. Any donation that you can make above your regular donation would be appreciated by the Stewards. Simply mark the amount in the "Special" category on your church envelope and write "Spring Fund Raiser".

## THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Our monthly May luncheon was held on the 7th at Sam Snead's Restaurant, Kingswood, Hanwell Road with 17 in attendance. The food was good and the friendship warm. We are always looking for a new restaurant to try or a former one to re-visit. If you have a favourite dining place, please let Marjorie Olmstead (459-7328) or Ruth Landers (459-8304) know. Our next lunch will be on Monday, June 4th which will be the last one until September. We invite everyone to come and join us.

## UCW



Sandra Cooke, Carol Charters, Maudie Boyle and Judy St. Pierre travelled to Harvey United Church on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual UCW Spring Rally. This year was a very special one as we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UCW and there was a great turnout of 87 UCW ladies. We enjoyed a lovely service in the morning with a wonderful guest speaker, Mary Taylor. Lunch was delicious as usual and for dessert we had an anniversary cake in honour of UCW's fifty years. During our afternoon session, several girls from Nashwaaksis entertained us with conversation reviewing the history of UCW. We were all in agreement that it was a very enjoyable day and look forward to next year's rally.

## FROM THE CHOIR LOFT



Everyone is pleased to learn that Karen Rutledge will continue as the NMUC organist for another year. Throughout the summer there will be no anthem during the Sunday services. However, if you have family or friends visiting who would like to share their talents, please contact Dorothy Webster to arrange practice time.

The members of the choir and the congregation would like to congratulate Joanne Webster (daughter of Dorothy Webster) and Stuart MacGillivray on their upcoming nuptials. God's blessings to them as they begin their journey together.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND RAISING FOR M & S

Birthday Bank Total - January to April: \$137.06



## A SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN



### Did you know...?

**Julia Dickinson** played soccer, basketball and volleyball for Bliss Carman Middle School this year, and she likes to bake.

**Abbey Dickinson's** art hangs on the wall in the family living room, and she runs with Fast Tracks twice every week.

**Clara Dickinson** loves knock knock jokes and will be starting school in the fall!

**Willa Dickinson** is trying hard to teach herself how to read, and loves copying whatever Clara is doing!

**Bronwyn Dickinson** loves to put on other people's shoes, and she enjoys cleaning the house!

**Brodie Power** is a member of Scouts Canada and is very active in camping. He loves to bike and go 4-wheeling as well as any activity that takes him outdoors!

**Brooke-Lyn Power** loves horses! She is very musical, playing the French horn and the piano. She is also an avid reader!

**Adam Tracy** is a green belt in karate and plays competitive soccer and curling. This past winter his team won the U15 Boys Provincial Curling Championships. He loves spending time outside and driving Dad's ATV!

**Nicole Tracy** loves to read. She is an avid curler, winning silver this year in U18 Provincials and subsequently travelling to Toronto to participate in the International 'Optimist'. She has her beginner's driver permit...!

**Jessica Tupling** loves to sing and dance! She loves puppies and pretends to be one sometimes and is very good at it! Her favourite subjects in school are art, music and gym.

**Abby Tupling** loves music and loves to jump up and down when music is playing. She loves strawberries and blueberries. Abby really likes to be with people and be hugged and cuddled. She smiles all the time!

**Draydon Scott** is a devoted basketball player. He played on two competitive teams this year and enjoyed every minute of it. Draydon also loves to ride his bike and play soccer. He just got his certification as a soccer referee and so in addition to playing soccer himself; he will be refereeing summer soccer.

**Ashley Scott** is a passionate basketball player. This year she was part of a competitive team, namely the Mini A YMCA Capitals, that went undefeated all season in the Maritimes. She and her team proudly brought the provincial banner and trophy back home to Fredericton. Ashley also enjoys playing the piano and soccer in the summer.

## TIPS FOR LAWN AND GARDEN CARE FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE



We all would like to have lush, green lawns and healthy gardens, achieving this with minimum labour and in an environmentally friendly way. Chemicals such as Weed and Feed are no longer available in NB or PEI. An excellent product that will do the job is Corn Gluten Meal (CGM), a safe and non-toxic byproduct of corn processing. It has to be applied early in the spring before the weed seeds start to germinate ([www.eartheasy.com](http://www.eartheasy.com)). There are other products, such as Scott's EcoSense, for various garden problems which are reasonably earth friendly. Follow directions carefully for any products you use.

**Grass Cycling** - Leaving grass clippings on the lawn does NOT promote weed growth or thatch. In fact, it contributes valuable nutrients and reduces the fertilization needs of your lawn by approximately 25%.

**Rhubarb Leaf Insecticide** - Rhubarb has many uses. It has been used for medicinal purposes for many years, it cleans pots and pans, and it can be used as a hair colour, but our focus is as an insecticide. The leaves can be used to make an effective insecticide for any leaf eating insect, cabbage caterpillar, slugs, aphids, etc. The recipe follows:

~ Shred about 3 lbs. (1.5 kg) rhubarb leaves. Boil in 1 gallon (3.5 litres) water for 30 minutes. Allow to cool, then strain using old utensils as rhubarb will stain and is poisonous.

~ In a small saucepan heat to boiling point 2 ½ quarts (2.5 litres) water and mix with ½ cup (125 gm.) softened soap ends, found in your shower or sink, or ordinary soap flakes will work. Allow to cool while stirring regularly, to make sure it is thoroughly dissolved. Add to strained leaf mixture, stir vigorously and spray directly on infected leaves.

~ Unused spray can be kept for a number of days but keep it away from children and pets as it is harmful.

For plants that tend to develop mildew, dissolve two teaspoons soda in one litre of water and spray on infected leaves.

These suggestions may require more effort on our part but it certainly costs much less, prevents our exposure to harmful chemicals, is easier on the environment and I'm sure God will appreciate our efforts. The only losers are the weeds and the garden pests!

## AN ARCHIVAL MOMENT



January 28, 1960

Rev. Mr. Alcorn presented a cheque for \$800 to the Building Committee from the Home Mission Board.



## INTRODUCING KATHLEEN (Kaye) LISTER



Amy Kathleen Sutherland was born in Pictou, N. S., the second of three daughters of Osborne and Margaret Sutherland. Having attended a large brick school in Pictou until she was ten years of age, she experienced quite a case of culture shock when immersed into a one-room schoolhouse after moving to Salisbury, N. B. However, little did she realize that her one year there in grade six would create some of her most vivid memories of her early education. It was then she knew for certain that she wanted to follow the footsteps of her mother and two of her aunts to become a teacher.

Loving outdoor play and jumping in the hay mow as a child, and participating in basketball, volleyball, and track and field in high school helped her decide to study physical education at Teachers College and UNB. Her first three years of teaching girls physical education and coaching various sports in Riverview convinced her that she had made the right decision. She loved it! Then it was on to the same position in Fredericton, followed by a number of years combining classroom teaching with physical education. After ten years in the Priestman St. School gym, she moved into the Physical Education Coordinator's position in School District 26, thus finishing the last 13 years of her teaching career before retiring in 1992. She feels fortunate to have grown up in the good years when teaching jobs were plentiful and going to school each morning was a joy.

Kaye enjoyed working with youth groups throughout the years, including the Cub Scouts in Riverview, and after moving to New Maryland in 1963 the Girl Guides of Canada and the Rec Centre's Teen Club. Her interest in the church began in Sunday School at the age of 5, lasting into her teen-age years. She was involved in the CGIT movement, both as a member in her teen years, as a summer camp counsellor and as a CGIT leader at NMUC. She has served on the church board, was a member of the church choir and enjoys writing inspirational songs and recording the history of our little country church. Travels have taken her to each Canadian province, to various parts of USA including North Dakota, Michigan, Florida and Georgia, and across the Atlantic to England, Scotland and Finland.

As a retiree, not wanting to withdraw completely from the field of physical education, she volunteered as an official at the school district's track and field meets and cross country meets, and she served on several physical education committees. However, that is past history. Now she finds herself on the Board of Directors at the School Days Museum, serving on the NMUC Social Committee and enjoying being editor of 'The Beacon'. She is a committee member of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society that promotes excellence in education.

And in her spare time, you ask? Well, you would find her at her computer or at any archives researching and writing family trees for relatives and friends or enjoying a relaxing summer with Paul at their cottage on the Big Cranberry Lake in Harvey.

Kaye's motto: "What a teacher writes on the blackboard of life can never be erased."

### AS SEEN ON CHURCH SIGNS



UNDER THE SAME MANAGEMENT FOR 2000-PLUS YEARS!

WANNA MEET AT MY HOUSE BEFORE THE GAME ON SUNDAY?

SLEEPLESS? DON'T COUNT SHEEP. TALK TO THE SHEPHERD.

SIGN BROKEN. COME INSIDE FOR MESSAGE.



## DID YOU KNOW ....?



- ~ that Canadians have one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis in the world.
- ~ that MS is the most common neurological disease affecting young adults in Canada.
- ~ that every day three more people in Canada are diagnosed with MS.
- ~ that women are more than three times as likely to develop MS as men.
- ~ that MS can cause, among many other things, loss of balance, impaired speech, extreme fatigue, double vision, impaired hearing and severe debilitating fatigue.

We don't know what causes MS but researchers are closer to finding the answer. It is a sad statement that almost anyone you speak to these days knows someone who has been diagnosed with this puzzling disease.

Support Team Crazy Legs in their fundraising efforts for the MS Walk 2012 on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Ask Pam or Trevor Gonnason how you can donate to this worthy cause. Pam's email address: favthing@nbnet.nb.ca



## LOOKING AHEAD

**May 27, 11 am** - Confirmation Service; Cake, Tea & Coffee served following the service

**June 3, 11 am** - UCW leading in worship; Maritime Conference week-end

**June 10** - Rev. Kelly on Study Leave in Chicago, continuing her doctoral studies

**June 17, 11 am** - Communion (served by Session); Dad and Grad Sunday; Sunday School Closing; Sundae Sunday (hot dogs, sandwiches, ice cream, beverages)

**June 25 - July 16** - Rev. Kelly on vacation

**July 1** - Summer worship time begins at 10:30 am

**Sept. 9** - Worship time returns to 11 am

**Sept. 23, 11 am** - 'Welcome Back Sunday' with barbeque and corn boil

## MOTHER

No fortune or fame can ever compare  
To a mother's love or a mother's prayer  
And all of God's gifts there isn't another  
So precious and wonderful as a mother.

