



FROM REV. KELLY'S DESK

Above all, clothe yourselves with love. Colossians 3:14

I spend a lot of time checking the mail. These days it's usually another book arriving, for my course work, or thesis project. But soon, I'm expecting a new shirt. I know, it's not from my usual venue - Value Village, but only because I have yet to find a clerical shirt there. And that is what was on my shopping list. It wouldn't be on every clergy's list. In fact there is quite a bit of debate of late as to clergy duds. Alb or street clothes? Clerical shirt or regular shirt? For some it is part of the tradition. For others it is too constricting. Some feel that to don an alb or collar is pastoral. For others, it is to set oneself apart, and that is not the message they want to send. So...what's a minister to do?

Frankly, I think there's waaay better stuff to talk/argue/debate over, than what to wear! Garb according to your conscience, I say. Or, as St. Augustine put it: "Love God, and do what you will!" So, for me, if I'm helping at the church yard sale or getting a lesson from one of you in how to plant corn, I'm wearing my jeans and gum boots. On Sunday mornings you'll find me in my alb and stole. But not because it sets me apart from you all. Rather, it draws me closer to you and our time of worship. It reminds me that this is sacred time – time set apart to be spent with God and God's people. And as for the collar, well, all I can tell you is this: A few months back I was at the hospital in Saint John, to visit Frank. The elevator doors opened, and a young couple and their three year old moved over to let me on. The woman looked at me very earnestly and said, "Are you like...a priest or something?" When I answered that I was a UCC minister, she grabbed my arm and said, "Please, will you come and say a prayer for our baby?" As we walked to the Neo-natal intensive care unit, she explained that her daughter had been there since she was born, 4 months ago. She had lost an eye, and was dealing with a number of other issues, "but she's a fighter!" said Dad. "And she's cute," said her big brother. And so we all squeezed in around the crib: the family, me, and God. And together we prayed.



Had I not been wearing my collar, that identifying marker, I would never have been stopped by that family. I would never have held that baby girl in my arms; would never have had the beautiful, sacred privilege of uttering words both ancient and current, urgent and timeless. You don't need a collar to pray. And it certainly isn't my everyday wear. But in this instance it was the collar that invited me in, that opened up a time of grace and blessing that is sitting with me still. So yes, I'm keeping the collar – and the gum boots too – cause you just never know!

With love,

Rev. Kelly

BIBLE STUDY



Starting: Monday, October 15, 2012

Running: Mondays: 1:00 pm -2:30ish

Location: At "the Manse" – Rev . Kelly's – 100 Berkley Drive

This past year folks from Bible Study expressed a real interest in learning about – and from – people of other faith traditions. So that is what we shall be exploring this fall.

Through conversation, DVDs, guest presenters and engagement with other faiths and their traditions, we will explore what it means to be part of God's glorious - **and diverse** – creation, and what it means to honour Jesus and our faith, as we honour and love our neighbor and their faith.

BLESSING NEW BEGINNINGS



On Sunday, September 30th we will be having a time of blessing during the worship service. While we do pray over the bread and cup at communion, in the Protestant tradition we don't often bless inanimate objects. But we *do* bless one another and our undertakings. September is a month of new beginnings, and so on the 30th we are asking everyone to bring a symbol of what they are working or focusing on this fall. For the children and youth please bring your backpack, or your clarinet, your soccer cleats or your riding boots. For adults bring your briefcase or sewing needles; paint brush or journal. Whatever you are undertaking this fall, we want to offer you our support and blessing!

A PROFILE: INTRODUCING 'THE NEW MARYLAND KIRK'



In 1883 I was just a pile of hemlock and pine boards, bundles of shingles and boxes of nails. You see, just two years before that, several families who lived in the tiny community of New Maryland but who were members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, met and decided to build me so they could have a church of their own.

Mr. Alexander Haining offered a free site for me on his property next to his home, presently the home of Lewis Morgan. It was decided that I should measure 24 feet by 20 feet. A trench was dug for my foundation, wooden sills were hewn and placed, and before long I started to take shape. The men donated their labour and purchased my ornamental circular window, white lead, oil, laths, lime, spikes, clapboards and paint. I was so proud of my new coat of white!

By the year 1886 Sunday services were held in my unfinished interior. How I enjoyed those old-time hymns from the Gospel Hymn books, sung even without any accompaniment. However, a year later a pump organ was purchased and I heard it said that it cost \$17.25. That same year my first pulpit was installed as were portable benches for my small congregation of twenty members.

And then came my dedication! On November 27, 1887 a special service was held when Rev. A. J. Mowatt congratulated the congregation upon their success of now having their own place of worship! He preached from the text Genesis 28:17: "... This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." I watched as the offering at the service was collected, amounting to \$29.31.

A few months later I saw the first communion service take place. When the Sabbath offering was counted, it totalled \$4.38. The following year some men came through my door with a communion table which they had purchased for \$4.50. It was used for many communion services until 1954 and if you look at the front of my sanctuary today, you can still see that little table which was so well cared for throughout the years.

How I loved to watch the children as they took part in their Sabbath School classes back in my early days. They met here from early April until the start of the harsh winters when the Sabbath School was forced to close again because of the bitter cold and deep snow. However, my church services were still held during some of those winter Sundays. One of the men always arrived early, bringing kindling with him, to light a fire in the little wood stove which stood in the middle of my chilly interior. Early in the summer they took down my stovepipe and removed the stove as it was no longer needed until late fall.

For the first ten years of my existence, I saw incumbent ministers from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church officiate at our services. However, in 1897 and for the next 30 years many student ministers from the Home Mission Board came to conduct worship during the summer months. Each Sunday one would arrive at my door by horse and carriage hired from Fredericton's Queen Hotel. I heard it said that the 1898 bill for the horse hire amounted to \$3.00.

During the fine weather on any Sunday you could see many a horse and wagon lined up outside my door but by 1915 it was decided to build a horse shed. Now I could look across the road and see a fine new building able to house nine teams owned by the parishioners. That was the same year when the men volunteered to give me a new steel roof and four years later I was the proud owner of a front vestibule.

In 1925 I was given a new name! No longer was I known as the New Maryland Presbyterian Kirk because my congregation had voted to enter into union with the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. Now I was to be called the New Maryland United Church.

One day in 1948 I felt myself being hoisted slightly higher into the air. I soon discovered the reason my old wooden sills were replaced with a concrete block wall and the men even redecorated my sanctuary! Four years later they removed my old kerosene lamps and installed electric lighting.

In 1959 I was raised again and a basement was constructed to make room for my new oil furnace. A choir loft was added on the main floor and they even enlarged my altar area and vestibule. While all these renovations were being done, I really missed my congregation as they held their Sunday services in the Women's Institute's Victoria Hall.

Back at my refurbished interior, it wasn't long before I saw my old pump organ carried away and in came my first electric organ, purchased second-hand from the Nashwaaksis United Church.

My portable benches were replaced with oak pews in 1965. Most of these old pews were sold to interested buyers although several were retained in my sanctuary for nostalgic reasons. One man who didn't attend the services regularly told one of the staunch lady members that he was interested in purchasing one of the old antique pews for \$10.00. I heard her say, "There's a church pew in the sanctuary you can have every Sunday morning for nothing!"

My basement space was nicely finished in 1971 to make room for church meetings and the growing Sunday School classes. I watched as my hand-hewed supporting beams were covered with a tiled ceiling and my walls were panelled. And an even larger project took place in 1979 when my sanctuary, choir loft and basement area were enlarged again! April 27, 1980 proved to be another special day for me when my new addition was dedicated! What changes have been made since I was just a pile of hemlock and pine boards! I recall with gratitude those first families who helped build me 125 years ago and dedicated me to the glory of God. And I remember the many families and clergy who followed, displaying that same enthusiasm as they watched me grow into what is still the little country church serving all those who enter my doors.

(Researched and edited by Kaye Lister)

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS LIST



Do you enjoy driving? Would you care to volunteer? Sometimes people have difficulty getting to church and church events. Session is compiling a list of volunteers who might assist. So far our list is comprised of the following volunteer drivers: Lorna Ball, Sue Harris, Meg Simms, Loraine Ward and Linda Watson. If there are others in the congregation who would like to help in this way, please give your name to Sue Harris. She will look after coordinating drivers with requests for drives.

If at any time anyone needs a drive to church or to a church event, please contact **Sue Harris** at 459-7735.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP



An Outing to the McAdam Railway Station



Helen Davis: Station Agent

The friendship group is asking for volunteers to organize outings for future luncheons. The present organizers (**Ruth Landers** and **Connie Jones**) have been doing this for the past 16 and 14 years respectively and feel it is time to 'retire'. The tasks involved include: choosing a restaurant, making reservations, placing the announcement in the Church bulletin, calling members and arranging the car pooling. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Church at 459-3313.

BRIDGE PARTY



The UCW will be holding a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, October 25th from 12 noon to 3pm at the New Maryland Center. This is our major fund raiser for the year and we so appreciate the help of the congregation in the making of sandwiches and sweets. To reserve a table of four for \$40, contact **Loraine Ward** at 455-8208.

UCW



The UCW of New Maryland United meets the second Wednesday of each month in the home of some of our members. Our meetings include a time for devotion, a time for business, and a wonderful opportunity to socialize and really get to know other women in our congregation. New members would be very welcome at any time. Contact **Dorothy Webster** at 457-9795 for more information.

THE MEN'S CLUB



Our annual Salmon Supper will be held on Sunday, October 14. We will need everybody's support as this event is becoming more popular each year. This year our sittings have been changed to 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Home-made pickles have been added to our menu and dessert will be apple crisp so we are hoping that the cooks in our congregation will be able to help us out. The price of tickets will remain the same at \$12.00. Ticket sellers, cooks, servers, dishwashers, and a clean-up crew are needed to make this event a success. If you can help in any of these ways, please contact **Dave Ward** (455-8208) or **Jim Merrill** (459-5512). Hope to hear from you!

THE GREEN COMMITTEE



Fall housecleaning will soon be upon us. Whether we houseclean in the old fashioned way, renovate or just replace some items, it seems we are always disposing of something. We have provided for you a list of places in the Fredericton area that will accept items that would normally end up in the landfill. You will find the list on the final page of this newsletter. We are suggesting that you remove it from the newsletter and file it for future reference. Let's go green and recycle!

DEFINITION



A laugh is a smile that bursts!

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is awarded to Canadians who make a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada. While attending the Muscular Dystrophy Youth Conference in Calgary in August, **Allen Parlee** was awarded this coveted medal, recognizing his many years of dedicated contribution to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Congratulations, Allen, from your many friends at NMUC!

Hal Merrill was also a proud recipient of the The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Hal competed at the Paralympics Games in 1992, 1996 and 2000 for javelin, shotput and discus, taking home 16 medals and several world records. Congratulations, Hal!

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS...



Sometimes there are needs that are so great, we can't imagine being able to be of any real help. But did you know that the little piece of metal that pulls open your can of pop can do a lot to help a Muscular Dystrophy family? Simply remove the pull tab from the can. You can still keep the can and get the deposit back from the recycling program - all these fund raisers want is the tab. Just drop them off at church and **Allan Parlee** will take it from there! Once the aluminum tabs are collected, they will be sold as scrap to Best Metals, and any money received will go back to the central New Brunswick chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Their main goal is to help families with equipment costs. A big thank you for considering this little task!

THE NEW MARITIME CONFERENCE CENTER

Did you know that a beautiful new 13,000 square foot Conference Center has just been built in Sackville that belongs to YOU? Well, it is true, and you are invited to the dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Maritime Conference Center for the United Church of Canada on Saturday, September 29th at 1 pm. The new building is located at 21 Wright Street in Sackville, just off the highway, and will house 9 staff members, provide 1,400 square feet of meeting space and, most importantly, will provide almost 5,000 square feet of climate controlled storage space for our precious church archived pictures and documents.

Our New Maryland United Church is one of 33 United Churches which belong to Woolastook Presbytery, and our Presbytery, in turn, belongs to Maritime Conference. The 519 congregations of United Churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Gaspé coast of Quebec and Bermuda are all divided into Presbyteries and belong to Maritime Conference as well, and at the dedication ceremony on September 29th, will be celebrating the opening of this much needed and lovely new Conference Center in a very special way. Soil from the land of every United Church in each Presbytery will be given to the Chairperson of that Presbytery...and currently, Rev. Kelly is the Chair of our Woolastook Presbytery...and then each Presbytery Chairperson will be bringing their soil to this dedication service, where it will be spread around the roots of a commemorative tree which will be planted at that event. How exciting to have the soil from the land where 519 United Churches currently sit, and to know that our soil from the grounds of New Maryland United will also be part of this very special day!



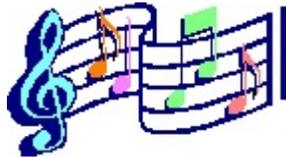
Dorothy Webster: New Maryland United Presbytery Representative



HATS OFF

- ~ to **Betty Barker** for receiving prize ribbons at the Gagetown Fair for her quilt top, afghan and flowers!
- ~ to **Minnie Foss** for receiving prize ribbons at the Gagetown Fair for her quilt top and flowers!
- ~ to **Connie Jones** and **Ruth Landers** for their many years of organizing the Friendship Group outings!
- ~ to **Adam Tracy** who received his blue belt in karate this past June!
- ~ to **Adam Tracy** and **Draydon Scott** and their New Maryland Under 14 Boys Soccer Team who won the Provincials this summer!!

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT



Welcome back! We hope this beautiful summer refreshed your mind, body and spirit.

Our choir meets for practice before service each Sunday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am under the direction of **Dorothy Webster** and pianist **Karen Rutledge**. We also meet once a month on a Sunday evening for extra practice. Our first evening practice will be held on September 30th, 6:30- 8:30pm. New members are cordially invited to join! Looking ahead, we are delighted to have Jean Yves Chevrolet accompanying the choir on the violin again at the Thanksgiving Sunday service ... always a wonderful treat. NMUC Choir and Gagetown Choir will join hearts and voices again this year to perform at the St. Paul's Carol Festival. This will be the 23rd Annual Advent Carol Festival, in support of the Fredericton area food banks. The festival is always held on the first Wednesday of December at 7:30 pm. Mark December 5th on your calendar now. Christmas is only 3 months away!

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11TH



This year Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday. We checked past minutes to see what we did 7 years ago when this last occurred, spoke to other churches, and consulted with the worship committee and veterans. The decision was made that we would best honour the memory of those who served (and those who still do serve) by holding our church service at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 11. It will be a short morning prayer service. This will allow folks to still attend the Remembrance services in New Maryland, Fredericton or Oromocto.

AN ARCHIVAL MOMENT



Found in an NMUC Newsletter dated February, 1983:

Kindergarten Class Report

The kindergarten class has increased in size with a total enrollment of 15 children. In the fall we studied the 'Julie and Jeff' curriculum, 'Daring to Do Right'. After Christmas we began studying the 'Cook' program. The class helped to entertain everyone at the Christmas concert by singing 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'. Thanks to the parents who practised with the children at home.

Teachers: **Nancy Ostaff; Anne Johnson**

A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF MARITIME CONFERENCE TO THE CONGREGATION OF NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH



Thank you for your continued support to the Mission and Service Fund. This shared fund is critical to every aspect of The United Church of Canada. It enables our work here at home and around the world. May the bright colours of the M & S logo continually remind you of the many different ways that your dollars are shared with others. Here are the final numbers for 2011:

National Results: \$28,140,610.

Maritime Conference Results: \$3,206,635.

Woolastook Presbytery: \$335,623.91

New Maryland Pastoral Charge: \$4,353.00.

Many people worked very hard to achieve these results and we will continue to celebrate our abundance and live in the spirit of generosity. Thank you from all members of the Stewardship Committee of Maritime Conference.

COMPUTER NOT NEEDED!



Just a reminder - I always answer knee-mail.

God

COMMUNION SERVICES



Sunday, October 21, 11 am

Sunday, November 25, 11 am - Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, December 23, 11 am - Advent IV

Monday, December 24, 10 pm - Christmas Eve

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Looking Ahead!

October 6 - Our committee will be decorating on Saturday, October 6. We would appreciate any vegetables, fruits, jams, pickles or jellies which will be donated to the Food Bank after the service.

October 7 - Thanksgiving Service

October 28 - Coffee time after the service

November 11 - Remembrance Day Service

November 25 - Anniversary Sunday - Guest Speaker: **Bill Randall Jr.** A hot and cold potluck lunch will follow the service. This is our 125th Anniversary and we are hoping to have some special events throughout the year. We'll keep you posted.

December 1 - Keep this date open for our annual progressive dinner.

December 2 - Advent I

December 9 - Advent II - White Gift Sunday

December 16 - Advent III - Sunday School concert

December 23 - Advent IV

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

NEW ADDRESS



Murray and Doris Gorman have moved ... but they would love a card or a visit anytime! Their new address is:
Murray and Doris Gorman
c/o Gagetown Special Care Home
142 Tilley Rd.
Gagetown, NB E5M 1H6

Telephone: 506-488-2620 (This is the main line but before long they will have a private number.)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you and your newsletter committee for your efforts in putting out the newsletter. It seems hardly possible that the last issue was number 17. Undoubtedly a job which receives little thanks and is probably taken for granted, it requires both an expenditure of time and some expertise to get it all together and circulated. Nevertheless it is an important work as it keeps the people informed about the activities of the church and is probably especially appreciated by those who are unable to get out on a Sunday. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Anonymous



AN AUTUMN PRAYER

by Edwin O. Grover

Grant that these autumn days may be our harvest season,
that our lives may reap the fruits of a well spent year.

Let us be happy with the joy of the flaming hillsides,
with the glory of the Indian Summer,

with the ecstasy of the ripening grain;

Happy in the harvest of our high hopes,

in the garner of sweet memories,

in the ripening of bounteous blessings

of the buoyant spring and brimming summer.

Happy in the knowledge of some little kindness done,

some great good gained;

Happy in our new strength,

our larger hope,

our wider lives and loftier vision.

Let these be our jubilant days

.... the days of our rejoicing.

Amen



LET'S GO GREEN and RECYCLE!

Rather than fill up the landfill, here are locations where you can dispose of the following:

BOOKS – NMUC Book Exchange; other books, videos, CD's, DVD's – Value Village; local library

CAR BATTERIES – Most auto repair shops; Best Metals (Wilsey Rd.); Fredericton Solid Waste Commission for household hazardous waste

CELLULAR PHONES – Most Rogers and Bell Alliant Stores; Hughes Communication; Virgin Mobile www.recyclemycel.ca/dropoff.php

CLOTHING – Value Village; NB Association for Community Living drop boxes; Canadian Diabetes Association-Clothesline; Changes; Fredericton Area Anti-Poverty; Fredericton Food Bank;
Consignment – Second Showing (Hanwell Rd.); ReNu Boutique (Tannery); Lovely Betty (Canada St.)

COMPUTERS – usable computers for schools (Hilton Rd.); Canadian Diabetes Association-Clothesline; non-usable, Greer's Mountain Salvage (Timothy Ave.)

CRT TELEVISIONS – Greer's Mountain Salvage

DANGEROUS HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS and HAZARDOUS WASTE – Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission

EYE GLASSES – Local Lions Club; Pearle Vision; Check with your local dispensary.

HOME BUILDING PROJECTS – Habitat for Humanity Re-Store (Whiting Road)

HOUSEHOLD CFL/LED LIGHTBULBS – Home Depot

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES - Home Depot; Future Shop

INK and TONER CARTRIDGES – Staples

LARGER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS – NB Association for Community Living (call 1-866-622-2548 for pickup); Canadian Diabetes Association-Clothesline

PAINT – Fredericton Solid Waste Commission; Topmar Building Supplies (Clark St.); Southside Redemption Centre (Timothy Dr.) www.recyclenb.com

REDEEMABLES – Southside Redemptions (Timothy Ave.); Best Metals

SCRAP METALS/STRUCTURAL STEEL – Best Metals

SMALL ELECTRONICS – Drop boxes at Fredericton Public Library; Kwik Kopy (Victoria St.); Future Shop; Atlantic Super Store; Canadian Diabetes Association-Clothesline

TIRES – Any retail tire shop; Alternate Waste Management www.recyclenb.com, www.alternatewaste.ca

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