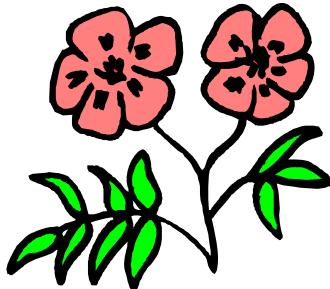


FROM REV. KELLY'S DESK

As soon as they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

Luke 21: 30



We wait for it forever it seems. And suddenly, it's here! The days are warmer and brighter. When you step out the door, the homey smell of wood smoke has been replaced by the deliriously good smell of barbecues. Trees are loaded with lilac blossoms and tulips are giving way to hanging baskets of petunias, and bright-faced pansies are springing up along walkways. Cottages are being opened up and church meetings are closing down.

Ahhhh....summer!

I know, it's technically not summer for a couple of weeks, but it sure feels like it, doesn't it? How will you spend it? Do you take each day as it comes? Or are you an avid planner?

Maybe summer is an intentionally quiet time for you, with a slowed pace and relaxed attitude to work and activities.

Or perhaps you are energized by the sunlight and have a million things planned!

At least two of our church families are preparing for a wedding and I am looking forward with joy to presiding at them.

If you are recovering from an illness or going through treatments, please know that the prayers of your family at New Maryland United Church are with you in the deepest of ways. May these summer days be peaceful ones.

If you are travelling, I wish you safe and happy journeys. Know that you will be missed, and I will delight in your return. If you visit a church over the summer, why not bring home a copy of their bulletin? It is always good to see how others celebrate their faith!

If you are staying put, I look forward to seeing you at worship. Don't forget, from July 7th – September 1st we are at 10:30 am.

However you spend it, may you know the joy of the Spirit!

Summer Blessings to you all!



Love,

Rev. Kelly

THE NEW UNITED CHURCH CREST



The oval shape of the United Church of Canada crest is derived from the upended outline of a fish, a symbol of identity for early Christians. The "X" at the centre, the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, is a traditional symbol for Christ.

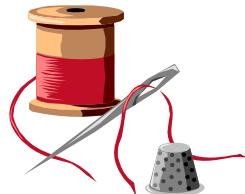
The crest is designed in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross with an insignia in each of the four corners. In three corners of the crest are symbols representing the faiths which joined to form the United Church in 1925. The open Bible represents Congregationalists, the dove Methodists and the burning bush Presbyterians. The other symbol, the alpha and omega, represents God as the beginning and end of all things.

The United Church of Canada's 41st General Council in Ottawa in 2012 voted to accept the proposal of a new church crest brought forward by a task group chaired by Ray Jones from the Gitxsan First Nation in northwestern British Columbia.

The original blue oval crest has been updated to include the yellow, black, red and white of the traditional aboriginal medicine wheel "in acknowledgment that The United Church of Canada was founded and continues to exist on Indigenous land," according to the proposal from the task group.

The church also accepted the task group's recommendation that a Mohawk translation of "ALL MY RELATIONS" — AKWE NIA'TETEWA: NEREN — be added to the bottom of the crest alongside the Latin words UT OMNES UNUM SINT, which translate to "THAT ALL MAY BE ONE."

THE NMUC QUILTERS



The NMUC Quilters Quilt Show, held in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of our church, honoured 125 years of quilting and was a resounding success. There were approximately 102 pieces in the show, most of which were quilts, dating back as far as 1880 and as recently as 2013. At least 75 people attended the colourful display. Through free will donations the event realized \$330.00 for our NMUC Outreach projects. The committee wishes to thank all the helpers for the advertising and signage, and thanks to all those who offered their treasured quilts for the show. It was a display of warmth, love, family and community in the sanctuary of our beloved little church. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday in Spring!

THE MEN'S CLUB



A reminder as we prepare for our summer vacation to keep in mind that our annual salmon supper will be held on Sunday, October 20th. Since this has become a major event, workers will be required to help make it a big success. To the ladies or men who helped with the making of mustard pickles last year, we would appreciate your help again!

HATS OFF!



- ~ to Sandra Cook for chairing the successful Quilt Show!
- ~ to the ladies of the Worship Committee for hosting the Seniors Tea, a delightful event!
- ~ to Dave, Jim, Paul, Bob, Lloyd and Merlin for taking part in the church yard clean-up!
- ~ to David and Loraine Ward for keeping the garden bed at the church looking so attractive!
- ~ to Paul Lister for his diligence – and patience – at pursuing an effective sound system!
- ~ to the Sunday School teachers for their untiring service during the year!
- ~ to Karen Rutledge for her commitment as our talented church pianist!
- ~ to all NMUC volunteers for their continued dedication to our church!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th



Please join us for this special worship service. We will be celebrating Dads on their special day, and acknowledging those who are graduating this year. It is also Sunday School Closing where we give thanks for our dedicated Sunday School teachers and the lively students who make Sunday School so worthwhile. It has come to be known as "Sundae Sunday" so please plan to stay after church for sandwiches and sweets, hot dogs and ice cream sundaes with all the fixins'!

FROM THE COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS



Many thanks to those who have already submitted their response to the 2013 Spring Fundraiser. To others , it's not too late! If we could receive your response over the next few weeks, it would be much appreciated. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Monies raised go towards the daily running of the Church. The total raised to date is \$5,000.

INTRODUCING MINNIE FOSS



Minnie Elizabeth Boyne was born in Mountain Trail, Peace River District, Northern Alberta, one of 16 children of George Robert Boyne and Salome Rosella Agnes (Williams) Boyne. When a young child, she moved with her family from Alberta to Vancouver Island. She recalls, "My brother and I waited for weeks for Georgia Strait to hurry up and freeze over so we could go skating until Daddy told us it would never happen!"

Since there were 10 siblings younger than Minnie, there was no shortage of chores and she always helped with them, both indoors and out. However, there was time for play too, especially outdoor fun ... softball games, swimming, skating and horseback riding. From the young age of nine years and into her later childhood, Minnie worked for anyone in the settlement who would hire her and her siblings in peoples' gardens, as a mother's helper, and even fishing in the Strait.

One of Minnie's early Alberta memories of Sunday School and church meant climbing into the big wagon and going to the schoolhouse where the Anglican missionary ladies sang and told Bible stories. One lady played the auto-harp and sang lovely hymns. Then they were invited back to the Boyne home to join the family for dinner.

Minnie started school in Alberta and continued her education after the family had moved to British Columbia. She celebrated her 13th birthday when moving with the family from Vancouver Island to Salmon Creek near Chipman, NB. It was a long trip with all the family members crowded into a 1928 Chev and a 1930 Plymouth. She continued her education in NB and after her high-school years she studied at Carleton University in Ottawa, earning her Teachers Certificate. Then it was back to NB to teach in the one-room schools in Salmon Creek and North Forks. Minnie was the first history "bookworm" in her family and she enjoyed memorizing any poetry or rhymes. She could lose herself for hours while reading ... and still does!

During the Premier Louis Robichaud years, Minnie worked hard for the Liberal Association. When she was not helping with something or someone, she always loved to travel ... back and forth across Canada either by plane, train or car ... to the UK in 1977 ... and to most of the American states.

Minnie has 6 children, Pauline and Isabel by her first marriage, and Wanda, Dixie Lee, Sandra and Douglas by her second husband, Ronald Foss, who had lived on an adjoining farm in Salmon Creek. Following their marriage they lived in Iron Bound Cove, Bloomfield Ridge, Wilsey Road and New Maryland. Sadly, following Ronald's 6 years in the Veterans' Hospital, Minnie became a widow in 2005. When their son Doug was 17 years of age, he had built a house for himself in Tracyville. Many years later he built one across the road for his mother where she now resides. Minnie's extended family includes 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, the latest one arriving the day after Minnie's 85th birthday, and 1 great/great grandchild. A special member of the household is Duke, a bloodhound dog which she and Doug both share.

Minnie has not slowed down through the years. She and Doug keep busy with their 4 Black Percheron horses. She loves working in her large flower garden, quilting, knitting and sewing and enjoys making crafts. And she loves Country music! She often gets together with her daughter and friends in Charters Settlement to make new quilt tops, ending up displaying their work at numerous shows and exhibitions. She is a member of the Fredericton Botanic Garden Club, the Fredericton Garden Club, the Town and Country Machine Knitters and the NMUC Quilters. She loves to go on bus trips and enjoys visiting gardens and places of interest. Further evidence of her expertise in gardening is proven when she is seen judging flowers at the Fredericton Exhibition.

Minnie's friends at NMUC wish her many more happy years of quilting and gardening!

CONGRATULATIONS!



- ~ to **Ann Urquhart** for her induction on May 4th into the Fredericton Sports Wall of Fame and for receiving the Dr. Bill MacGillivray Award as Fredericton's sports volunteer and community leader.
- ~ to **Paul and Sue Morrison** and **Rachel Grant** on their recent retirements! Happy "new directions"!
- ~ to **Sarah and Scott Loftus** and big sister Allyson on the birth of Emma Grace on May 29th, weighing in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce. The family is all doing well and delighted with their new addition!
- ~ to proud grandparents **Paul and Sue Morrison**, and parents **Mark and Christine Morrison**, on the birth of a beautiful baby boy. Blake David Morrison weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces and was born on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. Alleluia indeed!
- ~ to **Minnie Foss** on the birth of a great-grandson Liam Patrick Vander Hoist, born June 1, the day after Minnie's milestone 85th birthday!
- ~ to **The United Church of Canada**, on June 10th celebrating being 88 years young!
- ~ to **Rev. Bill and Emma Randall** who celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss on June 2nd!
- ~ to **Dorothy Webster** and her Elm City Echoes Barbershop ensemble. They placed third in the annual International competition, which is the same as last year – but they scored 10 points higher, which is quite a feat given that their songs were brand new to the contest stage!

COMMUNION DATES FOR 2013-2014

Sept 15
Oct 6 - World Wide Communion Sunday
Nov 24 - Anniversary Sunday
Dec 22 - Advent 4
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve, 10pm
Jan 12
Feb 9
March 9
April 17 - Maundy Thursday
April 20 - Easter Sunday, 8:30 and 11
May 11
June 8



Please note that Rev. Kelly is available to serve home communion to those who are unable to attend church.

SUMMER HOURS PLEASE NOTE



From July 7th up to - and including - September 1st, worship will be at **10:30** am! Please join us!

FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE



Our committee first met on January, 2013. At that time the objective of the committee was to obtain the necessary information to move forward with a new addition to our church which would provide full accessibility to all of our members. Since that time Mr. Chris Chase was retained to provide initial drawings of an extension that would allow full accessibility to our entry, sanctuary and the downstairs meeting and social area. Mr. Chase delivered these plans to us in May and the committee is proceeding to obtain cost quotes to determine the projected final figure. As we move forward, we will communicate progress to the Official Board with regular updates to the congregation.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT



Spring has sprung with spirit and guides us ever hopeful to those glorious summer months we all look forward to all winter long. The choir will continue to have anthems every Sunday until the end of June. There will be no choir practice or planned anthems during the summer months but we welcome solos or duets, etc. from church members, visiting friends and family. Contact Kelly to arrange time for practice. We will be looking for a new organist/pianist for the fall. We wish our pianist Karen Rutledge all the best as she will be leaving us at the end of the season. We have been blessed and are sincerely grateful for her commitment to our choir and congregation. On behalf of Karen and the choir, have a blessed, safe and happy summer with family and friends and may your songs be joyful!

THE UCW



In the past few months, flowers were placed in the Sanctuary for Mother's Day, flowers were sent to an ill church member and a cake is being provided for 'Dads and Grads' Sunday. We continue to purchase all consumable products for church use, from coffee to cleaning products. We ended our meeting year with a dinner and social time at the 'Blue Canoe' restaurant on May 8th and were delighted that many ladies from our congregation joined us for this event.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

NMUC 125th Anniversary

The Worship Committee held an 'Old Fashioned Tea' at Victoria Hall in May to honour our 'Senior Seniors'. This was part of our 125th Anniversary celebration. The committee enjoyed the preparation for the tea and as you may have heard, gloves and hats were worn by some of our servers. Some of the students from 'Our Lady of Grace School' offered choral recitations during the event.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 88TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MARITIME CONFERENCE



Dorothy Webster was the NMUC Presbytery Rep at the Maritime Conference held in Sackville from May 23rd to 26th. Conference President Rev. Phillip Kennedy presided over the proceedings. Patrick Augustine, a Mi'kmaw from New Brunswick and a member of the Elsipogtog First Nation, welcomed everyone to the land. The theme of Conference weekend was "What If? Moving From Fear To Hope", with many interesting discussions on the changes that are occurring in all our congregations and how we can adapt to new approaches for ministry in the future. Delegates were encouraged to "go out and tell the United Church story with pride."

Rev. Kelly Burke and Rev. Jane Johnson have been members of the Worship Team for Conference for the past 3 years and they, along with Rev. Matthew Fillier and Rev. Valerie Kennedy, provided wonderful, meaningful worship times each morning for all in attendance. An infant Baptism was held during Thursday evening's service.

All retirees and jubilarians were treated to a celebration dinner arranged by Rev. Jane Johnson. 'Fiesta Buena' had a tropical theme (many arrived in Hawaiian shirts!) and all the honourees were given a lei, served a festive tropical inspired meal, and treated to a surprise quartet who serenaded them with a special song composed by Jane Johnson and Dorothy Webster! Among the twenty-one ministers celebrating anniversaries of 50 up to 75 years was a former minister of NMUC, Rev. J. Edward ('Bud') Tarrant who has served 50 years in the pulpit. Sunday morning's service of worship included three ordinations. Rev. Meggin King was installed as the incoming President of Maritime Conference.

YOUR PERSONAL COPY OF 'THE BEACON'



In the interest of saving paper, photocopier costs and hours of labour, beginning in September 'The Beacon' is going the way of the times! Folks who have a computer will receive their copy online as an e-mail attachment unless they make it known that they prefer a hard copy. Those not having a computer will receive their hard copy as in the past. You have received a questionnaire with this newsletter. Kindly complete it so that your preference will be made known.

FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE



Some Tips for Keeping Cool During Hot Summer Months

- ~ When possible, sleep in the basement.
- ~ Sweating helps us to keep cool. Some of the world's hottest places, India and Latin America, serve the hottest food. Spicy food causes the body to sweat without raising the body's temperature. Once skin is damp, you will feel cooled by the evaporation.
- ~ Cool pulse points by running cool water over wrists every hour or so. As well, splash cool water over face and temples. Remember also to drink lots of that cool tap water.
- ~ If you are a new home owner or just starting your landscaping project, plant shade trees to shade the house in summer. Then when the leaves fall, they will let the sun shine in to warm the house during the winter months. Landscaping with rock, cement or asphalt on south or west sides, increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat into the house after the sun sets.
- ~ Use your ceiling fan (in summer, ceiling fans should turn in counter-clockwise motion), install light-coloured blinds, as well as shades and awnings outside windows. Turn off all electronics, TV, lights, computer, etc. when not in use, as these emit heat just by being on.

A Tip for Outside Dining



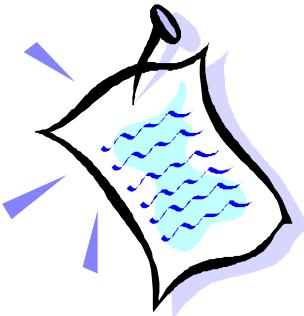
Make an 'Anti-Fly Sphere': A plastic bag full of water hanging from the ceiling in the area where food is to be served is a traditional way of keeping flies away from food when eating outside. These are used in Mexican markets and food kiosks. The refraction of the water amplifies colours, movement and shadows which make the flies nervous, scaring them away, making it a perfect, sustainable "pesticide".

AN ARCHIVAL MOMENT



Up until 1952 there was no electricity in the New Maryland Kirk. Lighting was provided by wall-mounted kerosene lamps. Included on an expense list in 1912 was the statement: 8 lamp burners and wicks \$1.36.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



At its quarterly meeting, June 4, 2013, the Official Board had a discussion on the issue of Church Governance. The consensus was everything was running smoothly and only some housekeeping was required. In that vein it was decided that the Board's committees would evaluate in September their respective guidelines and set out the parameters of their respective responsibilities.

The Board also received a report from the Building Committee. At present they have more up-to-date plans which are quite similar to the originals which were circulated to the congregation some time ago. The committee is still getting prices, and doing further preliminary work. No decisions have been made, and nothing formal has been presented to the Board. When this has been done the congregation will be informed.

Bill Elderkin

NMUC FLASHBACKS!

One Year Ago:

The congregation was made aware of the need of improved accessibility to the church sanctuary.

Two Years Ago:

A Book Exchange began in April and has garnered considerable interest.



Three Years Ago:

Pam Gonnason designed the cover for our newly-named newsletter "The Beacon".

Four Years Ago:

New carpeting was installed in the sanctuary.

Five Years Ago:

"Remembering Your Angel" program began.



Ten years Ago:

An 'Outreach Committee' was formed at NMUC.

Fifteen years Ago:

Average Sunday School attendance was 17 - 26.

Twenty Years Ago:

For the third year in succession School District 26 has leased the NMUC basement facilities for Kindergarten classes.

Twenty-Five years Ago:

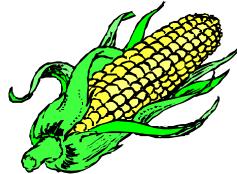
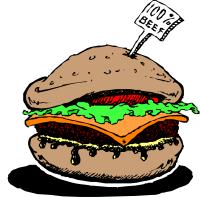
Additional property was purchased from Henry Morgan.



Thirty Years ago:

The New Maryland Congregation became a single-point charge.

SEPTEMBER 'WELCOME BACK' CORN BOIL AND BARBECUE



Session is once again planning our "Welcome Back Corn Boil and Barbecue" event, a time of fellowship to be held following the church service on September 22nd. Mark your calendars, bring along a friend, and come and join us for buttery corn on the cob, hamburgers, hot dogs, dessert and all the fixings!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



MS WALK A SUCCESS

To my friends at New Maryland United:

Sunday, May 26, was a cool and very rainy day but the MS Walk was a huge success! There was a small but enthusiastic turn out. This is the first year that 'Team Crazy Legs' has organized the event. However, we didn't want that to take the place of fundraising. So, thanks to your generosity, we raised close to \$8500.00 ... our highest total in 8 years! My 'secret' goal for 2014 is \$10,000.00. The team is extremely thankful for your help with our battle for a cure. Together we will end MS!

Pam Gonnason

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New Maryland United Church

Dear Sir/Madam:

Recently I came upon a copy of the March edition of your newsletter. Not only was it interesting, but also quite informative. In fact I found it of higher caliber than similar types of newsletter. Keep up the good work. I hope I will have the good fortune to come across future editions.

Yours Truly,

Anonymous

(Editor's Note: Each issue of 'The Beacon' can be found on the NMUC website: www.newmarylandunited.ca)

SUPPORT FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CHAPTER

To the New Maryland United Congregation:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our local Muscular Dystrophy chapter. Monies raised purchase much needed medical equipment as well as fund research. This could not be accomplished without your generosity.

Allen, Marilyn & Scott Parlee

TO ALL OUR READERS, HAVE A SUMMER FULL OF JOY AND SUNSHINE !