



Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119: 105

## THE BEACON

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### FROM REV. KELLY'S DESK

*You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.* Psalm 16:11

We are building a path in our backyard. A flagstone path. A short but rather broad path from the back gate to the lower deck.



There's something about a path, isn't there? It can beckon. It can invite. It can be smooth or rocky; engineered or worn by time. It can cause consternation if it should veer into the unknown, or if it divides, leading us to have to choose one way or another. Or sometimes we simply decide to retreat back down the path from whence we came.

As we were lugging and digging and heaving heavy rocks and sand in our path building exercise, I overheard a mother and son walking along another path: the gravel one, just beyond our fence, that runs parallel to our yard. The pair was taking this path as a sort of trial run. "Now pay attention to this path," said Mum. "I want you to know your way to school when it starts next week." "I like this path," said the boy. "It goes to the playground." "Well yes, but it also goes another way – it is part of the journey to your new school."

He just sighed.

Well, paths can be hard sometimes.

They can lead us into the unknown, which is always a little unsettling. But they also take us into new places, and wonderful new adventures. The path we are building is a bit of a mix: it is representative of a pathway home, a path into peace and comfort, but it is also about hard labour and uneven travelling; about memories and new insights. This summer Jane and I travelled to Newfoundland as Commissioners for the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council of the United Church of Canada. For me, it was a journey home. One I had not taken for far too long. The trip began with 8 days of GC meetings, worship, education and decision making. We had to forge a new and leaner way forward for us as a church.

The next 5 days were vacation. We spent time exploring my old haunts, and finding new ones. And what I brought home, apart from a full to overflowing heart, was rocks. A lot of rocks. Which makes sense when you are coming back from the place that is affectionately called by that same moniker.

And those rocks are now nestling into their new path. In between the larger New Brunswick flagstones we are setting and re- setting those smaller rocks, from the places of my earlier home: rocks from Pouch Cove and Joe Batts Arm; from Tilting and Middle Cove, and Ferryland and Elliston.

Our path is not yet finished. But it feels good and true and right, even as it shifts and changes.

What I pray for you all as we enter a busy fall season is what I prayed for that little boy and his mother on their new path: May you know God is with you on your path, may it bring you joy and wonder. And may you recall that you do not walk it alone. God is with you, and so am I, as is this whole community of faith. What more could we ask for?

With great love and much anticipation for where our path will take us,

*Rev Kelly*

## FROM THE CHAIR OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD



September already? How can it be?

September brings cool evenings, colourful landscapes, harvest, and routine. Our church committees have scheduled their first fall meetings and will gather once again on a regular basis to do God's work.

Over this past summer it has become obvious how blessed we are to live in this part of the world. Hopefully, as a congregation, we can find a way to help with the refugee crisis in Europe. Surely, we can do something!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sundays for worship.

Stay Blessed

*Sue Morrison*



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

As children and parents prepare for the start of a new school year, so too does New Maryland United Church get back in the swing of things with groups and committees reconvening. Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 8th. As we have done in past years, Session will be hosting the Welcome Back Corn Boil and Barbecue to be held after the worship service on Sunday, September 20th. It is a fun time and we hope you will all mark this event on your calendars.

It is always with great joy that we approve baptisms in our church and are pleased to announce that two baptisms took place over the summer: Aidan Brown, grandson of Pam and Rod Campbell, and Nolan Harris, son of Jennifer and Matthew Harris and brother to Hudson.

One thing on our agenda for this coming year is the review of the New Maryland United Church Roll. Over the summer all the information in the roll books was entered in a spreadsheet. By sorting this electronic document in different ways, it makes it much easier to find information. New entries will be added to this document whenever an individual becomes a member of New Maryland United Church by profession of faith/confirmation, reaffirmation of faith, action of the Session/Board or by certificate of transfer from another congregation. Status changes to existing entries will be recorded, as in the case of transfers out and deaths. This spreadsheet will be used as a tool only and will not take the place of the roll books.

Over the past few years, Session has made a concerted effort to help with visiting church members who have moved to special care homes. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit, please contact a member of Session.

Also, if you or someone you know would like to be attending the church services but do not have transportation, please let us know and we will make every effort to help with this.

Session was asked to consider participation in a Fredericton area pulpit exchange set up by Presbytery. It was originally set up in the spring to include St. Paul's, Wilmot, Gibson and Forest Hill. This list has now been expanded to include Nashwaak and New Maryland United. With Session's blessing, Rev. Burke will do a pulpit exchange on September 27th with Gibson Memorial United Church. Rev. Cora Krommenhoek from Gibson Memorial will be in our pulpit on that Sunday. Session also encouraged Rev. Kelly to accept the invitation to preach at Grace United Church in Dartmouth for their 162nd anniversary on November 15th. Kelly did two years of student ministry in that church and we are pleased she is being honoured in this way.



We look forward to another busy fall at New Maryland United Church and we want you to know that your Session takes its job seriously. Please contact any of us if you have any concerns. Members presently serving on Session are Rev. Kelly Burke, Tina Glenn, Sue Harris, Sue Morrison, Lloyd Penney, Meg Simms, David Ward and Bob Watson.

*Sue Harris*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



We are excited to see the return of Sunday School on Sunday, September 13th. We have a roster of dedicated teachers to who have volunteered to enlighten our children. These include Krista Tupling, Deborah Knorr, Sarah Loftus, Jennifer Harris, and Brodie, Brooke-Lyn and Sheila Power. We would like to have a few more teachers in order to keep the teaching schedule to once a month, so if you are interested in this fulfilling position, please let Sheila Power know.

We are continuing with 'The Whole People of God' curriculum which has worked very well, and also produced very positive feedback from teachers and children alike.

We will be divided into two classes. If new volunteers come forward, we may be able to subdivide further, but for now we look forward to this set-up and a rewarding and fun year ahead where we explore God's love for us all through Bible stories, games, music, crafts, etc.

*Sheila Power*

### INTRODUCING PAM CAMPBELL



Pamela Stewart Hutcheson was born at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto. Not always willing to admit that she was born in Toronto, Pam is quick to say that her parents met during WW2. Her Dad, from Ontario, joined the Navy, was stationed in Halifax but on a chance visit to Saint John met her Mother, a Saint Johner. They married at the end of the war and Pam's Dad returned to his university program at U of Toronto. Pam's first 3 years of life were spent in Ajax (a Toronto suburb). In 1949 Pam and her mother and father moved to Asbestos, PQ, where her Dad joined the John's Manville Company. (This was also the year of the strike that remains one of the landmark labour issues in Canadian history.) Pam's next years until 1963 were spent in Asbestos. Contrary to the current view of the asbestos industry, growing up in a mining town was very fulfilling. As she says, "We had an indoor rink, a golf course and a great school with highly qualified teachers. We lived in a comfortable company home. Lots of activities for youth were available so I felt that I lived a very privileged life". Pam joined Girl Guides and earned her "cords", attended and then taught Sunday School at the small Anglican Church, competed on school teams and skied at the local hill. She volunteered at the company hospital and became their first "candy striper" working in the hospital lab.

Each Summer Pam spent much of the school holiday with her grandparents at Woodman's Point on the Saint John River. There she learned about her mother's family ancestors who were descendants of the Loyalist, Henry Nase, who had been granted land in the Westfield area in 1784. As she says, "My grandmother took me shopping at all the proper places in Saint John (MRA's, Scovil's, etc.) but my grandfather, a doctor, enriched my love for the family history by taking me to the Museum to see Henry Nase's diary, exploring Indiantown and the site of the family dry goods business, to Fernhill cemetery to "visit" the ancestors and often to lunch with my grandfather's mother who then was in her nineties."

When it came time for post secondary education, the plan was for Pam to train to become a nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital. That plan was aborted after Pam came to UNB for one post high school year and didn't leave. She spent 2 years in Phys. Ed and then transferred to an Arts program with a major in Biology. Graduating from UNB in 1967 and after taking 4 summer school courses in education, Pam began her teaching career at Westfield School. There she met her grade 8 home room class of 42 students. She taught 9 different classes ranging from Science to French and Phys. Ed from grade 6 to grade 9. Sometimes it was a hair raising experience for students AND the "new" teacher but all survived and for that she earned a princely annual salary of \$4200. The next year Pam came to FHS and taught grade 10 Biology at Queen Street High (now the Justice Building) for 5 years. After a year teaching in Ottawa she returned to George Street Junior High for several years during which her son Michael was born in 1975. When Nashwaaksis Junior (now Middle) High School opened in 1978, Pam chose to be one of the pioneers and opted to go to the brand new school. In 1979 she became a Vice Principal at NJHS and then from 1981-1983 was on leave from her school to become the full time President of the NB Teachers' Association. That was a challenging but rewarding learning experience enhanced by the birth of her daughter Sarah three weeks before she began that new job. September 1983 saw Pam back at NJHS but the next year going to Liverpool Elementary as VP and then in 1984 as Principal. Along the way Pam completed her B Ed and then her M Ed. (School Administration) from UNB. Rod and Pam were married in 1985 and Andrew and Jennifer joined Sarah and Michael making their family six.

Her first visit to "the other side of education" occurred in 1988 when Pam became Asst. Superintendent in the Oromocto School District. She remained there until a school system reorganization brought her back to Garden Creek School as VP for one year and then to Oromocto High School as Principal until another call to "the other side" to be Director of Education for the then District 18, Fredericton. Pam said, "While working with adults is rewarding, the real fun is at the school level so in 1998 I applied for the job of Principal of Leo Hayes High." Prior to 1998 there had been only one high school in Fredericton so the "building" of a second high school was uncharted territory. Pam said, "I am glad that this opportunity came at the end of my teaching career where I could apply everything that I had learned along the way. It was exciting to build the school community from the bottom up, to purchase ALL the items for the building interior, to greet the students on their very first day and even to orchestrate the process to select the school colours and school motto. Pam "principaled" LHHS through its first year and then chose to retire from teaching after 34 years. As one of her LHHS students said when he heard about her retirement decision, "You have to know when to hang up your skates, Mrs. Campbell!" Pam said that she was fortunate to leave teaching on a high note, still enjoying her career and learning new things every day.

In retirement Pam has done consulting work in education, supervised university students from UNB and Maine who were doing their practicum, worked for Credit Counselling Canada doing organization evaluations, entered into a brief foray in politics (which may be the really dark side) and been involved in various volunteer capacities. Currently Pam and Rod volunteer at the Hospice Boutique in Fredericton and when they are South in Hilton Head, SC, they volunteer at the Bargain Box and The Litter Box - the latter raising funds for the Humane Society of the Low Country. In April grandchild number 3, Aidan, joined the family and Grandmother activities are consuming, happily, more and more time. She says, "Being a grandparent is a whole new experience. You can love them, spoil them, feed them and then send them home with their parents and....enjoy a full night's sleep."

In life's various choices, Pam is grateful for the path that she and Rod took to arrive at New Maryland United Church. Rev. Kelly knows that part of that decision came as a result of attending the funeral of a family friend where Kelly was the presiding minister. Pam says, "From our first Sunday at NMUC Rod and I have been welcomed warmly. NMUC is a vibrant church community that sees beyond its walls. Being part of a church family is important to both Rod and me and we are happy to find a home at NMUC. We are 'newbies' here but that doesn't seem to matter. Home is home."



## MASON JAR MISSION

Each year the Sunday School has a fund raising project to help with the congregation's annual contributions to the M & S Fund. The 2015 project is for each household to consider adding their spare change to the decorated mason jar provided. Coins may be added to your mason jar until early in 2016. However, if you wish to return it before then, be sure to include your name so that you will receive a tax receipt.

## CONGRATULATIONS !



**Brody Fletcher Ball**, born August 14, 2015: a son for first time parents Craig and Chrissie Ball and a first grandchild for Keith and Lorna Ball.

**Michael Cameron Benoit Kershaw**, born September 2, 2015: a son for David and Danielle Kershaw, a brother for Maddie, and an eighth grandchild for John and Ginny Kershaw.

**Luke and Lux Little**, born August 24, 2015: twins – a son and a daughter for first time parents Rachael and Aaron Little, and a great nephew and great niece for Sue and Tony Harris.

**Tenley Allison MacBean**, born August 2, 2015: a daughter for first time parents Craig and Chandra MacBean and a granddaughter for Gary and the late Gail MacBean.

**Alexander William MacGillivray**, born August 27, 2015: a son for first time parents Joanne and Stuart MacGillivray, and the first grandchild for Dorothy Webster.

**Hailey Lee Morrison**, born August 5, 2015: a daughter for Mark and Christine Morrison, a sister for Blake, and a granddaughter for Sue and Paul Morrison.

**Harrison David Phillips**, born July 29, 2015: a son for Jonathan and Miranda Phillips, a brother for Julia and Charlotte, and a great-grandson for Cecil and Carol Charters.

## UCW

UCW meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and new members would be very welcome. For more info, contact Dorothy Webster at 457-9795.

The ladies will be conducting their major fund raiser of the year, a Bridge Luncheon, to be held in the New Maryland Centre, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 12 to 3. To reserve a table of four, please contact Loraine Ward at 455-8208.





## **MEN'S CLUB**

The NMUC Men's Club will meet on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All men are welcome.



On the Men's Club agenda for the fall is the annual Salmon Supper to be held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, proceeds to help support the church financially. All members of the church are invited to help work at this event and to help in supplying apple crisp and pickles. Please reserve the date on your calendar.

## **COME JOIN THE FUN! -WELCOME BACK SUNDAY- CORN BOIL AND BARBEQUE**

Where: New Maryland United Church

When: Sunday, September 21

Time: 11 a.m. for Worship

(Sunday School and a staffed nursery are available during worship.)

A Welcome Back Corn Boil and Barbeque follows the service.

Please stay for hamburgers, hotdogs, hot buttery corn on the cob, and more!

Whether you are a long time member or brand new, whether you have been away for a while or are a regular, come and find the warm welcome that awaits you at New Maryland United Church.



## **FOOD SAFETY SESSION**



'The ABCs of Food' Safety Course is being held at our church on Thursday September 24, 2015, from 7-9 pm. This is an excellent chance to become aware of food safety issues and a practical and important info session for all of us who serve and prepare food for church suppers!

## WHAT DOES A MILLION LOOK LIKE?



Allen Parlee, a member of the Central New Brunswick Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, along with Kevin Montague of the NBTA Credit Union, have once again hit their 1 million pop tabs goal this past May.

What started as a pet project to raise some funds for the Chapter has slowly evolved into an opportunity to raise awareness of neuromuscular disorders in the community. With the help of Fire Fighters in Fredericton, New Maryland and Oromocto, the Lions Club of New Brunswick, several area schools, along with friends and families, the Chapter has managed to meet their million tab goal for the fourth time!

'The Beacon' in September, 2014 contained an appreciation message from Allen Parlee on behalf of The Fredericton Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, stating that the friends at NMUC had helped various other sources to collect one million pull tabs to be used in the purchase of wheelchairs! How is this done? The tabs are sent to a metal recycling depot to be weighed, melted down and used again. The tabs are worth more than the pop cans because they are pure aluminum and don't need to have any paint taken off them. Did you know that there are about 1450 tabs in a pound? Between 50 and 70 cents per pound is paid for the tabs and when there is enough money, a wheelchair can be purchased!! One million pop tabs bring in approximately \$500-550, but it's not so much the amount that matters, it's the public awareness that is invaluable. Several newspaper articles have been written about their campaign over the years, and now as a result, people pulling are tabs off cans in small towns throughout central New Brunswick and beyond.

### What do 1,000,000 pull tabs look like?

This photo may give you an idea!



**Allen with this year's haul of pop tabs!**

Collecting the pull tabs is on-going as the goal is to raise 1,000,000 once again! Why not ask friends to help you collect them? They can be forwarded to Allen Parlee who will in turn add them to the 2015 collection. All helping hands will assist in raising enough money to help one person at a time.

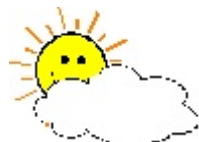


### A Letter from the Parlee Family

Thank you to everyone who supported Scott for our annual Walk for Muscular Dystrophy - he was our Chapter top fund raiser with a total of \$4,575.00. Monies raised are used to assist clients with necessary equipment, travel expenses to neuromuscular clinics, peer support programs as well as research. We are so grateful for the support we receive from so many. Our chapter is making plans for a fall book sale - a date has yet to be announced but if anyone has any books they would like to donate, please call us at 459-8007 or drop them off at 82 Kingston Avenue, Sunrise Estates.

*Scott, Allen & Marilyn*

### FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE



How was your summer, relaxing, I hope? Are you still thinking “green”? I must admit, “green”, has been on my mind continuously. The alarming climate events, fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, high winds, have made me feel uneasy, and made me wonder, what can I do about such horrendous changes? Then I remember the children’s hymn “You in your small corner and I in mine” and I am filled with hope.

So, to jump right in, it will soon be fall cleaning and sorting time, putting away summer clothes and digging out warm winter clothing (don’t forget to take your unwanted used goods to local charities)

There is a cleaning company in Brooklin, Ontario, called “We’re Cleaning Green”. The owner, Diane Howson, went on a search for new cleaning products, as her clients were requesting that their homes be cleaned with green products. She also had to find cleaners that her employees would be happy to use. She tried about a dozen cleaners from home- made to commercial green cleaners. In the end, she chose “Natura” cleaners from Home Hardware, Ltd. Beyond the fact that these cleaners did the job well, Diane felt good about supporting her Home Hardware Store and the Ontario economy as Natura products are produced in Burford, Ontario.



Green cleaning products are more in demand as we understand what happens to our products when we flush or wash then down the sink. A wastewater treatment plant cannot remove all the chemicals before all the water is released into our lakes and streams. Biodegradable cleaning products do not harm the environment. As well, we now know that chemicals used in cleaners can trigger health problems such as asthma. For example, cleaners with ammonia or glycol-ethers can dissolve in shower steam causing harmful vapours.

Nancy Dingman, the Business Manager of Specialty Products for Home Hardware Stores, Ltd., states they also use bottles that are recyclable. As well, the waste water generated in the production of these products is collected, treated and used in producing future batches. The products are shipped on pallets that are reused and returned to the plant to reduce the waste. There are many Natura green cleaning products e.g. dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, all purpose cleaner, laminate/hardwood floor cleaner to name a few, as well there is a Natura paint.

I personally have not tried Natura, but I am going to. I still love vinegar and soda. But the marble top vanity in our bathroom is living proof of “Never use (or spill) vinegar on marble!”

Sources: [www.carbondiet.ca/green\\_advice](http://www.carbondiet.ca/green_advice); [www.clearlakemuskoka.com/enviropducts.htm](http://www.clearlakemuskoka.com/enviropducts.htm)

## OUR DAILY BREAD



"Our Daily Bread" booklets are supplied free of charge by "Our Daily Bread Ministries Canada". For some people in our congregation they are an important part of their personal spiritual journey. The booklets contain daily thoughts and a suggested reading for the day. It is a great way to start or end the day, providing thoughts for quiet contemplation. The booklets can be found in our back entry. At NMUC we support this ministry by way of a free will offering to be placed in the container provided. Money received is forwarded directly to "Our Daily Bread" ministries.

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY



Thanksgiving Sunday is October 11. The Worship Committee would appreciate donations of vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies or pickles to decorate the Sanctuary. All donations will be given to the Food Bank. We are honoured to have Jean-Yves Chevrolat joining us for our special service. Jean-Yves has shared his musical gift with us for the past several years.

## CHOOSE A BOOK!



Have you checked our church library shelves in the upstairs lobby of the back entrance?  
Borrow a book to take home for enjoyable reading and consider leaving a book for someone else to read!

## A SPECIAL THOUGHT



If you have a moment to drop a note of care, Frank Glendenning who has recently moved out west would love to receive it! His address: Mr. Frank Glendenning, 16 Highland Avenue, St. Andrews, Manitoba, R1A 3Y5

## LOOKING AHEAD



### **Sunday, Sept 13 -**

- Back to 11 am worship time
- Choir practice restarts: 9:30 am
- Sunday School begins!

**Monday, Sept 14 - Men's Club Meeting**

**Sunday, Sept 20 - Welcome Back Sunday with Corn Boil and Barbecue**

**Thursday, Sept 24 - Food Safety Course**

**Sunday, Sept 27 - Fredericton area Pulpit Exchange:**

- Rev Cora Krommenhoek - at NMUC; Rev Kelly - at Gibson Memorial.

**Sunday, Oct 4 - World Wide Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, Oct 11 - Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Sunday, Oct 18 - Salmon Supper**

**Sunday, Oct 25 - Coffee hour after church**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27 - UCW Bridge Luncheon**

**Sunday, Nov 1 - All Saints Day Observed**

**Sunday, Nov 8 - Remembrance Day Observed**

**Sunday, Nov 15 - Rev Kelly is guest preacher at Grace United in Dartmouth NS**

**Sunday, Nov 22 - Anniversary Sunday (128 years young!) Potluck lunch after service**

## AUTUMN



The time of year when everything bursts with its last beauty,  
as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.



