

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom (#10 MV)**

**Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Leader: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

People: **O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!**

Be our guide and our light instead!

Leader: One thing we ask of God:

People: **That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN #82VU A Light is Gleaming**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:

**Gracious Light-Bearer,
Into the shadows of our isolation
you speak words of life and community.
Challenger of our lives,
you call us from places we call home
to lead us more deeply into the world you love.
With your gentle, healing touch
you redeem the broken places of our lives
and you heal the wounded places of the earth.
Inspire our worship here this day,
so that we may receive liberation in your word,
and be filled to overflowing
to share your reconciling love throughout the earth.**

And hear us as we pray in the way of Jesus, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN #220 MV Hope Shines as the Solitary Star
A Time with the Children
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T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S): Isaiah 9: 1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Matthew 4: 12-23

ANTHEM

REFLECTION

***HYMN #413VU O Splendour of God's Glory Bright**

T H E R E S P O N S E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY All That We Have (From *Gather*)

**All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.**

DEDICATION

**God, to you we dedicate these gifts this day.
May this act of giving inspire other ways that we may "fish for"
your people,
seeking out those who need your nourishing spirit.
And we pray that you will multiply them
and the gifts of all your faithful people
like loaves and fishes,
that your love may be revealed on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #679VU Let There Be Light**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Take Up His Song (#213 MV)**

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in every moment.

In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;

lay them down, in peace, lay them down,

and take up his song.

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Loraine Ward and Margot Arnold

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Ann Urquhart and Lloyd Penney

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 22nd - 11:00 am - Worship service

Wed., Jan. 25th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Fri., Jan. 27th - Annual reports are due

Sun., Jan. 29th - 11:00 am - Worship service + Coffeetime

Sun., Feb. 19th - 12:00 noon - Congregational Annual Meeting

(Storm date: Feb. 26th)

CHURCH ENVELOPES – 2017

2017 Church envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer at the main door. If you would like envelopes for 2017, contact Lloyd Penney at 459-8622.

ANNUAL REPORTS – To Chairpersons of all Committees:

It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due soon. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **Friday, January 27th**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** would like to encourage all members of the congregation to consider offering their time and talent to a Committee at NMUC. This year, the Christian Development committee; Outreach Committee; and Social Committee need helpers. If you'd like to offer and are not sure in which area, let us know and we'll find a position for you. Please contact Dave Ward at 455-8208 or e-mail davidward45@gmail.com

GREEN TIP - Planning a winter vacation? Look for a "green" hotel. Check if it is locally owned and operated, if they have a recycling program and if they have policies in place to reduce consumption, eg. efficient lighting, low flow toilets and if they contribute to the local community.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

FREDERICTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN - On the **4th Saturday of each month** NMUC sends 3 or 4 people to the **Fredericton Community Kitchen**. From 9 am to approx.. 1 pm, we prepare and serve lunch for the clients. This month (**Jan. 28**) our volunteers are Sandra Cook and Emma, Dan & Megan Geneau. **(Please note that we do need volunteers for the Community Kitchen for the months of April, May and November.)**

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL – We also need one more person to make sandwiches for The Cathedral Outreach Program in **November**.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The **Men's Club** would also like to remind the congregation that it is planning a **"Yard Sale"** for early May. We encourage you to start saving your items you no longer need and would like to get rid of. Further information will be available soon.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. (Please note that egg cartons are no longer needed.)

STORM NOTICE - In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, **but not before 8:30 am**.

- 1. E-mail notification (if you have e-mail, this is the most direct method);**
- 2. Radio stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL;**
- 3. Web-site: [Http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/) it will be on the scrolling feeder on the Home Page;**
- 4. Answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).**

"THE TUPLING FAMILY" The costs involved in going through a transplant are astronomical. If you would like to help the Tupling family out, you can do so by going through the church. Just mark "Ron Tupling" on your envelope and we will make sure your donation is deposited in their bank account. And please know that your offering of prayer is even more appreciated!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH - To help support "The Pantry" at St. Paul's United Church, (corner of York and George Streets) in Fredericton, we will be hosting a **"Nearly New Craft Supply Sale"** on **Saturday, January 28th** from **10 am to 12 noon**. Choose from a wide variety of supplies that someone else no longer needs. Fill up one of our grocery bags for \$5.00. Sit and enjoy a coffee/tea and a muffin for \$2.00. For more information contact Donna Chauvin 458-5885.