

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11 am  
CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Grace and peace to you all.

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend.*                      Robert Louis Stevenson

## T H E     G A T H E R I N G

\*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:** Beloved of God, the peace of the Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us worship the Lord together!

### \*HYMN# 100 VU When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

**Holy God, before time you named us. Through time you redeem us. And always you call us precious in your sight. In awe and wonder, we gather now for worship. 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 #115 MV Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New  
A Time with the Children**

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## **T H E W O R D O F G O D**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29, p. 756 VU**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17**

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON: *Troubled Waters and Wilderness: Our Natural Habitat***

**HYMN#563 VU Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

**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.

**\*HYMN#651 VU Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\*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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://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:** Allen and Rachel Grant

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**  
**12:15 pm - Committee of Stewards Meeting**  
**Tue., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting**  
**Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**  
**12:15 pm - Official Board – Budget Meeting**

## **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 27<sup>th</sup>**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: **[nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

The **Men's Club** meeting for **January** has been postponed until a new date for our cancelled December Christmas outing has been confirmed. Dave has already communicated with the Gray Stone Craft Brewery and is awaiting potential dates in January. It is anticipated the new date will be known by early next week. An announcement with the date and details will follow.

**UCW** – There are still a few Church calendars available for purchase. See Sue Morrison if you are interested in one of these calendars. The price is \$6.

**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.) The staff at the Food Bank extend a huge thank you to all the people in the congregation who have contributed over the past year.

The **January** edition of “*The Observer*” has arrived and is available to borrow from the library area.

**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!

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**MARYSVILLE UNITED CHURCH - Mike Bravener** will be performing ‘**The Gospel Side of Elvis**’ at Marysville United Church **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at **3:30 PM**. Freewill Offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served.