

# **NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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**May 28, 2017 11 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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. Grace and peace to you all.**

## **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: Christ is Alive (#158 VU)**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**In this community, we are friends in the Spirit.**

**In this community, we are people on the way.**

**In this community, we search with one another.**

**In this community, we pray, we love, we listen.**

**And in all of these things.... We worship God.**

**HYMN #161 MV I Have Called You By Your Name**

## **OPENING PRAYER: (All)**

**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 #8 MV And On This Path (v. 1)**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**HYMN #8 MV And On This Path (v.2)**

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

**SCRIPTURES: John 17 1-11 Jesus prays that his disciples “all may be one”  
Acts 1 6-14 The Ascension of Jesus**

**ANTHEM: *Be Still* D. Evans**

**SERMON: *We Are Stronger Together***

**HYMN #145 MV Draw the Circle Wide**

# THE RESPONSE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY Spirit of Life #381 VU

Spirit of life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN #209 MV Go Make a Difference

## BENEDICTION

We raise our eyes, and you are there.  
We look to the heavens, and you are there.  
We look to each other, and you are there.  
We look inside, and you are there.  
No matter where we go, God, you are there.  
Always! Forever! Alleluia! Amen!

### \*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 ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry 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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.*

**Greeter This Week:** Linda Watson and Meg Simms

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

**Trustees On Duty (May):** Doug Price and Ann Urquhart

*The bulletin today is dedicated in celebration of the 2017 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis by the Gonnason family.*

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Tue., May 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**Sun., June 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**

**12:00 noon - Sunday School Luncheon for M & S**

**The Beacon:** All submissions for the next newsletter can be left at the church office or forwarded to [pklistner1938@gmail.com](mailto:pklistner1938@gmail.com) on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The MEN'S CLUB** have planned their year-end supper for **Mon., June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at **Wetmore's**. All men of the congregation are welcome. Call Dave @ 455-8202 or Keith @ 455-1948 so as reservations can be made.

**U.C.W.** will be going to **McGinnis Landing**, on the corner of King & Westmorland, to enjoy a social time and a lovely dinner on **Wed., June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** All women in the congregation would be very welcome to join us. If you would like your name added to the reservation list, please contact Dorothy at **457-9795**.

**GRADUATES:** On **Sunday June 18**, we will be celebrating graduation for members of our New Maryland United Church family. If you have any

family member graduating this year, please give Lorna the details of who is graduating and from where.

**GREEN TIP:** Use ‘spot on’ flea treatments instead of flea collars. Many flea collars contain pesticides which are potential human carcinogens.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** - For the month of **May**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

**New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Jun/Jul/Aug)** are now available at both entrances of the church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Price Class is available.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**Friends of Symphony New Brunswick** present ***Beer, Beethoven & the Blues!*** on **Saturday, June 3** at The Picaroons Roundhouse at 7:00 p.m. Performers include Vivian Ni and Sheldon Gordon & The Tone Kings. Come out and enjoy great beer, great company and fantastic music! Tickets are \$30 (available at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), at Picaroons or through a Friend of Symphony NB). Check out the poster in our foyer, and ask Allan or Carolyn for more information.

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH** is pleased to be hosting **The Four Men**, a men’s quartet including Brian McIntosh, a former minister at Wilmot United. They will present a concert of songs of Love, Hope, and Inspiration on **Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 at Wilmot United**. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for youth and available from the Church Office (458-1066), Westminster Books, and at the door. A reception will be held following the performance. Proceeds for the concert will go to the United Church Mission and Service Fund and to Famine Relief. **5.**

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

## CLOTHING DRIVE

**Spring cleaning time is upon us!** Spring has sprung, the fresh air surrounds us, new life grows up around us and brings about a renewed energy within us. We invite you to clean out your closets and join us in supporting the Association for Community Living. We will be accepting donations of gently used, clean clothing and footwear for the entire month of May.

Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sundays. We can arrange pick-ups for those that are not able to drop off items themselves.

The New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL) is a provincial non-profit organization that works on behalf of children and adults with an intellectual disability and their families. They work to ensure that people with an intellectual disability, with the support of their families, have the option to choose the supports they need to live meaningful lives and participate in their communities as valued and contributing members. Donating clothing is one way the Association fund raises.