

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Celebrating 130 years of Worship!

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November 12th, 2017 11 am
Twenty-third After Pentecost

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 in this season of giving thanks!

Thought for Meditation:

A story has no beginning or end: arbitrarily one chooses that moment of experience from which to look back or from which to look ahead.

Graham Greene

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: Let Us Build a House (#1 MV)**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN # 357 VU Tell Me The Stories of Jesus**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Pour out your Spirit upon your church, O, God, and lead us in the Way of Jesus: the Way of joy and sacrifice; challenge and community; the Way of love and courage. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might know you more fully, and serve you with our whole hearts. Hear us now as we pray together, 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me, v. 1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me, v. 2

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 107, p.831 VU, parts 1 and 2

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

ANTHEM

SERMON: *The Troublesome Tale of Ten Bridesmaids*

***HYMN# 356 VU Seek Ye First The Kingdom**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought (#518 VU)

As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
So we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land, of
farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN #232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Blessing Song #962 VU

May the blessing of God go before you.
May her grace and peace abound.
May her Spirit live within you.
May her love wrap you round.
May her blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.
May you walk on holy ground.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Sandra Cook

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Lloyd Penney and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Nov. 15th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Tue., Nov. 21st - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Fri., Dec. 1st - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner (see over)

Copies of the November edition of “The Beacon” are available for pick up at the main door.

N.M.U.C. 130th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday, November 26th, 2017 - 11:00 am

Join us on for this special anniversary service as we celebrate our 130th Anniversary at New Maryland United! Following the service, we will enjoy a sit down potluck luncheon. You can bring what you like.... a hot or cold dish or a dessert. We will provide tea/coffee/juice and anniversary cake. We look forward to a time of fellowship & food!

SAVE THE DATE! for **Friday, December 1st** for our annual “**Progressive Dinner**” which begins at **6:00 pm**. Plan to join in the fun as we move from home to home and enjoy delicious dishes. Revs. Kelly & Jane have offered to host the dessert course. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the main foyer.

O U T R E A C H

The 2018 schedules are now posted on the Outreach bulletin board (on the upper foyer) for the Community Kitchen and for making sandwiches for the Cathedral Outreach. Please add your name to whichever month would be convenient for you to volunteer.

GREEN TIP - Looking forward to making some brown sugar fudge, only to find the sugar is as hard as cement? Here's what you can do. Place the sugar in a microwave safe bowl. Cover sugar lightly with two pieces of wet, but not dripping, white paper towel. Tightly cover bowl with plastic wrap and heat in the microwave on high for one and one-half minutes. Remove from microwave, use a fork to break up clumps. Remember sugar will be hot.

FIRE DRILL INFORMATION ("IN CASE OF FIRE") has been posted 3 PLACES. PLEASE take the time to read this IMPORTANT notice !!!

LOCATIONS are:

Bulletin board in the vestibule at ROAD ENTRANCE; bulletin board next to LORNA'S OFFICE; left hand wall under the FIRE PULL in front of NEW MAIN ENTRANCE.

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GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **November**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH is hosting a “**Turkey Supper, and Bake & Craft Sale**” from **4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 18**. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under. Takeouts and Celiac meals will be available. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

MARYSVILLE UNITED CHURCH - U.C.W. are trying something new. Our **Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-king** will be on **Friday, Nov. 24th** from 4- 8 pm. We will be renting tables for \$10.00. The supper will be \$10.00 and the menu is turkey-a-la-king with peas, carrots and coleslaw with cheese cake for dessert. Come and do some Christmas shopping and enjoy supper.

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH - The Fredericton Mennonites are hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries.

The 17th Fredericton Festival Sale will be held Friday, November 17th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Wilmot United Church, 473 King St., Fredericton. Admission is free.

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world.

For more information call Jill Bateman at 459-5685. Your purchase makes a difference! "