

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

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September 24, 2017 11:00 am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

God dwells in His creation and is everywhere indivisibly present in all His works. A.W. Tozer

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 – VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God**

I feel the winds of God today
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):**

L: When insight floods a human mind,

P. when a solution arises in a troubled heart,

L. when the light bulb goes on, in such creative moments

P. we hear an echo of the act of creation itself,

L. and catch a glimpse of the Creator of all,

P. whom we come to worship now.

***HYMN – MV#144 Like a Healing Stream**

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you created this world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marvelling at sunrise and sunset just as we do. Help us to participate in the life around and within us. God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. AMEN.

(Brother Duddy, Franciscan Friary, Dublin Ireland)

SOME TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN MV#142 Oh a Song Must Rise (v.1 & 3)**

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

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104: 24-33 VU page 827 – Part Two
Revelation 22: 1-5 The River of Life

ANTHEM

SERMON “The River of Life”

***HYMN VU #710 Shall We Gather at the River**

T H E R E S P O N S E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 MV#98 Like a River of Tears**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING MV #212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

**Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.**

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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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.

Trustees On Duty (Sept): Dave Ward and Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Sept. 26th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Thur., Sept. 28th -12:00 noon – UCW Bridge Luncheon at Rec Centre

Sun., Oct. 15th – 4-6 pm – Salmon Supper

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 8TH, 2017

Do you have **some extra vegetables from your garden, or could you pick up an extra turnip or a few extra apples** when you are doing your grocery shopping?

How about a **fall mum, or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam?** The **Worship Committee** needs your help to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday and donations of **vegetables, fruit, preserves and decorative fall items** would be very much appreciated. **Your items can be dropped off any week day morning between 10 and 12 noon, or on Saturday morning, Oct. 7 by 10 am.** Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Thanksgiving Sunday service! All food items will be donated to the Food Bank following the service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY, OCT. 15TH - SALMON SUPPER

The Men's Club is looking forward to the continued support of the entire congregation for the annual **Salmon Supper** on **October 15th**. We will be looking for ticket sellers plus workers for both sittings. Those who would like to make apple crisp, call Dave Ward at 455-8208. And if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? There is a 'pickle box' at the main door if you'd like to drop off your pickles anytime. Also, any financial help would be appreciated with which we can purchase potatoes, carrots, peas and other supplies.

SPECIAL BEACON EDITION: A special anniversary 'Beacon' is being planned to help celebrate not only Canada's 150th birthday but also New Maryland United Church's 130th. The committee is looking for photos, items of interest or newspaper clippings from years past, regarding church activities or what life was like for some of our early families who attended the New Maryland Kirk. How about submitting a story you remembered your grandparents telling you? Sue Morrison, Sharon Noel and Lydia LaPointe will be pleased to accept any submissions. All items will be returned to the owners. Thank you in advance for your help with this special project!

GREEN TIP - If peaches are ripe, put them in the fridge. Don't put firm (unripe) peaches in the fridge, as the flesh will go mushy. Apples can soften 10 times faster if kept at room temperature, so it is wise to refrigerate them. This also applies to kiwis, they will last for several weeks in the fridge.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **September**, we will focus on **school snacks** (puddings, fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes). Please note that **school supplies** are also in need at this time. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU! The Parlee family wish to thank the congregation for all their support during Marilyn's recent illness and passing. Thank you to all who visited, sent food, flowers, cards, and donations. Special thanks to Rev. Jane for the lovely church service, the choir, and the UCW for the lovely reception. We are so appreciative of all your kindness.