

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11 am  
Lent II

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:

*I have decided to stick with love; hate is too great a burden to bear.*

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

## THE GATHERING

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

### \*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

### \*Introit: Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery, #121 VU v. 4

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
Come inflame our hearts anew,  
we may all your joy inherit  
if we bear the cross with you,  
if we bear the cross with you.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

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

### \*HYMN #338 VU Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

### OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Leader:** Without you, Holy One, life's battles seem to have the upper hand.

**People:** With you, there is life, and hope, and strength.

**Leader:** Open our eyes and ears, our minds and our hearts,  
**People:** that we might keep close by your side: the side of love, and goodness, and grace.

**Leader:** Bless our intentions and our victories.

**People:** Bless our perseverance and our failures.

**Leader:** Bless every joy and struggle, as we make our way,

**People:** as we journey together to the Cross.

**Leader:** And hear us as we pray, 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: This Little Light of Mine (trad spiritual)**

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**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ~ Lenten Story Boxes**

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# THE WORD OF GOD

**THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 2: 13-17**

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON: *On Mousetraps, Trojan Horses and Fooling the Devil!***

**\*HYMN # 151 VU Lift High The Cross**

## THE RESPONSE

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Spirit Open My Heart #79 MV refrain**

**Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,**

**Spirit, open my heart!**

**THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love,  
according to your abundant mercies.**

For what we have done that breaks your heart, O God,

**For what we have failed to do, that breaks your heart,**

Forgive us, O God.

**Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE ASSURANCE:**

**\*HYMN #159 VU The Strife Is O'er**

**\*THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** Jesus, you promised to be with us always. Even the grave could not hold you.

**People:** Even in the darkness,

**Leader:** even in the valley of the shadow of death,  
**People:** we shall fear no evil, for you are with us.

*[The second purple candle is snuffed]*

**Leader:** Amen and Amen.

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Stay With Us Through The Night (#182 VU, v.1)**

**Stay with us through the night  
Stay with us through the pain.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger,  
Till the morning breaks again.**

## **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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Trustees On Duty (Feb):** Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Tue., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**  
**Sun., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III**  
**Mon., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Bible Study (see over)**  
**Mon., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Men’s Club Meeting**  
**Sun., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent IV**  
**Tue., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**  
**Sun., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent V**  
**Wed., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 pm - Men’s Club Chili Night (see over)**

## **Bible Study: Monday Musings About Our Faith**

On Ash Wednesday a lively group met over coffee to discuss the season of Lent and the imposition of ashes. As often happens when folks around here gather, the conversation took many turns, leading us to more and more questions - and a lot of laughter. So, this Lent, please join us as you can, for a time of faithful conversation on a variety of topics. Please feel free to send in your suggestions ahead of time. Meanwhile, some of the questions that I have received are:

~**What is actually important about communion? Why do we do it the way we do? Why do other churches do it differently?**

~**Do we really believe in Hell anymore?**

~ **What can we learn from our neighbours of different faiths?**

**Mondays at 1:00 pm at "The Manse" 100 Berkley Drive in New Maryland, running March 5, 12, 19, and 26.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – Mission & Service Project** -To help out with our church's annual Mission and Service fund contribution, the Sunday school has organized a fundraiser for 2018. "Spare-change-jars" have been decorated by the children, one for each family to take home. We ask that you place the jar somewhere in your home, and then, throughout the year drop in your spare change. Every little bit helps and you would be surprised how it adds up! You may recall we did this fundraiser a couple of years ago and it was quite successful. Of course, if you feel like dropping in other monetary items, we will also accept paper money in any amount and cheques. We will be collecting the jars at the end of the year. If you haven't picked up your jar, please take one from the upper foyer. **Thanks for donating to the Mission and Service Fund.**

**EASTER PLANTS – The Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, can be placed as memorials, or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service. Cost is as follows: tulips and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$20. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward at 455-8208.

**MEN'S CLUB CHILI NIGHT:** Our annual 'Chili Night' will be held on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.** More details will be forthcoming once finalized. **Please mark this date on your calendar!**

Please submit all items for the next issue of "The Beacon" newsletter to the church office or to [klister1938@gmail.com](mailto:klister1938@gmail.com) on or before **March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**GREEN TIP: Recipe for Air Freshener:** 1 small Mason jar,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of baking soda, 5 – 10 drops of essential oil (not absolutely necessary), a small piece of breathable fabric. Measure baking soda into Mason jar, add the essential oil. Cut a round piece of material, put on top of jar or in the ring of the cover. Put ring on jar. Shake up every 3 to 4 days, replace every 6 to 7 weeks. Spray Air Freshener: 10 drops of essential oil,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of witch hazel, 1 cup filtered water. Fill spray bottle with the witch hazel and water, add oil, shake a couple of times and its ready to use.

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

**\*2017 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the main foyer.**

## **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. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.

The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**World Day of Prayer is being held on Friday, March 2, 2018. For a list of locations of services, see our bulletin board in the main foyer.** 6.