

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 11th, 2018 11 am
Lent IV

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:

If you see what needs to be repaired, and how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that God has left for you to complete.

Menachem Mendel Schneerson

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 #332 VU The Church's One Foundation

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Along the Lenten path we trod, O God,

People: making our way to the cross.

Leader: The way is challenging, and the light is dimming;

People: and we give thanks that we travel in good company.

Leader: Keep us attentive to the gift and mystery of this season,

People: and hear us 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.

HYMN #400 VU Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ~ Lenten Story Boxes

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-20

ANTHEM: *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* arr. D. Moore

SERMON: *Tikkun Olam, or Mending the Shattered Glass*

***HYMN # 333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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 #664 VU What A Friend**

***THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Jesus, your cross spans the chasm between God and humanity.

People: **In Christ the Creator and Creation are reconciled.**

Leader: Through the grace of your cross, strangers become family,

People: **enemies become friends, and all become one.**

[The fourth 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

Website: 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 (Mar): Ann Urquhart and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., Mar. 11th – 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent IV

Mon., Mar. 12th - 1:00 pm - Bible Study (see below)

Tue., Mar. 13th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., Mar. 14th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see over)

Wed., Mar. 21st - 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 12, 19, and 26.

UCW will meet on **Wednesday, March 14th at 7 p.m.** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. We will hold our annual **Bring and Buy Auction** at this meeting, and will be making plans for our church Easter Sunday Breakfast. All are welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.

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.

Last Sunday to order flowers is March 11th.

MEN'S CLUB CHILI NIGHT: Our annual '**Chili Night**' will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st at 6 pm.** Margie Layden-Oreto will do a presentation of a "**Tour of India**". Freewill offering and proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee of NMUC. Menu: chili, rolls, dessert and tea/coffee. **All are welcome!**

"The Beacon"- Please submit all items for the next issue of 'The Beacon' newsletter to the church office or to klister1938@gmail.com on or before **March 15th** .

GREEN TIP: *During the month of March, our green tips will focus on "green spring cleaning". Here are a few tips to help you on your way to a clean "green" house.*

Floors: Mix 4 C. of white distilled vinegar with about a gallon of hot water. If desired, add a few drops of pure peppermint or lemon oil for a pleasant scent. After damp mopping the floors, the smell of vinegar will dissipate quickly, leaving behind only the scent of the oil.

Wood furniture: Mix equal parts lemon juice and olive oil. Apply a small amount to a cloth and rub onto the furniture in long, even strokes.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **March**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Mar/Apr/May) are now available at both doors 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.

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:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **“Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner”** on **Wednesday, March 14th**, 4–6 p.m. Adults \$14. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

A **“JIGGS DINNER”** will be held on **Saturday, March 17 at 5:30 pm** at the **Nashwaaksis United Church Hall** (46 Main St.) featuring corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, pease pudding, and dessert. Adults: \$14, Children 10 and under \$5. Numbers are limited, please reserve by Thursday, March 15 from Rindy & Tom Austin at 450-7151.

CHILI NIGHT

Sponsored by the NMUC Men's Club

WHEN? Wednesday, March 21, 2018

WHERE? New Maryland United Church

Guest Speaker: Margie-Layden Oreto
Speaking on her recent "Tour of India"

(Menu: Chili, rolls, dessert and tea & coffee)

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee