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March 4th, 2018 11 am
Lent III

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:

Had I refused the duel with George Wetmore, I feel confident that I should have been condemned by every member of society and disgraced.

George Frederick Street

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 #213 VU Rejoice, The Lord Is King

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy One, you gave us Jesus, that we might give ourselves to you,

People: And live according to your Way of Love.

Leader: You know our good intentions, and our every falter,

People: so set us aright, O God.

Leader: Keep our feet firmly in the Way where Christ leads.

People: Help our lips to speak his truth.

Leader: And may our very lives demonstrate Christ within us,

People: as we journey together to the Cross.

Leader: And now 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 GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:32-34, 43-45

ANTHEM: *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* arr. L. Larson

SERMON: *On Duels, A King's Ransom, or "Get Out Of Hell Free" Card*

***HYMN # 337 VU Blessed Assurance**

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 #2 VU Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

***THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: You lowered yourself to death, Jesus, even death on a cross,

People: as if a common criminal, or a traitor. And all for us.

Leader: What wondrous love is this, O God,

People: what wondrous love is this?

[The third 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.

Greeters This Week: Jessica and Abby Tupling

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Ann Urquhart and Dave Ward

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., Mar. 5th - 1:00 pm - Bible Study (see below)

7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

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

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 5, 12, 19, and 26.

UCW will meet on **Wed., 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.** More details will be forthcoming once finalized. **Please mark this date on your calendar!**

“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.

Glass- Mix ¼ cup vinegar with one quart of water in a spray bottle. Spray on glass and wipe clean with old newspaper or a lint-free cloth.

Countertops and bathrooms tile – Mix two parts vinegar and one part baking soda with four parts water. Apply with a sponge, scour and wipe away.

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. **5.**

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 pm.** 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.